



CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

FIRST MONTH JANUARY 2021

ALL ARE WELCOME

Sunday Worship: 10:00-11:00 via ZOOM

Wednesday Evening Worship: contact Esther 541-602-2254

Clerk Susan Easton
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Adult Religious Exploration Laurie Childers
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North Pacific Yearly Meeting: www.npym.org



THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR

See Wednesday Digest for Links to all events
For help or questions, contact Bob Burton, 541-231-3352 or bob11340@comcast.net

SUNDAY
1-3

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship,
Willamette Park contact Wendy 541-753-6101
10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom

TUES
1-5

3:00-3:30 pm FCNL Training: "Learn to Lobby
in 30 minutes" See inside for details

SUNDAY
1-10

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship
Willamette Park
10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom
11:40 am Meeting for Business via Zoom

TUES
1-12

7:00-8:30 pm. Adult Religious Exploration
"The Power of Vulnerability" by Brené Brown

WED
1-13

4:00-6:00 pm Third Age Listening Circle via
Zoom All are welcome! Details inside

SUNDAY
1-17

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship,
10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom

MONDAY
1-18

9:30-10:30 am OSU MLK Celebration Angela
Davis, Keynote Speaker Details inside

SUNDAY
1-24

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship
10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom
11:45 POTLUCK via Zoom

TUES
1-26

7:00-8:30 pm. Adult Religious Exploration
Participatory storytelling Details inside

SUNDAY
1-31

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship
10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom

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DECEMBER 2020 MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES

Corvallis Friends Meeting for Worship for Business December 13, 2020

Conducted via Zoom videoconferencing

Clerk: Susan Easton

Recording Clerk: Esther Schiedel

Friends present: Jan Evans, Donna Gerry,

Nina Joy Lawrence, Bob Burton, Wendy Robinson, Judy Hays Eberts, John Selker, Laurie Childers, Jay Thatcher, Bob Henderson, Bob Ward

Meeting began in expectant quiet worship. The Clerk read the following:

There is something of God in every man, let us affirm it more certainly than ever, but surrounded as we are by millions of new-made graves and with the voices of the hungry and the dispossessed in our ears, let us not easily accept the impious hope that the natural goodness of ourselves is sufficient stuff out of which to fashion a better world. ~ Gilbert H. Kilpack, 1914-1999

Minutes of the previous month were approved as printed in the newsletter

A written **Treasurer's Report** was accepted with gratitude. Wendy noted that those wishing to donate stock should contact her for information on how to proceed.

Spiritual Care Committee Report was given by Judy. Many Friends helped Ruth McNeill and Bart get moved and settled in their new place. Judy recently attended a session given by North Pacific Yearly Meeting (which Corvallis Meeting is part of) for those serving on monthly meeting Spiritual Care Committees (NPYM uses the term Ministry and Counsel—individual meetings use various terms). She shared some of the experiences of other Meetings: small meetings are seeing a rise in attendance using videoconferencing, however

young people are not as involved in these. Families are involved in some Meeting events. An emphasis on conversation and connection is helpful. Judy shared that our walking worship is unique.

The Holiday Collection for the food banks is progressing well—donations are still welcome now and on December 20th. The Asmatey-Stoll children and the Smith-Watson children have been helpful in gathering, organizing and boxing donations and the Smith-Watson family will help carry donations on the 20th. John will provide his van and Bob Burton and Jay will transport the donations to the two banks that afternoon.

Adult Religious Exploration committee will meet December 20. They welcome feedback on the sharing session held on December 8th.

Jay shared a report from the **Threshing Sessions** on our Meeting's donations. After some clarification and discussion, Friends approved donating \$9,000 to local organizations. This will be divided between LBCC Diversity in Nursing scholarship fund—for immediate dispersal; Benton County Foundation; and Unity Shelter (their current fiscal agent is United Church of Christ).

Benton County Foundation meets Tuesday and need funds then—Wendy will write a check and Bob Ward will take it to that meeting.

The Meeting will also become a member of NAACP.

Prenominating Committee of Jay and Susan nominated Carmen Brummet to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2021-2023. Friends approved with gratitude to the committee and Carmen.

Next Meeting for Business – January 10, 2021

T'was a wet and rainy First Day,
But in the Corvallis Friends Meeting House
Stacked neatly in piles
Donated food and other items
Had been left to help brighten
Other homes in our Community.
The gifts had been brought earlier by Santa's
Helpers
And neatly sorted into two stacks,
One for each the South and North Corvallis Food
Banks.
The Helpers had left quietly before the big day,
And didn't even leave footprints or crumbs.
Outside, home-made garlands decorated the rain
shelters,
And displayed a holiday sign
Welcoming drive-by donations.
Santa's Elves loaded the sleighs,
While Food Bank managers Sheila and Marian
Expressed appreciation to All the Meeting's Elves,
Both small and tall.
Though rainy day traffic was light, Hearts were full
Thanks to the Gifts and Work contributed by All!
--Bob Henderson

Third Age Circle - Wednesday, January

13th, 4-6 pm. To celebrate the arrival of 2021, please share a photo of yourself at age 21. Queries: Where were you, physically and metaphorically, when the photo was taken? What have you let go of since then? What has endured all these years? Everyone is welcome to join! Zoom links and more information will be posted in the Wed. Digest.

Monday Jan 18 9:30-10:30 am OSU MLK Celebration Angela Davis, Keynote Speaker
Registration required
<https://diversity.oregonstate.edu/dr-martin-luther-king-jr-celebration>



FCNL Training: "Learn to Lobby in 30 minutes". Repeats 8 times between 1/5-4/20

Are you excited to take action, to make a difference, but not sure where to start? Join a 30-minute interactive call where we will share inspiring stories from our grassroots network, conduct a short skills training, and answer questions about how to schedule and plan a Quakerly lobby visit.

<https://www.fcnl.org/events/learn-to-lobby>



ARE: Tuesday Jan 12, 7:00-8:30 pm. "The Power of Vulnerability" by Brené Brown

We'll watch and share reflections
https://www.ted.com/talks/brene_brown_the_power_of_vulnerability Study Guide:
<https://www.affairhealing.com/uploads/1/9/9/6/19961435/vulnerability-guide.pdf>

ARE: Tuesday Jan 26, 7-8:30 pm
Caroline Wildflower of Pt. Townsend
Monthly Meeting will lead a participatory storytelling session about following our leadings.

ADVICES & QUERIES: PARTICIPATION IN THE LIFE OF THE MEETING (part 2)

North Pacific Yearly Meeting, *Faith and Practice* 2018

We consider carefully the needs of our local meetings and wider Quaker work and the level of financial support we can bring to them.

We encourage attenders to become acquainted with Friends ways and to participate in the meeting community. We encourage attenders to apply for membership when it is evident that the meeting has become their spiritual home.

- Do we visit one another in our homes, and keep in touch with distant members?
- How do we welcome and involve newcomers?
- How do we encourage attenders from all ethnicities, backgrounds, and faith perspectives to share in the life of the meeting? Do we urge them to consider membership when they are ready?
- How does God speak to each of us through relationship to the meeting?

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