

**Agenda for the 2024
Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends
(Conservative)**

Eighth Month 5 – Eighth Month 11, 2024

Location

Stillwater Meetinghouse

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Barnesville, OH 43713

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ohioyearlymeeting.org

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“Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.”

2 Corinthians 3:5-6

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 full 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 at the registrar's desk. **Business sessions** are in the Meetinghouse. **Meals** are in the Olney Dining Room. Any rooms needed 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: Collection Room, Parlor, and 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. **35555 Chestnut Ridge Road, Barnesville, Ohio 43713**

People Available for Help

Facilities problems, rides between locations, information, etc.

Sharon Helms (Registrar)

Nancy Hawkins, Robert Rockwell, Conrad Lindes, David Warrington (OYM Agenda Committee)

Constance Bair-Thompson, Bridget Casterline (Assistant Registrars)

Medical. Jack Smith (pharmacist)

In case of a medical emergency, call 911 and be prepared to provide a specific location of the emergency.

Other Information

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

Conduct for Zoom attenders as well as other attenders

- Please mute when not speaking. †
- Those using telephone can mute and unmute using *6.
- Only full members of Ohio Yearly Meeting are expected to speak to business.
- A space of silence between speakers will help to maintain a worshipful attention to our business. Whether in person, or online, be ready to defer to others when noticing their intent to speak. This alleviates the need for the Clerk to arbitrate who should have our attention.
- Friends with technical questions about Zoom or Zoom-related issues are encouraged to contact Tech Support well before yearly meeting sessions begin.
- We have found it useful to turn off video during times of worship.
- If having problems during a session call Dave Casterline at 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_YXipOyOw

Tips to improve Zoom 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.

You will need to register if you wish to attend via Zoom.

Please complete the portion of the reservation form indicated and email it to Sharon Helms, Registrar, at quakerhelms@gmail.com

† 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).

Accommodations During Yearly Meeting

Room and meal reservations will be handled by OYM members and **must be received by 7/22**. Send reservations and inquiries to:

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

Phone: 248 464-1018

email preferred: quakerhelms@gmail.com

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

Rooms are available in the Olney School **dormitories and Mary Davis Guest House** (shared baths). 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 may also be available at the **Plummer House**. It is at 36841 Barnesville-Bethesda Road (corner of State Route 147 & Dusty Lane.) Bedding included (shared bath). Linens provided. Pet friendly. Payment for rooms is by donation.

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. **Please sign up for meals with your room registration.** Payment may be made with reservations if convenient. **Yearly Meeting will be held responsible for all meals requested.**

Payment for meals will be by donation. Suggested donations: Adults: **\$10.00 breakfast, \$15.00 lunch/supper.** Children: **\$7.00 breakfast, \$10.00 lunch/supper.** Friends who feel able, are asked to donate beyond the cost of their own meals 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. **Please make checks payable to: OYM Agenda Committee.**

HOUSING RATES per PERSON per NIGHT:

Olney School dorm	\$22.00 for adults; free for kids under 12
Sleeping bag on floor in dorm	\$10.00 for adults; free for kids under 12
Guest House (linens provided)	\$40/room 1 person; \$50 more than 1

Tent/Car Camping	\$10.00 per site
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R.V., no water & power	\$10.00 per site
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R.V., water & power	\$12.00 per site
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Plummer House (linens provided). Payment 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.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS 7/22/2024

Please complete both pages and send it to:

Sharon Helms

2485 Bogie Lake Road

White Lake, MI 48386

248 464-1018 or quakerhelms@gmail.com

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.

Please write contact information for each adult here:

**This information is necessary for security and safety reasons.
Please complete in full.**

Name(s) _____

Phone (____) _____ - _____

Postal Address _____

Date(s) of birth ___ / ___ / _____

Email _____

Monthly Meeting _____

Yearly Meeting (if not OYM) _____

If registering for Zoom only, complete the above information.

Reservation Deadline 7/22/2024
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 4 for prices, then **check** desired location:

_____ **Mary Davis Guest House** (limited number of rooms, bedding & towels supplied)

_____ **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 \$10, others \$15) wanted in the Olney School dining room by writing the **number of persons on each line.**

	8/5	8/6	8/7	8/8	8/9	8/10	8/11
Breakfast	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Dinner	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Supper	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Arrival (day, approximate time) _____

_____ Please help me with car transportation between OYM locations.

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

_____ I need confidential financial assistance. Please contact me.

_____ I need assistance or accessible accommodations.

Younger Friends Programs

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

A parent, grandparent or designated adult is necessary to accompany their child(ren), to meet our child security requirements. For very young Friends who might have difficulty being still and inactive, containers with appropriate books, coloring supplies and toys, are available in the kitchen to be brought into the meeting room with the family. Drinks and snacks will be available in the kitchen for children. Wipes, extra diapers, pullups will also be provided as needed. Parents should know that their children’s and babies’ soft noises may be part of the worship experience.

