



# Plymouth Monthly Meeting Newsletter

## Meetings for Worship

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

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## March 2026

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## March 2026

Sun	Mar 8	After Meeting	Spiritual Conversation Group
Sun	Mar 8	6:00 pm	Worship and Ministry
Fri	Mar 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 – 7:15 pm	Spring Sessions: Meeting for Worship with attention to Healing
Fri/Sat	Mar 13/14	7:00 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Circus – at the gym
Sun	Mar 15	9:00 am	Meeting for Business
Sun	Mar 22	After Meeting	Friendly Fourth – all are welcome
Sun	Mar 22	2:00 pm	Music Circle
Sat	Mar 28	12:30 - 3:30 pm	No Kings Rally in Philadelphia 🏰
Tues	Mar 31	7:00 pm	Care and Concern – <b>NOTE DIFFERENT TIME</b>

## April 2026

Fri	April 3	6:00 pm	Reading from the Gospel of Mark
Sun	April 5	9:00 am	Easter morning pancake breakfast
Sun	April 12	After Meeting	Spiritual Conversation Group
Sun	April 12	6:00 pm	Worship and Ministry
Sat	April 18	9:00 am	AQM Recording Clerk's Workshop at Plymouth
Sun	April 19	9:00 am	Meeting for Business
Sat	April 25	9:30am – 12:00pm	Spring Greening Day – meet up at the Corson lobby
Sun	April 26	After Meeting	Friendly Fourth – all are welcome
Sun	April 26	2:00 pm	Music Circle

- 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)

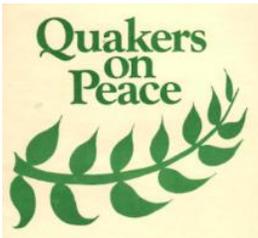
# Queries for March

## 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?
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- *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

### Worship and Ministry



Each week we are challenged to respond to local, national and world events from a place of constancy with our faith that our lives reflect God's will (as best we can discern). This has never been an easy task. Howard Brinton writes about this challenge when thinking of the Peace Testimony of Friends in the aftermath of WWII.

*"No regularly constituted body of the Society of Friends has ever made a declaration contrary to the strict pacifist position, but in every war some members have, as individuals, supported the war or taken part in it. ..."*

*Pacifism is not a doctrine which can be practiced with absolute consistency by one who is an integral part of society. The Quakers have not generally retreated from society in order to be consistent pacifists. . . . The primary virtue is obedience to the Inward Light which may not, at the particular stage of religious growth attained by an individual, require absolute consistency. Inconsistency is not the worst evil. It is better to be inconsistently good than consistently bad ....*

*No pacifist claims that his method is always successful. Every method fails sometimes, including the method based on violence. If two persons or two nations resort to fighting, one is bound to lose, so the method of fighting cannot at the most be more than 50 per cent successful. The nonviolent method may, however, operate in such a way that both sides win. Together they may arrive at a decision which is better than that which either one of the parties desired in the first place ....*

*Friends have believed that the only way to bring about a peaceful world is to begin here and now, regardless of the risk involved. When Joseph Hoag in 1812 was publicly pleading for his peace principles, a man in the audience said, "Well, stranger, if all the world was of your mind I would tum and follow after." Joseph Hoag replied, "So then thou hast a mind to be the last man to be good. I have a mind to be one of the first and set the rest an example." The common argument that the pacifist can apply his principles only in an ideal society is untrue. We are not commanded to love our enemies only when there are no enemies, nor to overcome evil with good only when there is no evil. ... If war is evil,*

*as almost everyone today admits, then it cannot be the right way to produce a good result.” Howard Brinton 1952*

One cannot think about our Peace Testimony as a way to political stability. It is rather a way to a deeper transformation of the world’s human condition. A transformation that requires *“We, and Friends everywhere, know we are united in the Spirit of Christ ( Inner light, Divine Teacher and Friend) No matter how often we may stumble or become exhausted on our way, we shall not lose the direction .... May the horrible suffering of mankind in the present time turn into a blessing in the times to come. “*  
1943 Letter from German Friends (in time of war)

## Mark Your Calendar

### Easter Events:

April 3, 6pm: Reading from the Gospel of Mark  
April 5, 9am: Easter Morning Pancake breakfast



**No Kings March Philadelphia** – March 28, Rally at City Hall at Noon, followed by a March on Market Street to 6th Street/Independence Mall with speakers 1:15 - 3:30. There will be local marches throughout Montgomery County, as well.

