

Friends Meeting *Weekly Bulletin*

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

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

Fourth Day (Wednesday), 2/24/2010

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

Sixth Day (Friday), 2/26/2010

- 8:45 am Friends School Meeting for Worship

Seventh Day (Saturday), 2/27/2010

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

First Day (Sunday), 2/28/2010

- 9:45 am Friendly Forum: Spiritually-Based Artwork
- 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
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► **Friendly Forums, 9:45 am, Meeting Room; All welcome.**

Feb. 21: Paul Clark will discuss social and economic **justice** in our work lives

Feb. 28: Steve Althouse will present samples of his spiritually based **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**.

► There will be a **Memorial Meeting for Worship for Jane Madsen** at the Foxdale Village auditorium on Sat., Feb. 27 at 2:00 p.m. Friends are encouraged to attend.

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, send a message to office@statecollegefriends.org.

► **Baby Welcome** for Isabella (Bartok Olson) and Christopher (Van Ogtrop Glenny) will be held Sat., Feb. 27, at the Meetinghouse. Short worship at 4:30. Pot luck at 5:00. All invited.

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

► 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.

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

Nominating (must be a member): This group seeks to fill positions on other Meeting committees through a spiritually-based process of careful discernment. Its goal is to match willing representatives to the tasks and duties of our religious community, while bearing in mind the good of the Meeting, the committees, and the individual. *(The Worship and Ministry Committee appoints two members each year.)*

Care and Concern (must be a member):

Pastoral care and counseling of the Meeting membership are the responsibility of this committee. Members take a personal interest in the spiritual and physical welfare of each member of the Meeting. The C&C committee arranges for clearness committees for membership, marriage, and discernment, and assists the Memorial Committee in arranging Memorial meetings. The committee also seeks to provide conflict resolution to reconcile differences that may arise between/among members of the monthly Meeting. The committee meets monthly and members are appointed for three years. *(The Nominating Committee appoints three members to this committee each year.)*

► **Friends Committee on National Legislation URGES us to sign Petition to Oppose More Money for War.** Congress will vote soon to approve another \$33 billion for the U.S. war in Afghanistan. Show your opposition to more war spending by signing FCNL's petition, which asks members of Congress to support a smart exit strategy from Afghanistan. **Go to:** <http://action.fcnl.org/r/109103/74290/0> to sign. Then, ask three friends to sign as well: <http://action.fcnl.org/r/109104/74290/0>. Help us reach our goal of 5,000 signatures by March 19th, the anniversary of the Iraq War! **OR: COME TO OUR ADVOCACY TABLE IN THE SOCIAL ROOM TO SIGN THE PETITION AND LETTERS ON OTHER ISSUES.**

Calendar and Upcoming Events

- Mar. 6** Friends Conference on Unemployment. Contact Melissa Elliott at puddinriver@sprintmail.com or (215) 843-4827.
- Mar. 7** SCFM Meeting for Worship for Business
- Mar. 15** SCFM Peace & Social Action Committee, 7:30 pm, Foxdale E-75
- 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, Philadelphia

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.

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

► **Second Mile Friend Fitness Program** helping youth develop inner & outer strength. The Second Mile Friend Fitness Program is looking for volunteers who are interested in working with youth in a 1-on-1 mentoring relationship. Friend Fitness is an individualized strength training program designed to help students reach fitness goals and to provide support in working on personal goals in other areas of life. We are looking for enthusiastic individuals who are committed to having a positive impact on the life of a teenager. Becoming a mentor does not require past experience in strength training or with mentoring youth. We provide individualized training for each mentor in the areas of workout regimen, communication, and adolescent development. The key tool that a mentor must bring to the program is a willingness to care consistently. We would love to have you come for a visit and see what Friend Fitness is all about! For more information, contact Virginia Meadows at 814-237-1719 or via email at virginia@thesecondmile.org.

“If fighting is inconsistent with an ideal society, then fighting will not bring the ideal society. A spiritual result is produced by spiritual means and a material result by material means. If war is evil, as almost everyone admits, then it can not be the right way to produce a good result.”

--Howard Brinton

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).