



# Plymouth Monthly Meeting Newsletter

## Meetings for Worship

First Day Meeting: 11:15 am  
 First Day School: 11:30 am  
**Fourth Day Meeting: 7:00 pm**  
 Fifth Day Meeting with PMFS:  
 8:45 am

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## First Month, 2020

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## Jan 2020

	Jan 18	10:00 -1:30	Women's March: Meet @ Spring Mill Train for 9:24am
Sat	Jan 18	10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Climate Justice Thread Gathering at Germantown MM
Sun	Jan 19	After Meeting & Lunch	Annual Business Meeting and Lunch
Mon	Jan 20	10:00 – 1:00 pm	MLK Day of Service at PMFS
	Jan 23		Mexican Exchange Students arrive at PMFS
Sun	Jan 26	After Meeting	Friendly 4 <sup>th</sup> potluck luncheon – all are welcome
Sun	Jan 26	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Music Circle 🎵🎵🎵🎵
Sun	Jan 26	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Threshing Session on membership: Haddonfield MM

## Feb 2020

Sat	Feb 1	10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Diversity & Equity Thread Gathering at Cent'l Phila MM
Sun	Feb 2	9:00 am	Abington Quarter at Plymouth
Tues	Feb 4	7:00 pm	Care and Concern – Sally
Sun	Feb 9	9:30 am	Worship & Ministry
Sun	Feb 9	After Meeting	Quaker Speak (see article)
Fri	Feb 14	7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Cornerstone Café - Valentine's Night Out 🎵🎵🎵🎵
Sun	Feb 22	After meeting	Friendly 4 <sup>th</sup> potluck luncheon – all are welcome
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# Annual Business Meeting

## Jan 19 - After Meeting

### ANNUAL MEETING FOR BUSINESS AND LUNCHEON:

Our Annual Meeting for Business will be January 19, 2020. The schedule for the day will be: Worship 11:15-12:00 followed by a pot luck luncheon. Meeting for Business will begin around 1:00 p.m.

Friends are encouraged to attend this annual gathering in which we reflect on the life of the monthly meeting over the past year, and consider where we are feeling led to be in the coming year. You are encouraged to read the reports from the committees which will be sent out from the clerk before the meeting.

The luncheon is pot luck but it would be helpful to know what you are bringing so we have a complete meal. [We still need folks to bring dessert.](#) Please contact Fran, Bonnie, or Rebecca and let them know what you will be bringing.

## Quaker Speak Beginning Feb 9th

### Quaker Speak discussions – Beginning February 9<sup>th</sup> after Meeting for Worship

On the second Firstday (Sunday) of the months February, March, April and May a Quaker Speak video will be shown in the Annie H Wilson room after Meeting for Worship. A discussion of the video will follow its showing. Bring a simple lunch or sandwich. Desert, fruit, and drink will be provided.

QuakerSpeak is a weekly video series on the YouTube channel. Friends of all different backgrounds (and types of Quakerism) are interviewed and asked core questions of our faith. QuakerSpeak interviews are personal and intimate. QuakerSpeak seeks to give viewers worldwide an experience that is entertaining, informative, inspiring, challenging, inviting, unifying and collaborative. New videos come out every Thursday. <https://quakerspeak.com>

Our first discussion on **February 9<sup>th</sup>** will be in response to the QuakerSpeak video: What do Quakers do in Silent Worship? Come and listen to what those on the video have to say about worship and then share with us as we consider how we as individuals here at Plymouth enter into and open ourselves to worship together. Additional resource for this topic is the Pendle Hill pamphlet – Four Doors to Meeting for Worship, Bill Tabor. Copies will be made available in the Meeting House.

You do not need to wait for our Firstday discussions to explore QuakerSpeak. Set aside some time during the week and explore topics of interest for you. Some examples of collections of videos are: Videos for Newcomers, Quaker Beliefs and Theology, Quaker Activism, Quaker History, Quaker Practice, Quaker Ministry. Each of these collections has many videos in them. New videos come out each week. If you find the videos of use to you consider making a donation on line to help the QuakerSpeak staff continue to travel and interview Friends. Homework for the Quaker Speak discussion on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Bring a favorite QuakerSpeak video you would like to share. Like our music circles we will go around and view several videos on that day.

