

Friends Meeting *Weekly Bulletin*

May the richness of our diversity strengthen our community and our love

First Day (Sunday), 10/4/2009

- 9:00 am Meeting for Worship for Business
- 10:00 am Worship Sharing in Foxdale's Meeting Room
- 10:45 am First Day School
- 10:45 am Gather and settle for Worship
- 11:00 am Meeting for Worship
- 12:20 pm Potluck

Fourth Day (Wednesday), 10/7/2009

- 12:00 pm Campus Meeting for Worship, Pasquerilla Center, Rm 118
- 4:30 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship, Foxdale, E-75

Sixth Day (Friday), 10/9/2009

- 8:45 am State College Friends School Meeting for Worship

Seventh Day (Saturday), 10/10/2009

- 1:30 pm Peace Vigil, corner of College and Allen, State College

First Day (Sunday), 10/11/2009

- 10:00 am Worship Sharing in Foxdale's Meeting Room
- 10:45 am First Day School
- 10:45 am Gather and settle for Worship

► **Weekly Quaker Quest Quote** --"Quakerism is a search for the sacredness of each person."

► Friends will be saddened to learn of the passing of Keith Doms on Saturday, September 26. Keith and Peg, who continues to live at Foxdale Village, moved to State College in 1991 and Keith was active with Friends causes and committees until his health began to fail. Please mark your calendar for his memorial service on Saturday, October 24 at 2:00 p.m. in the Foxdale Village auditorium. Laurie Jeffreys for the Memorial Committee

► **Quaker Quest:** Arrangements for the Oct. 31 Quaker Quest workshop are proceeding nicely. The sign-up sheet is in the social Room near the food line. Please do sign up--the more Friends attend, the more community we will have--then and afterwards. There are no requirements for advance study--come as you are! Any Questions? Ask anyone from Worship and Ministry

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Gather and settle. The time from 10:45 to 11:00 am on Sunday is a time for Friends to gather in the meeting room to prepare and settle for worship. Enter whenever you are ready. While we expect silence in the meeting room during that time, we cannot expect silence outside of the meeting room until 11:00.

Meeting for worship. State College Friends Meeting welcomes you to our silent, “unprogrammed” worship, ideally led by God’s Spirit. We have no designated ministers. A period of about twenty minutes is needed to center down into inward stillness. Spoken messages come from the spiritual depth of our lives and from the leadings of the Spirit. It is wise to ask oneself these questions before rising to speak: is my message from the Spirit, or from some other place? Is the message for me or for the whole group? Is the time to give it now or at some other time? It is best to follow each message with a period of silence in order to absorb what it has to tell us. When a message speaks to the condition of those present, out of the deepest parts of ourselves, and is harmoniously developed and deepened—and not too long—a profound sense of spiritual community may occur among us that freshens and delights. We call this a “gathered” meeting.

Closing meeting for worship. Our time of worship does not necessarily end at noon—it ends when the appointed person, attuned to the spiritual sense of the meeting, recognizes the appropriate moment.

Contacting Care and Concern. We hope that Friends will contact members of the Care and Concern Committee to request prayer or to be held in the Light, to request assistance, or to make the committee aware of changes in your lives or of others that you believe should come to the Committee’s attention. Contact Lynne Grutzeck, 237-1862.

Contributions to the Meeting are always welcome and needed. Checks may be placed in the donation box in the entry hall or mailed to: State College Friends Meeting, 611 E. Prospect Avenue, State College, PA 16801

The Meeting office. Betsy Gamble, the Meeting secretary, is in the office Mon. through Fri., from 5:30 -6:30 pm. She may be reached by e-mail, office@statecollegefriends.org, or by phone, 237-7051. Please let her know of any scheduled meetings or events in the buildings so scheduling conflicts can be avoided. Scheduling of non-standard tasks should be done through Louise Sandmeyer.

Bulletin and Newsletter. Bulletins are available on the Web. Go to www.statecollegefriends.org, click on the picture of our meetinghouse, type “enter” for user name, and “Friend” for the password. The Newsletter can be received by mail. To be added to the mailing list. send

► **Parenting Group** will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, 9:30-10:30 am for the duration of the academic year, unless Meeting For Worship for Business is on that day. On those days, it will be moved to the 3rd Sundays. Open to all. Contact, Heidi Loomis.

► **Weis Gift Cards.** To benefit SC Friends Meeting, purchase Weis gift cards in multiples of \$25 through Dean Tuttle. They can be used the same as cash at Weis Markets and Weis will contribute a percentage of your purchase total to the meeting. Checks must be made out to: **State College Friends Meeting**

► **Upcoming Friendly Forum:** Christian Peacemakers- and how one Quaker came to grow in faith and practice with them. Ellen Johnson Arginteanu will share the journey which she has thus far traveled as she prepares to travel to Palestine with the Christian Peacemaker Teams.

► **Baltimore Yearly Meeting Interim Meeting.** You are invited to join Friends at the Sandy Spring Friends Meeting on Oct. 17 to conduct the business of BYM through its committees and Interim Meeting. Please do not hesitate to request a place to spend the night. Register by Oct. 9. Reservations are required for both hospitality and child care. Contact, Sheila Kryston, skryston@mac.com Phone: (540)822-5607.

