

# Friends Meeting Weekly Bulletin

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

First Day (Sunday), 5/30/2010

- 10:00 am Meeting for Worship in Foxdale's Meeting Room  
No First Day School.
- 10:45 am Gather and settle for Worship
- 11:00 am Family Meeting for Worship
- 12:20 pm Social time

Fourth Day (Wednesday), 6/2/2010

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

Seventh Day (Saturday), 6/5/2010

No Peace vigil

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

► **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.

***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](mailto: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](mailto:office@statecollegefriends.org).

► **Friends Committee on National Legislation Update: A world free from nuclear weapons.** The most powerful countries in the U.N. have reaffirmed their commitment to "general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control." In 20 years, no U.S. president has explicitly stated our treaty commitment to eliminating nuclear weapons, nor has the goal of nuclear disarmament had the kind of national and global support that it has today. To realize the vision of a world free from nuclear weapons, Congress must get on board. Write your Senators today asking them to ratify the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. Your voice and your Senators are key in accomplishing this goal. At the rise of meeting, letters and the FCNL website are available at the advocacy table in the social room if you feel lead to support the ratification. (Peace & Social Action Committee)

► New article available from **Friends Journal on the web:** "How We're Doing: an update" As regular readers of FRIENDS JOURNAL will recall, at the beginning of December 2009, they asked whether it might be time to lay down the magazine. Here's a summary of the response and future plans: <http://www.friendsjournal.org/how-we-re-doing-update>

► **From American Friends Service Committee:** On Sunday morning at 10:06 am, the Memorial Day weekend will be punctuated with the passing of a stunning milestone. At that moment, U.S. taxpayers will have spent \$1 trillion on operational expenses for the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. Read AFSC's op-ed in Huffington Post on what a trillion dollars means to all of us: [http://support.afsc.org/site/R?i=p3IUsXmEF\\_Ghy3iyusobUA](http://support.afsc.org/site/R?i=p3IUsXmEF_Ghy3iyusobUA).

► **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 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](http://www.americorps.gov).

► **BYM Camp Catoctin** half-time caretaker position available: <http://www.bym-rsf.org/quakers/staff/caretaker-announce.pdf>

► **Upper Susquehanna Quarter!** Come one, come all, to Quarterly Meeting at beautiful Hills Creek State Park on June 6! Some of us will be camping for the weekend as we enjoy fellowship with Friends and many fun activities in the beautiful outdoors there. On Sunday we will worship together, share a meal and fellowship, and attend to business in the afternoon. It promises to be a great weekend of fellowship with Friends, and another good opportunity to worship with Friends from throughout our region.

► **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.)

► **Local forum on energy and climate change.** Friends are invited to attend a forum on national security, energy, natural resources and climate change sponsored by the National Wildlife Federation on **June 1st** from 6-8:30pm at the Days Inn Penn Sate, 240 S. Pugh Street, State College. Speakers include a military strategist from the US Army War College, director of conservation Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources, PA insurance director, president of Envinity, a local green building firm and a partner of Fly Fishers Paradise, a local fly-fishing shop. The evening promises a deeper understanding of the interconnected issues we continue to face.

► **Second Mile “Community Fun Festival”** Flyer and registration form available from [office@statecollegefriends.org](mailto:office@statecollegefriends.org)

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### Calendar and Upcoming Events

**June 3 Friends School Graduation**

**June 6 BYM Centre Quarterly Meeting, at Dunning's Creek Meeting**

**June 11-13 BYM Conference for Parents of Teens at Catoclin**

**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)

**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](http://www.bym-rsf.org)), PYM ([www.pym.org](http://www.pym.org)), USQM ([usqm.org](http://usqm.org)), SCFM ([statecollegefriends.org](http://statecollegefriends.org)), State College Friends School, FGC ([fgcquaker.org](http://fgcquaker.org)) ([www.statecollegefriendsschool.org](http://www.statecollegefriendsschool.org)), Pendle Hill ([www.pendlehill.org](http://www.pendlehill.org)) for further info.

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