



**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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## April 2023

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## April 2023

Tues	April 4	7:00 pm	Care & Concern via Zoom
Thurs	April 6	6:45 pm	Methodist Church Conshohocken 6th & Fayette: Maundy Thursday readings
Fri	April 7	7:00 pm	Peace & Social Concerns (blended)
Fri	April 7	12:00 pm	Good Friday service Church on the Mall Conshohocken, Plymouth and Whitemarsh Interfaith Council
Sat	April 8	11:00 am	Marcie Moraux Memorial
Sat	April 8	6:30 pm	Potluck + Reading of the Gospel of Mark for Easter
Sun	April 9	8:30 -10:00 am	Pancake breakfast
Tues	April 11	4:30 pm	Land Acknowledgement Committee (blended)
Wed	April 12	6:00 – 9:00 pm	Hearing from the Lenape (see newsletter)
F,S,S	April 14,15,16		Building homes for tornado victims at Bethel UM Church
Sun	April 16	9:00 am	Meeting for Business (blended)
Sun	April 23	After Meeting	Friendly Fourth: Mark Setman

## May 2023

Sun	May 7	9:00 am	Quarterly Meeting at Norristown (in-person)
Sun	May 14	6:00 pm	Worship & Ministry via Zoom
Tues	May 9	4:30 pm	Land Acknowledgement Committee (blended)
Sun	May 21	9:00 am	Meeting for Business (blended)
Sun	May 28	After Meeting	Friendly Fourth

- 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@plymouthmeetingquakers.org](mailto:office@plymouthmeetingquakers.org)

# Queries for April

## Grounding for Transformed Lives: Integrity and Simplicity

- What is the interplay between simplicity and integrity in the life of our meeting?
- How does our meeting embody simplicity and integrity in its structures and practices?
- How has our meeting considered humanity's impact on the earth's ecological integrity and the ways in which violence and injustice exacerbate this impact?
- *How do I strive to achieve harmony between my inner and outer commitments in my spiritual journey, my work, my family and my other responsibilities?*
- *Am I temperate in all things?*
- *Am I open to counsel regarding addictive behavior?*
- *Am I involved only with those organizations and activities whose purposes and methods complement my integrity?*
- *Am I careful to speak truth as I know it and am I open to truth spoken to me?*
- *Am I mindful that judicial oaths imply a double standard of truth?*

## News from the Meeting

### Plymouth Monthly Meeting's Land Acknowledgement Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 4:30 pm

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.

## Worship & Ministry

### An Easter Thought from Worship and Ministry

From Johann Christoph Arnold: Easter is far more than a holiday or a celebration, it is power. Jesus taught us to love our enemies and to bless those who persecute us. These are not just words. As his compassionate plea from the cross shows- “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do”- he practiced what he preached. ... Many people, including Bible -believing Christians, dismiss such an attitude as self-destructive foolishness. How can we embrace someone intent on harming or killing us? .... Jesus offered his disciples the “keys of the kingdom.” We hold the key of forgiveness in our hands. And we must choose whether or not to use it. Christ wants to use our hands, wounded as they may be, to extend his forgiveness to the world. Will they be closed, or outstretched like his?

# Easter Weekend

## Join us for a Good Friday Ecumenical Service at the Church on the Mall

Friday April 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon

Our Monthly Meeting has been a part of the Conshohocken, Plymouth and Whitmarsh Faith Council (formerly the Colonial Ministerium) for many decades. Each year on Good Friday Friends from Plymouth gather with our neighboring Christian faith communities to reflect on the last 7 words of Jesus. In word and song, we explore the meaning of the passion of Christ and its relevance to the challenges of today's world.

## Reading of the Gospel of Mark – Saturday evening April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM

Each Easter weekend the Monthly Meeting provides an opportunity to read the Gospel of Mark from beginning to end. Those who come, share the reading in a round, each reading one chapter aloud without commentary until the gospel is completed. The reading and listening takes about 1-1/2 hours and provides a time of reflection on the meaning of the life and death of Jesus and its relevance to our lives today. Out of the worshipful silence at the conclusion Friends often offer a reflection from their own life. What does it mean to live a faithful life in a challenging world? What is the cross in our lives that we are being asked to pick up and carry with love and strength? Consider stepping out of the many activities of the holiday weekend for a time of shared inward reflection.

## Pancake Breakfast Easter Morning – April 9<sup>th</sup> starting 9 am

With apologies to those mourning winter lost, we expect our gardens to have flowers blooming and warm sun upon our face as we enter the Annie H Wilson room to the sweet smell of hot pancakes and syrup. Once again, we will be enjoying good conversation over pancakes and surple (Yes this is spelled right for us North Woods boys). Come and enjoy Easter morning with our community.

## Hearing from the Lenape

**Date: April 12, 2023 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

565 Yoder Road in Harleysville, PA



You're invited for an evening of listening and fellowship as we welcome the Lenape of Oklahoma to the Mennonite Heritage Center on Wednesday, April 12 at 6:00 p.m. The presentation will start around 7:00 p.m. This is the third event related to ongoing conversations been local Mennonites and the Lenape. The event is free, but registration is required. Go to this link to register: <https://mhcp.org/events/event/hearing-from-the-lenape/>

## Collection for Relief Kits Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)

Thank you to all who contributed items or money for the Mennonite Central Committee relief kits. The items were taken to the collection center last week. Joy the manager of the center wrote in a card to us: "Thank you for sharing God's love through your recent donation. The supplies will be sent to Ukraine, Turkey, or Syria along with emergency housing, blankets, food packages and trauma support for the people of these regions.:"

When all was collected together from the drop offs at the Meeting and the School buildings, we contributed the following to the relief effort as well as a check for the monetary donations.

68 Bars of soap	11 bottles of shampoo
26 bars of laundry soap	250 Toothbrushes
18 Bath towels	105 combs
102 nail clippers	29 packages of Adhesive bandages (sets of 40)
9 packages of Sanitary pads (sets of 28)	

## Framing a Duplex House for a Kentucky family April 14th and 15th

Once again, this year Plymouth is invited to participate in a house raising at **Bethel Hill Methodist Church in Skippack**. Each year Bethel Hill has framed a house to be sent by truck to a community recovering from a natural disaster; flood, hurricane, tornado... They pair with the organization Help Build Hope who provide the architectural plans, supervision, and the tools to cut and frame a family home.

This year, the project will be to frame a duplex home. The only skill needed is a willingness to work together in small groups cutting board or nailing walls together. The process is a real-life barn raising where by community strength a home is raised for a family that has been living in hotels for years now. Consider setting aside some time on Friday afternoon (April 14<sup>th</sup>) and Saturday (April 15<sup>th</sup>) to enjoy good community service. **Contact Wally Kimber or David Miller for registration information that will become available the week of March 20<sup>th</sup>.**





## Burial Ground Committee

The committee will bring to **4<sup>th</sup> month Business Meeting** a proposal for reducing the amount of grass in a section of the burial ground by adding plantings, a path, and benches to invite people into a contemplative space.

The committee will present their thoughts on how this project could be done in phases and will ask if the Monthly Meeting is in unity with proceeding with this project. It is important that members attend so that a sense of the Meeting can be discerned.