

*State College*

# Friends Meeting Weekly Bulletin

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

First Day (Sunday), 8/15/2010

- 9:00 am Meeting for Worship for Business
- 10:00 am Meeting for Worship in Foxdale's Meeting Room
- 10:45 am Gather and settle for Worship. Childcare in Education Wing
- 11:00 am Meeting for Worship
- 12:20 pm Pot Luck

Fourth Day (Wednesday), 8/18/2010

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

First Day (Sunday), 8/22/2010

- 10:00 am Meeting for Worship in Foxdale's Meeting Room
- 10:45 am Gather and settle for Worship. Childcare in Education Wing
- 11:00 am Meeting for Worship
- 12:20 pm Social Time

► **Reception for Stephen Thiermann.** Recognizing Stephen Thiermann's many significant contributions to the cause of civil and human rights, and active promotion of the same, the Board of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union invites you to attend a reception in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor meeting room at Foxdale Village, on Mon., Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. To facilitate plans, if you expect to attend, please notify Susan Hill by telephone or email at (814)867-1928 or [catsaregreat@comcast.net](mailto:catsaregreat@comcast.net) by Thurs., Aug. 19. Board of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the ACLU

► **Creation Care Coalition Ice Cream Sunday Night, Aug. 15, 6:30-8:30 pm.** Find out how your neighbors are living lightly on the earth at Ice Cream Sunday Night at Holmes-Foster Park, Pavilion 1. We'll eat wonderful local ice cream and share stories and ideas about greening our homes and places of worship. And we'll learn more about how the Creation Care Coalition and Pennsylvania Interfaith Power and Light can support these efforts.

Peace and Social Action Committee

► The **Silent Meditation Group** will not meet Tuesday, August 17 or 24, but will meet again on Aug. 31, 5:30-6:00. Anyone interested can contact Bill Torretti at 422-5050, 360-3492 or [btorretti@yahoo.com](mailto:btorretti@yahoo.com). No experience necessary.

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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](mailto: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 <http://www.statecollegefriends.org> and chose Bulletin or Newsletter. The Newsletter can be received by mail or email. To be added to the mailing list, send your name, address and zip code to the meeting office. To receive other announcements, notification and bulletins by email, send a message to [office@statecollegefriends.org](mailto:office@statecollegefriends.org).

► **Weis Gift Cards.** To benefit SC Friends Meeting, purchase Weis gift cards in multiples of \$25. 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

► **State College Area Food Bank needs list:** Grocery store gift cards, shelf-life milk, dried fruit (e.g. raisins, apricots, cranberries), canned chili or pasta, canned vegetables, canned meat (Spam, chicken, corned beef, etc.), bath soap, (especially sensitive skin), muffin or quickbread mixes, flour, Jello, granulated sugar, mayonnaise & Miracle Whip, cooking oil & spray, coffee, black tea, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, baby food, diapers, formula.

► **Friends Committee on National Legislation Update: Our Quaker Values on the Hill.** This week the Senate Foreign Relations Committee missed one of its last opportunities this year to approve the new Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (New START) with Russia. The Senate has held 21 hearings on the treaty and heard support from many current and former US military and civilian leaders, but several influential committee members are still not ready to vote. The treaty is vital to U.S. national security as the US cannot send inspectors to verify Russian compliance with the old treaty limits. Those inspections can resume as soon as the new START is ratified. If our Senate fails to ratify START, prospects dim for future ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. Urge your senators to take action by sending them an email or letter. Better yet, visit them in person by attending the FCNL Annual Sessions on Nov. 11-14th. Go to [FCNL.org](http://FCNL.org) for more details.

► Just a **Meeting rooms** reminder to anyone who is planning to do anything at the Meetinghouse... Please contact the office (237-7051 or [office@statecollegefriends.org](mailto:office@statecollegefriends.org)) to make sure there are not committee meetings, work parties, classes, retirement dinners, etc. already scheduled for the meeting's various rooms.

► **PYM Upper Susquehanna Quarter Fall Gathering**, Fri.-Sun., Sept. 17-19, with Meeting for Business on Saturday the 18th at 1 pm.

We will have Michael Gagne, the PYM staff coordinator for Eco-Justice work, and George Schaefer and Trisha Coscia, the PYM Care and Aging staff to lead us in program, exploring how we can live our lives in greater harmony with the Creation and in deeper connection to the wider Quaker fellowship.

I am hoping that Greta Rech, PYM's new Childrens' program resource person will be present to help with our youth program. Hope to see you there, for all or part of the weekend! Registration forms will be online in a few days.

Wade Ward

## Calendar and Upcoming Events

- Aug. 29** **Quakers and the Revolutionary War** (see below)
- Sept. 11** **BYM Peace and Social Concerns** networking day. Location to be announced.
- Sept. 18** **BYM Camp Catoctin Reunion**, Camp Catoctin, Thurmont, MD.
- Sept 24-26** **PYM Spiritual Formation Program Opening Retreat**, Abington Township, PA
- Oct. 2** **Quaker Quest** Friendly Forum
- Oct. 10** **BYM Centre Quarterly Meeting** at West Branch Meeting, Grampian, PA. Ellen Johnson Arginteanu will speak about her work with the Christian Peacemaking Teams.
- Oct. 16** Mark your calendars now for **Quaker Quest** half day training. Plan ahead and we can have a large turn out to prepare for Quaker Quest in January. Find out more about it:  
<http://www.fgcquaker.org/quakerquest>
- Nov. 11-14** FCNL Annual Meeting, *Building on a Firm Foundation*, Washington DC

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

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► **Quakers and the Revolutionary War** – Sun., Aug. 29, 2010, 1-2:30 pm  
Presented at the Old Kennett Meeting House Baltimore Pike & Meeting House Lane, Chadds Ford PA. Worship at 11am, followed by snacks at Noon. Free: No registration required.

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**New on Friends Journal at <http://www.friendsjournal.org>**

### **How Do Friends Know What They Know?**

For Friends, the source of our knowledge and belief is not a mere academic quandary. Without an authoritative statement of belief such as a creed, we are especially called upon to seek clarity for what we hold to be true and espouse to the world at large. . . .

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