

March 18, 2023

Unami Monthly Meeting
100 East Fifth Street
Pennsburg, PA 18073

Unami Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends



Calendar

This Month

March 19, Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.

March 26, Discussion with Steve Olshevski from Radnor Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.

Future:

April 2, Discussion "Discerning our viewpoint on Women's Reproductive Rights," 9:30 a.m., Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.

April 9, 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.

Potluck Resuming Sunday, March 19

Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business has agreed to resume potluck at the meeting house!

Bring your favorite dish to share at rise of meeting starting Sunday, March 19.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the next newsletter is April 18 at **4 PM**.

This is a Tuesday deadline.

Send your news to 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 March

Nurturing Our Community: Religious Education in the Home and Meeting

- How does our meeting prepare its members, attenders and children for worship, for the conduct of its business and for a way of life consistent with the principles of the Religious Society of Friends?
- What opportunities do we provide for all in the meeting to learn about Friends' history, practices and testimonies, the Judeo-Christian tradition, the life and teachings of Jesus, and other religious traditions?
- How does our meeting's religious education program provide experiential learning that enhances the sense of belonging to our worshipping community?
- *How do I help create a home where all members of the family receive affection and understanding and where visitors are welcome?*
- *How does my manner of living enrich body, mind and spirit; enable all to learn what it means to live a life of Spirit-led commitment; and demonstrate a high regard for family, community and the integrity of creation?*
- *How do I engage with my family and others who are dear to me regarding such sensitive topics as death, faith, money, sex and drugs?*

Worship and Ministry Announcements

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. Friends can prepare for the discernment by reading the materials prepared by FCNL at the following link:

<https://www.fcnl.org/about/world-we-seek/legislative-priorities/request-discernment-regarding-reproductive-health-and-abortion>

April 9 – Easter Sunday

April 16, 9:00am Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business

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.

May 14, Mother’s Day

May 21, 9:00am Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business

SPRINGTIME CHEER to friends in Bohodukhiv, UKR

This is an invitation for Unami to participate in “**Springtime Cheer;**” a letter-writing campaign to once again, put smiles on the faces and hearts of people who live in Bohodukhiv, UKR, near Kharkiv and the Russian border. Boyertown, PA and Bohodukhiv, UKR were Sister Cities officially until about 2010.

The intention of “**Springtime Cheer**” is to simply reach out in a human-to-human, heart-to-heart way and let the recipient know that you are thinking of them, wishing for an end to the war, etc.

If you are writing a note, maybe you could share a bit about your life (age, school, pets, family, hobby). Keep in mind that everyone in this town is under great stress in so many ways, and we do not want to make them even more sad by telling them about our houses, cars, vacations, etc.

A few suggestions:

1. Send a colorful greeting card and hand write a brief message. Dollar Stores have cards for \$.50. Printing might be best, keeping in mind that many older people do not read English.
2. You could write a brief letter, keeping in mind that children usually start learning English at about age 13. Maybe you'd embellish the paper with doodles, drawings, etc. Be creative!!
3. Adult artists and those who might have an adult coloring book. . .color a page and make it into a greeting card!
4. We hope that children will draw springtime or happy pictures of their choosing. Place in a plastic sleeve for protection. A first name and age on the back would be great. We are hoping for many drawings from children!
4. Tuck the flap of the envelope into the card; do not seal. On the outside write “To a (woman/man/child) from a (woman/man/child) age_____.
4. For your personal security, we suggest you sign with your first name only. Do not include your address. Perhaps “Your friend in America” and name would be appropriate.
5. Deliver all cards and letters to **Linda Weinberger, 1270 Creekside Lane, Quakertown, PA. 18951 by March 31.** If you are local there will be a box on my front porch beginning March 15 and you can put your letter in there.
6. **In the Boyertown area,** deliver all cards and letters to 232 Shaner Street, Boyertown. One block away from the State Theatre, last house on the right, box on the porch, Ukrainian and American flags displayed.
7. **For UNAMI MEETING. . .there will be a box in the Meetinghouse to deposit cards, letters, drawings on March 19 and March 26.**

Announcements from the Carbon Forest Committee

Upcoming Events:

Thursdays, March 23, & 30, 10-11:30 a.m., “Climate Change—Where We’re At” and “Climate Change—What We Can Do” (includes a description of Unami’s Carbon Forest Project): presentations at Living U, in Summit Auditorium, at Souderton Mennonite Home, Summit Street, Souderton.

Sunday, April 23, 12-4 p.m. Earth Day at John James Audubon Center, Audubon, PA.
<https://pa.audubon.org/events/earth-day-celebration-john-james-audubon-center>

Wednesday, June 7, TBD Presentation at “Greening Sacred Spaces,” a Quaker Zoom gathering of Quakers incorporating climate change into their actions.

For more info, email John Munro at munroeco@verizon.net
Or Joyce Munro at munroj@comcast.net

Hearing from Lenape -- About their wishes to return to their Homeland here.

You’re invited for an evening of listening and fellowship as we welcome the Lenape of Oklahoma to the Mennonite Heritage Center on Wednesday, April 12 at 6:00 p.m. It begins with a potluck meal followed by a presentation from our guests. **The event is free, but registration is required here:** <https://mhcp.org/events/event/hearing-from-the-lenape/>

The Mennonite Heritage Center is located at 565 Yoder Rd., Harleysville, Pa, with the event occurring in the barn.

Seating is limited to 135 people.

The Lenape/Delaware are returning to memorialize the one-year anniversary of returning some of their ancestors’ bones held in museums back to local soil. They have been in conversation with a number of groups (Perkiomen Middle School, Ursinus College, a group of individuals across the Delaware Valley of Mennonite, Quaker, and other backgrounds) about a dream they have for more burial ground and a place where their young people can be on the land, perhaps learning the culture of their ancient forebearers. This event is a further conversation.

Helping to make this event happen. If you would like to help with setup and take down (of chairs, tables) and assist with serving food. Here is a link for that gift of your time. Here it is: <https://forms.gle/36JBncjfsFFd8DVE7>

For more information: contact Jim Fillman jfacad@gmail.com, Cheryl Knight bartoknight@yahoo.com, Randy Quinby rmquinby@verizon.net, or Joyce Munro munroj@comcast.net

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 if you would like to join us by Zoom.