

WELCOME to the 2021 Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends (Conservative)

Eighth Month 3 – Eighth Month 8, 2021`

The 2021 Ohio Yearly Meeting sessions will be abbreviated. It will be a hybrid meeting conducted over the online platform known as Zoom and in person at Stillwater Meetinghouse.

Recommendations and [help](#) on pg. 2 & 3.

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***“He that believeth on the Son hath
everlasting life.”***

John 3: 36

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Online Discipline Conduct

- Please mute when not speaking[†].
- Those using telephone can mute and unmute using *6
- Only members of Ohio Yearly Meeting are expected to speak to business.
- Raise hand to be recognized by the Clerk. This can be done by physically raising one's hand so that it is visible on the camera. Or, using the Zoom Raise Hand option. Friends on the telephone can use *9 to raise their hands.
- Friends are encouraged to contact Tech Support well before YM time.
- We have found it useful to turn off video during times of worship.
- If having difficulties call our Tech Support at one of these numbers. Find names & phone numbers on page 2. If having problems during a session call either...
 - Online Tech support 740 238 6025 or
 - Dave Casterline 610 431 9380
- Please refrain from any recordings of our sessions.
 - To best view the speaker at Stillwater please use the "Speaker" view available in the upper right corner of your zoom screen. Direction to Pin on the Owl https://youtu.be/fH_YXipQyOw
- Tips for poor connections.
 - Turn off video.
 - Speak loudly and carefully to ensure Zoom picks up thy voice.
 - Speak slowly, inserting a split-second pause between words.
 - Use the telephone.
 - One can dial in through the telephone and still have the computer video on. When doing this, *be sure* that the computer is muted.

[†] When using a laptop or desktop, and other friends are visible, pressing and holding the space bar will temporarily unmute your connection. (The space bar unmute only works when the chat window is closed).

Welcome to Visitors

We welcome visitors to join us in worshipping God in Spirit and in Truth, to participate in our fellowship, and to learn more about the way we experience the timeless message that Jesus Christ has come to teach His people Himself. It is our practice to limit speaking on business matters to members, except when a visitor feels clearly led by Christ to speak to the topic at hand.

Getting Around

Maps of the Olney Friends School campus and Meetinghouse grounds are available. **Business sessions** are in the Meetinghouse. **Meals** are in the Olney Dining Room. Rooms for committees and programs are listed on the agenda and are located thus:

In the **Olney Main Building**:

Lower level: Dining Room, Math Classroom, Biology Room

First floor: Main Office, Collection Room, Parlor, & Seminar Room

In the **Meetinghouse**: Kitchen, North Meeting & South Meeting Rooms

The **Activities Building** is the red building behind the Meetinghouse.

The **Friends Center** (Morlan Bldg.) is the first house on the right along the walk toward Olney from the Meetinghouse.

The **Chestnut Ridge Meetinghouse** is several miles south of Barnesville east of Rt. 800.

People Available for Help either physical or zoom

Facilities problems, rides between locations, information, etc.

Sharon Helms (Registrar); Nancy Hawkins, Robert Rockwell,

Loisanne Rockwell (OYM Agenda Comm.)

Constance Bair-Thompson, Bridget Casterline (Asst. Registrars)

Medical. Conrad Lindes (physician); Jack Smith (pharmacist);

JoMae Rockwell, Debora Taber (nurses)

Other Information

Telephones are in Olney's main hall, and the Meetinghouse kitchen.

Cell phone coverage is good. The Internet may be accessed on Olney computers (Linux) in the school library. Softball, volleyball, and basketball facilities are available; bring balls and racquets. Swimming and boating **only by permission** of Olney staff.

Accommodations During Yearly Meeting

Room and meal reservations will be handled by OYM members and **must be received by 7/19**. Send reservations and inquiries to

Sharon Helms, 2485 Bogie Lake Road, White Lake, MI 48386.

Phone: 248 464-1018 e-mail philandsharon04.01@sbcglobal.net.

