



# 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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## June/Summer 2025

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## June 2025

Fri	June 6	3:00 – 5:00 pm	Help prep strawberries for the Festival – Annie H Wilson room
Sat	June 7	11:00 am – 2:00 pm	<b>PMFS Annual Strawberry Festival</b>
Sun	June 8	6:00 pm	Worship and Ministry
Sun	June 8	After Meeting	Spiritual Conversation Group
Tues	June 10	4:30 pm	Land Acknowledgement Committee
Sun	June 15	9:00 am	Meeting for Business
<b>Sat</b>	<b>June 21</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>Agnes Blackstone Memorial Service</b>
Sun	June 22	2:00 pm	Music Circle
<b>Sun</b>	<b>June 29</b>	<b>After Meeting</b>	<b>Annual Picnic (and celebration of our graduates)</b>

## Summer 2025

Wed-Sun	July 23-27	1:00 pm Wed – 11:00 am Sun	Hybrid <b>Annual Sessions</b> : online and at Cheney University
Sun	Aug 3	8:30 am – 3:00 pm	Abington Quarterly Meeting, meeting then picnic at Upper Dublin Meeting
Tues	Sept 2	7:00 pm	Care & Concern
Sun	Sept 7	11:00 am	Friendly Fall Welcome: PMFS and PMM

- 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](mailto:office@plymouthmeetingquakers.org)

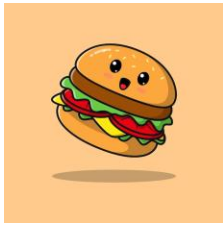
## Queries for June

### Deepening Our Faith: Spiritual Nurture

- How does the meeting encourage the use of spiritual practices that deepen our faith, enhance the excitement of shared religious discovery and increase the possibility of spiritual transformation?
- What is the nature of our shared experience of the Divine and how do we nurture our collective spiritual growth and transformation?
- In what ways do we support each other in our spiritual journeys, in our search for God's will and in our efforts to increase understanding of humanity's relationship to life on earth?
- How do we recognize, develop and nurture the spiritual gifts of all in our meeting?
- *How do I incorporate into my personal and family life those daily practices that focus on continued spiritual growth, including worship, reflection and engagement with writings that nurture the soul?*
- *How does my spiritual life integrate an understanding of a well-ordered relationship with the earth and deepen my reverence for the interconnectedness of all life?*

## News from the Meeting

### Annual Picnic June 29 after Meeting for Worship



Join us for our annual picnic! The Meeting will provide hotdogs and burgers (both meat and vegan), rolls, cheese, condiments, and plates/napkins/cutlery. We ask that folks bring their cheerful selves, as well as beverages (lemonade, iced tea, soda), appetizers (chips, pretzels, deviled eggs), potato, macaroni, coleslaw or green salads and/or desserts (store bought or homemade). Please let Fran or Bonnie know what you're bringing to avoid duplicate effort. The picnic will happen **rain or shine!**

## Our Graduates

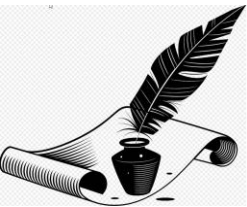
We have two graduates this year: **Chris Mrozinski** will be receiving his bachelors degree in social gerontology from Chestnut Hill College, and **Stella Barkat** who is graduating from Penn Charter and heading to The University of Virginia in the Fall. Congratulations, Christopher and Stella!!  
**We will be celebrating them at the Annual Picnic on June 29, so please join us.**

## Friendly Fall Welcome for PMFS Families – Sept 7

Mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual 2025 Friendly Fall Welcome. Plymouth Monthly Meeting will welcome PMFS families returning to school for a day where we celebrate our larger community. We will start the day inviting families to join us for Meeting for Worship. Children are invited to attend First Day with a special activity and continue the day with a communal lunch. Meeting members, school families, faculty and staff will share fellowship with delicious food. Meeting members will be asked to contribute desserts for lunch and help with set up. It's a great way to start the new school year and an opportunity to be with one another.

## New Clerk Still Needed for Plymouth

Our former Clerk of Meeting, Michael Mrozinski, has been approved by the Quarter and is now Clerk of Abington Quarterly Meeting. This leaves an opening in our own Meeting for a Clerk. Nominating Committee is still looking for one or more people willing to serve in this capacity. Please see Rebecca Cratin or Bonnie Miller if interested



## Notes from Worship & Ministry

These are hard times that we live in. The deep divides within our society here in the United States and in countries around the world are causing suffering and death by; poverty, neglect, racism, war, driven by fear and hatred. A new book will be made available in our Meeting Library that poses interesting questions – We survived the End of the World. – Lessons from Native America on Apocalypse and Hope. By Steven Charleston, member of Choctaw Nation, Episcopal bishop of Alaska and past dean of Episcopal Divinity school.