# Plymouth is hosting Abington Quarter Sunday Feb 2 9:00 am

Our next Abington Quarterly meeting for worship for business will take place on Second Month, 2nd, 2020 at Plymouth MM, Germantown & Butler Pikes, Plymouth Meeting, Pa 19462. We will begin business at 9:00am and then join Plymouth Meeting Friends in meeting for worship at 11:15am. We thank Plymouth for their hospitality in providing a light lunch after worship.

Our proposed agenda includes:

- Welcome from our Host Meeting
- Update from our AQ Communications Cmtee
- A View on Alternatives to Violence - Carolyn Schodt
- Detention at Our Southern Border / Annunciation House - Florence Degler
- Berks Co. Detention Center / "Las Madres de Berks" - Stacy Wyckoff
- Immigration Rights Action Group / Doylestown - Jenny Isaacs

As you may notice, we have a timely agenda of critical issues. Do plan on joining us and extend this invitation to others in your Meeting as well. **Please contact Fran, Bonnie or Rebecca is you can bring food for hungry Abington Quarter Quakers.**



## Mark your Calendars Annual Party March 28

More information to come.....

### **Status of repayment of construction project loan**

**Remaining balance due as of November 8, 2019 = \$75, 943**

Please continue to make regular donations specifically designated for the construction project loan.

Make checks payable to **Plymouth Monthly Meeting**

To the attention of the **Construction Project Loan**

Send Donations to:

Linda White – Treasure PMM

519 Fort Washington Avenue

Fort Washington, PA 19034

# MORE MUSIC!



We encourage Friends to attend the music circles and the Cornerstone Café performances. The warmth of new friends and wonderful music has been bringing much joy to those of us who have been going to them during the last couple of years. Whether you listen and sing along or play an instrument, it is always a wonderful experience. Free will donations from these events have been going to help defray our termite reconstruction costs.

## CORNERSTONE CAFÉ SCHEDULE:

**Friday, February 14** is our Valentine's Night Out featuring guitarist/pianist Albert Bien accompanied by his wife Clara.

**Friday, March 22** we have Ed McKendry, a wonderful guitarist and singer.

**Friday, April 10** is Good Friday so NO CAFÉ.

**Friday, May 8** is our final coffeehouse this season featuring Colton Wetherston.

## News from PMFS: MLK Day of Service

We will observe Martin Luther King Day of Justice and Service on Monday, January 20th from 10:00 AM to 1:PM. Art teacher/artist Gillian Pokalo will be helping to create artwork honoring Dr. King. The Big Blue Marble Bookstore, an independent bookstore in Mt. Airy, will have books to peruse and purchase. Students and their families will be teaming with ACLAMO (Accion Comunal Latinoamericana de Montgomery County) in Norristown to make breakfast bags. ACLAMO also accepts donations of warm coats and small toys for use as motivators and rewards. Fifth grade teacher Leann Stover and her students will deliver the coats, trinkets and breakfast bags. The MLK, Jr Committee plans to welcome as a speaker Eric Bell, author of two middle-grade chapter books—coming-of-age stories with a gay main character. The MLK, Jr. Committee will provide a pizza lunch. Please come and join us!

## PYM Thread Gatherings & Threshing Session

### Climate Justice

January 18, 2020 @ 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Germantown Monthly Meeting

47 W Coulter St

Philadelphia, PA 19144

As people of faith, Friends are called to witness for a more just and livable world. This gathering will explore the intersections of our climate crisis, economic inequality and racism. We will share ideas on how, as individuals and as a faith community, we can address the climate crisis. We will explore whether to advance a minute establishing the Climate Crisis as a corporate witness.

## **PYM Threshing Session 2020**

January 26, 2020 @ 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Haddonfield Monthly Meeting  
47 Friends Ave  
Haddonfield, NJ 08033

Co-facilitated by Walter Sullivan and Tenaja Henson, the goal of this threshing session is to explore issues related to membership as have been raised by our young adult Friends in *their recent Epistle*. We will aim to probe the various layers of concerns and identify them for later discernment by our councils and our whole yearly meeting community.

Friends from across PYM are encouraged to participate following worship with Haddonfield meeting and a brown bag lunch.

- Worship is at 10 AM
- Lunch is at 11 AM
- Threshing Begins at 12 PM and concludes no later than 2 PM

Please RSVP below!

Questions can be directed to Zachary Dutton, [zdutton@pym.org](mailto:zdutton@pym.org).

## **Diversity & Equity**

February 1, 2020 @ 10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting  
1515 Cherry St  
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Facilitated by Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting members .O, Dana Reinhold, and Francis Elling, this Thread Gathering will consist of one, day-long workshop that will explore the spiritual foundation of the work, especially with regard to our readiness to change as we uncover what it takes to become truly equitable and inclusive.