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

Early Morning Prayer (6 am) Meetinghouse Porch

This is an opportunity to gather informally to pray for the work of the Yearly Meeting and any other situations needing prayer.

Fellowship (7 – 10 am) Meetinghouse kitchen

Coffee, tea, juices & goodies are available buffet style for all.

Morning Bible Reading (8:15-9:15 am) Meetinghouse

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

Afternoon Sharing (12:50-1:50 pm) Meetinghouse

“A Prayerful conversation around our Faith”

Ken Jacobsen will facilitate group conversations about our living faith and how we are immersed in and live what we believe.

Yearly Meeting Procedures

Committee Meetings will need to be completed, where possible, prior to YM. Reports should be emailed in digital form to Charles Thomas at charles.c.thomas.jr@gmail.com and received by 7/22/2024.

At the discretion of the Clerk, only reports requiring action from the meeting will be read on the meeting floor. All reports will appear in the Minute Book.

Unless otherwise indicated, all Meetings for Worship, Bible Reading and Afternoon Sharing will be at Stillwater Meetinghouse.

Friends should endeavor to speak slowly, strongly and clearly. For those in person in the meetinghouse, speak *in the direction of the Owl* for best communication with Zoom attenders.

Yearly Meeting Schedule

Second Day, Eighth Month 5	
1:00 pm	Registration on the Meetinghouse Porch
2:00 pm	Dorm Rooms available for move in
6:00 pm	Supper (Olney)

Third Day, Eighth Month 6	
6:00 am	Early Morning Prayer (Meetinghouse)
7:00 – 7:40 am	Breakfast (Olney)
8:15 – 9:15 am	Bible reading (Meetinghouse)
9:30 am	OYM Meeting for Ministry & Oversight (Meetinghouse)
Rise of M&O	QM M&O Reps. Meet to appoint timers – OYM M&O Clerks (Meetinghouse)
12:15 pm	Dinner (Olney)
2:00 – 4:15 pm	OPENING SESSION OF OHIO YEARLY MEETING Meeting for worship Opening minute Welcome to visitors, and receiving their minutes Summary answers to Queries 1 & 2 or more Report from each Quarterly Meeting Treasurer’s report Appoint Audit & Budget members to serve in 2024-2025 OYM Property Trustees report Representative Meeting Minutes (summarized for approval)
4:30 pm	Epistle Committee Meeting (Meetinghouse)
	Historical Committee Meeting (Historical Room)
	Peace Committee Meeting (Collection Room at Olney)
6:00 pm	Supper (Olney)
6:40 pm	Quarterly Meeting reps to YM (Meetinghouse Kitchen)
7:30 pm	Meeting for Worship (Meetinghouse)

Fourth Day, Eighth Month 7	
6:00 am	Early Morning Prayer (Meetinghouse)
7:00 – 7:40 am	Breakfast (Olney)
7:00 – 10:00 am	Fellowship with coffee, tea, juice, goodies (Meetinghouse kitchen)
8:15 – 9:15 am	Bible reading (Meetinghouse)
10:00 – 12:00 pm	BUSINESS SESSION (Meetinghouse) Meeting for worship Summary answers to Queries (continued) Membership report Peace and Human Relations report, incl. FCNL, FWCC Historical Committee report
12:15 pm	Dinner (Olney) (Epistle Committee organize over dinner)
12:50 – 1:50 pm	Afternoon Sharing (Meetinghouse) “A Prayerful conversation around our Faith” (see p. 5)
2:00 pm	BUSINESS SESSION (Meetinghouse) Meeting for worship Summary answers to Queries (continued) Walton Home report
3:30 pm	Walton Home Corporation meeting (Meetinghouse) All OYM members are WHC members and should participate.
6:00 pm	Supper (Olney)
7:30 - 9:00 pm	“Status of Gas, Oil, and Minerals under Ohio Yearly Meeting properties” (Meetinghouse) Information and discussion with attenders Presenter - David Warrington, President, Fiduciary Trustees

