



Meetings for Worship

Plymouth Monthly Meeting Newsletter

First Day Plain worship, no Zoom, 10-11
First Day Meeting blended worship: 11:15 am
Fourth Day Meeting: 7:00 pm (blended)

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January 2023

Fri	Jan 6	7:00 pm	Peace and Social Concerns (blended)
Sun	Jan 8	6:00 pm	Worship & Ministry via Zoom
Sun	Jan 15	9:00 am	Annual Meeting for Business (blended)
Mon	Jan 16	All day	MLK Day of Justice & Service
Sun	Jan 29	After Meeting	Music Circle (blended)

February 2023

Fri	Feb 3	7:00 pm	Peace and Social Concerns (blended)
Sun	Feb 5	9:00 am	Quarterly Meeting at Upper Dublin
Sun	Feb 5	4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	At PMM: Interfaith Discussion about Antisemitism in Our Community
Tues	Feb 7	7:00 pm	Care & Concern via Zoom
Sun	Feb 12	6:00 pm	Worship & Ministry via Zoom
Sun	Feb 19	9:00 am	Meeting for Business (blended)
Sun	Feb 26	11:15 am	Friendly Fourth – speaker info to follow

- All First Day Meetings for Worship will begin at 10:00 (Plain worship, no Zoom) and 11:15 am (blended worship). Masks are not required but we will continue to social distance. **Check the website for updates**
- 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 Zoom information always available at office@plymouthmonthlymeetingquakers.com or contact Dave Miller

Query for January

Nurturing Our Community: Religious Education in the Home and Meeting

- How does our meeting prepare its members, attenders and children for worship, for the conduct of its business and for a way of life consistent with the principles of the Religious Society of Friends?
 - What opportunities do we provide for all in the meeting to learn about Friends' history, practices and testimonies, the Judeo-Christian tradition, the life and teachings of Jesus, and other religious traditions?
 - How does our meeting's religious education program provide experiential learning that enhances the sense of belonging to our worshipping community?
- *How do I help create a home where all members of the family receive affection and understanding and where visitors are welcome?*
 - *How does my manner of living enrich body, mind and spirit; enable all to learn what it means to live a life of Spirit-led commitment; and demonstrate a high regard for family, community and the integrity of creation?*
 - *How do I engage with my family and others who are dear to me regarding such sensitive topics as death, faith, money, sex and drugs?*

News from the Meeting

Annual Business Meeting – Jan 15

Clerks – please submit your reports for the annual meeting and send them to Michael Mrozinski

Friendly Fourth February 26 featuring author John Cardina

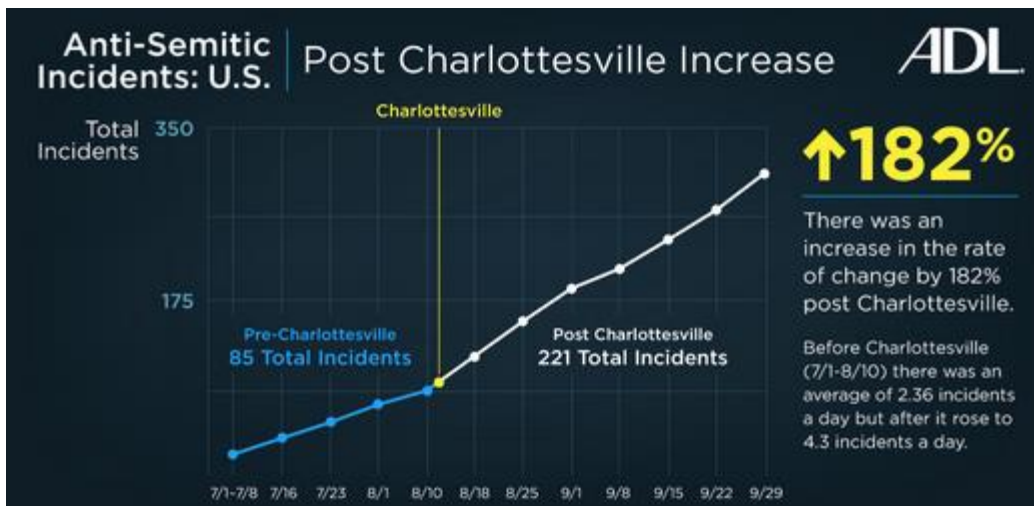
Our discussion of member-authored books continues on February 26 after Meeting and before our Friendly Fourth meal. Although we're not 100% sure, at this point, it looks as if John Cardina will present his book *Lives of Weeds: Opportunism, Resistance, Folly*. Bring your questions about those pestiferous plants that frustrate efforts to nourish body and soul. Join a free discussion of the history, biology, ecology, and absurdity of weedy plants and human efforts to control them. Copies of the book are available in the Meeting library. Check the February newsletter for confirmation of John's presentation.

