

► Sign up for **refreshment and potluck** through May:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b44aca92fa57-state2>

► **Standing at the Gates for Justice** every Monday at 4 pm at the Penn State gates at Allen St.

► On Sat., 5/12/18, BYM Friends will gather at Friends Meeting School in Frederick County, Md. to share **Peace & Social Concerns** ideas, resources & strategies. Bring your Meeting's ideas & your questions and leadings to discuss over breakfast & lunch! Register with an email to Philip Caroom [pcaroom@gmail.com] with your name, Meeting, and choice of workshops.

A) How Friends can speak to polarization & racism in our communities

A) Strategies for addressing homelessness, reentry & poverty – shelters, “open tables” & more

B) Immigrants, refugees & sanctuary in our midst

B) Issues and outreach: Peace festivals, death-with-dignity, LGBT, animal rights, healthcare under Trump-

Meals will be provided by BYM's Right Relationship w/ Animals working group.

Apr.26 Park Forest Preschool 50th Anniversary, Park Forest Village United Methodist Church, 10:30 am

Apr.27-20 Shiloh Quaker Camp Spring Family Camp

Apr.28 SCFM Annual Spring Clean-up, 9 am- 2 pm

Apr.28-29 Visiting young Friends from Ithaca, NY

May 4-6 Middle School and Young Friends at Camp Swatara. Contact: Melinda Wenner Bradley, 215-241-7171, mwennerbradley@pym.org

May 12 BYM Peace & Social Concerns “Networking Day”, [Friends Meeting School](#) near Frederick, Md.

May 12 & 19 Creative Nonviolent Conflict Resolution, University Baptist and Brethren Church.

May 17 SCFM Friends School mac'n'cheese fundraising dinner

May 18-20 Catoctin Quaker Camp Spring Family Camp

June 1-3 Opequon Quaker Camp Spring Family Camp

July 1-7 Friends General Conference, “The Power of Truth” Toledo

July 30-Aug. 5 BYM Annual Session, Hood College, Frederick, Md.

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

Notices for the **Bulletin** or the **email list** should be sent to: office@statecollegefriends.org. Notices for the **monthly Newsletter** should be sent by the third Sat. of the month to scfmnewsletter@gmail.com

State College Friends Meeting Weekly Bulletin

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

	First Day (Sunday), 4/22/2018
	Meeting at Friends School
11 am	First Day School
11 am	Gather for Meeting for Worship
11:15 am	Meeting for Worship
12:20 pm	Social time
	First Day (Sunday), 4/29/2018
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

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

► On April 22 meeting for worship will be at Friends School. A Meeting for Worship is also held at **Foxdale** every first Day. All are welcome. Gather at 10:15 am in the nurses' conference room.

► **Annual Spring Clean-up!** The building and grounds committee invites you to join us on Sat., Apr. 28 for the meeting's annual spring clean-up. We will gather from 9 am and work until 2 pm. You don't have to stay the whole time. Come when you can. Outside we will be working on gardening, raking, window cleaning and general clean-up. Inside we will be working on cleaning projects like cleaning the kitchen, washing windows, dusting light fixtures. This is a way to make a concrete contribution to the beauty and order of our building and grounds; and have some fun. Questions? call Bernie Hofnar; 814-206-7999 and leave a message
Rain date: Sunday, April 29th. 1-5 pm

► If you would like to receive the current **State College Friends Meeting Directory** by email attachment, contact the meeting office. Printed copies are available in the Meeting foyer. If you are not listed or have changed your address, phone or email (or added members to your family!) and would like to update your information, please send corrections to the meeting office.

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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 or 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

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. 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 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.

Contact the Treasurer by email at treasure.friends.meeting@gmail.com.

► Check out the **NEW Quaker Thoughts** section of our webpage. This page is devoted to Quaker essays, thoughts, links to blogs, photos, and other inspirational and Spiritual messages. We are looking for content for this section. If you are interested in contributing contact Yuri Plowden, yplowden@hotmail.com. <http://statecollegefriends.org/quaker-thoughts/>

► **Rise Up Singing** continues every 3rd Sunday, 4-6 pm. Bring your voice, your friends, your instruments and join the group! Upcoming session will be May 20.

► **Childcare after 4/29.** 4/29 is the last day that we have staff scheduled to do childcare. Your children are always welcome to sit in Meeting for Worship with you, but as of 4/29, we will have no one to stay with your children while you are in Meeting. If you know of anyone who would be interested in doing childcare beginning in May and through the summer, contact Becky Misangyi.

► **Upcoming First Day School** events

- 4/29 Middle and High School at Foxdale
- 5/6 Planting flowers at Meeting. Dorothy Habecker will be leading planting "lessons" for all groups during FDS time.
- 5/13 Mother's Day celebration. FDS, led by Vilmos and Horst, will make a crepe breakfast honoring the mothers (but which will be enjoyed by all). The breakfast will be served at the rise of meeting.
- 5/20 Middle and High School at Foxdale
- 5/27 No FDS
- 6/3 Last day of FDS and Ice Cream Social

► **Newcomers Forum.** New attenders and members from across PYM are invited to gather together at Kennett Friends Meeting from 10 AM to 3 PM on Sat., May 5 for an interactive group that addresses questions like:

What brings you to meeting for worship?

What questions did you have about Quakerism before you came?

What continues to be a question for you?

Jon Watts of QuakerSpeak will film parts of the session, and he will invite folks to interview with him throughout the day (not required of attendees).

Register at quakerspeak.com/forum.

[Directions to Kennett Meeting, 125 W Sickle St, Kennett Square, PA 19348.](http://www.statecollegefriends.org)

► Sign up to assist in First Day School:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4ea5a72ca31-assisting>