

Friends Meeting *Weekly Bulletin*

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

First Day (Sunday), 2/14/2010

- 9:30 am Secret Friends Breakfast
- 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), 2/17/2010

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

Sixth Day (Friday), 2/19/2010

- 8:45 am Friends School Meeting for Worship

Seventh Day (Saturday), 2/20/2010

- 1:30 pm Peace vigil Saturday, corner of College and Allen St.

First Day (Sunday), 2/21/2010

- 9:45 am Friendly Forum: Social & Economic Justice
- 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

► **Upcoming Friendly Forums and other activities before Worship; All welcome**

Feb. 14, 9:30 am: Secret Friends Breakfast. Pancakes and fun!

Feb. 21, 9:45 am: Paul Clark will discuss social and economic justice in our work lives.

Feb. 28, 9:45 am: Steve Althouse will present and display samples of his artwork.

► **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.**

► Please support the weekly **peace vigil**, every Saturday, 1:30-2:30 pm at the gates at the corner of Allen St. and College Ave.

State College Friends Meeting

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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 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 announcements, newsletter notification and bulletins by email,

► The Middle School-High School First Day School class is collecting items for the **American Friends Service Committee's Haiti Disaster Relief** programs. Please help by contributing any of the following items in small travel sizes. Place donations in our boxes in the hallway and in the social room. Donations will be collected through the end of February 2010.

Haiti Disaster Relief Kits: water purification tablets, candles, toothpaste, toothbrush, Band-aids, Bandages, bar soap, Tylenol or other pain reliever, hand sanitizer, washcloth and/or hand towel, comb (wide toothed), deodorant, anti-bacterial ointment, \$5 / kit for shipping to Haiti

Note: AFSC's aid to Haiti is being coordinated out of AFSC's Miami office.

► **Friends Committee on National Legislation Gives Information:** How would the president spend your 2011 tax dollars?

President Obama's proposed budget for fiscal year 2011 would devote more than 39.3 cents of each dollar to the military while spending a mere 1.7 cents of each dollar on diplomacy, development, and war prevention. Find out more about how the president would like to spend your tax dollars next year, at <http://action.fcnl.org/r/108648/74290/0>; and about FCNL's one-woman budget policy shop at <http://action.fcnl.org/r/108649/74290/0>

Visit our Peace & Social Action Committee's advocacy table in the social room after meeting for worship today and write your own letter to President Obama.

► **Committees of State College Friends Meeting.** To aid in communication and participation, the Nominating Committee will publish the descriptions of the Meeting's committee over the next several weeks.

Building and Grounds: Responsibilities include: 1. General maintenance and repairs of the building, sometimes on an emergency basis. 2. Maintenance of lawn mowing and snow removal equipment. 3. Maintenance of the grounds, including mowing the grass, removing snow and ice in the winter, weeding in the spring and summer, trimming bushes, ground cover and trees. 4. Participate in special work parties as scheduled. 5. Hand out and collect keys for building use. 6. Maintain Meeting apartment and monitor its use. 7. Long-range planning relative to facilities. Meets once a month and as needed. 8. Committee attempts to identify ways in which the Meeting can be environmentally conscious in its stewardship of our building and grounds.

► **Winter Play Day and Open House** – State College Friends School is hosting a Saturday Play Day and Open House for children and parents on Sat., Feb. 20, 9:30 to 11:30 am. The school's community room and Kindergarten k/1st grade classroom will be open for supervised active and imaginative play. School staff will be available to provide tours and answer questions. Contact 237-8386 or scfs@scfriends.org for more information.

► **Coffee at Friends School**, Thursday, February 25th –. Topic will be the philosophy and research behind the upper school program. 8:45 – 10:00 am.

Calendar and Upcoming Events

- Feb. 15** SCFM Peace & Social Action Committee, 7:30 pm in E-75 Foxdale
- Feb. 20** Free Winter Play Day, families with children age 3-7, 9:30-11:30 State College Friends School
- Feb. 20** Aging in the Light, a day of information and reflection on the issues of aging, Westchester PA. To register, contact Beth Lawn, 610-872-1522; concordquarter@verizon.net, by Feb. 13
- Mar. 6** Friends Conference on Unemployment. Contact Melissa Elliott at puddinriver@sprintmail.com or (215) 843-4827.
- Mar. 18-21** Annual Meeting of the Friends World Committee for Consultation, Reistertown, MD. Information: http://fwccamericas.org/events/2010_annual_meeting_info.shtml
- Mar. 26-28** PYM Annual Sessions “We Make the Road by Walking, Arch St. Meetinghouse, Philadelphi

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.statecollegefriendschool.org), Pendle Hill (www.pendlehill.org) for further info.

INTERFAITH MISSION UPDATE – January, 2010

Congregations Helping Neighbors in Need

Activity, November and December, 2009

Interfaith Mission helped 228 adults, 119 children in 157 households in November and 259 adults, 165 children in 170 households in December.

- \$43,890 for housing, utility, transportation, and medical assistance.
- 37 households were saved from being evicted from their homes.
- 18 households (homeless) were provided permanent housing.
- 5 households were provided with transportation assistance.
- 30 clients were helped through the Representative Payee Program.
- 14 clients were helped through the Money Management Program.
- 808 pieces of furniture were distributed to 88 households.

Furniture Recycling Program:

Blanket Drive – Your donations of new and used blankets are being accepted by Interfaith Mission to help your Centre County neighbors.

Furniture – Call 234-7731 to schedule the pick up of any furniture you wish to donate to Interfaith Mission. Volunteers are needed in February and March one day a week (Wednesday) for approximately 1-1/2 hours to help with furniture pick up. If you can help with this need, please call Interfaith Mission at the number noted above.

Helping Hands Program (Representative Payee and Money Management): Donations to this program help those who need counseling in stretching their Social Security and/or Disability income to meet basic needs. It also helps with counseling for families whose financial situation requires guidance in covering needs for food, shelter and clothing.

The Interfaith Mission Wishing Well Campaign:

Interfaith Mission thanks all of you who helped “ring the bells”. Donations were up over last year. We could not have done it without your help.

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).