



NEWSLETTER

# Reading Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2025

## RMM Calendar 2025

- Join us for **MEETING FOR WORSHIP** each **First Day (Sunday)**, at **10 AM** 108 N. Sixth St., Reading & on Zoom
- **POTLUCK 1st First Day** following Meeting for Worship. **November 2: Underground Quilt Code Squares will also be on display.** Details on page 2. (No Potluck in December.)
- **Decorating the Meetinghouse**, Dec. 14, following Meeting for Worship.
- **MEETING FOR WORSHIP with Attention to Business - 2nd First Days** following worship at 108 N. Sixth St. and on Zoom.
- **WORSHIP & MINISTRY 1st Thursdays, 6:30 PM.**
- **ZOOMING IN THE SPIRIT 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30-9 PM.** All are welcome, monthly topics vary.
- **Games and Fun 4th Sundays after worship** Bring snacks, games, and a bagged lunch.

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108 N. 6th St. Reading, PA 19601  
[readingfriendsmeeting.org](http://readingfriendsmeeting.org)

#### Seasonal worship schedule:

Fall, Winter and Spring Meeting for Worship is held at 108 N. Sixth St. Reading. Summer Meeting for Worship is held at the Historic Maiden Creek Meetinghouse located at 849 West Shore Drive, Shoemakersville from Fathers Day to Labor Day.

Clerk of Meeting: Janet Lamborn  
Clerk of Trustees: Roger Lawn  
Treasurer: Jim Lamborn  
Newsletter: Jennifer Hanf



## Reading Monthly Meeting HOLIDAY GATHERINGS

*All are welcome.*

### CHRISTMAS TEA

**SUN. DECEMBER 21, 2025**

The **Holiday program** begins at 9:30 AM with music and spoken word, followed by Meeting for Worship. After Worship, **Friends, their families and friends, gather for Christmas Tea** and bring finger food to share. Friends are encouraged to share musical or other gifts such as dance or storytelling.

### CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP WED. DECEMBER 24, 2025

**Silent Worship by Candlelight** at Reading Monthly Meeting, 108 N. Sixth St, Reading, PA 7:00-9:00 PM



# Community Impact

## NO ~~KINGS~~ RALLY

On Saturday October 18, nearly 7 million people showed up for peaceful **No Kings Protests** in over 2,700 locations across the country. One of these locations, at the intersection of Park and Penn Avenues, Wyomissing, was attended by several of Reading Friends Meeting members.

The event protested President Donald Trump's authoritarian agenda. Protesters came to speak out to defend democracy, immigrants, health and education resources, LGBTQ+ rights, voting rights, environmental protection, and other critical civil and human rights concerns.



*The Bear Paw quilt square example, above, guided freedom seekers towards food and water and indicated the presence of a mountain trail leading to a bear's path. It was a reminder to follow the path of the bear and be aware and cautious while traveling.*

## Underground Railroad Quilt Code Squares

*article contributed by Rebecca Ross*

JOANNE NOLEN OF EXETER MEETING has created twelve quilt blocks that each use code symbols from the Underground Railroad. They will be on display at Reading Monthly Meeting on Sunday, November 2 before, during and after Meeting for Worship and during the Potluck that follows. They will be hanging in the main Meeting Room in front of the TV monitor. Joanne created the quilt blocks during the summer.

Berks County had stops on the Underground Railroad. It is believed that a quilt hanging on a clothesline or airing on a front porch may have contained symbols to direct freedom seekers to escape. Examples include a log cabin to signify a safe house and suggest its location, and a bear paw to signify a mountain trail.

Each block is accompanied by an explanation. The display is self-guided. Joanne will be here in person with the display to give explanations and answer questions. For more information on quilt symbols Joanne suggests reading [Hidden in Plain View: a secret story of quilts and the Underground Railroad](#) by Jacqueline L. Tobin and Raymond G. Dobard.

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**Action for Peace:** Berks Peace Community continues to hold a vigil for peace every Friday Morning 8-9 AM. All are welcome. Contact John Hoskyns-Abrahall, [john@bullfrogfilm.com](mailto:john@bullfrogfilm.com) for information.

## About this Newsletter

The RMM Newsletter is published quarterly (Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter) and available in print where we worship, on the website, and by email. It highlights our community, faith, concerns, and joys. **RMM Calendar updates** are available regularly.

### WE WELCOME CONTENT FOR THE NEWSLETTER!

Announce your RMM event, report on activities, and share your ideas:

1. Fill out the form found where we worship, request an emailed copy, or email
2. Janet Lamborn, [janetlamborn.mlt@gmx.com](mailto:janetlamborn.mlt@gmx.com) or Jen Hanf, [jenhanf@yahoo.com](mailto:jenhanf@yahoo.com)