

Friends Meeting Weekly Bulletin

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

First Day (Sunday), 12/19/2010

- 9:45 am Christmas Carol Sing – Bring your voices & instruments
- 10:00 am Meeting for Worship 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
Christmas pageant at rise of Meeting
- 12:20 pm Social Time
- 4:30 pm Pot Luck
- 6:00 pm Candlelight Worship

Fourth Day (Wednesday), 12/22/2010

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

Sixth Day (Friday), 12/24/2010

State College Friends School on Holiday Break

First Day (Sunday), 12/26/2010

No First Day School

- 10:00 am Meeting for Worship in Foxdale's Meeting Room
- 10:45 am First Day School
- 10:45 am Gather and settle for Family Worship.
- 11:00 am Meeting for Worship
- 12:20 pm Social Time

► **Upcoming Friendly Forum, 9:45 AM, Meeting Room, All Welcome December 19: Christmas caroling Attention-instrumentalists!** We need you to blow, strum, or otherwise add volume to the Christmas carol sing. Volunteers should arrive 20 minutes before sing-time for the hardest part-getting tuned. And you thought centering is tough! Christmas Pageant at rise of Meeting.

► The Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 **Weekly Bulletins** will be combined. Please have announcements in to office by 6 pm on **Wednesday, Dec. 23.**

► **Refreshments.** The **Potluck and Refreshments Committee** is responsible for refreshments and clean-up for the month of December. The Worship and Ministry Committee is responsible for the month of January.

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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. The Meeting secretary, is in the office Mon.-Fri., 5:30 -6:30 pm. She may be reached by phone at 237-7051 or e-mail, office@statecollegefriends.org. Please let her know of any scheduled meetings—or events in the buildings so 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.

Contact the Treasurer by email at [treasure.friends.meeting@gmail](mailto:treasure.friends.meeting@gmail.com)

▶ You may pick up your **Annual Appeal** letter from the Finance Committee from a box in the Social Room. Those envelopes remaining after Dec. 19 will be mailed 1st class.

▶ **Weis Gift Cards.** State College Friends Meeting greatly needs the \$1100 to \$1400 annual income from the Weis Gift card program. Dean Tuttle will continue to carry them. They are as simple to use as cash and the Meeting receives a percentage of each dollar spent.

▶ **State College Area Food Bank needs list:** grocery store gift cards (buy them from SCFM and donate to the Food Bank to benefit both groups); canned meat (Spam, chicken, corned beef, etc.); canned chili and beef stew; muffin mixes; tomato products (sauce, diced, stewed); bars of soap; cereal.

▶ **The Memorial Committee** would like to invite Friends to consider and complete the Meeting's Funeral or Memorial Service Preference Form. The form helps us to think about our preferences in advance and provides the Meeting with the necessary information to help carry out those wishes. Contact Laurie Jeffreys for more information. Forms are available in the Social Room and may be returned to members of the committee or in the contributions box in the foyer.

▶ **Making Global Connections.** Several international families and individuals are waiting to be matched in Global Connections' Friendship Program. If you would like to reach out by inviting them to share a family activity, cook a meal together, or attend a community event there is probably a good match for you. Two Korean scholars and their families would like to have local friends; they both have children (one with a 9 year-old and one with a girl, 7, and boy, 10). There are also three couples (Taiwanese, Korean, Indian) and many individuals hoping to be matched with community folks. The holidays are a busy time, but offer many opportunities for enjoying music, decorating, fixing special recipes, or just visiting together. Apply at www.globalconnections@ip.psu.edu or call 863-3927.

▶ **BYM Annual Session workshop applications** are now available for Aug. 2011 Sessions. Have you been working on a concern of interest to Friends that you would like to share? Are you ready to plan a two-hour presentation? Application forms are available at the BYM website, along with information about the 2011 theme. The deadline is February 20. <http://www.bym-rsf.org/quakers/annualsessions>. Ellen Arginteanu is Workshop Coordinator.

▶ It's easy to donate online to **American Friends Services Committee** at <http://afsc.org>. Read about their Heart and Hope projects in Washington, Palestinian West Bank and Gaza, Indonesia, and Chicago at: <http://afsc.org/heart-and-hope>.

Calendar and Upcoming Events

- Dec. 19** SCFM Carols, Christmas Play, Potluck and Candlelight Worship
- Dec. 26** SCFM Family Meeting for Worship. No First Day School.
- Dec. 27 PYM Young Friends Christmas Gathering, Dec. 27-30, Burlington Meeting House, NJ
- Jan. 2** SCFM Family Meeting for Worship. No First Day School.
- Jan. 9** BYM Monthly Pot-Luck and Dialogue *Traveling in Central Asia with Two Peace-Making Organizations* by Hayden Wetzel, William Penn House, DC
- Jan. 16, 23, 30** Quaker Quest first series, 4:00 -6:30 pm
- Jan. 22 BYM Friendly Adult Presence training, Langley Hill Mtg.
- Jan. 28-30 BYM Women's Retreat at Skycroft Conference Center, more information at <http://www.bymwomensretreat.org>
- Feb. 13, 20, 27** Quaker Quest repeated, 4:00-6:30 pm
- Feb. 26 BYM Leadership and Clerkship Training. Contact Laura Nell Obaugh at lauranell@att.net.

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.

► **Amazon Craft Sale moved to Dec. 19.** The second display and sale of Amazon handicrafts to benefit the Center for Amazon Community Ecology and its partner native communities in Peru and Brazil takes place Sunday, Dec. 19 from 12:30 - 2 pm. Center director Campbell Plowden thanks you for your understanding and support.. Contact Campbell at 238-5148 or cplowden@comcast.net.

► Friends General Conference Gathering of Friends Evening Program Overview

John Calvi, Mon., July 4, founder of the Quaker Initiative to End Torture.

Two Intergenerational Events, Wed. July 6: Evalyn Parry, word artist concurrent with community dancing with Demi Miller and Lynn Basham.

Winona LaDuke, Thur. July 7, author, program director of Honor the Earth, and a member of the Anishinaabeg (Ojibwe) nation.

Bruce Birchard, Fri. July 8, author & General Secretary of FGC since 1992.

► **Friends Journal, December 2010.** Away in a Manger - A Quaker Midrash by Charles David Kleymeyer. A Quaker fills in the gaps in the Nativity story, in a tale meant to be read aloud to openhearted listeners of all ages: <http://www.friendsjournal.org/away-manger-quaker-midrash>

Notices for the Weekly Bulletin should be sent to the Meeting office by Thurs., 6:00 pm. 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).