

**Agenda for the 2026
Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends
(Conservative)**

Eighth Month 3 – Eighth Month 9, 2026

Location

Stillwater Meetinghouse

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Barnesville, OH 43713

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ohioyearlymeeting.org

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***“The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world,
and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the
seas, and established it upon the floods. Who shall ascend
into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place?
He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not
lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.”***

Psalm 24:1-4

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 on the meetinghouse porch. **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 Building) 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. WVU Barnesville Hospital. 639 West Main St., Barnesville

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

Other Information

The Internet may be accessed on Olney computers in the school library. Wifi is also available at the Friends Center. Swimming and boating only by permission of Olney staff.

Conduct during yearly meeting sessions

- 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 discern who should have our attention.

When joining by Zoom:

- Please mute when not speaking. †
- Those joining by telephone can mute and unmute using *6.
- Many Friends find it useful to turn off video during times of worship.
- Please refrain from any recordings of our sessions.
- Please use careful discernment around the use of the chat.
- Please avoid the use of emojis.

Tips to improve Zoom connections:

- Turn off video.
- Speak loudly and carefully to ensure Zoom picks up your 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 7/18**. Send reservations and inquiries to:

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

Phone: (248) 464-1018 email preferred: quakerhelms@gmail.com

Stop at the Meetinghouse porch to get room assignments when 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 be available at the **Plummer House**, 36841 Barnesville-Bethesda Road (corner State Route 147 & Dusty Lane.) Bedding & towels included (shared bath). This is the only pet friendly accommodation. Donation only at the location.

HOUSING RATES per PERSON per NIGHT:

Olney School dorm	\$25.00 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
R.V., no water & power	\$10.00 per site
R.V., water & power	\$12.00 per site

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

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: **\$12.00 breakfast, \$17.00 lunch/supper.** Children: **\$8.00 breakfast, \$11.00 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.**

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

RESERVATIONS must be received by 7/18/2026

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 or child here:**

**This information is necessary for security and safety reasons.
Please complete in full (add extra pages as needed).**

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.

Registration can be accomplished by email

(quakerhelms@gmail.com), by phone (248) 464-1018 or take a picture of the form and send it by text message. As long as the information is received, any of these ways will be accepted.

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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:

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

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 \$12, others \$17) wanted in the Olney School dining room by writing the number of persons on each line.

	8/3	8/4	8/5	8/6	8/7	8/8	8/9
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.**

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

Children and youth from infants through teen-agers are invited to come to Yearly Meeting with their parents, grandparents, or adult friends and relatives. For infants and toddlers under three years old, the kitchen will be equipped to serve as a playroom as needed. There will also be quiet entertainment supplies available for parents to bring into the Meeting room to help the smaller ones enjoy adult fellowship. Parents should know that their children’s and babies’ soft noises may be part of the worship experience. There will be organized activities and learning opportunities provided for children and youth in the activities building during business sessions. In order to comply with our child security and safety policy, the designated adult must drop off and pick up each child. Friends are encouraged to invite younger relatives and friends to participate in this time of fun, fellowship, growth, and spiritual education in a loving, secure, and Friendly environment.

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.

All children must be registered in advance using the form included in this agenda. Please contact Jean Cooper, Convener, for further information about hours and activities:

Email: jacobswell1948@sbcglobal.net; phone 740-310-2868.

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.

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 7/13/2026.

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 microphones* for best communication with Zoom attendees. Markers on the benches indicate microphones' effective range. Stand between the markers and microphone to be heard over Zoom.

Yearly Meeting Schedule

Second Day, Eighth Month 3	
1:00 pm	Registration on the Meetinghouse Porch
2:00 pm	Dorm Rooms available for move in
6:00 pm	Supper (Olney)
7:30 pm	Meeting for Worship (Meetinghouse)
Third Day, Eighth Month 4	
6:00 am	Early Morning Prayer (Meetinghouse)
7 – 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 Representatives 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 Quarterly Meeting Appointments Treasurer's report Appoint Audit & Budget members to serve in 2026-2027 OYM Property Trustees report Representative Meeting Minutes (summarized for approval) Custodians of Records' report
4:30 pm	Epistle Committee Meeting (Meetinghouse)
	Peace Committee Meeting (Taber Room of Friends Center)
	Historical Committee (Heritage Room)
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 5	
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)
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	A Conversation with Alicia McBride, Senior Director for Quaker Leadership at FCNL (Meetinghouse)

Fifth Day, Eighth Month 6	
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)
2:00 – 4:15 pm	BUSINESS SESSION (Meetinghouse) Meeting for worship Summary answers to Queries (continued if needed) May affiliate members be conveners of OYM committees? Fiduciary Trustees report Travel Fund report Olney Taber Farm report Plummer House Center Committee report
4:30 pm	Peace Committee (Taber room of the Friends Center): An opportunity to meet with the Peace Committee to hear and share concerns.
6:00 pm	Supper (Olney)
7:30 pm	Meeting for Worship (Meetinghouse)

Sixth 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 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)
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 Other business if needed
6:00 pm	Supper (Olney)
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Peace and Human Relations Committee presentation (Meetinghouse) To speak about issues of peace and justice, the work of Friends around the world, and the rootedness of this work in the tender Spirit of Jesus.

Seventh 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)
10:00 – 12:00 pm	CONCLUDING BUSINESS SESSION (Meetinghouse) Meeting for worship Committee for Youth at Yearly Meeting 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 - 4:15pm	Meeting for Business if necessary Otherwise fellowship or free time
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	Aspects of a Wilburite's Personal Journey to God: Reflections of the Holy Spirit (Taber room of the Friends Center) Presenter: Henry Jason, Middleton Monthly Meeting

First Day, Eighth Month 9	
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