

February 14, 2026

Unami Monthly Meeting
100 East Fifth Street
Pennsburg, PA 18073

Unami Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends



Calendar

This Month

Feb. 15, Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.

Feb. 20, Pizza and Game night at the Meetinghouse, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 22, Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.

Future:

March 1, Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.

March 8, 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 March 13 **at 4 PM.**

This is a Friday deadline.

Send your news to danielhazelton@rcn.com.



2025 State of the Meeting Report
Unami Monthly Meeting
February 8, 2026

I cannot engage in a State of the Meeting report without addressing the state of the country, as the life of the meeting does not exist apart from the world around us. We are in a very dark time as ICE agents oppress and even murder our citizens with the backing of our federal government. Immigrants and documented citizens fear for their safety and that of their families; people are being arrested for no cause. In general, the state of the country feels devoid of spirit, and it is from within this reality that we are called to ask how Spirit is moving among us.

So, how is Spirit moving among us at Unami? With anger, fear, and sadness, with care and concern for those in our community who are deemed “illegal”, and with a resolve that gives us strength and courage to resist. One Friend at Unami has set up weekly and sometimes biweekly postcard writing campaigns, Friends have participated and continue to participate in No Kings and No ICE demonstrations throughout the region. We write letters, emails, and call our representatives. To the best of our ability, we love our neighbors with no exceptions.

The life of the meeting is rich and fruitful. We have increased our membership this year and continue to draw young families, with children, who are seeking a spiritual home. In Meeting for Worship, periods of silence are nurtured as are vocal messages which often speak to the condition of those in the meeting. We value and respect the individual's experience with the divine. We continue to engage in discussions that span personal, social, and spiritual realms. We were fortunate to host a Quakerism 101 workshop given by Jonathan and Melanie Douty Snipes, while at the same time gifted with a wonderful children's program by PYM staff. Discussions related to Conscientious Objection and Reparations were serious and spoke directly to current events in a way that was both spiritual and practical. Providing safe spaces for people to explore and confront uncomfortable issues and truths is an important part of the Worship and Ministry Committee's calling, and a crucial part of our growth and development as individuals and as a meeting.

Our Care and Membership Committee works diligently to care for those in our meeting and plans for ways that we can have fun together. Our Religious Education program is robust as we offer First Day School programming twice a month and intergenerational worship on the first Sunday of each month. Having children engaged in meeting for worship is “joyful and delicious.” This year, we held our first Children's Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business to decide on how the children would like to do service in the community. The children have expressed tenderness and care for the world and the earth and have much to give, and the First Day School Committee (and the Meeting as a whole) feel a commitment to nurture their gifts. We long for more intentional interaction across generations and perhaps outside of Meeting. We continue to enjoy our twice monthly potluck lunches which provides a valuable means for generations to mix.

The state of the meetinghouse is good thanks to the work of the Property Committee and others. We have replaced all of the floors in the children's room, library and both bathrooms and painted all of those rooms. We keep the meetinghouse clean through ongoing upkeep and participate in two large workdays each year. We have plans to replace the windows and paint the outside of the building in the coming year, to maintain the warm and welcoming feeling.

The Peace and Social Concerns Committee has worked diligently on developing a well thought out and constructed land acknowledgement that is respectful to the Lenape people. Additionally they have suggested reparative actions that individuals and the Meeting can take. Plans are in the works for how to display it both in and outside the meetinghouse. The Outreach Committee is enthusiastic and works to keep us informed of Meeting activities and make our Meeting more well known in the community. The members of the committee work well together and their discussions are generative and productive. The Carbon Forest Committee is a focus group related to the Meeting. They continue to meet faithfully with hopes that through their struggles for money and access to land they will eventually be able to carry out the project or find someone who can. Being open to new possibilities is a sign of the spiritual health of the committee.

In this time of fear, injustice, and uncertainty, and as we are called to ask ourselves, how does Spirit move among us, we understand it as rooted in worship and expressed in action. As we shared with AQM, we are a community of Seekers and Doers committed to Community, Equity, Peace, Justice, Families, and Youth.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Donnelly
Clerk

Worship and Ministry report for 2025

It is truly a joy to be a part of the Worship and Ministry committee, and the spirit definitely moves among us as we discuss ways to bring new ideas and inspiration to Unami. 2025 was a very productive and fulfilling year for our group, which hosted or facilitated eight events/discussions (detailed list below). Out of all of these Quakerism 101 was definitely a highlight, and the kindness and generosity of spirit brought by Jonathon and Melanie Snipes as they shared history, tradition, and songs had a lasting positive impact on the many friends who attended. Our discussions related to Conscientious Objection and Reparations were sessions that were more serious, and spoke directly to current events in a way that was both spiritual and practical. Providing these safe spaces for people to explore and confront uncomfortable issues and truths is an important part of our committee's calling, and a crucial part of our growth and development as individuals and as a meeting.

