



Plymouth Monthly Meeting Newsletter

Meetings for Worship

First Day Plain Worship, no Zoom,
10-11
First Day Meeting blended worship:
11:15 am
Midweek Meeting for Worship: 7:00
pm on Wednesdays (blended)

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October 2025

Sun	Oct 12	After Meeting	Spiritual Conversation Group
Sun	Oct 12	6:00 pm	Worship and Ministry
Fri	Oct 17	6:30 pm	Norristown Immigration Speaker Series: What can we do to help?
Sun	Oct 19	9:00 am	Meeting for Business
Sun	Oct 19	10:00 am– 12:00	Open House at PMFS
Tues	Oct 21	11:00 am	Land Acknowledgement Committee
Sat	Oct 25	10:00 am	Harry Grosch memorial
Sun	Oct 26	After Meeting	Friendly Fourth – all are welcome
Sun	Oct 26	2:00 pm	Music Circle
Fri	Oct 31	8:00 am – 9:30 am	PMFS Halloween Parade, starts w/coffee at 8: Annie H Wilson room

November 2025

Mon	Nov 3	7:00 pm	Care & Concern —> note change in day
Sun	Nov 9	After Meeting	Spiritual Conversation Group
Sun	Nov 9	6:00 pm	Worship and Ministry
Sun	Nov 16	9:00 am	Meeting for Business
Tues	Nov 18	11:00 am	Land Acknowledgement Committee
Sun	Nov 23	After Meeting	Friendly Fourth – all are welcome
Sun	Nov 23	2:00 pm	Music Circle
Thu	Nov 27	10:00 am	Meeting for Worship for Thanksgiving

- All **First Day Meetings for Worship** will begin at 10:00 (Plain worship, no Zoom, no childcare) and 11:15 am (blended worship, childcare/First Day School available).
- **Wednesday evening Meeting for Worship** begins at 7:00pm and will also be held via Zoom as well as *in person in the Meetinghouse (blended)*.
- PMM Meeting for Worship via Zoom info always available at office@plymouthmeetingquakers.org

Queries for October

Queries Related to Indigenous Peoples

Plymouth Meeting Friends are acutely aware of the settler-driven history of our country that violently removed Indigenous peoples from their land and actively worked to erase their culture and history. We seek to understand the role that the Religious Society of Friends played in that history. We seek to recreate relationship with all Indigenous peoples to create opportunities of cultural learning, advocating for justice in current Indigenous issues, and joining in the reestablishment of right relationship with The Creation.

We commit ourselves to prayerfully consider the following queries:

- How are we seeking to understand the role that prior generations of Quakers played in displacing Lenape peoples from Lenapehoking and in participating in programs of cultural erasure (such as Boarding Schools)?
- How are we seeking to renounce those Christian Church ideologies that legitimized colonization, genocide, and cultural erasure of Indigenous peoples in Lenapehoking and elsewhere (such as the Doctrine of Discovery)?
- In what ways do we seek opportunities to meet Lenape peoples and to learn directly from them about their history, culture, and current concerns?
- In what practical ways (monetary or other) have we supported Lenape or other Indigenous peoples in their initiatives and challenges?
- In what ways have we embraced Lenape perspectives and knowledge of the land, water, and air in the stewardship of the land where our Meetinghouse is located

News from the Meeting

Worship and Ministry



“Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect”

George Fox often used the word “perfect” to describe the possibility of living in harmony with the Light that is given to each individual. Was this a lofty impractical vision of living in peaceful harmony? Or perhaps was it a concept fundamental to responding to the challenges of our everyday life. This passage follows Jesus’s teachings about

turning the other cheek, going the extra mile and giving both the coat and the cloak. The object of the word “perfection” is active, creative love in all of one’s life. Friends’ foundational testimony to the world is the peace testimony. Friends do not merely react to a situation they are called to transform it by active creative love. It is not of Friends practice to return good for evil but fall short of loving the person. Without love of the person there is not the creative transforming possibilities being created. There is not the long-term change in the broken relationship.

In these days of so much anger, so much injustice, so much meanness are we reacting with transforming love? Do we know how to begin? Do we feel the movement of the Spirit deep within us as a guide of Light when our pulse begins to raise? May our times in prayer together help us to grow in the gift of giving perfect love.

Indigenous People's Month

During the 2024 Tenth Month Business Meeting our Monthly Meeting approved our Right Relationship with Indigenous Peoples Queries. (See the query at the beginning of the newsletter or <https://plymouthmeetingquakers.org/Publisher/File.aspx?ID=364804>) We affirmed a commitment to live into the queries individually and as a Monthly Meeting. Each Tenth Month Business Meeting we prayerfully consider how the Meeting has lived into these queries. As with all of our queries, there consideration create times of reflection, learning and renewal when we participate together during business meeting.

Our Monthly Meeting also a created Indigenous project grant to be award each year during 10th month. The mission the grant is twofold. First, to support Native people's projects and issues. Secondly to engage members of PMM in understanding the current needs and affairs of Indigenous peoples here in Lenapehocking, and around the United States. The working group suggests the following two Indigenous organizations receive the 2025 Monthly Meeting grant. Take the time to go to these organizations websites to learn more:

- Native American House Alliance <https://nativeamericanhousealliance.org/> founded by indigenous people and allies in Philadelphia to promote an accurate understanding of the Native American experience, history, and culture. Services provided; Helping indigenous people to get oriented to the Philadelphia area, Preserve and protect Native American sites and places, Drug and alcohol counseling/ referrals, Employment services, Housing referrals, Youth activities, Social Service Grants, Cultural Activities such as Indigenous Peoples Day.
- Native Roots Farm Foundation (NRFF) <https://www.nativerootsde.org/> is a Native (Nanticoke) woman-led organization in Delaware, founded with a mission to celebrate Indigenous cultures and protect open spaces – in particular, areas stewarded by the Nanticoke and Lenape communities. Through public programming and the development of our public *Hakihakàn* (Lenape word for garden or farm), NRFF leads innovative and impactful community programs that recognize Indigenous ecological knowledge, and the important roles native plants have played in Native cultures. Their work is focused on helping reconnect Indigenous people with aspects of our heritage.

News from the School

Open House

The first **Open House** of the new school year will be on Sunday, October 19th from 10am to 12pm. If you know someone considering attendance at PMFS or in need of a new school, please have them contact Dan Harrop, Director of Enrollment Management at danh@pmfs1780.org. He would be glad to answer any questions and schedule a personal visit to PMFS. Dan can also be reached at 610-828-2288 x226. The next fall open house will be Thursday, November 11th, also 10am - 12pm.

Fourth grade will be collecting and delivering food for the Food Pantry in Conshohocken again this year. They just made a delivery of twelve bags of food that were donated at the Friendly Fall Welcome. A special thank you goes out to those who donated food.

News from the Quarter

Norristown MM Speaker Series Focuses on Immigration Friday, October 17th, 6:30 pm, Norristown MM

Norristown Friends Quaker Meeting is coming to the end of its 3-part **Immigration Speaker Series**, but it's not too late to catch the "What Can We Do?" portion as we find out what we in Montgomery County can do to support our neighbors. On Oct 17th at 6:30 pm, Stephanie Vincent and Natialia from *Norristown Undides para Servir Norristown* will speak on the issue. The Meetinghouse is located at 20 Jacoby Street in Norristown.

If you'd like to join by Zoom, please contact Norristown MM for the link: 610-279-3765 or www.norristownfriends.org.