

► **Breaking Binaries: Exploring Gender and Faith**, Monday, March 19, 123 HUB-Robeson Center, Penn States at 6:30pm
 ► **Standing at the Gates for Justice** every Monday at 4 pm at the Penn State gates at Allen St.

► Save the date: **Park Forest Preschool 50th anniversary celebration** (originally Park Forest Village Day Nursery) at the Park Forest Village United Methodist Church, April 26 at 10:30 a.m.: More information will be forthcoming.

Calendar

- Mar.21 SCFM 3rd Way Collective fundraising dinner**
- Mar.24 PYM Continuing Sessions, "*How Our Lives Speak*", 9:34 am-4 pm Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg.
Please register: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=f6b90d>
- Mar.24-25 BYM Junior Young Friends Conference, Frederick (Md.) Friends Meeting. [To register, go to the JYF Registration page.](#)
- Mar.25 SCFM Discussion on FCNL priorities, 12:30 pm**
- Mar.25 Palm Sunday Peace Walk, beginning at 3 pm at University Baptist and Brethren Church:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/187088018561665/>
- Mar.26- Apr.2 Pendle Hill program: [Present in Every Moment](#)
- Apr.6-8 Pendle Hill program: [Sustainable Spirit-Led Activism](#)
- Apr.8 SCFM Meeting for Worship for Business, 9 am**
- April 8-12 Pendle Hill program: [Matthew, Mark, Luke and Us: Gospel and Community](#)
- Apr.15 SCFM Bench/Truck/Table sale
- Apr.15 SCFM Rise Up Singing, 4-6 pm**
- Apr.15-19 Pendle Hill program: Marcelle Martin, author of *Our Life Is Love: The Quaker Spiritual Journey*, offers [Nurturing Faithfulness](#)
- Apr.19 SCFM CC Women's Resource Center Mexican fundraising dinner**
- Apr.22 SCFM Meeting for Worship at Friends School, 11:15 am**
- 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 1-7 Friends General Conference, "*The Power of Truth*," Toledo, Ohio
- 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.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), 3/18/2018
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
4-6 pm	Rise Up Singing
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12:30 pm	Discussion of FCNL priorities for 2018/2019

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, we will hold meeting for worship at Friends School 11:15 am.
- **Fundraising for 3rd Way Collective**, Chili Dinner, Wednesday, March 21, 5:30-7 pm at State College Friends Meeting. Dinner is free; make a donation!
- **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 March 18 and April 15.
- The **SCFM discussion of FCNL Priorities** for the next legislative year has been rescheduled to March 25 at 12:30 pm.

► [PYM Continuing Sessions](#). At the upcoming Continuing Sessions on March 24 at the Jewish Federation building in Harrisburg, we will worshipfully prepare our youth and interested adults to represent our yearly meeting at the [March for Our Lives](#) on the PA State Capitol in Harrisburg. Pre-register for kosher on-site lunch. To learn more: <http://www.pym.org/continuing-sessions/>
To register: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=f6b90d>

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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.

► Sign up to assist in **First Day School**:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4ea5a72ca31-assisting>

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

► **March for our Lives.** On March 24, March For Our Lives will take to the streets of Washington DC to demand that their lives and safety become a priority and that we end gun violence and mass shootings in our schools today. Several DC area Friends organizations are working to provide support for this event. Contact Friends Meeting of Washington, FCNL or William Penn House for additional information.

► **Creative Nonviolent Conflict Resolution**, Apr. 7 & Apr. 14, University Baptist and Brethren Church. Learn the art and language of a peacemaker! **Registration deadline is March 15 but space may still be available.** Contact Marie Hamilton at gmfhamilton@gmail.com or register on-line at <https://speakpeacesc.weebly.com>.

► **FCNL Action:** The time is now for thoughts, prayers, and **action** on gun violence. This is the moment for bold gun legislation: comprehensive reforms that address the whole problem of gun violence, from mass shootings to everyday gun deaths. Congress is back in session, and they’re finally talking about gun violence. But the proposals they’re talking about aren’t enough to address the magnitude of the problem our country has with gun violence. In order to prevent another mass shooting like the one at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School – in order to prevent the nearly 100 deaths involving guns every day in this country – Congress needs to take bold, decisive action.
[Contact Congress now and tell them that you support bold action to end gun violence.](#)

► **Interfaith Coffee Hour**, Mar. 20, 6:30-8 pm, Webster's Bookstore & Cafe. Discussion topic: What does kindness mean from your faith perspective? Does kindness have a place in your theology or faith practice?
Facilitator: Jacob Farris. Contact: Sarah, 814-883-5884 or InterfaithInitiativeCC@hotmail.com
INTERFAITH COFFEE HOURS move to third Mondays, 6:30-8:00 pm in April. Next month's event is Apr. 16 at the UU Fellowship.