The word apocalypse in our modern culture has been window dressed into an entertainment genre of horror films with action characters. The Greek word apokaluptein means to “uncover” or “reveal”. It also has the meaning of a time or event when those who are experiencing what is being revealed will have new understanding.

Times of apocalypse have occurred through out human history; i.e. Black Death of 1300's for Europeans, Chattel slavery in the United States for Africans, the Jewish Holocaust ... Indigenous people of North America have endured apocalypse as their way of life was violently removed from them. Charleston asks what do they have to say about living through apocalypse? What is called for by spiritual people in these times of change driven by hatred and violence?

He suggests that we can be guided by in these times by 4 native prophets and the example of the Hopi Nation all of who lived through true times of apocalypse.

- Ganiodaiio (handsome Lake) Haudenosaunee Confederacy – Seneca
  - He showed us that each of us is responsible for what is happening around us. We cannot avoid or evade that responsibility.
- Tenskwatawa – Shawnee
  - He showed us the need for a fixed place to take a stand. This is not a time to be on the sand of endless competition for power and wealth, but a solid foundation which we build together
- Smohalla – Wanapams Community
  - He showed us that the core of our survival is not technological or utilitarian but relational. Relational to each other and the creation
- Wovoka -Northern Paiute
  - He showed us that truth and reconciliation is the process we must engage, no matter how painful it may be.
- Hopi Nation
  - They learned and showed us that all the above is part of a ancient and mysterious story that we are all a part of. When we travel through sacred space with an open heart and mind, we find life in the midst of the death (physical and spiritual) around us.

These spiritual leaders from the past and the Hopi nation of the present challenge us directly to engage in this world in a way that acknowledges that the times are changing, the future is here and now for us to live into.

How do we as Friends/Quakers enter into our responsibility to the world in this very moment? What does our faith provide us so we are not standing on shifting sand? In an age of AI, social Media (Technology) how do we engage relationally across differences? Reconciliation in a world driven by power – Is a pacifist belief naive? Was Jesus naive? What new life does our Faith draw us into?

Perhaps friends may want to share about their thoughts on these topics.

# Interfaith Walk for Peace & Reconciliation

Date: Sunday June 8th, 2-4:30pm



As we mark over 600 days of devastating war—costing thousands of civilian lives, including children and entire families—we are called to act.

Join Prayers for Peace Alliance and Philadelphia Interfaith Walk for Peace and Reconciliation, and partner organizations on June 8 as we come together to chart a path toward justice and peace.

## Together, We Will:

Demand an end to occupation and senseless violence

Confront government complicity that undermines our global moral standing

Honor the voices and efforts of those fighting for justice and peace

In this time of anguish and upheaval, we invite you to:

Reflect on our shared responsibility

Take meaningful action toward justice, reconciliation, and lasting peace

## Apache Stronghold's Brief to the US Supreme Court

Update: During the 9th month Business Meeting the Right Relationship working group requested that our Monthly Meeting sign on to a legal brief to the United States Supreme Court requesting it to hear a case to repeal the transfer of Apache Sacred Land under the care of the US Forest Service to a foreign mining company. Our Monthly Meeting was in unity with taking this action. The paperwork was submitted and accepted listing our Monthly Meeting in the Brief field with the Supreme court.



### **We received this email from Christopher Mills - Spero Law LLC, one of the Lawyers for Apache Stronghold**

As you may have seen, the Supreme Court today denied review of this case, over a [dissent](#)\* written by Justice Gorsuch and joined by Justice Thomas. While today's result is deeply disappointing, I understand that the legal team at Becket is considering all possible legal options for preserving Oak Flat, including potentially seeking rehearing from the Supreme Court and asserting additional claims when the case is remanded to the district court. I know they are very grateful for your support of religious freedom and of Oak Flat.

- The dissent can be found at the following link. It is in agreement with the points made in the brief that was filed. Only these two justices dissented.
  - [https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/24pdf/24-291\\_5i26.pdf](https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/24pdf/24-291_5i26.pdf)
- Link to posting on Indian Country Today
  - <https://ictnews.org/news/the-supreme-court-rejects-a-plea-to-block-a-copper-mine-on-land-in-arizona-thats-sacred-to-apaches/>

# News from the School

## 88th Annual Strawberry Festival

### Saturday, June 7, 2025 -- Plymouth Meeting Friends School Campus

It's almost time for one of the sweetest PMFS traditions — the 88th Annual Strawberry Festival. Start your day with joy as the PMFS students shine in their Class Performances from 10–11 AM: bring your cameras and your applause!

Then the fun kicks into full gear from 11–2 with something for everyone:



Bounce Houses



Farmers Market



Delicious Eats



Petting Zoo



Classic Games



And, of course... the legendary Strawberry Shortcake

#### Invite Your Friends & Family

This event is open to the whole community — grandparents, neighbors, cousins, and friends are *all* welcome. The more, the merrier!

