

Reading Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends November, December 2023 Notes and Calendar

RMM Holiday Calendar

First Day, December 3 - First Day Meeting for Worship followed by potluck.

Saturday, Dec 9 - Christmas Cookie Bake, 10am-1pm at the meetinghouse. BYOA (bring your own apron). Sarah (Besterman) Mathias and Jean Pedersen, contacts.

First Day, December 10 - Meeting for Worship, Meeting for Business and decorating the meetinghouse for Christmas.

First Day, December 17 - Christmas program including the reading of the Christmas story, Meeting for Worship, Christmas Tea. Please bring finger foods that do not require a fork for the Tea.

First Day, December 24 - Meeting for Worship at 10am. Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship, 7-9pm.

First Day, December 31 - Meeting for Worship.

First Day, January 7 - Meeting for Worship followed by potluck.

First Day, January 14 - Meeting for Worship, followed by Meeting for Business, featuring a discussion of Vanguard funds.

Notes from November 12 Meeting for Business

RMM Friends considered a wide variety of issues in a hybrid meeting, beginning with establishing our holiday calendar.

- There was some discussion about term limits for committee clerks. Jeanne Elberfeld reported on how other meetings organize their clerkships. This can be challenging for a small meeting like Reading Meeting.

- The treasurer's report was approved as presented. Included were the names of meeting members who are signatories for the Vanguard account.

- The auditors of the Buckman trust, Cys Sica and Roger Lawn, completed the audit and found all to be in good order. Report accepted.

- The Gifts and Loans committee requested that it be allowed to use funds from the Education Fund for gifts/grants rather than only loans to those seeking higher education. Research is required to discover the original intent of the fund.

- Trustees report that the Pottsville Cemetery transfer of ownership is not yet completed. Cost of purchase and installation of a new gate for the parking lot is being investigated.

- Friends General Conference will hold its annual meeting at Haverford College, June 6-10, 2024. PYM will coordinate its 2024 Annual Sessions around FGC's schedule.

- The dilapidated bulleting board in the front yard of the Reading Meetinghouse (6th Street Meetinghouse) will be replaced with one made of Trex.

- The October 21 Open House Tour was 'a good day' at the Maiden Creek Meetinghouse, according to John Loomis. People were interested in the history of both the meeting and the cemetery.

- Camp Swatara will be held the first weekend in May 2024.

H. Ehrlich, notetaker



Christmas cookie Bake
December 9

Zooming in the Spirit will meet on
Tuesday, November 21 at 6:30 pm.
The topic will be stewardship.
For more, contact Roger Lawn or Chris Field.