Fifth Day, Eighth Month 8	
6:00 am	Early Morning Prayer (Meetinghouse)
7:00 – 7:40 am	Breakfast (Olney)
7:00 – 10:00 am	Fellowship with coffee, tea, juice, goodies (Meetinghouse kitchen)
8:15 – 9:15 am	Bible reading (Meetinghouse)
9:30 am	OYM Meeting for Ministry & Oversight (Meetinghouse) (NO OYM BUSINESS SESSION)
12:15 pm	Dinner (Olney)
12:50 – 1:50 pm	Afternoon Sharing (Meetinghouse) “A Prayerful conversation around our Faith” (see p. 5)
2:00 – 4:15 pm	BUSINESS SESSION (Meetinghouse) Meeting for worship Summary answers to Queries (continued if needed) Fiduciary Trustees report Financing Education Concerns Committee report Travel Fund report Olney Taber Farm report Plummer House Center Committee report
4:30 pm	Peace Committee (Taber room of the Friends Center): All Friends and visitors are invited to engage in a conversation with Peace Committee Friends to hear and share concerns and updates.
6:00 pm	Supper (Olney)
7:30 pm	Meeting for Worship (Meetinghouse)

Sixth Day, Eighth Month 9	
6:00 am	Early Morning Prayer (Meetinghouse)
7:00 – 7:40 am	Breakfast (Olney)
7:00 – 10:00 am	Fellowship with coffee, tea, juice, goodies (Meetinghouse kitchen)
8:15 – 9:15 am	Bible reading (Meetinghouse)
10:00 – 12:00 pm	BUSINESS SESSION (Meetinghouse) Meeting for worship Summary answers to Queries (continued if needed) Nominating Committee report Epistle Committee report Christian Education Camp report Wider Fellowship of Conservative Friends report Memorial Committee report Printing Committee report
12:15 pm	Dinner (Olney)
12:50 – 1:50 pm	Afternoon Sharing (Meetinghouse) “A Prayerful conversation around our Faith” (see p. 5)
2:00 – 4:15 pm	BUSINESS SESSION (Meetinghouse) Meeting for worship Ministry and Oversight report Committee to Coordinate and Support Outreach report Friends Center Committee report Agenda Committee report Ad Hoc Committee on Safety and Background Checks Ad Hoc Committee for Children at Yearly Meeting Other business if needed
6:00 pm	Supper (Olney)
7:30 – 9:00 pm	“Early Quaker Spirituality: Regeneration - God visits a Receptive Heart” (Meetinghouse) Presenter: David Johnson, Marlborough Monthly Meeting

Seventh Day, Eighth Month 10	
6:00 am	Early Morning Prayer (Meetinghouse)
7:00 – 7:40 am	Breakfast (Olney)
7:00 – 10:00 am	Fellowship with coffee, tea, juice, goodies(Meetinghouse kitchen)
10:00 – 12:00 pm	CONCLUDING BUSINESS SESSION (Meetinghouse) Meeting for worship Junior Yearly Meeting report Young Friends report Audit and Budget Report Monteverde Friends School Fund report Technical Support Committee report Other business Quarterly Meeting Representative report Concluding Minute
12:15 pm	Dinner (Olney)
2:00 pm	Meeting for Business (if necessary)
2:00 pm (or when business is concluded)	Recreation activities and live music: At 2:00pm (or when business is concluded if the afternoon business session is necessary), there will be recreation activities in front of the Olney Main building and live music and refreshments in the Taber Room of the Friends Center.
5:30 pm	Family Night Supper and Fellowship: All attenders are encouraged to share in a picnic covered dish meal near the Main building. If you have not paid for this meal, just bring a "covered dish" and join in.
7:30 – 9:00 pm	The Creation was Opened to Me: Readings, Songs, Images of Earth and God's Creation (Meetinghouse) Peace Committee invites you to share your favorites.
7:30 - 9:00 pm	The Taber Room of the Friends Center will be available for Friends and visitors to make connections, relax or engage in your choice of recreation.

First Day, Eighth Month 11

7:00 am	Breakfast (Olney)
8:30 am	Meet in the Olney parking lot for a shared ride to Chestnut Ridge Meetinghouse for 9:00 am Meeting for Worship.
9:00 am	Meeting for Worship (Chestnut Ridge Meetinghouse) 35555 Chestnut Ridge Road, Barnesville, OH (Meeting will be hybrid. The Zoom link will be the same as for the rest of the yearly meeting.)
10:30 am	Meeting for Worship (Stillwater Meetinghouse) 61826 Sandy Ridge Rd., Barnesville, OH (Meeting will be hybrid. The Zoom link will be the same as for the rest of the yearly meeting.)
12:15 pm	Dinner (Olney) Safe travel home