

Calendar and Upcoming Events

- Feb. 10-12 BYM Young Friends Conference, Homewood Meeting, Baltimore, MD: <http://yf.bym-rsf.net>, (301)774-7663
- Feb. 11 *Testing the Waters* Retreat at Richmond (VA) Friends Meeting, one day retreat about the School of the Spirit
- Feb.12 SCFM Secret Friends Breakfast**
- Feb.13 SCFM Building & Grounds Committee, Social room, 6:30 pm.**
- Feb. 17-19 Annapolis Friends Meeting Silent Retreat for Friends at Dayspring(410-544-1912 or jschristianson@gmail.com)
- Feb. 17–20 Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns Gathering, flgbtqc.quaker.org/midwinter2012_flyer
- Feb 18 BYM Clerking and Leadership Workshop, Charlottesville (VA) Meeting
- Feb. 18 Stargazing at Friends Wilderness Center
- Feb. 24-26 Washington Friends Conference on Religion & Psychology, Buckeystown, Md. Information at: <http://fcrp.quaker.org>
- Mar. 3 Quaker College Fair, 12-3 pm, Arch St. Meetinghouse, Philadelphia
- Mar. 17 BYM Interim Meeting at Charlottesville (Va.) Meeting.
- Mar. 10-11 BYM Junior Young Friends Conference at Stony Run
- Apr. 13-15 BYM Men's Retreat, Catoctin Quaker Camp (Thurmont, MD)

See the websites of BYM (www.bym-rsf.org), PYM (www.pym.org), USQM (usqm.org), SCFM (statecollegefriends.org), State College Friends School (statecollegefriendsschool.org), FGC (fgcquaker.org), Pendle Hill (www.pendlehill.org), FCNL (fcnl.org) for further info.

► **Free Winter Play Days** – On Feb. 18 and March 23, 9:30-11:30 am, Friends School will host Play Days for children from 3-7 years old. The Community Room and a classroom will be open for supervised active and imaginative play. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome. Contact: (814) 237-8386. There will also be an open house during that time on Feb. 18 at the Friends School House pre-K at the Meetinghouse

► **INTERFAITH COFFEE HOUR:** Sponsored by **Interfaith Initiative Centre County (IICC)**. Would you enjoy a small, quiet venue for interfaith conversation and sharing? Then the Interfaith Coffee Hours are for you! Held from 6:30-8 pm, the second Tuesday of each month (except August & December) in the back room of Panera Bread at 148 S. Allen St., State College. February's Interfaith Coffee Hour, hosted by Drs. Charles Morgan & Iffeth Gafoor, will be February 14. New participants are welcome!

Notices for the Weekly Bulletin should be sent to the Meeting office, office@statecollegefriends.org, by Thurs., 5:00 pm. Notices for the monthly Newsletter should be sent to Cynthia Bartok and David Hutto by the third Sat. of the month. (SCFMnewsletter@gmail.com, 100 Sandy Ridge Rd., State College, 16803).

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Friends Meeting Weekly Bulletin

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

	First Day (Sunday), 2/5/2012
10:45 am	First Day School
10:45 am	Gather and settle for Worship
11 am	Meeting for Worship.
11 am	Meeting for Worship in Foxdale's Therapy Room
12:20 pm	Social Time
	Fourth Day (Wednesday), 2/8//2012
4:30 pm	Midweek Meeting for Worship, Foxdale Puzzle Room
	Sixth Day (Friday), 2/10/2012
8:45-9:15 am	State College Friends School Meeting for Worship
	First Day (Sunday), 2/12/2012
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When you speak in Meeting for Worship, please use a voice loud enough to be heard in the far corner of the meeting room.

Don't keep your Light under a bushel. Share it with everyone.

► **CORRECTION: The February/March Meeting for Worship for Business** will be held on Feb. 26, 2012 at 9:00 am.

► **Weis and Giant Gift Cards.** The Meeting receives income from the grocery card programs. Dean Tuttle will continue to carry them. Grocery cards are a welcome contribution to area food banks.

► If you are interested in attending future **Bible study sessions**, Martin Melville would be willing to do some after soup. If you are interested, please let him know by email at martin_melville@hotmail.com. Also, if you will need child care, let him know so he can arrange for it.

► Care & Concern Committee will host refreshments and clean-up for February. Advancement & Outreach is responsible for March.

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. Email: scfmCare@gmail.com, or call Dorothy Habecker, clerk, 814-574-0606.

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 secretary is in the office Mon.-Fri., 5-6 pm. She may be reached by phone at 237-7051 or by e-mail at 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 at www.statecollegefriends.org with user name **enter** and password **Friend**. 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.com.

► **PYM Yearly Meeting Called Session**, Sat., Feb. 11, 9 am–1 pm at Arch Street Meeting House. Clerk Thomas Swain has announced a Called Session of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting to consider our yearly meeting programs and concerns. Our current financial situation and efforts to better align our expenses with our income in support of Quaker faith and work will be presented and considered. Discernment and consideration by members is important to this work. Junior Interim Meeting will be held concurrently and childcare will be available. *This Called Session replaces the previously scheduled February Interim Meeting.*

► **Centre County Drug and Alcohol** is currently conducting a Prevention/Treatment Needs Assessment to identify and collect data within our communities to help identify issues around alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use/abuse in Centre County – both in the prevention area and in our treatment systems.

They would like as much feedback as possible from the members of our community. Please use the following link to complete our online survey. This should take less than 10 minutes and your responses are confidential:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/R5HSFQL>

► **Friends Committee on National Legislation.**

Iran Options: Peace & Social Action Committee members will have available this morning a new supply of postcards for you to sign today if you did not do so last week. Committee members will send them to the FCNL for their lobbying work on *Iran: For Diplomacy, not War*.

FCNL's Spring Lobby Weekend: In just a few weeks, college students and other FCNL supporters from across the country will be converging on Washington, DC to learn to lobby and urge their members of Congress to end the U.S. war in Afghanistan. Will you join them from March 17-20? The weekend will include briefings from congressional staff and experts on the budget and military affairs. [Find out more](#) and [register today](#). See the FCNL Flyer we have posted to help yourself and others know about the event.

Note: Our committee urges our young people of college age especially to become involved in the work of the FCNL. It will open up opportunities for you!

► **The PA Prison Society**, a voice for justice and compassion since 1787, is seeking donations of game boards for the inmates at Centre County Correctional Center. If you would like to make such a donation, please contact Barbara Price at brpmchale@gmail.com or 238-8881. Thank you.
