

Friends Meeting *Weekly Bulletin*

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

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
- 11:00 am Meeting for Worship
- 12:20 pm Social time

Fourth Day (Wednesday), 10/14/2009

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

Sixth Day (Friday), 10/16/2009

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

Seventh Day (Saturday), 10/17/2009

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

First Day (Sunday), 10/18/2009

- 9:45 am Friendly Forum: Peacemaker Teams – Ellen Arginteanu
- 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** --"There is no better way for a local meeting to develop its sense of community than to take on a Quaker Quest project where every member and attender can play a part."

► **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.

► **Friendly Forum, Oct. 18, 9:45 am:** Christian Peacemakers- and how one Quaker came to grow in faith and practice with them. Ellen Arginteanu will make a presentation and lead a discussion about the Christian Peace Team, with whom she will be going to Palestine later this year. There will be no Friendly Forum October 11.

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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 and newsletters 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.

► **Parenting Group** will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, 9:30-10:30 am, unless Meeting for Worship for Business is on that day. On those days, it will be moved to the 3rd Sunday. Open to all. We will be discussing the book *Peaceful Parents, Peaceful Kids* by Naomi Drew during the next several meetings. Contact Heidi Loomis, heidimloomis@gmail.com.

► **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**

► **2009 PFLAG Thanksgiving Dinner** will be held on Mon, Nov. 16, at 6 p.m. at the Meetinghouse. This dinner is hosted by PFLAG and is an outreach to LGBT students at Penn State. It is always best when we have some Meeting attenders. It is a delicious meal and wonderful sharing as well.

► Joshua DuBois, head of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, will be the opening speaker at **FCNL's Annual Meeting** on Nov. 12. DuBois is an ordained Pentecostal pastor who was appointed to this office at the age of 26. He will kick off FCNL's meeting to discuss *New Eras, New Openings* in changing federal policy. Find out more and register for Annual Meeting today – the last day for Early Bird registration is Oct. 12: <http://action.fcnl.org/r/87906/109430/0> For financial support and information contact Jessica Arends at jha10@psu.edu or (814)769-6906.

► **Friends Committee on National Legislation Action Alert: Don't Let Polluters Off the Hook:** Please urge your senators to speak out in favor of strengthening the draft climate change legislation released by Senators Kerry and Boxer last week: <http://action.fcnl.org/r/88064/74290/0>. In particular, we are calling for two improvements:

- Don't let polluters off the hook by letting companies purchase pollution allowances overseas.
- Make faster and deeper verified reductions in greenhouse gas pollution.

Right now, your senators are looking at an energy bill that is better than the legislation passed by the House earlier this year. Your emails, and our lobbying, helped persuade the Senate to make it harder for polluters to get out of making greenhouse gas reductions for many years.

Background information: Our work isn't done -- the draft energy bill released by Senators Kerry and Boxer falls short of what is needed to address the climate emergency that is facing the planet. The legislation still includes loopholes that let polluting companies off the hook.

In the next three weeks, senators and their staff will be meeting to discuss ways to strengthen this legislation, as well as how to respond to the lobbying from polluting companies seeking to weaken the bill. **Your lobbying right now could play a critical role in determining whether the Senate comes up**

with legislation that cuts greenhouse gas pollution quickly, deeply, and effectively.
(Peace & Social Action Committee)

Calendar and Upcoming Events

- Oct. 11** SCFM Parenting group, 9:30 am
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. 25 SCFM Parenting group, 9:30 am
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.

► 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.

► Thank you from **Friends General Conference**. **You did it!** You not only helped us to meet our \$612,000 Annual Fund goal, but thanks to your contributions over the past six weeks we have exceeded our Sept. 30, 2009 target by receiving just over \$623,000. What a great way to finish our fiscal year. **Thank you!** Your support enables FGC to work in many ways to help nurture vital Quakerism.

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.