Location & Parking Info: The Festival takes place on the PMFS campus at 2150 Butler Pike. Free parking is available on-site and nearby. The event is rain or shine; the fun does not stop for weather — this is an all-outdoor event, so plan for sun, sprinkles, or something in between. Bring sunscreen, rain boots, or whatever the forecast calls for.

#### Volunteer Opportunities Coming Soon!

It takes our whole village to make the magic happen:

Strawberry Shortcake: **The School would love help from the Meeting to prepare the strawberries the day before (9am June 6<sup>th</sup>). If you can help out, bring your own knife and cutting board. In the past, strawberry hulling has usually taken about 2 hours.**

Calling All Books (and CDs, DVDs, and Vinyl): Support the beloved Book Tent by donating your gently used items now. Drop-off boxes are located in the sand-floored open shed near the blacktop.

Looking for lawn games: Do you own any fun lawn games like Giant Connect 4, Cornhole, or Ladder Ball? If so, the Strawberry Festival committee would love to borrow them as part of this year's game offerings. If you're able to lend a game (or two), please reach out to Ben Shaw (who has graciously taken on the Strawberry Festival Games Committee this year). He'll make sure everything is well cared for and returned after the event. Thank you for helping make the festival a success!

<https://www.pmfs1780.org/strawberry-festival/>



# News from PYM Annual Sessions



This year's Annual Sessions will take place, in a hybrid format, from Wednesday, July 23 – Sunday, July 27 online and at Cheyney University's campus.

## [REGISTER FOR SESSIONS](#)

This month, leading up to Annual Session, Friends will have the opportunity to join virtually for two preparatory virtual opportunities:

- Friday, June 27: Join us for [a session with PYM's representatives](#) to our sister organizations; AFSC, FCNL, FWCC, and Friends Peace Teams who will share more about their work and collaborations.
- Saturday, June 28: [A session highlighting PYM Collaboratives](#) is being offered; the collaboratives include Addressing Racism, Eco-Justice, First Contact Reconciliation, Friends Ending Gun Violence, and the Spiritual Formation Collaborative.

Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions, make connections, and learn how PYM Friends are making an impact in our world.

Updates and information on Annual Sessions will be continuously updated to the [sessions page on the PYM website](#), so be sure to continue to monitor there for more information.

If you have any additional questions please contact Tara Rubinstein at [trubinstein@pym.org](mailto:trubinstein@pym.org) or at (215) 241-7228.

# News from Abington Quarter

## PMFS Seedlings Summer Camp Wishlist

### Summer is Right Around the Corner

PMFS Seedlings Summer Camp for children ages three to seven is approaching quickly (June 23 – Aug 15). Counselors want to be ready and you can help! Below are the names of the weekly themes and a list of items on the wish list. Look at the themes and use your imagination as you clear off basement and garage shelves; clean out drawers and closets; drive through neighborhoods; sift through recyclables; and look through bargain bins.

Below are some items on the Seedlings' wish list. Smaller items can be placed in a box at the Meetinghouse and larger items can be dropped off at the school. Please call the school (215 –828 - 2288) before dropping off any larger items to make sure they will be useful and appropriate. Cash and check donations to the program are also welcomed.

### Themes

Week 1: Pirates and Mermaids Week  
Week 2: Stars and Stripes Week  
Week 3: Under the Sea Week  
Week 4: Camping/Bug Week

5: Olympics  
6: Outer Space  
7: Artists and Engineers  
8: Make Believe Week

### Wish List

#### Bigger Ticket Items

- ☐ Tent (large enough for three or four kiddoes and a teacher)
- ☐ Outdoor rug or blanket (large enough for a group of kiddoes and a teacher)
- ☐ Small kiddie pools (plastic or inflatable)
- ☐ Bubble machine
- ☐ Hammock
- ☐ "Pool Noodles"
- ☐ Spin Art Machine
- ☐ Paper making supplies



#### Small Ticket Items

- ☐ Cotton Balls
- ☐ Seeds (native wild flowers, perennials, herbs, veggies, etc.)
- ☐ Spray Bottles
- ☐ Old paper: newspaper, wrapping paper, scrap paper, tissue paper (for collages)
- ☐ Styrofoam Beads (packing material, etc.)
- ☐ Egg Cartons
- ☐ Cardboard (all shapes, sizes, textures, and colors)
- ☐ Duct Tape
- ☐ Masking Tape
- ☐ Glow-in-the-dark Supplies (pens, rings, bracelets, hair bands, sticks, etc.)
- ☐ Loose Parts: buttons, corks, old CD's, beads, yarn, ribbon, etc.
- ☐ Kitchen
- ☐ Funnels
- ☐ Sifters
- ☐ Salad Spinner