

March 16, 2024

Unami Monthly Meeting
100 East Fifth Street
Pennsburg, PA 18073

Unami Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends



Calendar

This Month

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.

Mar. 31, Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.

Future:

April 7, Intergenerational Meeting for Worship,
11 a.m., Showing of *Quakers: the Quiet
Revolutionaries*, 12:20 p.m.

April 14, Meeting for worship with a concern for
business, Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.,

April 21, 9:30 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 April 11 at 4 PM.

This is Thursday deadline.

Send your news to danielhazelton@rcn.com.



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

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. You may want to look at the PYM advices on Spiritual State of the Meeting Reports at <https://www.pym.org/state-of-the-meeting/advices/>

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 <https://basiceducationfundingcommission.com/>

April 7, 11am – Intergenerational Meeting for Worship

April 7, 12:30pm – Showing of *Quakers: the Quiet Revolutionaries*. Quakers: The Quiet Revolutionaries tells the story of a spiritual movement that has played a remarkable role in the religious, social and political life of our nation. Demonstrating an influence disproportionate to their numbers, Quakers have led anti-slavery, civil rights and women’s rights movements and been strong advocates for world peace. The program will document the rich history of Quakerism from its founding in 17th century England as the Religious Society of Friends to its spread to America and later to African nations in the 20th century. It will also highlight how Quakerism permeates our daily lives through literature and advertising. Viewers will be astounded when they realize that Quakers have truly played an activist role-on stage but somehow out of the spotlight.

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 March

Deepening Our Faith: Spiritual Nurture

- How does the meeting encourage the use of spiritual practices that deepen our faith, enhance the excitement of shared religious discovery and increase the possibility of spiritual transformation?
- What is the nature of our shared experience of the Divine and how do we nurture our collective spiritual growth and transformation?
- In what ways do we support each other in our spiritual journeys, in our search for God's will and in our efforts to increase understanding of humanity's relationship to life on earth?
- *How do I incorporate into my personal and family life those daily practices that focus on continued spiritual growth, including worship, reflection and engagement with writings that nurture the soul?*
- *How does my spiritual life integrate an understanding of a well-ordered relationship with the earth and deepen my reverence for the interconnectedness of all life?*

Game Night at the Meeting House March 15, 2024





