

OYM Friends Center  
61388 Olney Lane  
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*A Retreat and Conference Center for  
the Exploration of  
Christian Unprogrammed Quakerism  
and its Meaning Today*

# Friends Center of Ohio Yearly Meeting 2011-2012



*Adjacent to  
Stillwater Meetinghouse near  
Barnesville, Ohio*

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## Events Scheduled at the Friends Center, 2011-2012

**Both weekends facilitated by  
Brian Drayton**

**A Language for the Inward Landscape  
November 4-6, 2011**

From the beginnings of the Quaker movement, Friends have found need to describe the spiritual condition and inward processes of themselves and of meetings. Exploring the words and ideas of this language can give us insight into the spiritual life that is deeply rooted in Quaker spirituality, and helps us become more aware of these inward motions and events. Bill Taber called this "a language for the inward landscape." During this weekend, we will explore this language, and use it in turn to explore our own spiritual lives and the lives of our meetings and ministry.

**Brian Drayton**, of Weare (NH) Monthly Meeting, is a plant ecologist working in science education research. He has traveled extensively in the ministry, carrying a concern to encourage those who contribute to their meeting's ministry. He has given workshops, retreats, and addresses on topics in Quaker history and belief for many Friends meetings and Pendle Hill. In 1994, he published *Selections from the Writings of James Naylor*. In 2003 Brian was one of the originators of the Quaker Peacebuilders Camp, a program for teaching nonviolent action based on Quaker spirituality. His *On Living With a Concern for Gospel Ministry* has recently been among the best selling Quaker books .

## Registration and Cost Information

Each weekend event begins with supper at 6:00 PM on Friday and ends with a noon meal on Sunday. **Cost for each workshop is \$150** per person, double occupancy. Scholarship aid is usually available. Please use the registration form on the brochure or email inquiries or registrations to Katharine Jacobsen at kenkatharine@earthlink.net. To cancel a registration, please phone Katharine (262-728-6048) or Fran Taber (740-425-1248)

## A Weekend for Friends in the Ministry March 9-11, 2012

"It is a living ministry that begets a living people." Friends' challenges in these times include how to encourage and sustain a diverse, consecrated, diligent ministry rooted in the Light and Life of Christ. This weekend is an opportunity for Friends who are under a sustained call to the gospel ministry to meet for mutual refreshment, encouragement, and instruction as the Spirit leads. Our time together will include open worship and also structured conversation about challenges that arise today in the life of meetings and their ministers. Friends who have not attended a previous Friends Center weekend in this series are asked to include with their registration request a description of their particular gift, how they have come to recognize it, how they exercise it, and what accountability they have for their gift to their meeting, another group, and/or another individual.



# Friends Center Of Ohio Yearly Meeting

## Vision

The Friends Center is a retreat and conference center for outreach for the Christian unprogrammed Quakerism of Ohio Yearly Meeting. The Friends Center expresses OYM's grounding in Christian faith and its tradition of hospitality for spiritual seekers. Here we can explore, articulate and share an understanding of Quaker faith and practice that is both unprogrammed and Christian. While that faith is rooted in the experience and writings of earlier Friends, we seek to express it in ways appropriate to the language and conditions of our own time. OYM's witness was shaped by its original rural location in the hills of eastern Ohio. Thus the Friends Center is an appropriate place in which to explore issues affecting rural life and community as they grow out of faith.

## Facilities

The Friends Center is located in a house between Stillwater Friends Meetinghouse and the campus of Olney Friends School. The Friends Center provides meeting and dining space, as well as a library and three bedrooms. Additional rooms for lodging are in the Mary Davis Guest House of Olney Friends School. Stillwater Meetinghouse can also be available. The facilities of Barnesville, a pleasant town of under 5000, are within a few minutes' walk or drive. Attractive quiet grounds and country roads are available for walking.

## Group Rentals

The Friends Center will rent space to compatible groups needing meeting space or facilities for small conferences. Use of the Friends Center for half a day is \$20; for a full day, up to 12 hours costs \$35. Lunch or supper from the Olney School kitchen, by arrangement, costs \$7.50 per person per meal.



## Personal Retreats

Take time out from the busyness of your life to accept Jesus' invitation to come aside and rest awhile. Friends have known since our beginning that times of retirement from outward activity nourish the soul and allow us to sink deeper into an awareness of God's work in our lives. In solitude one can experience with William Penn that "True silence is... to the spirit, what sleep is to the body; nourishment and refreshment." A weekend, a day or several days in the solitude of a personal retreat offers time for refreshment of both body and spirit. It provides opportunity to take our lives into the silence before God, to listen more deeply to Christ, the Inward

Teacher, opening the way for God's transforming work within us.

The Friends Center, when not otherwise scheduled, may be rented for personal retreats. Persons wishing for consultation during their time of retreat may arrange to talk with a Friend experienced in spiritual guidance. Frances Taber, a graduate of Shalem Institute's Spiritual Guidance Program, who also developed a personal retreat program at Pendle Hill, is available as her schedule permits.

One may enjoy the use of the Friends Center alone, or possibly with another retreatant in residence. Each person will have a private bedroom with a comfortable chair and a writing table. The bath is shared; an additional half-bath is available. A living room and a library of Quaker and other spiritual books are at the disposal of the retreatant. A patio and swing give opportunity for sitting outdoors. The retreatant may bring food to prepare in the Friends Center's fully-equipped kitchen. Two grocery stores are within walking distance.

Cost for a personal retreat is \$35 per day or \$200 for a full week.

## For More Information

To inquire about or schedule a personal retreat or a group rental, contact Frances Taber at 740-425-1248 or [tabersimon@zippytech.com](mailto:tabersimon@zippytech.com).

**PLEASE REGISTER ME(US) FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENT(S)**

\_\_\_\_\_ November 4-6, 2011 A Language for the Inward Landscape COST: \$ 150

\_\_\_\_\_ March 9-11, 2012 A Weekend for Friends in the Ministry COST: \$ 150

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian Option: I eat no meats \_\_\_\_\_ Fish only \_\_\_\_\_ Fish and fowl \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer a single room and will pay an additional \$20 for the weekend \_\_\_\_\_

Other information you want us to know about you for your health or comfort \_\_\_\_\_

I am enclosing \$ \_\_\_\_\_ deposit with this reservation (refundable up to one week before event starts)

Please make checks payable to Friends Center and mail to Katharine Jacobsen, 3000 N. Shore Dr., Delavan, WI 53115