

► **Interfaith Initiative Coffee Hour**, February 20, 6:30–8 pm.

Facilitator: Ken Kline Smeltzer

Discussion topic: What is the best thing about your religion or faith practices/beliefs? What is the most important characteristic of your faith/religion?

Come share your thoughts with friends and neighbors of other faiths, in Webster's casual community atmosphere.

► **Conversations on Unity** sponsored by the State College Baha'i Community, Thursday evenings, 6-7 pm, Webster's Bookstore. Join us to read today's teachings about how to achieve World Unity. Bring your own readings/inspirational writings to share. Add to our conversation!

More info: 814-349-5714 / [bahaisofcentrecountypa.com](http://bahaisofcentrecountypa.com)

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**Calendar**

- Feb.16-18 BYM Young Friends Conference, Sandy Spring (Md.) Friends Meeting. [To register, go to the Young Friends Registration page.](#)
- Feb.18 Harry Scott, BYM Camping program, SCFM 12:30 pm**
- Feb.18 SCFM Rise Up Singing, 4-6 pm**
- Feb.22 SCFM Out of the Cold fundraising "Build your own burrito" dinner**
- Feb.26 FCNL Letter writing workshop by Isabella Teti at SCFM, 5:30-7 pm. Pizza will be provided.**
- Mar.17-18 USQM Creative Hands Gathering, Greenwood Friends School
- Mar.18 USQM for Business, Greenwood Friends School, Millville, Pa.
- Mar.18 SCFM Rise Up Singing, 4-6 pm**
- Mar.22 SCFM 3rd Way Collective fundraising chicken dinner**
- Mar.24-25 BYM Junior Young Friends Conference, Frederick (Md.) Friends Meeting. [To register, go to the JYF Registration page.](#)
- Apr.15 SCFM Bench/Truck/Table sale**
- Apr.19 SCFM CC Womens Resource Center Mexican fundraising dinner**
- Apr.27-20 Shiloh Quaker Camp Spring Family Camp
- May 18-20 Catoctin Quaker Camp Spring Family Camp
- May 17 SCFM Friends School mac'n'cheese fundraising dinner**
- June 1-3 Opequon Quaker Camp Spring Family Camp
- July 30-Aug. 5 BYM Annual Session, Hood College, Frederick, Md.

More Information: Baltimore Yearly Meeting ([www.bym-rsf.org](http://www.bym-rsf.org)), Philadelphia Yearly Meeting ([www.pym.org/calendar](http://www.pym.org/calendar)), Upper Susquehanna Quarterly Meeting (<https://www.quakercloud.org/cloud/upper-susquehanna-quarterly-meeting>), Friends General Conference ([fgcquaker.org](http://fgcquaker.org)), Pendle Hill ([www.pendlehill.org](http://www.pendlehill.org)); Friends Committee on National Legislation (<https://www.fcnl.org>)

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**State College Friends Meeting**  
**Weekly Bulletin**

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

	First Day (Sunday), 2/11/2018
10:45 am	First Day School
10:45 am	Gather for Meeting for Worship
11:00 am	Meeting for Worship
12:20 pm	Social time
	First Day (Sunday), 2/18/2018
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12:30 pm	Presentation on the BYM camping program

*When you speak in Meeting for Worship, please use a voice loud enough to be heard in the far corner of the meeting room*

► **First Day School** is requesting help from the Meeting community. We would like to have an "assistant" teacher each week so that the teacher is not alone. Sign up below: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4ea5a72ca31-assisting>

► **Rise Up Singing** continues every 3rd Sunday, 4-6 pm. Bring your voice, your friends, your instruments and join the group! Upcoming sessions will be Feb. 18 and March 18.

► **Fundraising dinner for Out of the Cold.** State College Friends Meeting is hosting a fund raising dinner for Out of the Cold, which is a local charitable organization on Thursday, Feb. 22 from 5:30 to 7:00 at the Meeting house

*Mexican Dinner:* Build your own Burrito; main courses and desserts will have vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options. Dinner is free; make a donation. Please pass this information to your friends and neighbors.

The mission of Out of the Cold is to provide the homeless in our Centre County community with a warm and safe overnight accommodation and nourishment within a welcoming atmosphere, as a supplemental option to locally established shelters.

