



# Plymouth Monthly Meeting Newsletter

## Meetings for Worship

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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## June 2022

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## June 2022

Sun	June 12	6:00 pm	Worship & Ministry via Zoom
Sun	June 19	9:00 am	Meeting for Business In-person and via Zoom
Sun	June 26	12:30 pm	Friendly Fourth: Picnic & conversation with Chris Mrozinski

## Summer 2022

Fri	July 22	12:00- 5:00pm	Quaker Fun Day
Tues	July 26	2:00 - 8:30pm	Spiritual Formation Retreat for the Annual Sessions
Wed	July 27	9:00am – 10:50am	Spiritual Formation Retreat for the Annual Sessions
Wed	July 27	7:00 pm	Opening of the Annual Sessions
Thurs	July 28	9:00am-9:30pm	Annual Sessions
Fri	July 29	9:00am-9:30pm	Annual Meeting
Sat	July 30	9:00am-9:30pm	Annual Meeting
Sun	July 31	9:45am-12:00pm	Annual Meeting + Meeting for Business
Sun	Aug 7	9:00 am	Abington Quarterly Meeting and Picnic <b>at Plymouth</b>

- 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 [plymouthmonthlymeeting@gmail.com](mailto:plymouthmonthlymeeting@gmail.com) or contact Dave Miller**

## Queries for June

### 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

A reminder that currently, First Day Meeting is held at two times and in two ways: there is **First Day Plain worship**, with no Zoom, at **10 am -11 am**. Folks from Plain Worship are welcome to stay for the second, **blended worship at 11:15**, which joins folks at the Meetinghouse, spaced out with minimal contact, with folks joining via Zoom. We encourage those who do attend the 11:15 Meeting to gather after meeting for worship to greet fellow worshipers via Zoom.

We are considering re-starting **First Day School** in the Fall. We can't do it alone, though. If you're interested in helping out, please let Sally Bishop or Fran Blackstone know.

Worship & Ministry is beginning a series of conversations at Friendly Fourth with our young people, starting with Chris Mrozinski on June 26.

Speaking of which, this is the same **Christopher Mrozinski** who recently earned a Scholarship for his social gerontology studies at Chestnut Hill College from LeadingAge PA.

Fran's granddaughter **Hannah Barkat** is graduating from Penn Charter and will be heading to Loyola in Baltimore in the Fall.

And congratulations to **John Schatz** who passed the PA bar on his first try!

**Armelle Richard** graduated in May with a Masters from University of New Mexico

**Jane Markovitz** is graduating from Germantown Friends Schools.

## Annual Picnic June 26 – after Meeting

We will supply grilled items – hot dogs, hamburgers, vegetarian item(s), rolls and beverages. Contact Sally if you can bring a side dish, salad or dessert.

Christopher Mrozinski will be talking to us for a few minutes after Meeting, and before the picnic.

## News from the Quarter Annual Quarterly Picnic – at Plymouth Aug 7, 9am

Plymouth will be supplying beverages and dessert, and those attending can bring a bag lunch.

Keep an eye on the website for more information about this summer event.

## News from Annual Meeting



**Fun and Fellowship!** You're invited to Arch Street Meeting House Friday, July 22, where we'll be hosting a carnival, Quaker style! This event is for Friends of ALL ages, and you are welcome to come for part of the afternoon or stay as long as you like.

All afternoon, from 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm, we'll have:

- Carnival games (think: big Jenga!)
- Bounce house
- Concessions (popcorn, sno cones, soft pretzels)
- Make-and-take crafts
- Music
- Tours of the meeting house, including the new outdoor exhibits

At 3:00 pm Arch Street Historic Meetinghouse staff will lead an amazing guided walking tour of Old City with stops at Quaker-specific sites.

Bring your lawn chairs or picnic blankets and a packed lunch, or come later in the afternoon for picnic dinner on the lawn before the evening performance (5-7pm). We'll also provide a guide to local restaurants walking distance around Arch Street, from pizza takeout (right across the street!) to dinner fare.

