



# CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

## NOVEMBER 2019

♪ ALL ARE WELCOME ♪

Sunday Worship: 10 – 11 am  
Wednesday Evening Worship: 7 – 7:45 pm

### Clerk

Susan Easton

### Recording Clerk Team

Nina Joy Lawrence, Esther Schiedel, Jonathan Stoll

### Treasurer

Wendy Robinson

### Spiritual Care Committee

Bob Burton, John Selker

### Adult Religious Exploration Committee

Laurie Childers

### Children and Youth Program

Yalda Asmatey

### Groundskeeping Coordinators

Kathy Miller, Mark Boyd

### House & Hospitality Coordinator

Abigail Stoughton

### Major House Maintenance

Bob Burton

### Meeting House Scheduling

Sid Rosen

### Rides Coordinator

Donna Gerry



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[www.willamettequarterly.org](http://www.willamettequarterly.org)

### North Pacific Yearly Meeting:

[www.nypm.org](http://www.nypm.org)

DAYLIGHT  
SAVINGS!!

## THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR

SUN  
11•3

10:00 am Meeting for Worship  
11:30 am **Facing Trauma, Finding Resilience**: physical traumas and beautiful lessons of resilience with Laurie Childers, Kriste York, and Chet Udell

SAT  
11•9

2 pm **Memorial Service for David Meade** at the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan, 333 NW 35th St., Corvallis Service will be in the manner of Friends, reception will follow. All invited

SUN  
11•10

10:00 am Meeting for Worship  
11:40 am **Meeting for Business**

WED  
11•13

4-6 pm **Third Age Circle Group** (2nd Wednesdays @ the Meeting House) Worship Sharing and discovery for those in the new 'middle age' stretching from 55-80! Open to all.

THU  
11•14

**Stone Soup** (2nd Thursdays @ St. Mary's)  
1-4 Prep/Cook: contact [barb@barbaralevine.com](mailto:barb@barbaralevine.com)  
5-7 Serve/Clean: contact [rachel.peck1@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.peck1@gmail.com)

SUN  
11•17

10:00 am Meeting for Worship  
11:30 am **Intergenerational program** featuring our wonderful children!  
5:30 pm **Interfaith Potluck at CFM**. Please come at 5 to help set up tables.

SUN  
11•24

10:00 am Meeting for Worship  
11:30 am **Potluck**

This newsletter comes out on the first Sunday of the month, and by e-mail a few days earlier. Submissions and delivery requests go to Lisa Yagoda, editor: [corvallisfriends@gmail.com](mailto:corvallisfriends@gmail.com). Next deadline: Saturday Nov 23, 2019.

## OCT 2019 MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES

### Corvallis Friends Meeting for Business October 13, 2019

**Clerk:** Susan Easton

**Recording clerk:** Nina Joy Lawrence

**Friends present:** Carole Robinson, Jonathan Stoll, Shirley Moore, Wendy Robinson, James Cox, Bob Burton, Jay Thatcher, Barbara Forrest-Ball, Laurie Childers, Abigail Stoughton, Susan Smyth-Tucker, Jim Kimball, Donna Gerry, Nancy Ewald, Ruth McNeill, Susan Easton, Nina Joy Lawrence, Lisa Yagoda

Expectant quiet

*Holy Listening - to 'listen' another's soul into life, into a condition of disclosure and discovery, may be almost the greatest service that any human being ever performs for another. Douglas Steere*

**September Minutes are approved** as published in the October 2019 Newsletter

#### **Treasurer's Report:** Wendy Robinson

The meeting has made yearly \$1000 donations to the Corvallis Daytime Drop-in Center. So that the Center can hire a new director supporters are being asked to pledge a stable yearly donation for the next 3 years and become community partners with the Drop in Center. Meeting approved being a community partner of Corvallis Daytime Drop-in Center. However we can't commit to the exact amount of donation per year, since we have an annual budget. We have a history of support that will be specified in the letter our treasurer will send to the Drop in Center. Treasurer's Report is accepted with gratitude.

#### **Spiritual Care Committee Report:** Bob Burton and Abigail Stoughton

*Meeting Retreat* is planned for October 26, 2019 at the Meeting House. A planning meeting will be held on Mon. Oct. 14, 5:30 at Bob Burton's house.

*Guidelines for requesting a Clearness Committee:* Any member or attender can write a letter to the Clerk of Meeting or to the Spiritual Care Committee, describing the issue upon which we wish to seek clearness. We are free to suggest members we would like to have on our clearness

committee. SCC will form a committee to work with the Friend requesting a clearness process. *Friendly 7s* - Sign up lists are now available. The plan is for Friends to meet to share a meal once a month, to know each other more deeply. Each group can decide if they want to have a discussion topic to explore together, or mainly get to know each other socially. SCC will create groups from the preferences and needs Friends record when signing up.

**Children's Religious Education Program:** Jon Stoll read report by Yalda Asmatay (volunteer coordinator). Thank you to the volunteers who are helping with the program. We have been having some wonderful discussions around significant issues. The design and implementation of the program is looking great. Friends enthusiastically appreciated the play presented by the children after Meeting today.