► **Friends Committee on National Legislation states: More Troops Won't Bring Peace in Afghanistan.** Momentum is Building for Change. With a request for more troops coming soon, some members of Congress are voicing doubts about the U.S. course in Afghanistan. This fall, FCNL is working to transform those concerns into support for a policy of de-escalation and troop withdrawal. Please join FCNL in lobbying the Senate to insist on a new U.S. strategy in Afghanistan that includes a troop withdrawal, negotiations and development aid.

National Call-In Day against Afghanistan War Escalation, Oct. 7. Call your senators. Call 1-202-245-3121 and ask for your senator's number by name. Help FCNL spread the word by distributing their new flier to speak out against more U.S. troops to Afghanistan. For those with email, it is being sent to you via email. Others see copies on the counter by the meeting room door. Make additional copies yourself and distribute them widely.

(Peace & Social Action Committee)

► On October 7, 2001, the United States invaded Afghanistan. AFSC urges us to join a peace vigil in our area to bear witness to the human and economic cost of war. In State College, vigils are held at the intersection of College and Allen St., Wed. at 5:00 pm or the Meeting sponsored vigil at the same location, every Saturday, at 1:30 pm.

► For the first time in more than a decade, **Philadelphia Yearly Meeting** has published an Annual Report, highlighting the many programs and services

PYM provides to Quaker Meetings and their members and attenders. Available online at: <http://www.pym.org/pm/images/uploads-pdf/2009-PYM-annual-report.pdf> or by request from the State College Friends Meeting office.

Calendar and Upcoming Events

- Oct. 9-12** BYM Silent Retreat for Friends, Dayspring Retreat Ctr, Germantown MD. Contact: jscrhistianson@gmail.com or 410-544-1912
- Oct. 10-11** BYM Camp Catoctin service weekend, see www.bymcamps.org
- Oct. 10-11** BYM Junior Young Friends conference, Gunpowder Mtg, Sparks, Md.
- Oct. 11** BYM Centre Quarterly Meeting, West Branch Meeting, Grampian, PA
- Oct. 17** BYM Interim Meeting, Goose Creek Meeting, Lincoln, VA
- Oct. 19** SCFM Peace & Social Action Committee, 3rd Monday, 7:30, E-75 Foxdale (change of date)
- Oct. 31** SCFM Quaker Quest Workshop, 9 am – 4 pm
- Nov. 1** SCFM Meeting for Worship for Business
- Nov. 5-7** PYM Arts on Arch (St.) Fundraiser for PYM Annual Fund including:
A Juried Art Show and Sale - Preview Party on Nov. 5, running through Saturday, Nov 7. Contact Jan Hatchard, janh@pym.org, (215)241-7115
A Live Concert with Livingston Taylor and Liz Longley - in the West Room on First Friday, Nov 7th. (Tickets: \$30)
- Nov.12-15** FCNL Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, see www.fcnl.org
- Nov. 14** PYM Quaker College Fair, 11 am – 2 pm, contact Kori Heavner at 215-241-7116 or FAHE@quaker.org.
- Nov. 16** SCFM Peace & Social Action Committee, 3rd Mon., 7:30, E-75 Foxdale

See the websites of BYM (www.bym-rsf.org), PYM (www.pym.org), USQM (usqm.org), SCFM (statecollegefriends.org), State College Friends School, FGC (fgcquaker.org) (www.statecollegefriendsschool.org), Pendle Hill (www.pendlehill.org) for further info.

► Every few years, a **Quaker Youth Pilgrimage** takes place somewhere in the world. Sponsored by Friends World Committee on Consultation (FWCC), this trip brings 28 high-school aged youth (ages 16-18) from all parts of the world and all forms of Quakerism for a month of travel, learning, and service. The 2010 Pilgrimage will take place in the Pacific Northwest July 16-Aug. 13. Please go to the [Pilgrimage website](#) for more information. Applications should be received in the FWCC Philadelphia office by Nov. 30, 2009.

► **New Era, New Openings: FCNL's Annual Meeting**, Nov. 12-15, Washington, DC. Join 200 Friends from around the country for three days of skills building, strategizing, and worshipful discernment. Keynote speakers will include updates on change in Washington, a talk on the opportunities and challenges of interfaith work with [Sayyid M. Syeed](#), National Director of the Office for Interfaith and Community Alliances at the Islamic Society of North America, and a discussion of FCNL change strategies and opportunities for change in 2010 with lobbyists [David Culp](#) and [Bridget Moix](#). FCNL will hold lobbying training sessions. Want to join in the fun, but low on funds? There are scholarships available and full reimbursement for anyone ages 18-40. Contact Jessica Arends at jha10@psu.edu or (814)769-6906.

Notices for the weekly Bulletin should be sent by Thurs., 6:00 pm to efgamble@yahoo.com, 404-2831. Notices for the monthly *Newsletter* should be sent in writing to Cynthia Bartok (SCFMnewsletter@gmail.com, 100 Sandy Ridge Rd., State College, 16803) by the third Sat. of the month.