

Calendar and Upcoming Events

Sept. 8: First Day School opening potluck.

Sept. 9: Opening of State College Friends Meeting First Day School.

Sept. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Oct. 27-28: Friends Service Weekends at BYM Camps. Contact [David Hunter](mailto:davidhunter@bym-rsf.org), davidhunter@bym-rsf.org

Sept. 21-23: [Young Friends Conference at Sandy Spring Friends Meeting](#)

Oct. 5-7: Camping Program Alumni Weekend at Catoctin, <http://www.bymcamps.org/alumni.htm>

Oct. 12-14: FGC Couples Enrichment Workshop, Camp Onas, Bucks Co., Pa. Register by Sept. 1 [Click for the flyer and registration form](#). For more information, [contact Gretta Stone](#). (267-885-2037)

Oct. 26-27: Finances Through the Lens of Spirit at Baltimore Monthly Meeting, Stony Run. Contact Adrian Bishop, srmeetcoord@stonyrunfriends.org

See the websites of BYM (www.bym-rsf.org), PYM (www.pym.org), USQM (usqm.org), SCFM (statecollegefriends.org), State College Friends School (statecollegefriendsschool.org), FGC (fgcquaker.org), Pendle Hill (www.pendlehill.org), FCNL (fcnl.org) for further info.

► **Interfaith Coffee Hour**, Tues., Sept. 11, 6:30–8 pm, Panera Bread (back room), State College. Host for this month is Church of the Brethren pastor and carpenter Ken Kline Smeltzer. People are invited to bring a fun or interesting story about peace or peacemaking to share. People who just want to listen are welcome too! Children welcome. Newcomers welcome.

► **Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University**

2012 Tanker Lecture--Sept. 13, 5 pm: "Jesus, Judaism, and Jewish-Christian Relations" in 129 Waring Commons, Penn State Campus. This lecture is geared for a popular audience. A self-described Yankee Jewish feminist, Dr. Levine is a member of Congregation Sherith Israel, an Orthodox Synagogue in Nashville, TN, although she is often quite unorthodox.

Breakfast workshop--Sept. 14, 8:30 a.m.: "Avoiding Anti-Jewish Preaching and Teaching," Room 118, Pasquerilla Spiritual Center. [RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 10, to Leah Smith, \[Imp18@psu.edu\]\(mailto:Imp18@psu.edu\)](#).

This event is co-sponsored by the Center for Ethics and Religious Affairs.

► **Habitat for Humanity Greater Centre County Open House, Sept. 29, 10-11 am.** Join us at ReStore (1155 Zion Road, Bellefonte PA 16823) for an informal Open House/Orientation about all things Habitat! Members from the different committees and teams within our ministry will be on-site to answer your questions and explain what role each group plays in our works. [RSVP by Sept. 27th by email to: \[hfhgcc.committees@gmail.com\]\(mailto:hfhgcc.committees@gmail.com\)](#).

Notices for the Weekly Bulletin should be sent to the Meeting office, office@statecollegefriends.org, by Thurs., 5:00 pm. Notices for the monthly Newsletter should be sent by the third Sat. of the month to scfmnewsletter@gmail.com.

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Friends Meeting Weekly Bulletin

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

	First Day (Sunday), 9/9/2012
9:00 am	Meeting for Worship for Business
10:30 am	<i>Foxdale Meeting for Worship</i>
10:45 am	First Day School begins
10:45 am	Gather and settle for Worship
11 am	Meeting for Worship
12:20 pm	Pot Luck
	Fourth Day (Wednesday), 9/12/2012
4:30 pm	Foxdale Midweek Meeting for Worship
	Sixth Day (Friday), 9/14/2012
8:45-9:15 am	Friends School Meeting for Worship
	First Day (Sunday), 9/16/2012
10:30 am	<i>Foxdale Meeting for Worship</i>
10:45 am	First Day School
10:45 am	Gather and settle for Worship
11 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

► **First Day School resumes on Sept. 9**, with an opening potluck picnic and campfire on the previous Saturday evening, Sept 8 at 5 pm. Registration forms are available at the Meetinghouse. Even if you have attended in the past, please fill out a registration for this year, updating ages and contact information.

