

Friends Meeting *Weekly Bulletin*

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

First Day (Sunday), 1/17/2010

- 9:45 am Friendly Forum (see below)
- 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

Second Day (Monday), 1/18/2010

- 9:00 am Martin Luther King Day Worship (see below)
- 1:00 pm King in Montgomery performance at the Friends School

Fourth Day (Wednesday), 1/20/2010

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

Sixth Day (Friday), 1/22/2010

- 8:45 am Friends School Meeting for Worship

Seventh Day (Saturday), 1/23/2010

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

First Day (Sunday), 1/24/2010

- 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

► **Friendly Forums and other 9:45 AM activities; All are welcome**

Jan. 17: Martin Melville will lead a **worship sharing** session on the State of Meeting for State College Monthly Meeting.

Jan. 24: Rebecca Plummer will lead a dynamic presentation about her work in **Guatemala** and respond to questions.

Jan. 31: Membership Breakfast (food for thought and consumption).

► **Martin Luther King Day.** The Meeting community is invited to attend a special meeting for worship in honor of Martin Luther King Day, Mon., Jan. 18 at the Meetinghouse, 9:00-10:00 AM. This meeting for worship is sponsored by the State College Friends School and the entire school will be there.

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.

► **Secret Friends** sign up is on the white board in the community room. If you would like to be a Secret Friend from Feb. 1st through the breakfast on Feb. 14th to a younger Friend, or as a younger Friend get a chance to meet an adult Friend please sign up now through Jan. 24th. For questions contact Peg Hansen 349 5908 or hansen.peg@gmail.com

► **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.**

► **1A Friends School Conversation, Jan. 24.** Friends are invited to join State College Friends School Head Dan Hendey and members of the Quaker Life Committee (Meeting members and Friends School parents and staff) for an informal conversation about the school. What do you know of the school? What are your impressions of how we are doing in providing an education that is consistent with Quaker testimonies? Do you have any questions?

We would also like to use this occasion to hear Friends' perspectives about the school and to explore ways of strengthening the Meeting-School connection. Please bring your ideas and any suggestions.

Please come for a (rescheduled) conversation on Sunday, January 24 at 1 pm (after refreshments) in the Meeting Room of the Meetinghouse. Child care will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

► **Friends Committee on National Legislation Urges Us to Support Haiti with Humanitarian Help:** The U.S. and the world community are mobilizing to respond to the devastating earthquake that hit Haiti last Tuesday. That quake reportedly has killed upwards of 100,000 people and destroyed large parts of the country. All of us will be looking for ways to support those organizations working on the ground in Haiti to respond to this tragedy. Work in Haiti will not be enough, though.

Here in the United States, the administration should also immediately act to halt its deportation of Haitians, release those Haitians currently in detention centers, and give them a way to survive temporarily in this country. The administration can do this by granting Haitians in this country Temporary Protected Status, which would halt deportations and permit Haitians already in the United States to live and work here.

Because of the economic crisis in Haiti, FCNL has been lobbying for nearly a year for Temporary Protected Status for Haitians here in the United States. Now the need is even more urgent.

***Take Action*:** Please send a letter to President Obama and send copies to your representative urging the U.S. government to immediately act to grant Temporary Protected Status to Haitian immigrants: <http://action.fcnl.org/r/105618/74290/0>. Encourage three friends to take action as well: <http://action.fcnl.org/r/105619/74290/0>.

VISIT OUR ADVOCACY TABLE IN THE SOCIAL ROOM FOR HELP IN WRITING YOUR ACTION LETTERS. (Peace & Social Action Committee)

► 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.

► **Hay Bales wanted!!** In anticipation of the next big snowfall, the Middle School and High School FDS class would welcome donations of 3 or 4 small hay bales so they can build a sledding jump on the hill for the Meeting's kids. Please contact Yuri Plowden: yplowden@hotmail.com.

Calendar and Upcoming Events

Jan. 18 SCFM Peace & Social Action Committee, 7:30 pm in E-75 Foxdale

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.

► Upcoming State College Friends School Events

Free Winter Play Days – On Saturdays (Feb. 20 and March 13) from 9:30 to 11:30 AM the Friends School is hosting Play Days for children from 3-7 years old. The school's Community Room and a classroom will be open for supervised active and imaginative play. This is a great opportunity to bring a friend to the school and enjoy a morning out of the cold. Refreshments and snacks will be served. All are welcome.

Sing with King – The Meeting community is invited to participate in the King Chorus at our annual production of *King in Montgomery: 10 Years in the Non-Violent Civil Rights Movement*. This is an uplifting and moving performance that needs your voice to come alive. Previous choir experience is not necessary, only the desire to sing out. Rehearsal today, 1-3 pm, at the School Library.

► **Midwinter Gathering of Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns, Feb. 12-15.** With a theme of “*Stitching our quilts – Waving our banners*”, the Gathering will be held at the Graymoor Spiritual Life Center in New York's Hudson valley. Contact: nymidwinter@gmail.com or see <http://sites.google.com/site/midwinter2010>.

► **Friends Conference on Unemployment.** Join us for a day-long conference for unemployed Friends and attenders and their supporters who are trying to help. **Sat., March 6, 9 am - 3:30 pm.** at Burlington Conference Center in N.J. Contact Melissa Elliott at puddinriver@sprintmail.com or (215) 843-4827.

► The **PYM Middle East Working Group** is organizing a trip to Israel/Palestine June 7-30 and hopes to have 10 Friends ages 18-35 come along to learn more about peace efforts in the region. Funding assistance is available. If interested, please contact Mr. Sandy Rae, Clerk of the Middle East Working Group, at drsandyrea@hotmail.com or (856)829-9657 or go to http://www.pym.org/education/yaf/2009-06_Israel-Palestine_cover_letter.pdf.

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).