Interfaith Discussion about Antisemitism in Our Community

Conshohocken, Plymouth Meeting and Whitemarsh Interfaith Council

February 5th, 4 pm at the Meetinghouse

In recent years our community and across our country and world have experienced a steady increase in anti-Semitic incidents ranging from verbal or graffiti defacement to violent and deadly events. Anti-Semitic thought and speech is easily found across the social media platforms. In some sectors of our society, this kind of thought and speech is becoming accepted as normal.



Join with us on Sunday February 5th when Rabbi Glenn Ettman and Cantor Jordan Franzel will lead us in a presentation that will define what anti-semitism is and share what its impact is currently having on our Jewish friends and neighbors? After their presentation they invite the gathered community to share questions and thoughts that will help us discern ways we can personally and corporately collaborate to address anti-semitism.

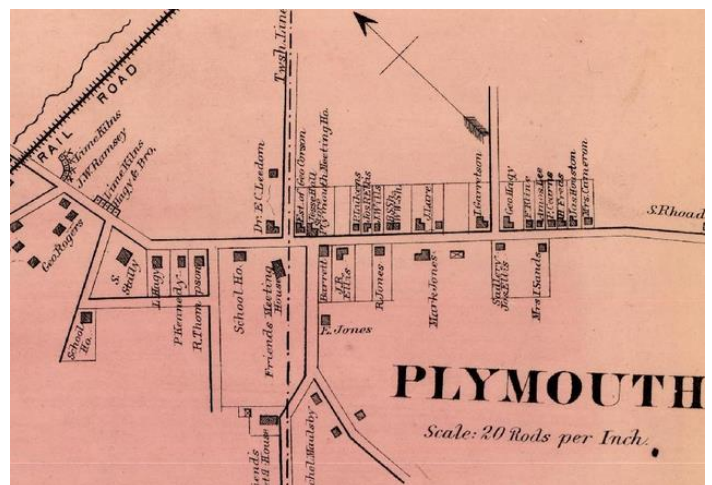
Committee Corner

Plymouth Monthly Meeting's Land Acknowledgement

The native Duwamish people tell us that “For non-Indigenous communities, land acknowledgement is a powerful way of showing respect and honoring the Indigenous Peoples of the land on which we work and live. Acknowledgement is a simple way of resisting the erasure of Indigenous histories and working towards honoring and inviting the truth.

Our Monthly Meeting land acknowledgement is at the very beginning of the process. Anyone who would like to help with our acknowledgement, please contact David Miller. We will be gathering this month to begin the process. The steps we will take in preparing a land acknowledgement are:

- Research the history of the land which our Meeting House is built on
- Educate ourselves about:
 - the history of the Lenape People who lived on this land
 - the history of the indigenous people that lived within the area now identified as the United States and their relationship to our government and its people
 - the history of Quaker relationship to indigenous Peoples including the boarding schools for the indigenous peoples
- Open a relationship with Lanape people in our tristate region. Take an opportunity with them to hear them tell their history