► **Sign up** to provide refreshments and potluck through February: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b44aca92fa57-state2>

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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. Please enter during this time. While we expect silence in the meeting room during that time, we cannot expect silence outside the meeting room until 11:00. However, Friends are reminded that meeting begins at 11:00 and we ask Friends to endeavor to be on time and to please enter the meeting room by 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.

The **Worship and Ministry Committee** is responsible for pastoral care for the Meeting. Please contact us:

To request prayer or to be held in the Light

To request assistance

To make us aware of changes in your lives, or the lives of others you believe should come to the committee’s attention

To request a clearness committee for consideration of membership, marriage or other decision points along your spiritual journey.

Please contact: Lynne Grutzeck (814) 237-1862 or Martin Melville (814) 280-3526

email: [lynnebabs@gmail.com](mailto:lynnebabs@gmail.com) or [worshipandministrystatecollege@gmail.com](mailto:worshipandministrystatecollege@gmail.com)

**Contributions to the Meeting** are always welcome and needed. Checks may be put in the donation box in the entry hall or mailed to the address on page 1. Donations may also be made through our website: [www.statecollegefriends.org](http://www.statecollegefriends.org)

**The Meeting office.** Office hours are Mon., Tues. Thurs. and Friday., 5-6:30 pm. Contact by phone: 237-7051 or by 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.

**Bulletin, Newsletter and Directory.** Bulletins and newsletters are available on the Web at [www.statecollegefriends.org](http://www.statecollegefriends.org) with password **Friend**. To receive the newsletter by mail or by email, or to receive other announcements and bulletins by email contact the Meeting office. **To be added to, or make changes in a Directory entry**, fill out a form available in the foyer or contact the Meeting office.

**Submissions for the monthly newsletter should be sent to:** Brosi Bradley, [scfmnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:scfmnewsletter@gmail.com).

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

► **Upper Susquehanna Quarterly Meeting Creative Hands Gathering and Quarterly Meeting**, March 17, 10 am-March 18, 2:30 pm, Greenwood Friends School, Millville, PA. Join Friends of all ages for an hour or a whole weekend of fun with fiber at Greenwood Friends School in Millville. Making *Peace Pals* and other projects for [knitting4peace.org](http://knitting4peace.org) will be our focus. Bring your own supplies or share ours. Friendly lessons will be available. Contact Amy and PJ Harte [amharte3@gmail.com](mailto:amharte3@gmail.com) for hospitality. For more call Beth 570-324-2470 or email [ponderit@hotmail.com](mailto:ponderit@hotmail.com).

► For several years the **Quaker Life Committee** has been providing the teachers and staff at Friends School a list of organizational and individual resources. If you are not on the list and wish to add your name or other resources, please contact Polly ([dunnpolly@gmail.com](mailto:dunnpolly@gmail.com)).

► **PYM Middle School Friends Winter Gathering**, Feb. 16-18, Solebury Meeting, New Hope PA. Please register by Feb. 14 : <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=4285f5>

► **Clearing the way for Community and Living from our Core**, Warrington Quarterly Meeting at Frederick Friends Meeting, Feb. 17, 10 am-4 pm. Learning to recognize, understand, own, respond to everyday forms of racial/ethnic bias among Friends and exploring our core values and how they are lived out in the Meeting. Please let Chris Fowler, Clerk of Warrington Quarter, ([seebeeff@gmail.com](mailto:seebeeff@gmail.com)) know that you are coming to allow for proper planning.

► During the month of February 3rd Way Collective is helping collect new and used suitcases to help out Penn State Project Haiti and their upcoming spring break trip to serve. Please contact [ben@3rdwaycollective.org](mailto:ben@3rdwaycollective.org) if you have a suitcase to donate to this cause.

This week 3rd Way Collective invites you to attend "Forever Changed: An Evening of MOTH Style Storytelling", on Monday night at 7pm at the State Theater. Also consider joining the weekly Standing at the Gates for Justice vigil every Monday at 4pm at the Allen Street Gates.

For their full schedule, visit [3rdWayCollective.org](http://www.3rdwaycollective.org). A reflection is posted each month at <http://www.3rdwaycollective.org/category/blog/>