

Reading Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

RMM FALL Calendar

MEETING FOR WORSHIP

Sundays (First Days) 10 AM. We follow a seasonal worship schedule. Fall, Winter, and Spring Meetings are held at **108 N. Sixth Street, Reading, PA 19601.** From Father's Day to Labor Day, we meet at the **Historic Maiden Creek Meetinghouse**, 849 West Shore Drive, Shoemakersville, PA 19555. You may join RMM Worship on Zoom year-round,

- **POTLUCK: 1st Sundays Monthly** following Worship.
- **MEETING for WORSHIP with Attention to Business, 2nd Sunday** after Worship at 6th Street Meetinghouse and online on Zoom.
- **THE EXTRAORDINARY CATERPILLAR**, Sunday, September 20. Following worship, a film for all ages. (See the details, right-hand column.)

OTHER RECURRING DATES:

Worship and Ministry Committee first Thursdays;
Zooming in the Spirit, third Tuesdays;
Games, Fourth Sundays;
Outreach on third Sundays.

Scan the QR code below for a complete, up-to-date Reading Meeting **schedule and for any changes.**



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FOR RMM CALENDAR
UPDATES.

SEE PAGES 2 & 4 FOR
ADDITIONAL QUAKER NEWS
AND EVENTS.

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108 N. 6th St. Reading, PA 19601
readingfriendsmeeting.org

Clerk of Meeting: Janet Lamborn
Clerk of Trustees: Roger Lawn
Treasurer: Jim Lamborn

We are celebrating the arrival of **Autumn, Back-to-School**, and our return to worship at **North Sixth Street, Reading**. Join us for:

The Extraordinary Caterpillar

Everyone is invited to enjoy "**The Extraordinary Caterpillar**", a film and discussion from 12 Noon to 2 PM at 108 N Sixth Street, Reading, PA.

Thanks to the suggestion of our member and Penn State Master Gardener, Heather Ehrlich, the Meeting will host its first back-to-school event for children, families, and friends of all ages. Refreshments and discussion will follow. Please RSVP (text or call) to 484-553-3078 so we can prepare materials and food for everyone!



TAKE A PEEK INTO THE DAZZLING WORLD OF
NATURE'S TINIEST AND MIGHTIEST SUPERHEROES!

Sun. Sept. 20, 2026 • 12 Noon-2 PM

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A FILM BY JEFF MCKAY

FEATURING

SAM JAFFE AND THE CATERPILLAR LAB,
DOUG TALLAMY, AND DAVID WAGNER

THE EXTRAORDINARY CATERPILLAR



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PHOTO BY SAM JAFFE



QUAKER ACTION

Get involved in your Community

BERKS CULTURAL DIVERSITY FESTIVAL:

Join your neighbors and friends at **The Berks Cultural Diversity Festival on Saturday, September 26, 12-6 PM, Reading City Park, Washington and N. 11th Sts.** The event is presented by **Bring the Change** (bringthechange.net), a nonprofit dedicated to empowering people to create empowered communities. Celebrate the richness of diverse cultures. Music, food, dance, and unity!

SUPPORT IMMIGRATION RIGHTS

- Get involved and donate to: **Make the Road PA, Reading**, go to: <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>

B O W : BERKS ORGANIZING WORKGROUP

Website: noiceinberks.org

Support Berks Organizing Workgroup, a nonviolent, all-volunteer political action group that is part of BURN (Berks Urgent Response Network). The group works toward a safe, secure Berks County where all people can live without fear of ICE and are afforded their full Constitutional rights. For more information, contact: noberksdetention@proton.me

TAKE ACTION FOR PEACE: Every Friday at 4:30 PM, the Berks Peace Community holds a rally on the Penn Street Bridge. Contact John Hoskyns-Abraham at john@bullfrogfilm.com for more information.

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, janetlamborn.mlt@gmx.com, or Jennifer Hanf, Newsletter Coordinator, jenhanf107@gmail.com

A Few Summer Highlights:

ANNUAL FRIENDS GATHERING

Thank you to everyone who came to share fellowship, food, and community on a beautiful, warm Sunday, August 2. Here are a few photos to enjoy from the day!



Top right photos: Roger Lawn; top left: Isla Martinez and Jeni Dudash. Center photo, left to right: John Loomis, Taylor Lamborn, and Laura Martinez.



BACKPACKING FRIENDS

Standing left to right: Roger Lawn, Andrew Good, Nick Steiger, and April Olberholtzer joined forces July 13-15 for a three-day outdoor adventure!

Reading Pride Festival 2026



Everyone should be welcomed and loved no matter whom they love,
how they love, or how they identify.

Reading Monthly Meeting was well represented at the
2026 Reading Pride Festival on July 19 at Jim Dietrich Park, Reading



THANK YOU !

To Becky, Justin, Lucas, and Amelia
Little, Alex Kramer, and all others
who worked to make this event
a successful outreach.

Quaker News & Events

CALN QUARTERLY MEETING

CALN Quarterly Care Committee meetings are held on Zoom on the second Wednesday, 7-9 PM

The next **CALN Quarterly Meeting** will be Sunday, October 18, 9:30 AM–2 PM (time to be confirmed) with a presentation by Friends Fiduciary. Old Caln Friends Meeting, 901 Caln Meetinghouse Rd, Coatesville, PA 19320, USA
Details and links: <https://www.calnquarter.org/CalnQuarterOnlineCalendar>

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 - 9:10 AM**, a 90-year-long tradition of daily worship at Pendle Hill. Register online or join us in person at 338 Plush Mill Rd, Wallingford, PA 19086
- **Elements of Quakerism: Training the Facilitators** Starting September 12 @ 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM, online. This seven-week course explores the spiritual roots of Quaker faith and practice.

PHILADELPHIA YEARLY MEETING NEWS

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions.

Friends can expect keynote speakers, worship, opportunities for fellowship, and a return to the beloved tradition of community-led workshops. Watch for the posting of the upcoming schedule for Annual Sessions at this link: <https://www.pym.org/sessions/>

PYM Calendar with upcoming events is available at this link: <https://www.pym.org/calendar/>

Quakers Ending Mass Incarceration (QEMIC),

A Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Collaborative meets on the fourth Wednesday at 6 PM on ZOOM. The ongoing and future work of QEMIC is discussed. Join this Zoom Meeting here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84786972371?pwd=SEZoGsPdQWSc2Au9bK9PvGKwzfk3Dd.1>
Passcode: spring26

PYM IN THE NEWS: **Appeals Court Backs Philadelphia Yearly Meeting in Lawsuit Against Trump Administration.** [Read an August 20 PYM press release](#) for updates on Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's lawsuit against the Trump administration to protect religious freedom and the right to worship without fear in spiritual communities.



Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Romans 12:2

Celebrate each season, for you too, are transformed with the turns of the earth.

-Arthur Dobrin

The RMM Quaker Book Club

The book club meets after Meeting for Worship in months with a fifth Sunday. Discussion often includes refreshments. On **Sunday, August 31**, after Meeting for Worship, the Book Club discussed [Love & Survival: 8 Pathways to Intimacy and Health](#) by Dr. Dean Ornish. Contact Chris Field or April Oberholtzer to get involved. Watch for an announcement of the next book club selection and date.

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.