Please stop at the Meetinghouse porch to get room assignments as soon as you arrive.

Rooms are available in the **Olney School dormitories** with **17 rooms** available.

Please bring your own linens to the dorm rooms; include a pillow, towel, washcloth, and soap, and, if you want, blanket(s), sheets, coat hangers, fan, reading lamp, and paper cups. **Campers** will be located near Stillwater Meetinghouse, with showers and toilet facilities in the Activities Building. Rooms are also available at the **Plummer House**. It is at 36841 Barnesville-Bethesda Road (corner of State Route 147 & Dusty Lane.)

Bedding is included (shared bath) and is pet friendly.

The fellowship of eating together is an important part of Yearly Meeting.

Everyone is invited to join that fellowship in the Olney dining room, including Friends who wish to bring their own meals. However, kitchen staff must have a final count two weeks prior to yearly meeting. We must pay for all meals we have requested. Please sign up for meals with your room registration. Payment may be made with reservations if convenient. **Please make checks**

payable to OYM Agenda Committee.

Payment for meals will be by donation. Friends who are able are asked to donate beyond the cost of meals (**\$5.00 breakfast, \$8.00 dinner /supper** meals, **children \$3.00 breakfast, \$4.00 lunch/supper** registered for) to assure that people who need to donate less can join in all meals. If you are in need of **financial assistance**, please indicate that information on your reservation so arrangements can be made.

HOUSING RATES per PERSON per NIGHT:

	ADULT	UNDER 12
Olney School dorms	\$ 17.00	Free
Sleeping bag on floor in dorms	\$ 8.50	Free

Tent/Car Camping	8.00 per site
R.V., no water & power	8.00 per site
R.V., water & power	10.00 per site

Plummer House (linens provided) by donation at the location.

Linens for dorm rooms can be made available for those with travel restrictions, upon request with reservation.

Please pay for rooms and meals at the Meetinghouse porch upon arrival, or send a check to Sharon Helms, payable to

OYM Agenda Committee.
Morning Bible Reading
(8:15 – 9:15 AM on 8/4 – 8/8)

As in meeting for worship, we gather and wait in the presence of Jesus Christ. At first people read their Bibles silently, from wherever they are led to start. As different people feel led to read passages aloud, they do so, without comment. Christ, who inspired the writers of the Scriptures, guides our reading and teaches as we listen to Him within us. 2 Tim.3:16

Afternoon Sharing
(1:00 – 1:50PM)

This year is a change from years past as we are now meeting for group discussion and discernment in the afternoon. This year the topic is “ **Ohio Yearly Meeting: What can we say?** “

Why do we have a yearly meeting? Why are you attending yearly meeting? What are you expecting from yearly meeting?

All of these questions and more! Facilitated by Conrad Lindes

Hybrid Yearly Meeting Procedures

Committee Meetings will need to be completed, where possible, prior to YM. Reports will be sent in digital form to **Seth Hinshaw**. These will be submitted and received by 7/20/21. Only reports requiring action from the meeting will be read on the meeting floor. Other reports will appear in the Minute Book.

Items may be added at the discretion of the Clerk. Meetings for an indicated session will end when business has been completed. Zoom will continue with next indicated item on the agenda.

Unless otherwise indicated all Meetings for Worship, Bible Reading and Afternoon Sharing will be at Stillwater Meetinghouse. All meals will be at Olney Dining Hall.

Fellowship after breakfast, (coffee, tea, juice and surprises inthe Meetinghouse kitchen) if ,in person is your choice, if on Zoom please be at the Meetinghouse view. Advice for best possible hybrid experience...Speak slowly, strongly and clearly *in the direction of the Owl* for best communication with Zoom attenders.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS 7/19/2021

Friends can register on our website at

ohioyearlymeeting.org/events

Or use this form to reserve

Please complete both pages 7 & 8 and send it to:

Sharon Helms

2485 Bogie Lake Road

White Lake, MI 48386

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Note: Even if you do not need room reservations, please complete and return this form if you expect to eat **any meals** in the Olney dining room,

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Young Friends. PLEASE see the information for 2021

Please write contact information for you here:

This information is necessary for security and safety reasons.

