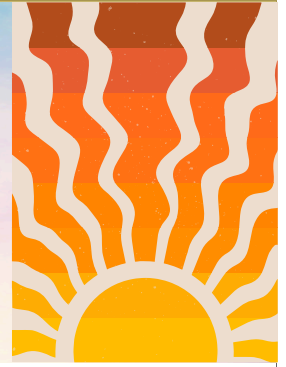


Reading Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

SUMMER 2026



RMM Summer Calendar

SUMMER MEETING FOR WORSHIP

Every First Day (Sunday) at 10 AM is held at the **Historic Maiden Creek Meetinghouse**, 849 West Shore Drive, Shoemakersville, PA 19555, from Father's Day to Labor Day. We follow a seasonal worship schedule. Fall, Winter, and Spring Meeting for Worship is held at 108 N. Sixth Street, Reading, PA 19601.

- **POTLUCK 1st Sunday in June** following Worship.
- **MEETING for WORSHIP with Attention to Business, 2nd Sunday after** Worship at 6th Street and online on Zoom. **Summer Business Meeting** date TBD.
- **RMM ANNUAL PICNIC August 2, following Meeting for Worship** at Maiden Creek. Location: 2442 Bellemans Church Rd., Mohrsville, PA 19541. Hosts, John Loomis and Jennifer Hanf. All are welcome!

SUMMER EVENT AND MEETING SCHEDULE.

Worship and Ministry meets on first Thursdays; **Zooming in the Spirit** on third Tuesdays; **Games** on Fourth Sundays; and **Outreach** on third Sundays. **Talk in the Light** Sunday morning discussions will resume in the Fall. See the monthly schedule below for changes.



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ADDITIONAL QUAKER NEWS
AND EVENTS.

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108 N. 6th St. Reading, PA 19601
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Clerk of Meeting: Janet Lamborn
Clerk of Trustees: Roger Lawn
Treasurer: Jim Lamborn

Preparing for Quaker Worship

"Come to Meeting for Worship with an open heart. We never know how Spirit may guide us. Each time you enter worship, be ready to be changed."

-Friends General Conference

In May, the **Reading Monthly Meeting Zooming in the Spirit** Group selected "Preparing for Quaker Worship" as their discussion topic. How can worship be deepened when individuals prepare? Practicing prayer, meditation, thoughtful reflection, and listening for the Spirit each day helps bring us into Worship more attuned to the Spirit and Light within the group. In an unprogrammed meeting, each individual participates, reflecting, listening inwardly and outwardly; we are all listening ministers.

When someone speaks in Worship, they feel compelled by the Spirit and speak from the heart. This is called vocal ministry. Friends believe God, or Spirit, can speak through anyone, prompting them to share insights, prayers, or guidance intended to benefit the entire community.

After an individual speaks, the meeting returns to silence. This allows everyone to absorb and reflect on how the words were meant to them. Other worshippers may speak later in vocal ministry.

When joining Meeting for Worship, silently greet all those who are present. Joyfully welcome everyone, including newcomers, to the gathering. Recognize and honor the inner Light in everyone, and all the efforts the group has made to be actively present in Worship.

Zooming in, the Spirit meets on Zoom on the **Third Tuesday of the month. All are welcome.** Look for The Zoom link is in the email announcements. Contact Roger Lawn or Rebecca Ross with questions.

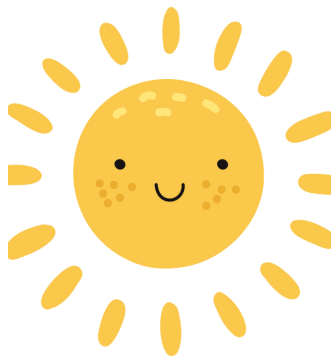




QUAKER ACTION

Get involved in your Community

- Support immigration rights locally. Get involved and donate to: **Make the Road PA, Reading Organizing Center:**
<https://www.maketheroadpa.org/>
- **Help sustain the work of ALDEA, The People's Justice Center.** Aldea, PJC is a law firm committed to defending immigrants facing detention and deportation, using the law to protect rights and hold the government accountable. Donate today:
<https://donorbox.org/support-aldea-in-2026>
- Contact your elected Congressional Officials and urge them to fight for humane and just treatment of all immigrants and asylum-seekers. **Call our US Senators McCormick, 202-224-6324, and Fetterman, 202- 224-4254, once a month regarding this issue.**
Find your legislator: <https://www.legis.state.pa.us/>



About this Newsletter

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

WE WELCOME CONTENT FOR THE NEWSLETTER!
To report on committee activities or a RMM event:

Speak to or email Janet Lamborn, Clerk,
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Newsletter Coordinator, jenhanf107@gmail.com

Community Impact Events and Action

TEACH • REACH • PREACH:

JOHN LEWIS WEEKEND OF ACTION

Support our rights in peaceful protest, **July 17-18-19, 2026**, in the spirit that fueled Selma, Montgomery, and the March on Washington.

