

February 16, 2024

Unami Monthly Meeting
100 East Fifth Street
Pennsburg, PA 18073

Unami Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends



Calendar

This Month

Feb. 18, Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.

Feb. 25, FCNL Discussion, 9:30 a.m, Meeting for
Worship, 11 a.m..

Future:

Mar. 3, Intergenerational Meeting for Worship, 11
a.m.

Mar. 10, Meeting for worship with a concern for
business, 9 a.m, PYM Meeting for Worship, 10 a.m.,

Mar 17, Spritual State of Unami MM Discussion,
9:30 a.m, Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.

Mar. 24, Discussion with **PA Rep. Peter Schweyer**,
9:30 a.m, Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.

April 21, 9:s0 a.m., Discussion on *Poverty by
America*, 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:

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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 Mar. 14 **at 4 PM.**

This is Thursday deadline.

Send your news to danielhazelton@ren.com.



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

February 25, 9:30am – Discussion to discern Unami’s recommendations to the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) for priorities for the next legislative session. The discussion will be led by Joyce Moore. You can view materials related to this discernment at <https://www.fcnl.org/about/world-we-seek/legislative-priorities>

March 3, 11am - Unami Friends will continue our experiment with semi-programmed Inter-generational Meeting for Worship on the first Sunday of each month. This will be a different worship experience than our usual meeting for worship. As worship begins, an adult Friend will share a short, prepared introduction (10 minutes or less) of a topic, theme or story that they have prepared and intend to be of interest and meaning to Friends of all ages. Intergenerational means “everything is for everyone!” All Friends are welcome to sit on the floor for the story and worship. There will be materials available (paper, crayons, pipe cleaners, stuffed animals etc.) that are conducive to inward listening. There will be no childcare provided – parents may accompany their child to one of the classrooms if they feel a need for some time away from the group. This experiment is a ‘work in progress’ and we encourage your feedback as we proceed through the year. We will need help. If you have interest in preparing some opening story or message for a future Inter-generational meeting for worship please contact a member of the Worship and Ministry Committee.

March 10, 9am - Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business. SPECIAL NOTE: We will pause Business Meeting at 10am to join Meeting for Worship with PYM Spring Continuing Sessions and will resume our Meeting for Business after 11am. (To join the PYM MFW, Friends on Zoom will need to close out the Unami Zoom Session and sign on to the “All Together Meeting for Worship” using the link provided to them when they register for the PYM Spring Continuing Sessions. See the flyer attached to this month’s newsletter mailing.)

March 17, 9:30am – W&M committee will facilitate a discussion to review and respond to PYM Queries regarding the Spiritual State of Unami MM.

March 24 – 9:30am: PA Rep. Peter Schweyer will visit to discuss the recently adopted recommendations from the Basic Education Funding Commission. Rep. Schweyer is the chairman of the PA House Committee on Education and a member of the BEF Commission. Important changes in how public education in PA will be funded in the future will be discussed. Majority and Minority Reports from the BEF Commission are available at [Basic Education Funding Commission | Home](#)

April 7, 11am – Intergenerational Meeting for Worship

April 14, 9am – Meeting for Business with a Concern for Business

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>

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.

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Query for the Month of February

Deepening Our Faith: Meeting for Business

- Is our meeting for business held in worship in which we seek divine guidance?
- How do we sustain prayerful consideration of all aspects of an issue and address difficult problems with a search for truth that is unhurried by the pressures of time?
- Do we recognize that we speak through our inaction as well as our action?
- *Do I regularly attend meeting for business? If unable to attend, how do I fulfill the responsibility to understand and embrace the decisions made?*
- *How do I affirm and support God's presence in the process of discernment and reaching a decision?*
- *Do I remain open to personal transformation as the community arrives at the sense of the meeting?*

