

► **Interfaith Coffee Hours**, Websters Bookstore and Cafe: “*Finding Common Ground*”: How Do You Talk with People Who Have Very Opposed Social/Political Views? This discussion will center on overcoming the social divide that has formed in this country. What wisdom can various traditions, and different experiences contribute to healing social division?

Aug. 20, 6:30-8 pm, with Guest Facilitator Ralph Locklin

Sept. 17, 6:30-8 pm, with Guest Facilitator Naomi Altman

Food & beverages available for purchase; anyone making purchase at Webster’s can also receive a voucher for free parking.

Contact Sarah: [InterfaithInitiativeCC@hotmail.com](mailto:InterfaithInitiativeCC@hotmail.com)

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

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CALENDAR

- Aug.19-25 Young Friends Camp Onas Gathering, contact Melinda Wenner Bradley, [mwennerbradley@pym.org](mailto:mwennerbradley@pym.org)
- Aug.25 Feast Fun and Song, Makefield Meetinghouse, 5:30-9 pm  
<http://www.pym.org/event/feast-fun-song-2/>
- Sept.16 SCFM Rise Up Singing, 4-6 pm**
- Sept.20 Underground Railroad Presentation, Friends Village, Bucks Quarterly Meeting, Newtown Meeting  
<http://www.pym.org/event/underground-railroad-presentation/>
- Sept.21-23 USQM Fall Family Gathering at Crystal Lake Camp
- Sept.30-Oct.1 Quaker Fundraisers Gathering, “*Quaker Fundraising in Uncertain Times*,” Philadelphia, Pa. Info:  
<http://www.friendsfiduciary.org/charitable-services/quaker-fundraisers-gathering/>

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.fcni.org>)

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## State College Friends Meeting Weekly Bulletin

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

<b>No First Day School for the Summer</b>	
<b>Childcare is available</b>	
First Day (Sunday), 8/12/2018	
9:00 am	Meeting for Worship for Business
10:45 am	Gather for Meeting for Worship
11:00 am	Meeting for Worship
12:20 pm	Pot Luck
First Day (Sunday), 8/19/2018	
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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*

► A Meeting for Worship is also held at **Foxdale** every First Day. All are welcome. Gather at 10:15 am in the Meeting room.

► Please save the date! Our **Friends Meeting Annual Dinner** will be on Saturday, October 6, 4:30-7:00. If you have ideas for it or want to help, please let Kerry know as soon as possible!

► The most recent newsletter is always available online. To retrieve it click the link below or copy it into a web browser: <http://statecollegefriends.org/scfm/newsletters/thismonth.pdf>

► **Rise Up Singing** will continue the summer break for the month of August and resume on September 16.

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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).

► **Quaker Religious Education Collaborative (QREC) Gathering**, Aug. 17-19, Powell House Quaker Conference and Retreat Center, Old Chatham, NY. Spend the weekend with Friends from across the US and Latin America, and diverse branches of Quakerism, who are interested in supporting life-long Quaker spiritual formation. The weekend includes workshops and interest groups, a panel discussion, worship, and fellowship. Information: <http://www.pym.org/event/quaker-religious-education-collaborative-qrec-2018-gathering/>

► PYM will be publishing a print edition of the yearly meeting's **Faith and Practice** this Fall. The text is can be read now online or pre-ordered in print at <http://www.pym.org/faith-and-practice>. Versions of Faith & Practice from many yearly meetings, as well as many books by and about Quakers are available on from the FGC Bookstore: <https://quakerbooks.org/>  
From the foreword:

*" Like early Friends, we proclaim that every person has been endowed with the capacity to enter directly, without mediation, into an empowering relationship with God. Also like those Friends, we gather in expectant silence with other seekers, open to the movement of the Spirit in ourselves individually and in our worshipping community. Friends seek to experience the presence of the living God in individual religious practice and in meetings for worship and for business. To be in the presence of God inspires awe, provides healing and comfort, and is a source of guidance for conduct. Out of this experience, we proclaim the intimate connection between religious faith and social justice and seek to express this understanding in our daily lives and actions."*

► Sunday, Sept. 9, 1-3 pm, **Housing Transitions** is hosting the **2nd Annual Rally in the Valley** to benefit Centre House Shelter. Come to the 200 block of S. Allen St. to eat delicious food from favorite food trucks. Listen to the awesome music of Hops & Vines and enjoy fun for everyone while benefiting your local homeless shelter. A portion of food truck sales will be donated to the shelter program in Centre County that serves individuals and families.

► **Upcoming events at Pendle Hill:**

<https://pendlehill.org/learn/workshops-courses-events/>  
**Sept. 7-9 - Alternatives to Violence Project, Advanced Workshop** for those seeking additional training beyond the Basic level and in further preparation for becoming facilitators of AVP.