

State College

Friends Meeting Weekly Bulletin

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

First Day (Sunday), 6/6/2010

- 9:30 am Meeting for Worship for Business
- 10:00 am Meeting for Worship 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 Pot Luck Picnic - End of First Day School Celebration

Fourth Day (Wednesday), 6/9/2010

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

First Day (Sunday), 6/13/2010

- 9:45 am Friendly Forum: Deep Listening (see below)
- 10:00 am Meeting for Worship in Foxdale's Meeting Room
- 10:45 am Gather and settle for Worship
- 11:00 am Family Meeting for Worship
- 12:20 pm Social Time

► **Potluck Celebration of the End of First Day School, June 6.** Potluck this month will be a picnic celebrating the last day of First Day School. The First day School will provide the meat and tofu burgers, everyone is asked to bring picnic fare and desserts to share, along with blankets to spread out on the lawn. We will have tables and accessible eating places for those who do not want to eat on the ground.

Come celebrate a wonderful year of religious education with the children as we have our monthly potluck.

► **Fund in Support of Laura (Melville) and David Carver.** Several people in Meeting have asked Care & Concern to start a fund for travel expenses for Laura (Melville) and David Carver for their trips to Geisinger to be with their new daughter Kaitlin. Kaitlin was in a hurry to arrive and will need to stay at Geisinger for about 6 more weeks. Care & Concern will make a contribution to the fund. Others wishing to donate can give the funds to Lynne Grutzeck or another member of Care & Concern. They can also put their contribution in the contribution box in the meeting house with Geisinger or Kaitlin Travel Expenses on the envelope or memo line.

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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.

► **Upcoming Friendly Forum, 9:45 am, Meeting Room, All Welcome**
June 13: Deep Listening—“Friends who have attended these Deep Listening sessions have found them a deeply moving spiritual experience as we delved into our own hearts and minds for answers and listened carefully to the thoughts and feelings of others.” That’s what the Fort Myers, Fla., Monthly Meeting newsletter had to say about their Deep Listening adult RE program. The program borrows something from Quaker Quest (timed-speaking to queries) and something from worship sharing (each person speaks from her or his experience). On June 13, **Melady Kehm** will facilitate a Deep Listening session on the query, “**What is your understanding of God?**” We will break down into groups of about four, and each person will speak to their group for five minutes, followed by brief silent reflection. Then Friends come back into the larger gathering to share their experiences. It is important to think about this topic before June 13 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. This forum is the last planned before September.

► **AmeriCorps Furniture-Mover Position at Interfaith Mission.** If someone in your congregation has recently graduated from high school or college and would like to take a year to give back to the community, they are welcomed to apply. The applicant must be at least 18 years of age, have a valid drivers license and be able to do heavy lifting. Some of the benefits for college graduates are deferral of student loans and at the end of the year of service \$4,700 is forgiven. If you know someone that would be interested they can apply at the AmeriCorps website. www.americorps.gov.

► **Making summer plans? *BYM* Camp Registration Continues!**
There are still spots available at all three of Baltimore Yearly Meeting’s camps. Your child can join other Friends from around the Yearly Meeting, and beyond, in the beautiful mountain settings of our camps. For full information and to register, visit the *BYM* Camps website: www.bymcamps.org.

► **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; the children clamor to return to this gathering year after year, bringing their families with them. Would you like to have time to yourself and time with your family and with others? 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 Baltimore Yearly Meeting. There is a scholarship for first timers and there are work grants --especially in the nursery. (Ellen Johnson Arginteanu is nursery coordinator, you can talk with her regarding this incredible deal.)

Calendar and Upcoming Events

June 12 Friends School Yard Sale

June 13 First Day School closing celebration at rise of Meeting

June 21 Peace & Social Action Committee 7:30 pm in E-75 Foxdale.

June 19 – BYM Interim Meeting. Seneca Valley Preparative Meeting and Friends Meeting School, 10:00 am, (3232 Green Valley Road, Ijamsville, MD 21754)

July 4-10 Friend General Council Gathering, Bowling Green, Ohio

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 at: <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.

June 6 – BYM Nottingham Quarterly Meeting. Nottingham Quarter will gather at the Ballance Friends Meeting House. For more information, contact Charles Hilaman; (717)529-1263; crhilaman@epix.net

June 6 – BYM Centre Quarterly Meeting. Centre Quarter will gather at Dunnings Creek Friends Meeting. Included in the plans is a celebration of the reunification of Dunnings Creek and Fishertown Meetings. Contact Susan Williams, (814)839-2952; thesusanwilliams@gmail.com

June 6 – The history of Washington Parks and People at William Penn House! What does green space mean to you? Steve Coleman will relate his nearly 20 years of work with Washington Parks and People and how he finds inspiration in Quakerism for his work trying to reconnect people with the land. Potluck will begin at 6:00 pm (515 East Capital Street SE, Washington, DC 20003) More information at: www.WilliamPennHouse.org

June 11-13 – BYM Parents of Teens Conference at Catoctin Quaker Camp If you are the parent of a teenager, we have lots to talk about! Come spend the weekend discussing issues faced in the raising of Young Friends. Organized like a Young Friends conference, there will be workshops, play, cooking, and spiritual renewal. Check the BYM website for more information or contact Alison Duncan, Youth Secretary. (youthsec@bym-rsf.org)

June 11-13 – Dayspring Silent Retreat. Come rest and refresh yourself at the Silent Retreat at Dayspring Retreat Center at 11301 Neelsville Church Road, Germantown, MD 20876. Beginning at 4 pm on the 11th and running to the afternoon of the 13th, the cost of the Retreat is \$190. Contact Jean Christianson. (410-544-1912 or jschristianson@gmail.com)

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).