► **Weis and Giant Gift Cards.** The Meeting receives income from the grocery card programs. Gift cards purchased through the Meeting can be used for full cash value and 5% of purchase price comes to the Meeting. Dean Tuttle will continue to carry them. Grocery cards are a welcome contribution to food banks.

► The Nominating and Literature Committees are responsible for Pot Luck and refreshments for the month of September. Finance Committee will be responsible for October.

State College Friends Meeting

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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. Enter whenever you are ready. While we expect silence in the meeting room during that time, we cannot expect silence outside of the meeting room until 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.

Contacting Care and Concern. We hope that Friends will contact members of the Care and Concern Committee to request prayer or to be held in the Light, to request assistance, or to make the committee aware of changes in your lives or of others that you believe should come to the Committee’s attention. Contact Dorothy Habecker, clerk, 814-574-0606.

Contributions to the Meeting are always welcome and needed. Checks may be placed in the donation box in the entry hall or mailed to: State College Friends Meeting, 611 E. Prospect Avenue, State College, PA 16801

The Meeting office. The secretary is in the office Mon.-Fri., 5-6 pm. She may be reached by phone at 237-7051 or by e-mail at office@statecollegefriends.org. Please let her know of any scheduled meetings or events in the buildings so conflicts can be avoided. Scheduling of non-standard tasks should be done through Louise Sandmeyer.

Bulletin and Newsletter. Bulletins and newsletters are available on the Web at www.statecollegefriends.org with user name **enter** and password **Friend**. The Newsletter can be received by mail or email. To be added to the mailing list, send your name, address and zip code to the meeting office. To receive other announcements, notification and bulletins by email, send a message to office@statecollegefriends.org.

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

► **Newsletter Co-Chair Needed.** Marianne Stevens has agreed to step in as co-editor of the SCFM newsletter with Cynthia Bartok’s and David Hutto’s departures. We now need a second person to serve as a newsletter co-editor. Please contact Darlene Clark at dac128@psu.edu if you are interested or have questions.

► **Peace and Social Action committee** will meet on Monday, September, 17 at 7:00 pm in the Needlework room at Foxdale. We need more Meeting participation. If you are at all interested, please come.
--Mary Way, convener

► **Friends Committee on National Legislation:
*Question the Candidates***

The political conventions in Tampa and Charlotte mark the beginning of the final campaign season before the November elections. Members of Congress will spend most of the next two months on the campaign trail talking with constituents. FCNL has prepared questions that you can ask candidates. Asking questions now, when candidates seeking your vote, can influence members’ actions when they come to Washington.

Use the FCNL website to send questions to the major candidates on the issues of most concern to you. Why not start today?

****Is Climate Change Real?*** Do you believe that human activity is harmfully changing the Earth’s climate in a way that will impact your constituents now and in the future?

****Do You Support Nuclear Disarmament?*** Do you agree with Former Secretaries of State Henry Kissinger and George Shultz, among others, who argue that the U.S. should pursue “a world free of nuclear weapons”? If you are in the Senate when the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty is brought to a vote, will you work and vote for ratification?

****Will You Support Diplomacy with Iran?*** I’m concerned that escalating threats between the U.S. and Iran could lead to war. As former Joint Chiefs of Staff Chair Admiral Mullen has warned, the lack of dialogue between the U.S. and Iran could easily lead to conflicts that spiral out of control. Will you support direct, one-on-one talks with Iran to prevent violence and nuclear proliferation?

After you’ve asked your question, forward the questions to three people (such as friends, family members, or coworkers) and encourage them to ask their candidates to respond to the questions during campaign season.

► **Fall 2012 Interfaith Picnic**, marking United Nations International Day of Peace, Sept. 23, 12-4 pm, Sunset Park, State College.
