

Friends Meeting *Weekly Bulletin*

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

First Day (Sunday), 2/7/2010

- 9:00 am Meeting for Worship for Business
- 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 Potluck

Fourth Day (Wednesday), 2/10/2010

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

Sixth Day (Friday), 2/12/2010

- 8:45 am Friends School Meeting for Worship

Seventh Day (Saturday), 2/13/2010

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

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

► **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 the Employee Free Choice Act.

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, send a message to office@statecollegefriends.org

► 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. Thank you!

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.

► ***FCNL Update: What if the Pentagon Decided to Prevent War?***

This week, the Department of Defense released its [Quadrennial Defense Review \(QDR\)](#), a central part of Pentagon planning that shapes how the U.S. military approaches the world. Remarkably, the 2010 QDR highlights "prevention" as a core priority for national security. The QDDR will include five principal sections, of which one, Preventing and Responding to Crises and Conflicts, directly addresses the need for the kinds of civilian capacities that FCNL has been advocating to help prevent and mitigate deadly conflict. Additionally, we understand that the State Department and USAID were directed by the White House that they should "lead with prevention" in their planning.

If you would like to learn more about how you can support our government's efforts to prevent deadly conflict, visit the advocacy table in the social room where you can access the FCNL website or write a letter to your representative. (Peace and Social Action Committee)

► **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.

Advancement and Outreach: The committee seeks to nurture inquirers and attenders within the Meeting community and to inform those in the larger State College area about our Meeting and its activities. To reach out and develop the spirit of the meeting, the committee coordinates workshops and seeker groups, and provides literature for newcomers. Its members take responsibility for greeting visitors/attenders prior to Meeting for Worship and, afterwards, answers questions of newcomers and introduces them to other members. It also coordinates Website development and the meeting photo board. Meets monthly.

Calendar and Upcoming Events

- Feb. 12-15. Midwinter Gathering of Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns.** Contact nymidwinter@gmail.com or <http://sites.google.com/site/midwinter2010>
- Feb. 14 SCFM Secret Friends Breakfast**
- 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, 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.

► **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/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.

► **Free Children's Concert** - The award-winning duo *Two of a Kind* will perform a free concert for families and children of all ages on Sat., Feb. 13 at 11:00 am. in the Community Room of the State College Friends School. *Two of a Kind* performances feature songs, puppets, movement, and stories. All are welcome. Donations of food items or funds for the State College Food Bank will be accepted. Call 237-8386 for more information.

► **Climate Change, Climate Justice, Lessons from Copenhagen.**, Sat., Feb. 13, 2:30 pm, Schlow Library, Community Rm. Hear the reflections of 3 Penn State professors who were there. The panelists are Donald Brown, Environmental Ethics; Nancy Tuana, Rock Ethics Institute; and Petra Tschakert, Earth and Environmental Systems Institute.

► **Magician Jep Hostetler to Perform at University Mennonite Church,** 1606 Norma Street, State College. The church will host an evening celebration of joy and laughter entitled "The Joy Factor," an hour-long presentation which include stories, magic, poetry and humor for all ages. For more information visit <http://www.universitymennonite.org/worship/106-jep-hostetler-program-the-joy-factor> or call 814-234-8839.

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).