Please complete in full.

Name(s) _____

Phone (____) ____ - _____

Postal Address _____

Date of birth ____ ____ ____

E-Mail _____

Monthly Meeting _____

Yearly Meeting (if not OYM) _____

_____ **I need confidential financial assistance. Please contact me.**

_____ **I need assistance or accessible accommodations.**

Ohio Yearly Meeting Reservations

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I (We) want reservations for _____ (# of) nights for (name of each person):

Roommate preference if you have one _____

See page 3 for prices, then check desired location:

____ Dorm room – Own bedding and towels

____ Plummer House (Limited rooms, bedding provided, pet friendly)

Campground: Tent _____ RV/Hookup _____ RV/ No Hookup _____

Vegetarian diet: Yes _____ No _____ Special diet _____

Please indicate meals (breakfast \$5, others \$8, children \$3, others \$4) wanted in the Olney School dining room by writing number of persons on each line.

8/3 8/4 8/5 8/6 8/7 8/8

Breakfast _____

Lunch _____

Supper _____

Arrival (day, approx time) _____

YOUNG FRIENDS / JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING/ NURSERY 2021

Children are welcome at OYM “*Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God*” Luke 18:16

We are uncertain about how many Young Friends will attend our annual sessions this year and don’t yet know how many of those will be present in Barnesville and how many will be Zooming. Also, the Young Friends we know to be coming have shown a desire for a different approach to programming this year. For these reasons, we have decided to invite our youth to join in all our adult sessions this year, including business meetings. That is the best way for them to observe and to experience for themselves the work of Christ among us as we wait upon Him in all things.

For very young Friends, containers with appropriate books, coloring supplies and toys, are available in the kitchen to be brought into the meeting room with the family, for children having difficulty being still and inactive. Drinks and snacks will be available in the kitchen for children. Wipes, extra diapers, pullups & extra support will also be provided as needed.

We encourage adult Friends to take some time to make a personal contact with young Friends. Developing such a relationship can be a very positive experience and treasured memory in a young person’s Faith journey.

____ Please help me with car transportation between OYM locations.

____ I (and my vehicle) can be available to transport Friends during YM.

Third Day 8/3

- 7:00 AM** **Breakfast & Fellowship**
Coffee, tea, juice and surprises in the Meetinghouse kitchen
- 8:15 – 9:15 AM** **Bible Reading in the manner of Friends**
- 9:30 – 12 Noon** **OYM Meeting for Ministry &
Oversight**
- 12:30** **Lunch**
- 1:00 –**
1:50 **Afternoon Sharing**
- 2:00 –**
4:00 PM **OPENING SESSION OF OHIO YEARLY MEETING**
- Meeting for worship**
 Opening minute
 Welcome to visitors, and receiving their minutes
 Summary answers to Queries
 Report from each Quarterly Meeting
 Treasurer's report
 OYM Property Trustees report
 Representative Meeting(s) summary for Approval
- Fellowship at rise of Meeting**
- 6:00 PM** **Supper**
- 7:30 –** **Meeting for Worship**
- 8:30 PM**
- Fellowship at rise of meeting**
- IN PERSON IC or ON ZOOM BTO IC**

Fourth Day 8/4

7:00 AM Breakfast & Fellowship

Coffee, tea, juice and surprises in the Meetinghouse kitchen

if in person, where is up to you, if on Zoom the Meetinghouse is the place.

