

# Friends Meeting Weekly Bulletin

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

First Day (Sunday), 9/26/2010

- 9:45 am Friendly Forum: Gospel Order (see below)
- 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), 9/29/2010

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

Sixth Day (Friday), 10/1/2010

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

First Day (Sunday), 10/3/2010

- 9:00 am Meeting for Worship for Business
- 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 Pot Luck

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

**September 26: Gospel Order.** The seminar on Gospel Order will be led by **Martin Melville**. 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. **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.

**October 17: Spiritual Journey.** **Lu Evans** will share her spiritual journey or parts thereof with our participants in this forum. You will likely find this session to be both informative and inspirational.

**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](mailto:gne101@psu.edu)) about songs you know or would like to learn.

**October 31: Uranium Mining.** **Denise DeGeorge** will lead a presentation and discussion about uranium mining in this country and elsewhere, and its social implications. This session should be very informative about this issue.

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

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

► Please sign up for the half-day **Quaker Quest session** on Saturday, Oct. 16, 12:15-5 pm. Child care available. It will help the meeting--all of us-- to prepare for the public Quaker Quest sessions in Jan. and Feb., and will help us articulate how we live out our Quakerism

► **From Care and Concern.** Join the **Friendly Hands**, and have opportunities to express our community's caring in action. Jules Arginteanu will have volunteer forms in the Social Room after Meeting for Worship. On the 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.

► **Friends Committee on National Legislation Update:** "*War Is Making You Poor.*" Census data released in mid-Sept. shows that 1 in 7 people in the U.S. now lives in poverty. The national economy is one of the major causes of poverty, but why is it still in a slump? Part of the reason that we are having such a hard time turning the economy around is that the U.S. spent (and is spending) so much on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Already the cost is more than \$1 trillion, plus too many lost and mangled lives. Sign FCNL's petition to urge Congress to bring this cost down by cutting money from the Pentagon budget. We'll be delivering the petition to Congress in December: <http://tinyurl.com/FCNL-Pentagon-budget>

**FCNL's Annual Meeting: Register Now!** Sept. brings "back to school" and the excitement of new beginnings. We are anticipating much of that excitement at FCNL's Annual Meeting, "*Building on a Firm Foundation,*" which will be held Nov. 11-13 in Washington, DC. Come to participate in worship and discernment for FCNL's legislative priorities for the 112th Congress and to select FCNL's next Executive Secretary. Please plan to stay and lobby on Mon., Nov. 15 in support of the New START Treaty. Register today and take advantage of the early bird rate, which ends on Oct. 16. See the FCNL website at <http://www.fcnl.org>

► **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.

► **Creation Care Events:**

University Mennonite Church will be having a special Creation Care weekend on Oct. 9-10. Information: <http://tinyurl.com/umc-creationcare>

That weekend is the date of a "Global Work Party" organized by [350.org](http://www.350.org). Go to their website for lots of ideas on what we might do in Central PA. The founder of 350.org, Bill McKibben recently appeared on David Letterman. Here is a link to that: <http://www.350.org/letterman>  
From the Creation Care Coalition, via Cathy Klein, Peace & Social Action

## Calendar and Upcoming Events

- Oct. 3** SCFM Meeting for Worship for Business
- Oct. 8-10** Silent Retreat for Baltimore Yearly Meeting Friends at Dayspring
- Oct. 8-10** FWCC Southeast Region Gathering
- Oct. 10** **Friendly Forum: Quaker Quest**
- Oct 9-10** BYM Junior Young Friends, Alexandria (Va.) Friends Meeting using the "Our Whole Lives" curriculum on sexuality of the UU and UCC churches.
- Oct. 10** BYM Centre Quarterly Meeting at West Branch Meeting, Grampian, PA.
- 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>
- Oct. 16** BYM Interim Meeting at Richmond Friends Meeting. If you would like information by email, contact [office@statecollegefriends.org](mailto:office@statecollegefriends.org)
- Oct. 17** USQM Organizing Committee meeting at State College
- Oct. 24** State College Crop Walk, St. Paul's United Methodist, 1:30 pm
- Oct. 24** Presentation on Friends Theological College in Kenya, Bethesda Friends Meeting
- Oct. 28-Nov. 1** Quaker Earth Care Witness Annual Gathering, Houston, TX
- Nov. 11-14** FCNL Annual Meeting, *Building on a Firm Foundation*, Wash. DC

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.statecollegefriendschool.org](http://www.statecollegefriendschool.org)), Pendle Hill ([www.pendlehill.org](http://www.pendlehill.org)) for further info.

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### ► American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) Events

*One Nation Working Together, Oct .2:* A broad range of civil rights, labor, peace and social justice organizations are gathering in Washington DC to make sure the progressive voice in this country is heard. The One Nation Working Together alliance urges you to come to Washington to march for jobs, education and equality. Visit [www.onenationworkingtogether.org](http://www.onenationworkingtogether.org) to sign up. AFSC is involved with the peace/anti-war and immigration voices of the One Nation effort. Visit our web site. <http://afsc.org/event/one-nation-working-together>

*End the War in Afghanistan: International Days of Action Oct. 7-10:* A coalition of peace groups including AFSC, Peace Action, United for Peace and Justice, and others is calling for days of action to end the war, which will mark its 9th anniversary on Oct. 7. Despite the surge in U.S. and NATO forces being sent to Afghanistan the situation has not improved. We need to demand the complete withdrawal of U.S. and NATO forces. Visit: <http://tinyurl.com/AFSC-call-to-action>

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Notices for the weekly Bulletin should be sent by Thurs., 6:00 pm to [efgamble@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:SCFMnewsletter@gmail.com), 100 Sandy Ridge Rd., State College, 16803).