

April 18, 2026

Unami Monthly Meeting
100 East Fifth Street
Pennsburg, PA 18073

Unami Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends



Calendar

This Month

April 19, “Addressing Racism” Discussion, 9:30 a.m., Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.

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

Future:

May 3, Intergenerational Meeting for Worship (AIDS Quilt Presentation), 11 a.m.

May 10, Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.

May 17, Meeting for worship with a concern for business, 9 a.m., Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.

May 24, Book Discussion, 9:30 a.m., Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.

May 31, ICE Preparedness and Rapid Response training, 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:

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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 May 22 **at 4 PM.**

This is a Friday deadline.

Send your news to danielhazelton@rcn.com.



Banner installed at 4pm on March 9, 2026



Result of Borough Council Meeting April 14, 2026

Update on tonight's somewhat complicated meeting. During the public comment section, Philip spoke and asked why the issue was moved to Executive session. The solicitor responded that it was their right to have private counsel. Then Philip said that he had been doing his own research and learned that there was a 2015 Supreme court decision "Reed v Town of Gilbert" which has invalidated many sign ordinances nationwide, and that perhaps Pennsburg has provisions that raise Reed concerns.

Following Philip's comments, a former borough council member advised the Council that since the agenda for tonight's meeting was not posted on the borough's website 24 hours in advance of the meeting, the meeting was not valid. Consequently, the council went into Executive Session but as the Solicitor was entering, he approached Philip and said, "You were right" and then commented that they may have to cancel the meeting tonight.

Thankfully, Joe stayed (Philip and I left) and reported the following at 8:10, "They are keeping the meeting going saying that they aren't in violation of the sunshine act. (Because they posted the agenda on the door.)"

AND Our banner was "grandfathered" in after the Executive Session, because it was approved in 2003, and then again in 2015, that the code enforcer approved again based on that.

Phew.....we can talk about next steps at May's meeting for business. But for now, the banner stays.... with permission!

Nancy

Upcoming Discussions and Events happening at Unami

April 19, 9:30 a.m. – Discussion on “Addressing Racism”

Racism affects all of us. It is part of our society and all of our institutions. Without efforts to notice and change how issues of race and dominance work in our -- in any -- society, we continue to do harm. It becomes part of the way we do things, and so our ways need to be examined to rid them of systemic racism.

- Can we/do we take regular time to do antiracism work?
- What type(s) of work are we doing/are we ready for – education of ourselves, noticing/examination of our practices, civil action?

The Quaker Coalition for Uprooting Racism (QCUR) has come up with some patterns of racial harm with one of them being, “Thinking that everyone has the same amount of power within Quakerism rather than acknowledging dynamics that impact how much people feel empowered to speak their truth and/or be witnessed in their truth.”

- Have you thought about this before?
- How can you use it to rethink your ways or review what assumptions may be guiding you?
- Have you found blessings or tools in your work on racism you wish to share with others?

May 24, 9:30 a.m. - A book discussion on *How to Be Less Stupid About Race: On Racism, White Supremacy, and the Racial Divide* by Crystal M. Fleming. The book is readily available in print and audio; a copy will also be available to borrow from Unami shortly.

May 31, 9 a.m. - Unami Meeting will be hosting an ICE Preparedness and Rapid Response training with Rabbi Elyse Wechterman. Richland Meeting members have also been invited to participate.

Unami Bake Sale - March 28



On Thursday, April 2, Unami kids walked to The Open Link to hand their check to Marianne Lynch. They made \$200 for TOL at the bake sale.

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 April

Witnessing in the World: Witness and Civic Responsibility

- What is our meeting doing:
- To become aware of systemic legal, economic and political injustices in our local community?
- To build relationships with other faith communities around common concerns?
- To reduce polarization within the larger community?
- To work together with others to address injustice?
- *Am I mindful of how my lifestyle, work-life and investments affect others?*
- *Am I open to seeking clearness on matters of conscience? Am I open to assisting others in doing so?*
- *Do I fulfill my civic responsibilities when they do not conflict with divine leading?*