8:15 – 9:15 Bible Reading in the manner of Friends

10:00 -12 Noon BUSINESS SESSION

Meeting for worship

Summary answers to Queries

Membership report

**Peace, Human Relations report + FCNL,
FWCC**

Historical Committee report

12:30 Lunch

1:00 -1:50 Afternoon Sharing

2:00 PM BUSINESS SESSION

Meeting for worship

Summary answers to Queries

Walton Retirement Home report

3:30-4:30 PM Walton Retirement Home Corporation meeting

(Activities Room lower level WRH)

6:00 PM Supper

7:30 - 8:30 *What Does It Mean to Be a Friend?*

An exploration with **David Male**

The question of what it means to be a friend brings different thoughts to mind depending on the context and who is asking or being asked. Ask any teenager what a friend is, and they will tell you right away, with a straightforward answer. Ask a Quaker, or a Bible scholar, and it usually gets complicated. Why do we call ourselves the Religious Society of Friends? Is that a different question than the one any teenager can answer? Why, or why not? Where did that name come from? Is it really something that we can claim ownership of, or even aspire to? Is it a question we can ask the world, today, with meaningful results?

Fellowship IN PERSON IC or ON ZOOM BTO IC

Fifth Day 8/5

7:00 AM Breakfast & Fellowship

Coffee, tea, juice and surprises in the Meetinghouse kitchen

8:15 – 9:15 AM Bible Reading in the manner of Friends

9:30 - 12:00 OYM MEETING for MINISTRY & OVERSIGHT

12:30 Lunch

1:00 -1:50 Afternoon Sharing

2:00 -4:00 PM BUSINESS SESSION

Meeting for worship

Summary answers to Queries

Fiduciary Trustees report

Financing Education Concerns Committee

Travel Fund report

Olney Taber Farm Report

Hostess Fund and Monte Verde School Fund

Plummer House Center Committee report

Fellowship at rise of meeting

6:00 PM Supper

7:30 PM

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Meeting for Worship

8:30 PM

Fellowship IN PERSON IC or ON ZOOM BTO IC

Sixth Day 8/6

7:00 AM **Breakfast & Fellowship (same as other mornings)**

8:15 – 9:15 **Bible Reading in the manner of Friends**

10:00 – 12 Noon **BUSINESS SESSION**

Meeting for worship
Summary answers to Queries
Epistle Committee report
Nominating Committee report
Wider Fellowship of Conservative Friends
report
Memorial Committee report

12:30 **Lunch**

1:00-1:50 **Afternoon Sharing**

2:00 – 4:00 PM **BUSINESS**
Meeting for Worship
Ministry and Oversight report
Friends Center Committee report
Other business if needed
Fellowship at rise of Meeting

6:00 PM **Supper**

7:30 – 8:30 PM **Friends Center Committee Open House**

A special invitation to Taber Room donors, based in the Taber Room and available to everyone with Zoom access.

Welcome and thanks to all donors, a summary of the building process, highlights of the Friends Center's early years, more recent milestones and future steps, present and future financial and material needs and an open time for memories of FC events and socializing. Refreshments for the in-person event at yearly meeting. Presenters – members of Friends Center Committee

Fellowship at rise of Meeting

IN PERSON IC or ON ZOOM BTO IC

Reminder to Zoom attenders, tomorrow is the picnic! Be ready to join either with Friends at Olney or with the Zoom community!

Seventh Day 8/7

7:00 AM **Breakfast & Fellowship (same as other mornings)**

8:15 – 9:15 **Bible Reading in the manner of Friends**

10:00 – 12 Noon **CONCLUDING BUSINESS SESSION**

Meeting for worship

Audit and Budget Report

Other business

Quarterly Meeting Representative report

Concluding Minute

12:30 **Lunch**

2:00 PM **A Virtual tour of**

Olney Friends School Farm

This tour will capture the connection

Between the farm and the school.

2:30 -5:30 **Fellowship or free time**

6:00 PM **Picnic (pot luck) Supper**

Enjoy a pot luck supper with Friends
either on the Olney lawn or
with the Zoom on-line community

FIRST DAY 8/8

9:15 – 10:15 **Meeting for Worship Chestnut Ridge**
Not accessible by Zoom

10:30 – 11:30 AM **Meeting for Worship Stillwater**
Fellowship at rise of Meeting

12:30 **Lunch**