

October 18, 2025

Unami Monthly Meeting
100 East Fifth Street
Pennsburg, PA 18073

Unami Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends



Calendar

This Month

Oct. 19, Presentation - "Mountain Mary", 9:30 a.m., Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.

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

Future:

Nov 1, Fall Workday at the Meeting House, 9 a.m - 12 p.m.

Nov. 2, Intergenerational Meeting for Worship (Day of the Dead), 11 a.m.

Nov 9, Meeting for worship with a concern for business, 9 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 Nov, 14 **at 4 PM.**

This is a Friday deadline.

Send your news to danielhazelton@rcn.com.





FRIENDS CENTER

Celebrating 50 Years as the Quaker Hub
for Peace & Justice in Philadelphia

In association with Friends Center's equity partners:



American
Friends
Service
Committee

Central Philadelphia
Friends Meeting



Philadelphia
Yearly Meeting

TRAININGS FOR NONVIOLENT ACTION

Join us as we celebrate Friends Center's 50th anniversary
with a series of free, community-oriented trainings!

- 1** September 21, 2025, 2-5 pm:
Creating Community Safety Beyond Policing
Led by American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)
- 2** October 12, 2025, 3-5 pm:
How Faith Communities Can Support Immigrants
Led by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and New Sanctuary Movement
- 3** November 23, 2025 2-5 PM
Building Skills for Spiritually Grounded Nonviolent Action
Led by Earth Quaker Action Team (EQAT)
- 4** January 18, 2025 2-5 PM
Strategic Creativity for Nonviolent Action
Led by Look Loud & Rev. Rhetta Morgan



Learn More & Register:

www.friendscentercorp.org/fc50



PYM Aging Grants

Greetings Friend,

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting is accepting applications for Friends ages sixty and older who are in financial need for [monthly recurring grants of up to \\$2,500](#) to assist with their basic needs, to make it possible to live in communities, or to remain in their own homes.

Applications may be submitted by Friends themselves, family members, or those serving on a meeting's committee when a need becomes known. The process is confidential, and all information shared is used only to discern the request.

Learn more about Aging Grants.

<https://www.pym.org/grants/aging-grants/>

Friends are encouraged to apply as soon as a need arises.

Upcoming deadlines are November 1, 2025 and May 1, 2026, though urgent needs can be considered at any time. [All applications are now submitted online](#), with supporting documents uploaded through the new electronic system, and Friends can reach out to PYM staff if support is needed.

Alongside this assistance, PYM offers related support for end-of-life expenses through [the Anna T. Jeanes Cremation Fund](#)

<https://www.pym.org/grants/anna-t-jeanes-cremation-fund/>

that provides reimbursement (up to \$800) to meetings and families after arrangements are completed. Meetings and caregivers who accompany Friends in this stage of life are welcome to reach out for information on this quiet but meaningful form of care.

[Aging Grants](#)

are distributed by the Aging Assistance and Greenleaf Granting Groups.

For questions, support, or more information, contact the PYM Aging Support Coordinator, Shiela Sorkin at ssorkin@pym.org or the Grantmaking office at grants@pym.org.

**Presentation, 'Mountain Mary
Sunday, October 19, 2025, 9:30 a.m, - 11 a.m'
at Unami Meeting House**

Mountain Mary: Sainted Healer of the Oley Valley

Anna Maria Jung (1744-1819), or Mountain Mary, was a celebrated healer, first-generation immigrant, and folk hero in Southeastern Pennsylvania. Although popularly associated with the Pennsylvania Dutch, Mary lived in one of the most religiously diverse areas of Southeastern Pennsylvania, where over 14 different religious communities overlapped. How was Mary connected with the Quakers in Oley? What values did she embody in her community? How are our notions of heroism from the colonial era shaped by our attitudes in the present day? Patrick Donmoyer, director of the Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center at Kutztown University will lead a discussion on this celebrated historical figure and how her legacy continues to inspire conversations in the present day.

October is Gay History Month

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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Query for the Month of October

Nurturing Our Community: Stewardship of Resources

- How does our meeting accommodate ecological, economic and social justice in its uses of property and money?
- Does our meeting engage its members in supporting the meeting's work, its ministry and the upkeep of its property?
- Does our meeting encourage its members to support with their time, energy and finances the quarterly and yearly meetings and other Quaker organizations?
- To what extent does our meeting rely on current members and attenders for financial support and to what extent on other sources?
- *How do I demonstrate in my own decision making a concern for ecological, economic and social justice?*
- *How do I simplify my needs, making choices that balance self-sufficiency and fair sharing of resources?*
- *Do I balance my work-life and other activities with the time and energy needed for my spiritual growth and service?*
- *Do I contribute to the work of Friends in my meeting, in the quarterly and yearly meetings and in the wider world of Friends?*

Unami Workday Task List
Saturday, November 1, 2025, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
at the Meeting House

Inside Cleaning:

Clean inside building.

Clean floors.

Clean building windows, especially in First Day School Room.

Organize Utility Room.

Inside Handyperson Work:

Install deadbolts at top of stairs, Utility Room, and for closet in First Day School Room.

Secure top drawer of file cabinet with a newly installed hasp and lock.

Install a new sink faucet for Nursery Room Bathroom.

Install ¼ round molding around bulletin board in Library.

Add batteries to smoke detector in hallway.

Outdoors Work:

Cut grass for last time this season.

Rake up leaves in yard and put in bags.

Clean-out rain gutter above the front entrance where it is clogged.

Replace downspout extenders.

Dear Friends,

After our October Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business (Meeting for Business or MFB), there was some discussion about WHO could attend MFB and whether you had to be a member or invited guest. As a response, first, here is what Faith and Practice says about “Corporate Discernment.”

Just as it is paramount for Friends to have clearness in their personal lives, so it is important for Friends to have clearness regarding issues or concerns brought to the meeting for consideration. Friends undertake corporate discernment and decision-making in the same expectant waiting for the guidance of the Spirit as meeting for worship. With this in mind, some Friends call the occasion for conducting business “meeting for worship with attention to business.” Others call it simply “meeting for business.” It is also known as “monthly meeting” because it is usually held once a month. Regardless of the name used for the occasion, the basis for Friends method of reaching decisions is a spiritual one. In accordance with our understanding that there is that of God in each of us and that Truth is continually revealed, all those attending the meeting for business seek to release whatever preferences or opinions they may have about an issue before it is considered and become open to the leading of the Spirit as they would in a meeting for worship...

... An important part of the process of corporate discernment takes place in the committees of the meeting, one or more of which often is charged to season an issue before it is brought to the meeting as a whole for consideration. Seasoning an issue might include gathering background information, drawing together those affected, or drafting a proposal. The work of the meeting committee is conducted with much the same process and goal as a meeting for worship with attention to business.

So, if you are interested in the issues and concerns brought to the meeting for consideration, and if you’re interested in “undertaking corporate discernment and decision making in the same expectant waiting for the guidance of the Spirit as meeting for worship,” no matter if you are a member or attender...YOU ARE WELCOME!!! Please join us for our next Meeting for Business on Sunday, November 9 @ 9:00am. Unami’s MFB is held the 2nd Sunday of each month except for May, when it is held on the 3rd Sunday in honor of all who celebrate Mothers’ Day.

Enjoy this beautiful fall weather,

Nancy