

Friends Meeting Weekly Bulletin

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

First Day (Sunday), 12/26/2010

No First Day School – No Friendly Forum

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

Fourth Day (Wednesday), 12/29/2010

- 4:30 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship, Foxdale, E-75

First Day (Sunday), 1/2/2011

No First Day School – No Friendly Forum

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

Fourth Day (Wednesday), 1/5/2011

- 4:30 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship, Foxdale, E-75

Sixth Day (Friday), 1/7/2011

- 8:45-9:15 am State College Friends School Meeting for Worship

First Day (Sunday), 1/9/2011

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

► **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.

► **Refreshments.** The **Worship and Ministry Committee** is responsible for refreshments and clean-up 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)

► **January Friendly Forums, 9:45 AM, Meeting Room, All Welcome**

January 16: Martin Melville will coordinate and/or lead a discussion about **Quaker communication in meeting**, based on the November, 2010 *Friends Journal*, page 18, entitled “**When Quakers Disagree**” by Arthur Meyer Boyd.

January 23: Martin Melville and/or others will follow up the January 16 discussion with a discussion about **creating a caring community**, based on the **pastoral care workshop** at Earlham School of Religion given last fall. The session on the 16th is not a prerequisite for this session, so feel free to attend on the 23rd even if you missed the 16th.

January 30: Lora Herbst will teach us some unfamiliar “new” **hymns** from the hymnals that relate to our February Friends Queries to be specified later.

► **Quaker Quest is on its way!** The first series of three meetings is coming up: January 16, 23, and 30, at 4 –6:30 pm, with refreshments preceding. Please plan to come and bring your neighbors and friends. Come to all the sessions if you can. The more meeting members and attenders are present to welcome visitors, the more effective our presentations will be, as visitors see us in the (nearly) full meetinghouse—and it will bring us to a closer, more loving community.

There’s a task for everyone. Please be present to the challenges, actions and prayers of preparing and presenting the repeated cycle of the Quaker Quest sessions involving all State College Meeting Friends and attenders. The second set of three presentations will be February 13, 20, 27—a repeat of the January set.

► **The Warmth and Welcoming working group** invites anyone and everyone for another round (or 2!) of painting in the meetinghouse. Our plans include getting two coats of paint on the walls in the Social Room and finishing up accent paint work in the meeting room during two work sessions – Wed., Dec. 29 and Thurs., Dec. 30, 1-4 pm. We can use help in many ways - painting, removing electrical plates and curtain hardware, taking down wall hangings/items on bulletin boards, providing opinions, sharing stories and good humor. No home improvement experience necessary. Please bring a ladder if you have one and wear old clothes! Childcare provided upon request. For questions, please contact Cynthia Bartok at 238-1323.

► **U.S. Senate votes to ratify the New START treaty.** AFSC and our supporters across the U.S. - including many of you - have worked tirelessly to make sure this treaty was negotiated, signed, and ratified. Thank you for helping this moment become a reality. Your calls, emails, letters to the editor, visits with senators and their staff, and your financial support, have all helped make this possible.

We look forward to working with you in the coming year to prevent the modernization of nuclear arsenals, to prepare the way for their complete abolition, and to cut military spending to meet urgent human needs.

► **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.

Calendar and Upcoming Events

- 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 SCFM Meeting for Worship for Business
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. 17 SCFM Peace & Social Action Committee, Foxdale E-75, 7 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.

COME DARKNESS, COME LIGHT
COME NEW STAR SHINING BRIGHT
COME LOVE TO THIS WORLD TONIGHT
ALLELUJAH

COME BROKEN, COME WHOLE
COME WOUNDED IN YOUR SOUL
COME ANY WAY THAT YOU KNOW
ALLELUJAH

---Mary Chapin Carpenter

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).