As a committee we are constantly taking the temperature of the meeting, and working to find programming that feels relevant and accessible to as many people as possible. One of the additional ways we hope to do this in 2026 is by having a monthly zoom discussion centered around Faith and Practice. We think this will be particularly helpful for those who are not always able to travel to Unami, and families with children who may be unable to make it to our 9:30 am presentations. These evening discussions will allow people who may not be familiar with Faith and Practice to learn more about it in a casual conversational setting that fosters sharing and community. We believe it is so important to give our members and attenders as many points of connection as possible, especially now, when the world feels more than a little overwhelming and chaotic. We would like to see better attendance at these presentations, and the committee is brainstorming ways to make that happen. We believe that all of these different events present wonderful opportunities for people to deepen their connection with Quaker community and spirit on many levels.

As members of Worship and Ministry we are responsible for the care of meeting, which includes open and close of meeting. This has been a struggle at times for us, but we are hopeful that opening up a new sign up genius with more structure will alleviate some of the issues. IGMFW still feels like a work in progress, with the responsibility for leading it seeming to fall on the shoulders of just a few people, but we are heading into 2026 with more structured ideas around potential topics that we hope will inspire new people to volunteer. We believe IGMFW is a unique way to include our youngest friends in meeting in a way that encourages them to feel valued and seen, and acknowledges their important role in the life of our meeting.

The Worship and Ministry committee remains committed to supporting the meeting in fostering a community where learning, inclusion, and the nurture of spirit are faithfully integrated. As we look toward the coming year, the committee is feeling very optimistic. We are looking forward to new discussions, more opportunities for connection, and continued spiritual growth as we support our members and attenders and deepen the life of the meeting.

2025 events

Jan: Formulating our state of the meeting report

Feb: Feedback on IGMFW

March: Conscientious objector—understanding the process

April: Quakerism 101

Sept: Basics of meeting for worship

Oct: Mountain Mary

Nov: Reparations and land acknowledgement

Dec: Seasonal Celebration

Dear Friends of Unami,

Come in from the cold and join us for a family friendly Pizza and Game night at the Meetinghouse on Friday, February 20th from 5:30-7:30. You are welcome to bring friends. We will provide pizza and beverages. Please bring something to share: something healthy and/or yummy to fill out the menu.

RSVP number of acceptances to: lcbiddle@hotmail.com
by Tuesday, February 17th

With love from Care and Membership - Mo, Leslie, Joyce Moore and Lynn

You can help us!

Save cardboard!

Save washed out and cleaned milk or orange juice cartons!

Donate Scotch transparent or magic tape!

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Unami First Day School is building a pollinator garden. We will be building homes for wild bees on March 8 and 22.

We need lots of lightweight cardboard (the inner tube of toilet paper rolls, granola bar and cereal boxes, or cake and brownie mix boxes).

NOTE: Please keep inner tubes intact. With the other cardboard, remove any inner wrapping and flatten at the seams.



It's time to congratulate Candace and Chris Fantozzi, who are shown here exchanging marriage vows at the Fleisher Art Memorial on Jan 11, 2026! They have been attending Unami Friends meeting mostly on Zoom for the past seven months and have shown up together at work days and other events at the meetinghouse. "I have enjoyed attending Unami meeting and feel welcomed and blessed by everyone," Candace says.

Candace and Chris have discovered that they both enjoy art and being outdoors, so you might find them at the Barnes Museum or Longwood Gardens. Or exploring vegan restaurants together.

"Kind, considerate, and compassionate" is how Chris describes Candace. "Supportive, grounded, and a wonderful partner" is how Candace describes Chris.

"We feel we saved the best for last, and we are so grateful we met and connected" is their joint realization these days. We wish Peace and Love and Light to both of you!

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

Nurturing Our Community: Care for the Meeting

- Do we help each other to live with integrity and contribute that integrity to the life of our meeting?
- How does our meeting learn of members' needs and offer its assistance?
- How does our meeting nurture members in all stages of life?
- How does our meeting welcome those new to Friends and integrate them into our community?
- *Am I ready both to offer and to accept meeting assistance when needed?*
- *Do I treat adults and children alike with respect and without condescension?*
- *What opportunities have I taken to know, work and worship with Friends in the larger spiritual communities we share?*