#### **Peace Justice and Environment:** Jay Thatcher (volunteer coordinator)

*Friends Peace Teams* are a spirit-led international organization working to creating better environments within individuals for peaceful relationships to happen. There are programs in Africa, Latin America, Asia. The Latin America director, Monica Maher, is coming to Corvallis and will speak at Corvallis Meeting House on Tuesday Nov. 12. Jon Stoll is writing a press release and working on outreach. Meeting approved hosting a potluck before the talk.

**We Care:** Donna Gerry has been volunteering with We Care helping people fill out forms. She won't be able to continue and We Care is seeking someone to help in this area. If you would like to assist, please notify Lisa Yagoda, our Meeting representative to We Care.

**House and Hospitality:** Abigail Stoughton (volunteer coordinator). There has been a change from Susan Smyth-Tucker to Abigail serving as the volunteer coordinator. Abigail requests to be listed on the front page of the Newsletter so

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## MINUTES (CON'T) AND MORE

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people will know who to contact.

For years we have had a major, recurring *ant problem*, and now one group has cancelled use of the house because they couldn't meditate with ants crawling on them. Their money was refunded. It was proposed and Meeting approved an assessment of our ant problem by the Good Earth Pest Company.

Donna Gerry reported concern about *furniture*



### New in the Library

*Pendle Hill Pamphlet #456 On the Spirituality of Lightheartedness*, by Helen Steere Horn. The author writes about balancing lightheartedness with the need to deal with the problems in the world—suffering, hunger, and injustice. She tells her personal story, including the Bible, poetry, her family, music, and her cancer. The over-all theme is brokenness and hope. There are discussion questions at the end.

Donated by Laurie Childers

*Peace is the Way: Writings on Nonviolence from the Fellowship of Reconciliation*, edited by Walter Wink. The editor says, "Nonviolence is the human future," and he has assembled sixty short essays on the subject. Some of the authors are Quakers—A.J. Muste and Elise Boulding, for instance. Titles of the essays include "Behind the Sit-ins," "Peace Pilgrim," "God Makes the Crooked Places Straight," and "Disregarded History."

Anonymous Donation

*Addicted to War: Why the U.S. Can't Kick Militarism*, by Joel Andreas. This "graphic" book reveals the truth about American involvement in foreign wars, describing motivations—mostly profit-seeking. It starts by showing the racism behind the "Manifest Destiny" of the 1800s, and discusses the Cold War, which promoted violence in poor countries like Vietnam and Grenada. And there's more. The last two chapters, however, are 'Resisting militarism' and 'Do something about it!'

being close to the electric heaters in the Social Room. Bob Burton, of Major Meeting House Maintenance, is checking with the fire department on the distance furniture should be kept away from electric heaters.

*Interfaith Potluck*: Laurie Childers. Meeting approved hosting Interfaith Potluck Sunday 5:30 - 7 on Nov. 17, 2019.

**Next Meeting for Business: Nov. 10, 2019**

*The Line Becomes a River: Dispatches from the Border*, by Francisco Cantu. The author is a former member of the Border Patrol, and has written a gripping, empathetic first-person account of both border patrol agents and the people who risk their lives crossing the border. His stories are emotional and informative, showing the violence at the border that damages everybody.

*Life Lessons from a Bad Quaker: A Humble Stumble toward Simplicity and Grace*, by J. Brent Bill. In a witty and entertaining informal style, the author tells stories about his challenges in implementing his Quaker values. He addresses issues like settling into silence, living simply and with integrity, and caring for the Earth. His goal is to nurture his spiritual life daily and to base actions on spirituality.

*Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism*, by Drew G. I. Hart. The author puts familiar acts of racism in the context of white supremacy. Cutting through platitudes and good intentions, he offers concrete steps for churches that seek solidarity with the oppressed and are committed to racial justice. He frequently speaks of God and Jesus. ☀️ \*

**Western Friend  
Subscriptions Available!**

See Weds Digest and Jay Thatcher for details.

## Advices and Queries on Stewardship of the Self

Friends can sometimes be too serious! Playing together joyfully strengthens family and community life.

We are mindful of the beneficial connections among physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. We also recognize that neither physical nor mental illness implies any spiritual weakness.

Healthful activity includes games, sports, and other physical exercise; gardening and the study and enjoyment of nature; travel; books; fellowship with friends and family; and arts and handicrafts which bring creative self-expression and appreciation of beauty.

Recreations in which we are participants rather than spectators can be particularly beneficial.

- Do we choose recreations which strengthen our physical, mental, and spiritual lives and avoid those which may prove harmful to ourselves and others and to the world around us?
- How do we make time in our lives for healthy play?
- How do our food choices reflect our values as Friends?
- Do we recognize all our own addictions and compulsive behaviors? How do our relationships with the Spirit and with our meeting communities help us deal with them?

~ North Pacific Yearly Meeting, *Faith and Practice*, 2017

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