

April 18, 2024

Unami Monthly Meeting  
100 East Fifth Street  
Pennsburg, PA 18073

## Unami Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends



### *Calendar*

#### **This Month**

April 21, 9:30 a.m., Discussion on *Poverty by America*, Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.

April 28, Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.

#### **Future:**

May 5, Intergenerational Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.,

May 12, Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.,

May 19, Meeting for worship with a concern for business, 9 a.m., Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.

Zoom Link for Meeting  
for Worship, Meeting for  
Worship with a Concern  
for Business and Sunday  
morning Discussions.

Contact Unami at:

[unamifriendsmeeting@gmail.com](mailto:unamifriendsmeeting@gmail.com)

if you would like to join us for Meeting for  
Worship on Sundays at 11 a.m. on Zoom

### *Newsletter Deadline*

The deadline for the next  
newsletter is May 24 at 4 PM.

This is Friday deadline.

Send your news to [danielhazelton@rcn.com](mailto:danielhazelton@rcn.com).



## From Worship and Ministry: Upcoming Discussions and Events happening at Unami

**April 21, 9:30am – Discussion on *Poverty by America*** by Matthew Desmond, he suggests that a lot of us benefit from poverty by consuming cheap goods, investing in the stock market either directly or indirectly, enjoying tax breaks like mortgage interest deduction and wealth transfer savings, and illustrates how we try to protect those investments. Desmond shows readers how our country does much more to subsidize affluence than to alleviate poverty. He challenges readers to become part of the solution.

We ask that you read the book (a copy is available at the Meetinghouse) and/or listen to an interview with Ezra Klein (link below.) We will discuss the contents of the book then move into brainstorming how we might individually and collectively become “poverty abolitionists.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s8d1nFYVvNg>

**UNAMI FRIENDS MEETING**

*Intergenerational*

**MEETING FOR  
WORSHIP**

For Friends of All Ages:

- ✓ Semi-programmed
- ✓ Sit on the floor for a short story & worship
- ✓ Encouraging inward listening

**FIRST SUNDAY EACH MONTH**

100 5th St, Pennsburg  
Sunday from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

unamiquakers.org

## **AQM Enabling Fund**

For friends who are members of Unami who may be needing short term financial assistance, funds are available from the Abington Quarter Meeting Enabling Fund.

For more information contact:

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## **Query for the Month of April**

### **Nurturing Our Community: Care for the Meeting**

- Do we help each other to live with integrity and contribute that integrity to the life of our meeting?
- How does our meeting learn of members' needs and offer its assistance?
- How does our meeting nurture members in all stages of life?
- How does our meeting welcome those new to Friends and integrate them into our community?
- When a member's conduct or manner of living gives cause for concern, how does the meeting respond?
- *Am I ready both to offer and to accept meeting assistance when needed?*
- *Do I treat adults and children alike with respect and without condescension?*
- *What opportunities have I taken to know, work and worship with Friends in the larger spiritual communities we share?*

## **“Blessing Bags” for clients of Quakertown Community Outreach.**

On Sunday, March 17th the children of Unami meeting put together “Blessing Bags” for clients of Quakertown Community Outreach. A special Thank You to Don and Linda Weinberger for putting a program together and leading a discussion for the children on hopelessness in our area, as well as providing us with the supplies to assemble the donations.

Also, a special thank you to Joyce Munro for assisting in this special day.





Dear Unami Folks,

Remember that we were going to hear from John Thomas of the Oklahoma Lenape/Delaware Tribe but he was exposed to COVID and had to change his plans.

Jeremy Johnson, their cultural education director, who has spoken at the Penn Museum and other places, is coming to share about their indigenous culture and history. on May 9, 7:00-8:30p, at the Mennonite Heritage Center in Harleysville, Pa.

The Event is free but by registration only. Here is the registration ink:

<https://mhpe.org/events/event/the-culture-and-history-of-the-delaware-tribe-of-oklahoma/>

Joyce Munro

### **A Fresh Start on Collecting Grocery Items for the Food Pantry Beginning Now!**

Requests to the Community Food Pantry are up significantly and supplies are low. At Meeting for Business we decided to renew our lapsed commitment to collect groceries, We will be collecting items on the first Sunday each month and they will be taken promptly to the Pantry. Regular delivery means that we can provide fresh produce as well as canned and packaged food. Below is a list of “top needs” from the Open Link website. Items not on the list are also welcome. Make sure your donations are within a good expiration date.

Canned chicken

Canned pastas (ravioli, Beefaroni, Spaghetti-o's)

Tomato sauce (in jars)

Fresh apples and oranges

Pancake mix

Cereal

Condiments

Peanut Butter

Jelly

## FCNL April Quaker Changemaker Event

Our April Quaker Changemaker event will feature a conversation about the trauma inflicted by Indian Boarding Schools and how it has affected Native communities over generations. We are grappling with the legacy of Quakers who supported the system by operating 30 schools and we are working to make amends.

Join us virtually on Wednesday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. ET using this link!

[https://act.fcnl.org/event/quaker-welcome-center-events-watch-home/3290?akid=62860.154190.-JSVHS&rd=1&t=17&utm\\_campaign=event&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=ak&utm\\_term=62860.154190.-JSVHS](https://act.fcnl.org/event/quaker-welcome-center-events-watch-home/3290?akid=62860.154190.-JSVHS&rd=1&t=17&utm_campaign=event&utm_medium=email&utm_source=ak&utm_term=62860.154190.-JSVHS)

During the March 2024's Spring Lobby Weekend, more than 300 young people lobbied for the creation of the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act (S.1723/H.R. 7227).

At this Quaker Changemakers event, we will talk with Quaker activists Buffy Curtis and Liseli Haines on the Truth and Healing Commission, and how non-indigenous Quakers approach truth and healing with Native American advocates. How has faith led Quakers to act on this issue? What have we experienced and learned along the way? How can we avoid the mistakes of the past in our current advocacy?

We need F/friends like you to spread the word about these events, so please pass this around in your networks. I'm looking forward to seeing you there!



In peace,  
**Micah MacColl Nicholson**  
*Program Assistant*  
*Quaker Engagement*