

Friends Meeting Weekly Bulletin

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

First Day (Sunday), 9/5/2010

- 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), 9/8/2010

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

Sixth Day (Friday), 9/10/2010

- 8:45 am Friends School Meeting for Worship

First Day (Sunday), 9/12/2010

- 9:00 am Meeting for Worship for Business
- 10:00 am Meeting for Worship in Foxdale's Meeting Room
- 10:45 am First Day School opens. Register now!
- 10:45 am Gather and settle for Worship. Childcare in Education Wing
- 11:00 am Meeting for Worship
- 12:20 pm Pot Luck (The usual soup will not be available)

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

September 19: Deep Listening revisited: The June 13 session was so successful that we decided to do another this fall. 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. each) | 20 mins. |
| Silent reflection for each group---- | 10 mins. |
| 2nd speaking in group to share any new thoughts (3 min. each) | 12 mins. |
| All groups gather as one to share today's experience | 15 mins. |
| Close with silent worship | 3 mins. |

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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)

Upcoming Friendly Forums (cont.)

Sept. 19 (cont.)

It is important to think about this topic **before** September 19 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 Friend.

September 26: Gospel Order. The seminar on Gospel Order that was cancelled last May will be led by **Martin Melville** on this date. You will likely find that this forum will be more interesting and challenging than the name may suggest.

October 10: Quaker Quest Forum. There will be a Friendly Forum about upcoming Quaker Quests. Please note this is October 10, not October 2 as indicated earlier. **Dana Mitra** and others in the Quaker Quest group will lead this session, which is designed to prepare us for the upcoming October 16 session.

▶ **Weis Gift Cards.** To benefit SC Friends Meeting, purchase Weis gift cards in multiples of \$25. 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

▶ There will be a **welcoming party for Kaitlin Carver** (Martin & Judy Melvilles's new grand daughter) at the Carver residence on Ciderpress Rd. Sept. 12 after the rise of meeting (1-ish). Thanks for all your prayers and generosity towards Kaitlin. Questions: Judy 441-2621..

▶ **The Iraq War is Not Over Yet.** Last [week], President Obama announced that the combat mission in Iraq is over. Although this is an important step, the war will only end after the last U.S. soldier leaves the country, scheduled to happen by Dec. 31, 2011. Email the White House to commend the ongoing withdrawal of U.S. forces, and help us reaffirm our call for complete removal of all U.S. forces and bases from Iraq: <http://support.afsc.org/site/R?i=ZO189xf5s7Utth42pOkfEQ> The relationship between the U.S. and Iraq for the last twenty years has been defined by conflict: sanctions, war and occupation. The steps taken by the U.S. in the next year can make the difference in transforming this relationship. There is an important role for you to play. It begins with reminding our elected officials that peace is not simply the absence of fighting. Peace requires a relationship defined by dignity and justice between our peoples. Write the White House today: <http://support.afsc.org/site/R?i=0jaH-pqZB9eHLQ5ArL1dHQ>
Wage Peace, Mary Zerkel and Peter Lems, AFSC

► **Friends Committee on National Legislation Alert: We Stand with American Muslims.** At FCNL, we've concerned at the hate speech, confusion, and misinformation about Muslims that has spread across the country in the last month. Many of you share our concern. The controversy is not over yet. Between today and the anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center, we at FCNL expect another outpouring of bigotry and misplaced anger at the proposal to build an Islamic cultural center in downtown New York City. **In the first eleven days of September, please state publicly that you stand with our brothers and sisters in the American Muslim community.** We support their proposal to exercise their religious freedom by building an Islamic Cultural Center in downtown Manhattan, where they have lived and worshiped for years. Sign the petition at: <http://tinyurl.com/FCNL-Mosque-petition>

Worship, Talk, Take a Stand: Our country needs this cultural center and the public discussion that it is generating. The proposal for this Islamic cultural center can be transformed from an ugly controversy into perhaps the most important public opportunity in this decade to celebrate and exercise the First Amendment guarantee of freedom of religion.

Calendar and Upcoming Events

- Sept. 11** BYM Peace and Social Concerns networking day, Sandy Spring Meeting. RSVP by Sept. 7 to Ellen Atkinson, mewa42@aol.com or 301-774-3636.
- Sept. 12** SCFM First Day School begins
- Sept. 13** SCFM Peace & Social Action Committee, 7:30 pm, Foxdale E-75.
- Sept. 18** BYM Camp Catoclin Reunion, Camp Catoclin, Thurmont, MD.
- Sept 19** Friendly Forum: Deep Listening
- Sept 24-26** PYM Spiritual Formation Program Opening Retreat, Abington Township, PA
- Sept. 26** Friendly Forum: Gospel Order
- Oct. 10** Friendly Forum: **Quaker Quest** (note correction of date)
- Oct. 10** BYM Centre Quarterly Meeting at West Branch Meeting, Grampian, PA. Ellen Johnson Arginteanu will speak about her work with the Christian Peacemaking Teams.
- Oct. 16** Mark your calendars now for **Quaker Quest** half 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>
- Nov. 11-14** FCNL Annual Meeting, *Building on a Firm Foundation*, Wash. DC

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.

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).