The 5:00 pm performance by Eppchez Yes is for ALL ages — young, old, and older!

Eppchez will engage an intergenerational audience with an interactive theater workshop using games and improvisation to explore power dynamics, issues of consent, and reparations. Our PYM Sessions theme, *“Across the Generations as We Repair Broken Foundations, We Become Unified in Beloved Quaker Community,”* will be addressed through a release of energetic stuckness around repair. Eppchez Yes is a queer, trans Friend, a member of Green Street Meeting and the Reparations Committee of the meeting. Their keynote address to the Yearly Meeting will be on Wednesday evening, July 27 at 7:00 PM.

**RSVP** While an RSVP is not required, and folks are welcome to stop by anytime that afternoon, we would love to know that you're coming!

## Annual Sessions

At Annual Sessions, there is something for everyone. On the schedule below, you will see opportunities for spiritual reflection, community connection, commitment to learning and action, and care for the Business of the Yearly Meeting. We welcome you to come as often or as little as fits in your schedule. Most events this year are virtual, which means we welcome you on your lunch break at work, or after the kids have gone to bed. Your presence matters, and we can't wait to see you.

### Tuesday, July 26th

- 2:00 pm – 8:30 pm — [\*Spiritual Formation Retreat\*](#)

### Wednesday, July 27th

- 9:00 am – 10:50am — [\*Spiritual Formation Retreat\*](#)
- 7:00 pm – 7:15 pm — *Join presiding Co-Clerks, Jean-Marie Prestwidge-Barch and Frank Barch as we open the 342nd Annual Sessions.*
- 7:15 pm – 8:30 pm — *Keynote: Preparing Broken Foundations for Repair* — Join performance artist Eppchez Yes for a dynamic opening of Annual Sessions! This virtual ritual will include music, invitation to movement, and an opportunity for a collective release of energetic “stuckness” around repair.

## Thursday, July 28th

- 9:00 am – 9:30 am — *Intergenerational Bible Study*
- 9:45 am – 10:15 am — *Morning Worship*
- 10:30 am – 12:00 pm — *Meeting for Business*
- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm — *Fellowship*
- 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm — *Meeting for Business*
- 6:45 pm – 7:15 pm — *Evening Worship*
- 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm — *Meeting for Business*
- 9:00 pm – 9:30 pm — *Evening Fellowship*

## Friday, July 29th

- 9:00 am – 9:30 am — *Intergenerational Bible Study*
- 9:00 am – 9:30 am — *Worship Sharing for Parents*
- 9:45 pm – 10:15 pm — *Morning Worship*
- 10:30 am – 12:00 pm — *Meeting for Business*
- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm — *Fellowship*
- 6:45 pm – 7:15 pm — *Evening Worship*
- 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm — *Meeting for Business*
- 9:00 pm – 9:30 pm — *Evening Fellowship*

## Saturday, July 30th

- 9:00 am – 9:30 am — *Intergenerational Bible Study*
- 9:45 am – 10:15 am — *Morning Worship*
- 10:30 am – 12:00 pm — *Meeting for Business*
- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm — *Fellowship*
- 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm — *Meeting for Business*
- 4:45 pm – 5:30 pm — *Worship Sharing*
- 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm — *Keynote: Building a More Inclusive Community: Accessibility and Tech in the Yearly Meeting* — Presented by Kelsey Borrowman and Dr. Jonathan Lazar. By using principles of accessibility and accommodation that we normally reserve for disabled folks, we can create a more accessible and compassionate education for everyone.

## Sunday, July 31st

- 9:45 am – 10:30 am — *All Together Worship* — Our PYM community of all ages will gather for worship across our meetinghouses and homes, in person or online, in a Giant Meeting for Worship! Coming together across ages, miles, and internet connections, we hope to be a community gathered in the spirit. Watch for materials sent to your meeting in the coming weeks, anchoring our Sessions theme in this time of worship together.
- 10:45 am – 12:00 pm — *Meeting for Business*