

► **Newcomers' Forum**, May 5, 10 am-3 pm, Kennett Friends Meeting.

Do you consider yourself a newcomer to Quakerism? Have you been attending your meeting for fewer than three years? **Then join** in an engaging, experiential facilitation. We will explore the following queries together:

What keeps you going to meeting?

What questions did you have about Quakerism?

What resources were helpful or would have been helpful in your exploration of Quakerism?

Help us help everyone make Quaker meetings welcoming and encouraging for all new people! **Register Now:**

www.quakerspeak.com/forum

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

- 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), 4/29/2018
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
	First Day (Sunday), 5/6/2018
9:00 am	Meeting for Worship for Business
10:45 am	First Day School
10:45 am	Gather for Meeting for Worship
11:00 am	Meeting for Worship
12:20 pm	Pot Luck

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

► This First Day (4/29) will be the last day that we have paid childcare until we find new staff. Until then, we are looking for volunteers to help. If you can volunteer to do childcare for a Sunday, please click on the below link to the sign up genius. All of the remaining Sundays through the spring and summer are listed so just pick a day (or days) that work for you.

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

► 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.

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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.

► **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

► Sign up for **refreshment and potluck** through May:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b44aca92fa57-state2>

► **State College Friends School** is seeking an **Interim Head of School** (HOS) for the 2018-2019 school year. A successful candidate must be familiar with primary and intermediate education and organizational operations and able to run the school effectively from the onset of his or her tenure on July 1, 2018.

The complete job description is available from a link under "Upcoming Events" on the Meeting website: statecollegefriends.org/

► The **BYM Program Committee** is asking for your input as it explores changes to the Annual Session schedule. They want to hear from attenders and non-attenders alike to determine what is working and what can be improved to encourage even more people to participate. Please join this conversation by taking a very brief online survey at <http://goo.gl/3tAHyJ> or by contacting the Committee Clerk: barbariehill@gmail.com.

BYM Annual Session begins July 30 for the pre-session retreat. Regular programming begins July 31 Again this year, children from birth to 8th grade attend for free! Read about Annual Session and register now at: <http://www.bym-rsf.org/events/annualsession/>

► Upcoming events at Pendle Hill

May 7- [*Can We Decolonize Time? Thinking About Settlement, Justice, and Indigenous Oral History.*](#)

May 14-17- [*Communitas: Finding and Living the Community of Love*](#)

May 14- [*Black Fire: An African American Quaker Seeker-Activist in a White Supremacist Nation*](#) make the Beloved Community a reality.

May 18-20- [*Retreat, Rebalance, Recharge*](#)