

Friends Meeting Weekly Bulletin

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

First Day (Sunday), 10/24/2010

- 9:45 am Friendly Forum: Contemporary Songs of the Spirit
- 10:00 am Meeting for Worship in Foxdale's Meeting Room
- 10:45 am Gather and settle for Worship.
- 11:00 am Meeting for Worship
- 12:20 pm Social Time

Fourth Day (Wednesday), 10/27/2010

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

Sixth Day (Friday), 10/29/2010

- 8:45-9:15 am Friends School Meeting for Worship

First Day (Sunday), 10/31/2010

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Upcoming Friendly Forums, 9:45 AM, Meeting Room, All Welcome.

October 24: Contemporary Songs of the Spirit. Asher Evans and others will teach participants some modern music with spiritual themes. All, especially younger people, are encouraged to bring along musical instruments and to contact Asher (gne101@psu.edu) about songs you know or would like to learn

October 31: Uranium Mining and Indigenous Peoples. Denise DeGeorge will lead a presentation and discussion about uranium mining in this country and elsewhere, and its social implications. Quakers have long had concern for the well-being of Native Americans. Most don't know what has happened to their land and water as a result of uranium mining. Add to your knowledge so you can add to your caring."

► **Friends Committee on National Legislation's staff person, Tim Barner**, will be speaking about the work of the FCNL on Wed., Oct. 27, in Earlham House (in Neighborhood E) at Foxdale Village. All are welcome.

► **Refreshments. The Newsletter and Nominating Committees** are responsible for refreshments and clean-up for the month of October.

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. The Meeting secretary, is in the office Mon.-Fri., 5:30 -6:30 pm. She may be reached by phone at 237-7051 or e-mail, office@statecollegefriends.org. Please let her know of any scheduled meetings or events in the buildings so 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.

Contact the Treasurer by email at [treasure.friends.meeting@gmail](mailto:treasure.friends.meeting@gmail.com)

► **From Care and Concern.** Join the **Friendly Hands**, and have opportunities to express our community's caring in action.. On the sign-up form is a list of tasks. If you check a task, you will be called once in a while to help. However, **you are not obligated** to accept the task at any given time. There is no age limit to volunteering.

► **Advancement & Outreach** will have a draft of a **picture directory** out in the Social Room for updates and corrections. If you have a photo of yourself (or your family) that you would like us to use in the directory, please send it to Katy Cleary at katypeckcleary@gmail.com.

► **Weis Gift Cards.** State College Friends Meeting greatly needs the \$1100 to \$1400 annual income from the Weis Gift card program. Dean Tuttle will continue to carry them. They are as simple to use as cash and the Meeting receives a percentage of each dollar spent.

► **Friends Committee on National Legislation Take Action Now Alert: Pentagon Spending: The Candidates Are Listening.** The final weeks leading to the mid-term congressional election are a time when candidates listen closely to voters.

Please use our website to send a message to the major candidates running for the House seat in your area: <http://tinyurl.com/fcnl-10-21-2010>. **Let them know that people in their district want Congress to stop pouring money into war strategies and start investing in our communities at home.**

Why write a letter now? Cutting the federal budget deficit will be at the top of the congressional agenda next year. Unlike in the past, when Pentagon spending has been exempt from the chopping block, this year the deficit commission is considering significant cuts in Pentagon spending.

Yet corporations that do business with the military and their supporters are again arguing the Pentagon spending should be off limits – and that all the cuts should come out of domestic spending and other work that the government does. The deficit commission will present its report to Congress this December.

Take Action: Urge the candidates who want to represent you to put Pentagon spending on the table when Congress looks at ways to cut the budget deficit in 2011.

► **Pennsdale Meeting** will host a workshop addressing the **dilemma of economic growth and sustainability**. Our economy is based on continuous expansion of production and consumption. Yet, the globe is running out of resources. Water is scarce. Energy has become a limited resource. This workshop will consider what it is about our economy that is causing this to happen and what we might do in response. It will be held Sun., Oct. 24, 1:30 pm. The leader will be Ed Dreby, founding member of Quaker Eco Witness, Quaker Eco Bulletin, and the Friends Testimonies and Economics project.

► **Would you like to learn how to peacefully deal with daily conflicts? Improve your cooperation or communication skills?** The **Alternatives to Violence Project** is offering a 3-day workshop Oct. 29-31. AVP is an experiential program, helping people to transform their lives through personal understanding, affirmation, community building, conflict resolution and cooperation. The workshop will be held on Fri. from 5:30-9:30pm; Sat. from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM; and Sun. from 1:00-5:00 pm at the Friends Meeting. Participants are expected to attend all sessions. Meals will be provided. The cost for the weekend is \$30 and scholarships are available. Contact: AVPworkshop@gmail.com. Advance registration is required.

Calendar and Upcoming Events .

- Oct. 24** State College Crop Walk, St. Paul's United Methodist, 1:30 pm
Oct. 28-Nov. 1 Quaker Earth Care Witness Annual Gathering, Houston, TX
Oct. 29-31 PYM Middle School Fiends weekend, Burlington, NJ
Nov. 7 **SCFM Meeting for Worship for Business**
Nov. 7 **Friends School SPICES Gala**, 4-7 pm, Atherton Hotel
Nov. 11-14 FCNL Annual Meeting, *Building on a Firm Foundation*, Wash. DC
Nov. 22 **SCFM Peace & Social Action Committee, 7 pm, E75 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.statecollegefriendsschool.org), Pendle Hill (www.pendlehill.org) for further info.

► **SPICES of Life Gala for State College Friends School.**

Please join us for the SPICES Gala, Sunday, Nov. 7, 4-7 pm at the Atherton Hotel, 125 S. Atherton St., State College. The evening will include fresh, locally prepared foods and beverages by the Atherton Hotel, Enchanted Kitchen, Harrison's, Dos Locos, Grace Pilato, Mike and Joanne Green and more! Music by Andy Tolins and friends. Silent auction featuring artwork, goods, and services from local community members and businesses. Tickets are priced on a sliding scale, suggested range \$40-\$60 per person. RSVP 237-8286 or lorip@scfriends.org .

► **PFLAG Thanksgiving Dinner.** Parents, Families, & Friends of Lesbians and Gays invites members of the Meeting to join a Thanksgiving dinner in support of the Lesbian and Gay student community. The dinner will start at 6 pm. For more information or if you would like to help or donate, contact Beth at 237-9711 or eshire@juno.com.

► There is still room for middle school Friends at the **PYM Middle School Halloween weekend** in Burlington, NJ. Contact the office for more info.

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).