**Annual Dinner Party for Plymouth Monthly Meeting** will take place on Saturday, May 2nd at 6 PM. All members and attenders are invited to come and share dinner and dessert and just be together without a work agenda. After dinner, we look forward to sharing special activities we have been drawn to do outside of Meeting. Let your light shine and share your news so we can support you in your leadings. Please let Sally Bishop know if you plan to attend. More information will be shared in Meeting for Worship. Mark your calendars.

**We will be hosting Quarterly Meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.** We are going to need all hands on deck for this, so keep an eye on the newsletter to find out how you can help.

## Clerking

When our clerk Mike Mrozinski was released from clerking, we chose to have rotating clerks for the monthly business meeting with a desire to have new people to clerk the business meeting share in the rotation.

This has been successful in introducing several people to clerking Business Meetings who had not done so before. How do we want to proceed with clerking in the coming months?

This will be a topic at the March business meeting. In addition to clerking business meeting, there are the administrative duties that keep our Monthly Meeting functioning. These duties are currently performed by about 14 members of our Meeting. A list of these duties and who is currently doing them is attached to the Business Meeting agenda. Some people have been doing a duty for a long time and some of the responsibilities do not have a backup person for when a person is unable to do the responsibilities or steps down. It is important that, like clerking, we share these responsibilities so that the knowledge is passed on.

Our Monthly Meeting is a central part of our lives. Come and participate in our discernment of how to proceed in the coming year.

## News From the School

### It's the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Circus - March 13th & March 14th 7PM

Come out and support our mighty and talented fourth grade students. They have been practicing and are ready to present "To The Globe" and dazzle you with their skills. Check out:

<https://www.pmfs1780.org/school-life/circus>

You can purchase tickets at the link or call the school office: 610-828-2288.

### Matt Bradly New Head of School

It's official..."The School Committee of Plymouth Meeting Friends School is pleased to share that Matthew Bradley, who has served as Interim Head of School since July 2025, has accepted the invitation to become the permanent Head of School, effective immediately.

Matt has received an overwhelming positive response from the school community and we are grateful for his acceptance and commitment to guide our school into the future. Please be sure to welcome and congratulate Matt when you see him.



### Carol Corson Library at PMFS - March 2026

In appreciation for Carol Corson's commitment and legacy to PMFS, the school library will be named the Carol Corson Library this March 2026. Carol Corson shared a long and caring history with PMFS as a student, teacher, library volunteer and member of the school committee. She will be fondly remembered as someone who always had a place in her heart for PMFS. To celebrate Carol and the library's new recognition, a mural has been painted by Kara Durant, the school's art teacher. The beautiful mural in the Emerson Building travels up the stairs to the second-floor library. Next time you are on campus, please be sure to stop by to see the mural and remember Carol Corson and her generosity.

## News from the Quarter

### Workshop on Navigating the Healthcare System

***How can a Monthly meeting community assist members and attenders s they navigate the changing health care environment?***

The Home and Care Committee is offering a workshop to the monthly meetings of Abington Quarter this year. Bonnie Miller, Clerk, and Rebecca Cratin, Administrator, will be providing resources and open discussion to address the complicated issues that arise when dealing with chronic and serious medical conditions today. We will focus on how our Quaker process of Clearness and Support committees can provide the basis of this assistance.

Bonnie and Rebecca did their first presentation at Unami MM on Jan 18 (on Zoom due to snow). The second presentation with Abington Friends (with also on zoom) was also well received. The next is scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup> at Richland MM. They are planning to add a date for Plymouth in early Summer or in the Fall – [if you are interested, talk to Bonnie Miller or Rebecca Cratin to help them find a date to present.](#)

## News from Yearly Meeting



PYM Continuing sessions page <https://www.pym.org/sessions/spring-continuing-sessions/>

Registration for Continuing Sessions

<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/PYMEvents/event/springcontinuingssessions2026/>

### **Main topics**

Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 7:15 pm

Meeting for Worship with attention to Healing

Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

Morning program: [Joint Council Update](#), [Addressing Racism Collaborative Presentation](#), [General Secretary Report](#)

Afternoon program: Ministry, Membership and Radical Faith in Early Quakers and Today

Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00am – 11:00am Online Meeting for Worship