

State College

Friends Meeting Weekly Bulletin

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

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

Fourth Day (Wednesday), 8/25/2010

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

First Day (Sunday), 8/29/2010

- 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

Upcoming Friendly Forums, 9:45 AM, Meeting Room, All Welcome

September 19: Deep Listening revisited: The June 13 session was so successful that we decided to do another this fall. **Melady Kehm** will lead another deep listening session on the following query: **What happens—or what do I think should happen—for me in meeting for worship?** More detail forthcoming later.

September 26: Gospel Order. The seminar on Gospel Order that was cancelled last May will be led by **Martin Melville** on this date. You will likely find that this forum will be more interesting and challenging than the name may suggest.

October 10: Quaker Quest Forum. There will be a Friendly Forum about upcoming Quaker Quests. Please note this is October 10, not October 2 as indicated earlier. **Dana Mitra** and others in the Quaker Quest group will lead this session, which is designed to prepare us for the upcoming October 16 session.

► **SCFM Treasurer's Business Email.** Judy Melville has established a new email address exclusively for Friends Meeting Treasurer business:
treasure.friends.meeting@gmail.com

Note that there are periods between the words of the address.

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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 <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.

► **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 ACLU invites you to attend a reception in the 2nd floor meeting room at Foxdale Village, on Mon., Sept. 13th at 7:00 pm. If you expect to attend, please notify Susan Hill by telephone or email at (814)867-1928 or catsaregreat@comcast.net.

► The **Silent Meditation Group** 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. No experience necessary.

► **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

► **Friends Committee on National Legislation Update:** In June, the House passed measures that would cut important peaceful prevention funding for both 2010 and 2011. These cuts seriously undermine the Civilian Response Corps and the Complex Crisis Fund and will make it more difficult for the U.S. to help prevent violent global conflict in the future. Without these small investments in prevention, the U.S. may have to pay billions more to intervene in crises after they erupt. Go to www.FCNL.org to learn more and contact your representatives about this important issue. *Peace & Social Action Committee*

► **Baltimore Yearly Meeting Camping Program** is now accepting applications for the new position of Director of the Teen Adventure Bike trip. See Announcement on hallway bulletin board or request from the SCFM office.

► **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! Wade Ward [Registration flyers in Social Room under Friends School Bulletin Board].

Calendar and Upcoming Events

- Aug. 29 Quakers and the Revolutionary War** (see below)
- Sept. 11 BYM Peace and Social Concerns** networking day, featuring Nathan Harrington. Sandy Spring (Md.) Meeting. RSVP by Sept. 7 to Ellen Atkinson, mewa42@aol.com or 301-774-3636. Flyer on hallway bulletin board or by request from the SCFM office.
- Sept. 18 BYM Camp Catoctin Reunion**, Camp Catoctin, Thurmont, MD.
- Sept.19 SCFM Friendly Forum: Deep Listening**
- Sept 24-26 PYM Spiritual Formation Program Opening Retreat**, Abington Township, PA
- Sept.26 SCFM Friendly Forum: Gospel Order**
- Oct. 10 SCFM Friendly Forum: Quaker Quest** (corrected date)
- 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), 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.

► **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.

"Balance is what he was looking for, but he hadn't yet learned its name. In time, he will come to know it as a state of being. It can only be found at a place that is widely believed not to exist. Truth is, that there is a place of space that exists between two opposites everywhere, and somewhere therein dwells a point at which balance can be found." --Sidney Poitier, *The Measure of a Man*

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 to Cynthia Bartok by the third Sat. of the month. (SCFMnewsletter@gmail.com, 100 Sandy Ridge Rd., State College, 16803).