

September 19, 2025

Unami Monthly Meeting
100 East Fifth Street
Pennsburg, PA 18073

Unami Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends



Calendar

This Month

Sept. 21, Discussion about meeting for worship - "Am I doing this right?", 9:30 a.m., Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.

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

Future:

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

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

Oct. 19, Presentation - "Mountain Mary", 9:30 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

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 Oct, 17 **at 4 PM.**

This is a Friday deadline.

Send your news to danielhazelton@rcn.com.



Financial Appeal - F. Palin Spruance Fund

Dear Friends,

As you know, the Home and Care Committee provides pastoral care and financial assistance to members of our meetings whether they are living in their own homes or in any retirement facility.

For members living at Foulkeways, assistance has been provided by the F. Palin Spruance Fund. Currently, the monthly assistance paid on behalf of members is about \$12,000.00 per month. At this current rate of need, this Fund is estimated to be depleted within four years, sooner if the needs increase.

The Abington Quarter Home & Care Committee asks the members of our Monthly Meetings who are considering moving to Foulkeways, as well as those members already living there, to include a donation to Abington Quarterly Meeting in their wills so that the F. Palin Spruance Fund may continue to grow. Friends may also contribute to the fund during their lifetime.

Please make your checks payable to “The Incorporated Trustees of AQM” with “Sпруance Fund “in the memo and mail them to:

The Incorporated Trustees of AQM
C/o Dan Hazelton, Treasurer
1940 West Turner Street, apt. 507
Allentown, PA 18104

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by phone or email at any time.

In Peace,

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Minute of Support for the LGBTQIA+ Community

As Quakers, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting believes that there is that of God, the Light, Spirit, within every person. We receive the gifts of service and care from many of our members who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex and Asexual (LGBTQIA+) and value all as beloved members of our community.

Currently the federal government is targeting LGBTQIA+ people, by writing legislation that denies gender affirming care and treatment, questioning trans and gender diverse individuals' right to exist and be their true selves, pulling funding for mental health hotlines that serve LGBTQIA+ individuals, and threatening to rescind their rights to love and marry who they love. These actions have created dangerous levels of stress in LGBTQIA+ individuals, particularly in the trans community.

The behavior of the current administration goes against all the testimonies Quakers hold dear - especially equality, peace, justice, and integrity. We find this to be intolerable. Several Monthly and Quarterly Meetings across the Yearly Meeting have sent us Minutes of Concern on this topic.

We unite in honoring all people's right to love as they feel led and to inhabit the body that best expresses their true selves. We cherish the diversity that is brought to our community by the participation of these individuals.

We stand among and as allies with LGBTQIA+ people and cherish them. Our allyship demands that we continue to educate ourselves on the issues LGBTQIA+ people face, provide a safe space for LGBTQIA+ people and families to worship, and work to end discrimination based on sex, gender identity, and sexual orientation.

Some actions meetings or individuals could take:

- Use the resources on the PYM website to learn about the life experiences of some LGBTQIA+ individuals
- Inform FCNL that LGBTQIA+ rights is one of our legislative priorities
- Advocate for the full protection of civil rights for all
- Encourage individual meetings or Quarters to host LGBTQIA+ speakers to open a dialogue and get to know them
- Open a dialogue with other churches on LGBTQIA+ issues

There will be opportunities for reporting back to PYM and having further discussion.

By embracing members of the LGBTQIA+ community, we are blessed by their strength and endurance which bring rich colors to the tapestry of our Quaker fellowship.

Climate Witness: Let Our Actions Speak!
Saturday, October 25, 2025, 9am - 4pm
at Arch Street Meeting House and Zoom

Friends have been waiting for workshops that speak to our needs around climate. The morning will open with stories from Quaker groups caring for climate justice, and the day will move through worship and workshops that help Friends of all ages take faithful actions toward care for the Earth.

Friends are invited to join for a day of sharing, learning, and taking action together on the topic of climate witness. In the morning we will hear a narrative from five Quaker bodies focused on climate action and their perspective on what we can do to help our earth:

QAMAR (Quaker Action in the Mid-Atlantic Region) - Policy and Lobbying at State levels

EQAT (Earth Quaker Action Team) - Direct Action - Finance

Climate Stewards - PYM wide action

EJC (Eco-Justice Collaborative (of PYM)) - Education

QEW (Quaker Earthcare Witness) - National

After the morning program, participants will have a chance to participate in workshops aimed at providing resources, building your knowledge and your toolkit for action. All adult workshops are hybrid, so you can join in person or from home.

For more info go to: <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/PYMEvents/event/cwloastgc/>

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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Lynn Biddle, Unami's Care of Members Committee clerk
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Query for the Month of September

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?*