

First Day Schedule

Shrewsbury Monthly Meeting is part of the Shrewsbury-Plainfield Half Yearly Meeting and in turn, part of the New York Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). We are also members of both the Friends United Meeting and Friends General Conference.

Our Meetinghouse is over 150 years old, having been rebuilt in its final form in 1816. Our cemetery features the names of many local settlers. We are an unprogrammed meeting; there is no "set" service. Vocal messages are given as attenders are so moved.

Our usual First Day schedule* is as follows:

Adult Discussion Group	9:15-10:15 a.m.
Meeting for Worship	10:30 a.m.
Children's First Day School	9:15-10:15 (older)
	10:45-11:15 (younger)

1st Sunday	Ministry & Counsel
2nd Sunday	Meeting for Business
3rd Sunday	Committee meetings as scheduled
4th Sunday	Pot Luck Luncheon
5th Sunday	Meeting for Speaking

*Please refer to the Newsletter for up-to-date changes in this schedule.

If you have any questions, please see a member of the Meeting.



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Welcome...

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Welcome to Shrewsbury Monthly Meeting

We wish to welcome you to our Meeting House.

We are the Shrewsbury Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, popularly called Quakers. We meet every Sunday (First Day) at 10:30 A.M. for worship for approximately one hour. We gather in silence and expectant waiting, without prearranged singing, Bible reading, prayers, or sermon. As worship proceeds, there may be spoken ministry only as people feel led by the Inner Light to share their insights and messages.

Children attend for only the first fifteen to twenty minutes at which point they proceed to First Day School. Meeting for Worship lasts about one hour, and is concluded with the shaking of hands with those sitting nearby, followed by announcements of upcoming events. Also at this time new attenders are introduced, if they wish. Following Meeting for Worship there is an opportunity for fellowship. There is always coffee and tea and good conversation.

Prior to Meeting for Worship there is an adult discussion group which meets at 9:15 A.M. All are welcome to attend. A variety of subjects of a religious nature are discussed, as well as topics of interest to individual members, who may lead the discussion that morning. A schedule of topics is posted in the East Room.

Following Meeting for Worship and a brief time of fellowship, there are different activities held throughout the month. Our monthly newsletter, Shrewsbury Concerns contains details.

On the second Sunday of the month we have Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business, chaired by the Clerk, whom we select annually. Conveners of the various committees report to the Meeting for Business. Among these committees are: Ministry and Counsel, Buildings and Grounds, Peace & Service, Publications, Assistance, Hospitality, Special Events, Finance, Nominating, Library, Cemetery, and Religious Education. With the exception of the Assistance Committee which deals with individual confidential needs for assistance, membership on all committees is open to both attenders and members. Your attendance is also welcome at the Meeting for Business, a good forum for getting to know us. For more information about Meeting for Business or any of the committees, please speak with the Clerk.

On the third Sunday of the month, the Committee on Ministry & Counsel meets. This committee has the responsibility for nurture of the religious life and spiritual ministry of the meeting and for providing pastoral care of the membership. For further information, speak with one of our Co-Conveners of Ministry & Counsel.

On the fourth Sunday we have "Pot Luck." This is a time for fellowship and food. Everyone, especially new attenders, is encouraged to stay for the hour that we will be together after Meeting for Worship. To receive telephone notification, please leave your phone

number with the Convener of the Telephone Tree.

When there is a fifth Sunday in the month a "meeting for speaking" is held. At this time issues and concerns may be raised which a speaker may not have felt moved to present during Meeting for Worship. These special days are included in our monthly calendar, so you should check to see if a particular topic is being covered.

We have not described all of our activities and events, but we want you to have a general overview if you are new to this Meeting. We invite you to participate in any activity to which you find yourself led. We believe that the Inner Light leads you on your spiritual quest and journey. We hope you will ask questions. Any Member or regular attender will be happy to help you.

There are a number of pamphlets that you are welcome to take with you and read. These pamphlets are free but if you wish to make a donation to replenish them there is a box available for that purpose. Please see our Treasurer with any questions regarding financial contribution.

