

February 18, 2023

Unami Monthly Meeting  
100 East Fifth Street  
Pennsburg, PA 18073

## Unami Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends



### *Calendar*

#### **This Month**

Feb. 19, "Spiritual State of Unami Meeting,"  
Discussion, 9:30 a.m., Meeting for Worship, 11  
a.m.

Feb. 26, Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.

#### **Future:**

Mar. 5, "Are Quakers Christians"? led by  
Marietta, 9:30 a.m., Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.

Mar. 12, Meeting for worship with a concern for  
business, 9 a.m, Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.

April 16, Meeting for worship with a concern for  
business, 9 a.m, Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.

### *Message from the Outreach Committee*

HOORAY!! Unami's new  
website is live!!!

Go to <https://www.unamiquakers.org>

Let the us know what you  
think.

*Mary Hanisch  
Nancy Donnelly*

### *Newsletter Deadline*

The deadline for the next  
newsletter is Mar. 16 at 4 PM.

This is a Thursday deadline.

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



## **AQM Enabling Fund and AQM Fund Assistance**

The Abington Quarterly Meeting has determined that for Unami Friends who are members or who are active attenders who may be needing short term financial assistance during this difficult time, funds are available from the Abington Quarter Meeting Enabling Fund for all members and from the AQM Fund for all active attenders.

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## **Query for the Month of February**

### **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?
- How do we recognize, develop and nurture the spiritual gifts of all in our meeting?
- *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?*

## Worship and Ministry Announcements

**February 19, 9:30am Discussion** - We will consider the following queries regarding the spiritual state of Unami Meeting in preparation for composing our annual report to be shared with PYM.

- What practices and strategies are employed by our meeting to help members and attenders of all ages prepare for worship—whether in meeting for worship or in meeting for business?
- What are the challenges to and opportunities for enhancing the worship of our meeting, and what are we doing to address these?
- What opportunities are provided to address topics important to deepening both personal spiritual journeys of members and the spiritual life of the meeting?
- What is most needed to strengthen the communal witness of the meeting to the local community and beyond?
- To what priorities does the Spirit call our meeting? How do our annual budget, our meeting's standing committees and other aspects of the meeting's life reflect those priorities?

**March 5, 9:30am Discussion** – “Are Quakers Christians”? Marietta will lead the discussion after we view a 10 minute video from Friends Journal. You can view the video in advance with this link: <https://quakerspeak.com/video/are-quakers-christian/>

**March 12, 9:00 am Meeting for Business with a Concern for Business**, We will pause our meeting for business at **10am in order to join by Zoom with all other meetings of PYM in Meeting for Worship as part of Continuing Sessions**. We will resume meeting for business after ending our share meeting for worship.

**March 26, 9:30am Discussion** – Steve Olshevski from Radnor Meeting will join us to share his long time leading to work with Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) and to inform us of current priorities.

**April 2, 9:30am Discussion** – Prompted by FCNL's recommendation we will hold a discussion for the purpose of discerning our viewpoint on Women's Reproductive Rights in the aftermath of the Supreme Court's Dobb v. Jackson decision.

**May 7, 9:30am Discussion** – Robyn will lead a book discussion on the book *Gender: Your Guide*. There is a copy of the book in the meetinghouse – please feel free to borrow, read and return for others.

## **Unami Meeting for Worship, Discussion, and Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business**

We're open, again!

With joy and thanksgiving we open the meetinghouse to you. Out of respect for those vulnerable among us to a COVID infection or ineligible to receive a vaccination at this time, we require masks to be worn at the beginning of all meetings at the meetinghouse (except toddlers and babies). If you've forgotten your mask, please help yourself to one on the foyer table. After the start of the meeting the convenor will ask if any of the attendees are uncomfortable with masks being removed. If all are comfortable then masks may optionally be removed during the meeting.

In the meetinghouse, we are using OWL technology to provide a Zoom link to those friends worshipping at a distance so that we can all be in the same room of the Spirit. Sit wherever you want, respecting social distance.

If you have a message, please move to the seat with a print scarf draped over it so that the OWL can pick up your message and broadcast it. Feel free to remove your mask in order to be heard clearly; thank you for replacing it after you speak.

At close of meeting before the pandemic, our tradition has been to shake hands and some to hug. At present, some of us bow and greet each other at a distance, some elbow bump. Please do what you feel is safe for you and expect that however clumsily we greet each other at close, we are nevertheless expressing peace and goodwill. We will routinely introduce ourselves so that all on Zoom or in the meetinghouse can be one gathered community.

We will have a program for children on the third and fourth Sundays of each month. Please contact First Day School committee member Linda Weinberger if you plan to bring your children at any other time. Your children are welcome in the meeting room for the first 15 minutes of worship as you choose. After that, someone will rise to usher them out for activities indoors or outside.

Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business begins in hybrid form is on every second Sunday at 9 a.m., followed by Meeting for Worship at the usual time: 11:00 a.m.

Please contact us at [unamifriendsmeeting@gmail.com](mailto:unamifriendsmeeting@gmail.com) if you would like to join us by Zoom.