

► **FCNL is lobbying** in Washington DC. Join them by contacting our representatives. When you make a phone call, you're showing the office that FCNL isn't just in Washington, DC; we're all around the country. When Congress pours more money into the Pentagon, it's moving against the nimble, flexible, nonviolent foreign policy we need. And when Pentagon spending comes at the expense of food, health care, and heating that people rely on, it doubles the harm. [Call Rep. Thompson and Sens. Casey and Toomey to show FCNL's power around the country.](#) [Write Rep. Thompson and Sens. Casey and Toomey loud and clear: Choose people over the Pentagon.](#)

► Registration is open for **2018 BYM Women's Retreat**, Jan.26-28, Pearlston Retreat Center, Reisterstown, MD: <https://www.bym-rsf.org/events/yemevents/women18.html>

► **Interfaith Coffee Hour** - "The Holiday Season - Blessing or Challenge?" Nov. 21, 6:30-8 pm. The "Holiday season" means different things to people of faith. It often stretches from approximately Oct. to Jan.! From your own faith perspective, is this time more of a blessing, or a challenge? Does it need to be reinterpreted? Come share thoughts with friends and neighbors of many faiths at Webster's Bookstore & Café. Parking vouchers for Pugh St. garage available with purchase at Webster's. Contact Sarah: 814-883-5884 / InterfaithInitiativeCC@hotmail.com

► **Centre County CAN HELP.** Friends are encouraged to use the Centre County CAN HELP line if they are ever worried about the safety of friends/Friends. It's available 24 hours a day and connects them with the appropriate services. The number is 1-800-643-5432.

Calendar

- Dec.2 **Silent Retreat**, Gwynedd Monthly Meeting. Cost: \$10. Details: www.gwyneddmeeting.org/GatheringGarden.html
- Dec. 3 **SCFM Meeting for Worship for Business, 9 am**
- Jan. 14 **Margaret Fisher, Working Group on Right Relationship with Animals, SCFM, 12:30 pm**
- Jan. 21 **Harry Scott, BYM Camping program, SCFM 12:30 pm**

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

Notices for the Bi-Weekly 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), 11/19/2017
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
4-6 pm	Rise Up Singing
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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

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.

► First Day School children/adolescents will be collecting items for **Christmas boxes** to give to 31 children who attend the Park Forest Pre-School. The items that they decided to collect are:

- a new toy or puzzle (should be fun but it can also be educational which would be great) that costs no more than \$15, and
- body wash (preferably nontoxic with as many natural ingredients as possible so that it is healthy for the children and the planet) roughly 10 oz. in size. Examples of nontoxic body wash products are Burts Bees, Wegmans has their own line of organic body products, Jason has a line, Alba and one called Babyganics.

All donated items must be in the collection box by 11 am on 12/3, so that they can pack that day and deliver them that week.

► There will be no childcare this First Day (11/19) or next (11/26) due to the fact that all of our childcare staff are PSU students who are heading home for break. If there is anyone who knows someone who would like to provide childcare, either for pay or volunteer, please contact Becky Misangyi (rebeccamisangyi@gmail.com).

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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 our clerk:

Margy Frysinger, phone: 814-692-8802, email: mbfrysinger@msn.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.

► We will gather again for **Rise Up Singing** at the Meetinghouse on the 3rd Sunday, Nov. 19, 4-6 pm. Bring your voice or instrument & have some fun!

► The memorial service for **Tom Ryan** will be at the State College Friends Meetinghouse on Sat., Dec. 9, at 2 pm with a reception following. Tom has been unable to attend Meeting for several years, but he and Lauri are members and raised their son, Nate, in Meeting. Nate will be returning from Minnesota and it was his wish that the service be at the Meetinghouse rather than Foxdale. Since Foxdale has sheltered so many of our older Friends, we have had few services at the Meetinghouse, and we are pleased that Nate would want it here.

We will be serving cookies, coffee, and juice after the service, and will need contributions of cookies from Friends and attenders. If you can contribute, especially if you have a recipe for gluten free cookies, please let me know by responding to lauriejeffreys59@gmail.com. Other finger foods would be welcome too - vegetables, fruit, etc.

Laurie Jeffreys, for the Memorial Committee

► **Bell Ringing** time is here. Our day is Saturday, December 23rd at Meyer's Dairy from 9am-9pm. Proceeds go to Interfaith Human Services. Sign-up sheet to ring the bell at the wishing well for one hour is on the white board. Please sign up. Questions- speak to Lynne Grutzeck at [814-237-1862](tel:814-237-1862). Hurry! the best times go quickly!

► **Sign up** for hospitality on the Signup Genius link for refreshments and potluck for dates for Nov. through Jan.:

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

► **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. Please click on the link below to sign up. There is a list of dates and a choice of which age group you would like to visit (k-4th grade, 5th-8th grade or high school). Here is the link:

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

► **Melinda Wenner Bradley** of West Chester Monthly Meeting will join the staff of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting in December as Youth Engagement Coordinator. Melinda will work with other community members to steward the ministry and religious life of our children, families and youth. She will be focusing first on the continued success of our current youth programs and then on the health and vitality of religious education and youth work within all the different communities that make up our yearly meeting.