



Mary Louise Wood
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Matthew Kibler Fair



June 11, 2011

Newtown Friends Meeting
Newtown Borough, Pennsylvania

²“Love does not mean agreeing on all questions of belief, values, or rules of conduct; it means accepting with humility and forbearance such differences as cannot be resolved by open and patient give-and-take. Love does not recreate our partner in our image; it recreates us both in relation to each other, united like the limbs of one body yet each distinct.”

- *Faith and Practice*, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends

The Wedding Ceremony:

Mary Wood & Matthew Fair

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"Marriage is a sacred commitment of two people to love one another in faithful partnership with the expectation that the relationship will mature and be mutually enriching. Friends know that marriage depends on the inner experiences of the couple who marry and not on any external service or words. Thus, the ceremony in which the couple enter into this commitment is performed by the couple alone, in the presence of God, the families, and the worshipping community. Both the solemnity and the joy of the occasion are enhanced by its simplicity."

~ Faith and Practice

Today's ceremony will be in the Quaker tradition, which consists of an extended period of silent worship. After the exchange of vows, members of the community are invited, if so moved, to share a message or 'spoken ministry' to the group.

Processional

Matt Trowbridge, piano

Welcome

Alan Crossman, overseer

Silent Worship

Vows, Exchange of Rings, Signing of the Wedding Certificate

Mary and Matt

Reading of the Wedding Certificate

Thomas Wood, brother of the bride

Silent Worship & Community Messages

Recessional

Matt Trowbridge, piano

Community Signing of the Wedding Certificate

All, beginning with the parents, siblings, and other family members of Mary and Matt