

Friends Meeting *Weekly Bulletin*

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

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

Fourth Day (Wednesday), 10/21/2009

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

Sixth Day (Friday), 10/23/2009

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

Seventh Day (Saturday), 10/24/2009

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

First Day (Sunday), 10/25/2009

- 9:45 am Friendly Forum: Worship Sharing-Faith in times of turmoil
- 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** --"Quaker Quest encourages and supports seekers in exploring issues for themselves."

► **Friendly Forum, 9:45 am, Meeting Room. All are invited**

October 18: 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.

October 25: We will have a Worship Sharing session about the following Query: How has your faith sustained you in times of personal turmoil? Worship sharing (in case you don't already know) is like regular worship except that it is targeted to a specific query. This is different from our normal presentation and discussion forum format.

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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 or email. To be added to the

► **The Newsletter is Going Electronic!** The newsletter presents Meeting with several resource challenges —money, paper, time, and effort. In the hopes of being more “green” while saving money, we are asking newsletter recipients to consider whether they can forgo the paper version for one of our electronic newsletter options.

Important things you should know include:

- You will not receive any subsequent newsletters unless you update our records with your preference for newsletter format (paper, paperless)
- Complete the survey by Oct. 20th to ensure your service is not interrupted
- Each member of the household who would like the newsletter should complete the survey
- Take our quick survey to let us know how you would like to have the newsletter delivered to you

To complete the survey *online* go to:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=ebEj_2fRK_2b2Ir5Vo4oXAwYbg_3d_3d

If you prefer using a *paper* survey, complete the form found in the October Newsletter (page 15). Leave this form in the Secretary’s mailbox at the meeting house or mail to the meeting house, OR contact Betsy Gamble if you need a paper copy mailed to your house (efgamble@yahoo.com or 404-2831).

If you would prefer to complete the survey *by phone*, call Betsy at the meeting office, M-F 5:30-6:30.

Address questions or concerns to Cynthia Bartok at 238-1323 or

SCFMnewsletter@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**

► **The Peace and Social Action Committee** would like to invite input from the whole meeting, so that we can best discern what directions the committee should take. We would appreciate email, verbal, and written responses to the following questions:

1. What can you share with us about your own peace and social action work? We fully recognize that there are many different levels of practicing the peace testimony and think that the community will benefit from knowing itself better, so please don't be shy about sharing.
2. What do you think of the work we have been doing?
3. What areas/ projects do you want to see the committee/meeting involved in?
4. Would you like to help on some Peace & Social Action effort? Please let us know and give us your contact information.

Thank you, on behalf of the Peace and Social Action Committee,
Denise DeGeorge, telephone number 234-4830

► **Fair Trade Coffee.** Sign up on the white board in the Social Room.

► **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 attendees. It is a delicious meal and wonderful sharing as well.

► **Friends Committee on National Legislation: Afghanistan - More troops won't bring more peace.** At this very moment, the Obama administration is reviewing U.S. policy. **FCNL calls on the president not to send more troops to Afghanistan and instead to take seven steps** to de-escalate the war and strengthen U.S. diplomatic and development efforts. The president's advisors are divided. **Your action now** can help strengthen the voices calling for a new U.S. strategy: Go to the FCNL website for help in writing to your senators. Distribute the new FCNL flyer. (Peace & Social Action Committee)

► **Libby Marsh**, died suddenly, Oct. 10 in her apartment at the Stapeley Friends residence in Philadelphia, where she had lived for several years. She was in good health and excellent spirits until the end, although she had been progressively losing connection with the here-and-now. She was 85. Libby joined the State College meeting in the early 1950s, first drawn to Friends by her concerns about peace and war. ... She worked tirelessly with the Lewisburg Prison Project when she lived here in the 1990s. Memorials are planned at Stapeley and at Green Street for the end of this month; exact dates are not yet set. [edited from email from her son, Ben Marsh, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA 17837, 570 577-1381, marsh@bucknell.edu]

Calendar and Upcoming Events

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.

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.