- TEACH our community about the critical fight for our freedom to vote,
- REACH out to our neighbors to bring them into this movement, and
- PREACH to our loved ones about the moral necessity to carry the torch of the civil rights movement.

Join the Weekend and attend an online training:
Register at <https://www.goodtroubleliveson.org/>

FUNDING IS NEEDED FOR SHU'FAT REFUGEE CAMP IN PALESTINE:

Lancaster Monthly Meeting Friends and AVP Leaders Joe DiGarbo, Anne Wallace-DiGarbo, and Steve Alderfer are asking Caln Quarterly Meeting to assist in humanitarian aid to the refugee camp. Please make checks out to the Alternatives to Violence Project, South Central PA Council and mail to:
Joseph DiGarbo
Vice President
South Central PA AVP Council
303 South Spruce Street
Lititz, PA 17543

Action for Peace: Every Friday at 4:30 PM: Berks Peace Community holds weekly rallies on the Penn Street Bridge. Contact John Hoskyns-Abrahall, john@bullfrogfilm.com, for more information.

**"To say we love God as unseen,
and at the same time exercise
cruelty toward the least creature,
is a contradiction in itself."**

—John Woolman
1720 to 1772

From his *Considerations on the True
Harmony of Mankind*

*Reading Monthly Meeting
at Earth Day Berks County*

Saturday, April 20th was a blustery yet beautiful Spring Day, perfect for meeting fellow Berks Countians and sharing our Quaker beliefs of simplicity, peace, integrity, community, equality, and the stewardship of our precious earth, and its resources.



*Building Inclusive
Communities
May 1-3, 2026*

*Calm Quarterly
Meeting
Camp Swatara,
Bethel, PA*



Quaker News & Events

CALN QUARTERLY MEETING

Caln Quarter Care Committee Meetings are held monthly on the second Wednesday. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 8th from 7:00 – 9:00 PM on ZOOM.

[Register at Calm Quarter Online Calendar](#)

PENDLE HILL NEWS

Visit pendlehill.org to explore lectures, worship services, classes, and other growth opportunities.

- **Pendle Hill Worship: Join Online** for Worship in the Barn daily **8:30 to 9:10 AM**, extending a 90-year-long tradition of daily worship at Pendle Hill. Go to the website to register or join us in person at 338 Plush Mill Rd, Wallingford, PA 19086
- **Pendle Hill events** may be found [at this link](#).

PHILADELPHIA YEARLY MEETING NEWS

You are invited to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions 2026. Friends can expect keynote speakers, worship, opportunities for fellowship, and a return to the beloved tradition of community-led workshops!

Annual Sessions will take place at Cheyney University and on Zoom Wed. July 22-Sun. July 26. We are grateful to be partnering with Cheyney, the first Historically Black College or University (HBCU). Cheyney University was founded in part with a grant from a Quaker family. This partnership is an opportunity to nourish meaningful relationships. Friends are invited to join as a community – either in person or online – whichever works best for you. The Annual Sessions Planner contains information to help prepare you for the events and activities. Download the Annual Sessions 2026 Planner [Here](#). and [Register for 2026 Annual Sessions Here](#)

FGC/FRIENDS GENERAL CONFERENCE 2026

FGC Gathering is in Burlington, Vermont, from Tuesday to Sunday, July 7 to 12, 2026. Friends General Conference gathering is a family-friendly week of Spiritual refreshment. This year's theme is **A Window and a Door: A Prayer**. [Register and learn more here.](#)

The Quaker Book Club

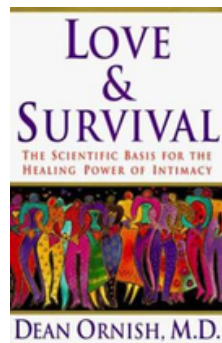
The Quaker Book Club meets after meeting for worship in months with a fifth Sunday. Discussion often includes refreshments.

On May 31, the Book Club discussed [The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store](#). **Mark your Calendars: On August 31, the group will meet to discuss [Love & Survival](#).** Contact Chris Field or April Oberholtzer to get involved with the book club.



The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store By [James McBride](#)

The intertwined lives of Black and Jewish residents of Chicken Hill, a Pottstown neighborhood, are the focus of this novel set in the 1920s and 30s, framed by the discovery of a skeleton in a well in 1972.



Love & Survival: The Scientific Basis for the Healing Power of Intimacy By [Dean Ornish](#)

This book is based on a simple but powerful idea: Our survival depends on the healing power of love, intimacy and relationships. As individuals. As communities. As a country. As a culture. Perhaps even as a species.

OUR VISION

Reading Monthly Meeting is an inclusive fellowship of families and individuals who nurture and support one another for spiritual growth and individual and community well-being. We take guidance from Quaker writings, Christian scripture, and the wisdom of other religious and thoughtful texts. We are committed to religious education for adults and children. While we worship mostly in silence, words and music contribute to our gatherings in the meeting house.