

Friends Meeting Weekly Bulletin

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

First Day (Sunday), 6/27/2010

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

Fourth Day (Wednesday), 6/30/2010

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

First Day (Sunday), 7/4/2010

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

►► **July 11, Friendly Forum**, 9:45 AM, Meeting Room, All Welcome.

Deep Listening revisited: The June 13 session was so successful that we decided to do another over the summer. These sessions are opportunities to listen deeply within ourselves as we prepare in advance to answer the query presented, and to listen deeply to others as they share what their own listening has uncovered. As with Quaker Quest, speaking is timed. As with worship-sharing, each person speaks from his/her experience. Melady Kehm will lead another deep listening session on the following query: *What happens—or what do I think should happen—for me in meeting for worship?* We will break into groups of about four and proceed as follows:

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| Each person in group responds to query (5 min. ea.) | 20 mins. |
| Silent reflection for each group | 10 mins. |
| Second speaking in group to share any new thoughts (3 mins. ea.) | 12 mins. |
| All groups gather as one to share today's experience | 15 mins. |
| Close with silent worship | 3 mins. |

It is important to think about this topic before July 11 in order to speak to it within the time. Try to arrive by 9:35 and be sitting down, ready for worship at 9:45. Like the Fort Myers, FL meeting, our meeting found our first session to be moving and deeply spiritual as we listened to the testimonies of other Friends.

► **Religious Education activities:** making a spider web.

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 <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.

► **Quakerism 101 for Families** will be held August 2-5 from 5:30 to 7:30pm.. It will begin at 5:30 with a simple, kid friendly supper provided by Judy. Dorothy Habecker will lead the children in activities related to Quaker principles; child care will be provided for toddlers and infants; while meeting members will lead adults in small group discussions of Quaker principles and practices, as they pertain, although not exclusively, on parenting. All attenders and members are welcome. We hope to share the spirit of peace and life while living with each other.

Please RSVP to the group if you are planning to attend, with an estimate of the number of adults and children and dates. Contact Andrei Israel, Polly Dunn, Doris Malkmus, or Kerry Weissman if you have questions.

► **Who's that at the Meetinghouse?** Next week, you may wonder what's going on at the Meetinghouse if you pass by! From July 2-4, meeting members will be hosting their family reunion at the Meetinghouse, and from July 6-8, a meeting member will be hosting a visiting family's RV.

► **BYM Website Survey Needs Your Opinions!** The web site for the Yearly Meeting is being redesigned. Now is the time for you to have an impact on the new site. Please complete the questionnaire on the current home page, <http://bym-rsf.org>, or at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DRSYZY6>

► **Africa Great Lakes Initiative needs cell phones!** The Healing and Rebuilding Our Communities project is developing an Early Warning System for the elections to be held in late July in Burundi. They want to provide citizen monitors with cell phones to be able to quickly report issues. The project is seeking donations of specific equipment or funds. Contact David Zarembka, mdave@aglifpt.org.

► **AFSC appoints Shan Cretin as new General Secretary.** She will begin in that role this September. She is the current director of the AFSC's Pacific Southwest Region, and formerly served as Clerk of Pacific Yearly Meeting. While appointing Shan, the Board approved a minute that commended her "gifts of leadership, flexibility, and strategic grasp." We have confidence that Shan will offer clear leadership and a sense of direction which is accompanied by a collaborative approach that draws on the wisdom of staff, people with whom we partner, and volunteers. For more information, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/2gyvqs4>.

► **State College Area Food Bank** .On May 22, the Food Bank held their 2nd annual plant giveaway, helping clients to grow their own vegetables this summer. You can now donate online by clicking the "Donate Now" button at <http://foodbank.centreconnect.org>; keep up with news and needs on Facebook (just search for "State College Area Food Bank"); or sign up to receive their electronic newsletter by sending an email to: statecollegefoodbank@gmail.com.
Current needs: Grocery gift cards (purchase through the Meeting and

contribute to the Meeting as well), dried fruit, canned chili or pasta, dry pasta, pasta sauces, canned corn, muffin or quick bread mixes, flour, evaporated milk, Jello and bath soap (especially for sensitive skin).

▶ The secretary will be on vacation June 28 through July 5. This is a combined issue of the Weekly Bulletin for June 27 and July 4.

▶ **"The Written Test"** a new article from Friends Journal on reflecting on , and sharing the experience of living a Quaker life. Read it online at:

<http://www.friendsjournal.org/written-test>

Calendar and Upcoming Events

July 4-10 – Friends General Conference Annual Gathering. A week-long festival of Friends at Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio. For details check the FGC website.

(www.fgcquaker.org/gathering)

Aug. 2-4 BYM Annual Sessions, Frostburg, MD

Sept. 21 World Council of Churches Day of Prayer for Peace. More information: <http://www.overcomingviolence.org/en/about-dov/international-day-of-prayer-for-peace.html>

Oct 16 Mark your calendars now for **Quaker Quest** full day training. Plan ahead and we can have a large turn out to prepare for Quaker Quest in January. Find out more about it: <http://www.fgcquaker.org/quakerquest>

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.

▶ **Baltimore Yearly Meeting Annual Gathering.** Would you like some family time surrounded by others who have similar values and seeking along similar paths? Would you like your children to meet and get to know through Friendly activities other children and who identify as Quakers? Consider coming to Baltimore Yearly Meeting Annual Gathering at Frostburg University August 2 to 8th, early registration ends June 28th. You do not have to be a member of BYM. There is a scholarship for first timers and there are work grants --especially in the nursery. (Contact Ellen Johnson Arginteanu). More information at <http://bym-rsf.org/quakers/pubs/interchange/Spring2010.pdf>

**Quaker Quest is an affirmation of
the Quaker way as a spiritual path
for our time—a path that is
simple, radical and contemporary.**

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).