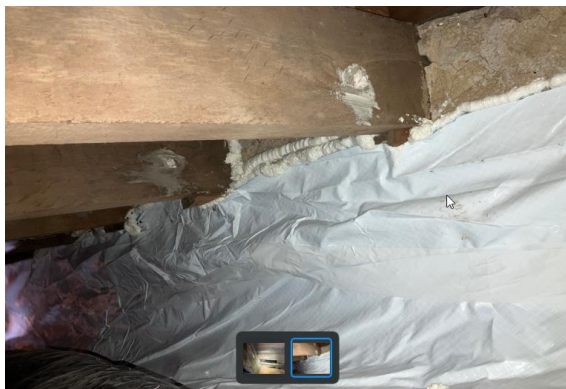
- In a variety of ways, bring the knowledge that we have gained to the Monthly Meeting, our School and our community. Sponsor events that bring Lenape people to our community to teach and share with us
- Test the Land Acknowledgement wording with Lenape people
- Integrate the stewardship of our land with our Land Acknowledgement and Native peoples' understanding of a right relationship with the land. Seek to engage with indigenous peoples' efforts to heal the land and address climate change
- Determine how, in an ongoing way, we can support Lenape people (financially, politically, Socially, Spiritually)

Much has been written to help us on our way. A collection of 6 books have been purchased to provide a foundation of knowledge. Pick one up from the Meeting Library or from your local library if they have been checked out. If you have one of the Meeting books, please make sure you have signed it out, so we know where it is. If you can bring it back in 2-3 weeks so others can read it. The recommended books to read are:

- Lenape Country: Delaware Valley Society Before William Penn by Jean R. Soderlund
- This Very Ground, This Crooked Affair Paperback by John L Ruth (Author), Raylene Hinz-Penner
- An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz
- As They Were Led: Quakerly Steps and Missteps Toward Native Justice: 1795-1940 by Martha Claire Catlin
- Our History Is the Future: Standing Rock Versus the Dakota Access Pipeline, and the Long Tradition of Indigenous Resistance Hardcover by Nick Estes
- Braiding Sweet Grass, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants by Robin Wall Kimmermer

This is a long process but when completed a meaningful acknowledgment can be made. Paula Palmer, Director of the Toward Right Relationship project from the Indigenous Peoples Concerns Committee of Boulder Friends Meeting writes: Native organizations are not asking us to judge our Quaker ancestors. They are asking, "Who are Friends today? Knowing what we know now, will Quakers join us in honest dialogue? Will they acknowledge the harm that was done? Will they seek ways to contribute toward healing processes that are desperately needed in Native communities?" Our beginning with learning the history of our land and the history of Quakers and the US government relationship to native peoples will provide us a starting point to answer these questions.

Meeting House Crawlspace Project



Our crawlspace project to reduce/eliminate the odors coming up through the floor of the Meeting House and the Annie H Wilson room was completed during the school break at Christmas. The contractor brought in a team of 10 people for 2 days and 5 for two additional days to complete the project in a timely manner. The coal bin area under the Meeting House and both crawlspaces were raked out and covered with a vapor barrier that extended up the walls of the foundation to an area above the soil line that was parged (plastered) to which it was sealed. In the cellar there was a drain installed below the concrete floor along with a sump pump to remove any water coming up from below the floor or through the walls. In addition, two dehumidifiers have been installed in the two crawlspaces.

This work has been inspected by Meeting members who crawled through all of the areas under the floors. (brings back old memories) Some minor fixes to the sealing of the vapor barrier have been requested after which the project will be signed off. We are very satisfied with the work that has been done and trust the building will be in good shape to handle the increased water and humidity that the changing climate is bringing us.

The project cost is \$51,400. The final payment will be made this month. Contributions to help with the cost of this project are greatly appreciated.

News from the School

Now through 1/26

[Chronic Creativity](#) exhibition at the Crawford Gallery at Springside Chestnut Hill Academy PMFS alumna Anya Rose, class of 1995, has been working with a curator on an exhibition celebrating the life of her mother, Jessie Jane Lewis. Jessie was a visual and performance artist, and as her multiple sclerosis advanced, a campaigner for disabled accessibility and voting rights in Philadelphia. The show features work from various stages of Jessie's life. You can read more about Jessie at jessiejanelewis.weebly.com.

Gallery visits are by appointment only. If you are interested in visiting the exhibition with other PMFS alumni and friends, please email alumni@pmfs1780.org

The Mexican Exchange Program is back on after a 2-year hiatus, with PMRS hosting beginning at the end of January.