## **Women's March**

Hi All,

Here is some information about the January 18th Women's March on Philadelphia. There will be a March on DC, but sister cities have also organized and continue this year, as well. We've had a group each year from our area going together or meeting up - several from Plymouth Meeting Friends, but all are welcomed to join us. It looks like the 9:24 Train from Spring Mill Station (Station Ave. near Hector St. in Conshohocken) will get us in at Suburban Station at 10:05. We'll walk to join the March at Logan Circle and continue up toward the Art Museum on the Ben Franklin Parkway where the Rally will start around 10:30 - 1:00. We usually have lunch together and then head home. We are flexible about when we break for lunch. If you want to buy a cash train ticket, it is \$7.00 and can be purchased on the train. If you want to carpool to the train station, let me know and we'll meet at the Meetinghouse at Butler and

Germantown a little after 9:00. Let me know if you have any questions and if you are planning on joining us. Friends and family are invited - the more the merrier.

Talk with you soon,

Sally Bishop

610-304-6675

Resources: Facebook: Women's March on Philadelphia

[www.womensmarch.com/home/2020](http://www.womensmarch.com/home/2020)

[www.womensmarchphl.com](http://www.womensmarchphl.com)

The Women's March on Philadelphia 2020

"The Year of The Woman"

This is our 4th year of the Women's March on Philadelphia and truly does mark the "Year of the Woman"! After record-breaking elections of women (and specifically women of color and LGBTQ candidates), it is time to celebrate what we've accomplished and come together again in solidarity to proclaim what we will continue to fight for!

We hope you will join us at 10AM at Logan Circle, as we march down the Ben Franklin Parkway to the Philadelphia Art Museum. We will rally with amazing speakers who represent all we are fighting for everyday!

We cannot do this without your help: Our organization is an all-volunteer board, dedicated to these causes; we donate our time to the planning and execution of this amazing event.

Donations are needed to pay for all of the various event vendors, including sound, audio/visual, stage, tents, ADA seating, portable restrooms, lighting, etc.

**Corporate sponsorship and day of event organization tabling opportunities are**

**available.** Please contact us if you're interested at: [info@womensmarchonphiladelphia.org](mailto:info@womensmarchonphiladelphia.org)

Thank you for your support!

Women's March on Philadelphia Planning Committee

Deja, Amy, Laura, Nikki, Bridget, Vicki, Serita

**To Donate:** <https://donorbox.org/women-s-march-on-philadelphia-2020>

**Event Link:** <https://www.facebook.com/events/412615479688569/>

### **Women's March on Philadelphia FAQs**

**Why are you asking for money/donations? Where does the money go?** We are fundraising to cover the costs of the march and rally. A short list of things we need to pay for includes: permit, sanitation, security, stage, lighting, sound, port-o-potties, tents (including a heated first-aid tent), signs, etc.

### **Are you working with SEPTA and the city to manage public transportation and planning?**

Yes – this is one of the many reasons we ask people to register – so we can let SEPTA and the city know expected attendance figures and plan accordingly.

### **Can I wear a blue or pink pussy hat?**

We are getting bombarded with questions about hats - pink, blue, pussy, or otherwise. We, as Philly Women Rally, do not dictate what others put on their bodies. There are many out there that find the hats offensive and not inclusive. There are many that find that the hats are empowering. We encourage you to research both sides.

**Is this an anti-Trump March?**

No, this event is so much broader than that. Trump was certainly the last straw for a lot of women, but the inequality we face goes far beyond him and his presidency -- it is a societal issue that has been brewing for centuries. Our March is focused on the positive messages of inspirational women, and how they have persisted even in the face of adversity!

**Who will be speaking at this year's Women's March on Philadelphia?**

This years speakers will be a women from across of area who have their "boots on the ground" everyday fighting for our rights. With this years theme "Year of the Woman", we know we will have some powerful and moving speeches that will motivate you to continue to stand up to injustices, run for office and take your seat at the table! We will announce our full lineup soon.

**Are Republicans/Democrats/Pro-Life/Pro-Choice/Men/Non-Binary people allowed?**

Yes - all people who have read the purpose of our march and are allies to Women and Femmes' rights are welcome.

**Where can I find information about accessibility for people with disabilities?**

Please check out these posts: <http://www.womensmarchphl.com/search/label/accessibility>