



CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

FIFTH MONTH MAY 2021

ALL ARE WELCOME

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

Our Meetinghouse is located within the traditional homelands of the Chepenefia band of the Kalapuya speaking Nation.

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| <p>Clerk Susan Easton</p> <p>Recording Clerk Team Nina Joy Lawrence Esther Schiedel John Selker</p> <p>Treasurer Wendy Robinson</p> <p>Spiritual Care Committee Judy Hays-Eberts</p> <p>Adult Religious Exploration Laurie Childers</p> <p>Children & Youth Program Yalda Asamatey</p> <p>Groundkeeping Coordinators Mark Boyd, Nancy Roberts</p> <p>House & Hospitality Abigail Stoughton</p> <p>Major Meetinghouse Maintenance Bob Burton</p> <p>Meetinghouse Scheduling Sid Rosen</p> <p>Rides Coordinator Donna Gerry</p> <p>Corvallis Meeting: corvallisfriends.org Facebook.com/CorvallisFriendsMeeting corvallisfriends@gmail.com</p> <p>Willamette Quarterly Meeting: www.willamettequarterly.org</p> <p>North Pacific Yearly Meeting: www.npym.org</p> | <p>↓</p> | <h2>THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR</h2> |
| | <p>→</p> | See Wednesday Digest for Links to all events For help or questions, contact Bob Burton, 541-231-3352 or bob11340@comcast.net |
| | <p>SUNDAY 5-2</p> | 8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship, Willamette Park contact Wendy 541-753-6101 10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom |
| | <p>TUES 5-4</p> | 7:00 pm Threshing Session on Hybrid Meeting for Worship via Zoom |
| | <p>SAT 5-8</p> | 10:00 am-12 noon Weeding Party at Friends Meeting House, followed by Bocci Ball <i>Details inside</i> |
| | <p>SUNDAY 5-9</p> | 8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship 10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom 11:40 am Meeting for Business via Zoom |
| | <p>SUNDAY 5-16</p> | 8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship, 10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom |
| | <p>SAT 5-22</p> | 9:00 am – 9:00 pm? Willamette Quarterly Meeting and Quaker Quarterly Community Creativity Connection! via Zoom <i>Details inside</i> |
| | <p>SUNDAY 5-23</p> | 8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship 10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom 11:45 POTLUCK via Zoom |
| | <p>TUES 5-25</p> | 7:00-8:30 pm Adult Religious Exploration via Zoom Discussion of On Being podcast w/ Robin d'Angelo & Resmaa Menakem <i>Details inside</i> |
| | <p>SUNDAY 5-30</p> | 8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship 10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom |

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APRIL 2021 MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES

Corvallis Friends Meeting for Worship for Business April 11, 2021

Conducted via Zoom videoconferencing

Clerk: Susan Easton

Recording Clerk: Esther Schiedel

Friends present: Nancy Ewald, Ruth Penton, Judy Hays-Eberts, Bob Burton, John Burt, Bob Henderson, John Selker, Deb Luper, Nina Joy Lawrence, Donna Gerry, Laura Horsey, Wendy Robinson, Laurie Childers

Meeting began in Expectant quiet worship.

Susan read the following:

The Quaker Meeting for Business is as simple—and as difficult—as the Quaker Meeting for Worship. It is not a collection of methods or techniques, it is a mood, an atmosphere, a spirit. It is a quest for the Divine Will in reaching decisions. It is a Meeting for Worship to do business. -- Leonard Kenworthy

The minutes of 3.14.21 were approved with the correction that Jay Thatcher was the acting clerk (Susan was listed in the minutes as printed in the April Newsletter)

A written Treasurer's Report was presented and accepted with thanks. Wendy noted that the Meeting has received donations totaling \$1,800 in memory of Ruth McNeill. Friends wondered if Wendy had written thank you notes for these; she had not. Nancy and Judy volunteered to do so.

The report also noted that, regarding our electric bill: In 2020 we supported 4,440 kWh of renewable energy, which reduced our carbon footprint by 6,692 pounds of CO2e. Also noted was a designated donation of \$400 to the SORT Propane program to pay for propane tank refills for homeless people.

Spiritual Care Committee provided a written report. Excerpts of note:

All SCC members have been able to attend and participate in monthly meetings with the use of Zoom.

Worship sharing has been particularly meaningful in our meetings.

SCC's next monthly meeting is scheduled for May 6th.

What is or isn't working about the quality of our worship? This is the first question considered at each meeting. Friends are encouraged to share their thoughts, experience, and concerns about Meeting for Worship at any time, through any member of SCC. Contact info is available in Wednesday Digest.

NPYM MCC has shared queries for consultation with clerks on April 18th on the theme of Returning to a Changed Community, which reflect what CFM is currently considering:

"How do we foster a sense of community which includes those who have been active participants in the pandemic time life of the Meeting and those who have not been able to participate in the past year?"

Concerns: When/how do we resume in-person MfW at FMH? How to include/continue alternate forms?

A greater need for small group MfW is anticipated.

September/early October was suggested as likely for an annual retreat. We'll have a better idea about it in summer.

Bob Ward will be a central point for drafting a memorial minute for Jim Kimball, whose Celebration of Life is being planned for July 24th.

A written summary of the Threshing Session held on April 6 was distributed to Friends. Friends continued this threshing during our meeting today. We want to nurture the community that has formed via our Zoom Meetings for Worship.

Suggestions included:

>Going ahead with acquiring the technology in the Meetinghouse as it will prove useful for some events even if we choose not to hold our regular Meeting for Worship in hybrid fashion.

>Having a variety of options for worship (Zoom, in person, hybrid, walking) at different times and days.

MINUTES CONTINUED & NOTES

Friends are encouraged to experience and learn more about hybrid meetings from these resources:

<https://www.ashlandquakers.org/ourschedule>

(meets at 11 am Sundays) and

<https://www.futureofworship.org> (online

discussion May 7-9)

Meeting will hold another threshing session on May 4

Adult Religious Exploration will not meet this coming week but will hold our **Kalapuya**

Teach-In on Tuesday April 27. Resources will be shared in the Wednesday Digest. Friends are encouraged to reflect on expanding our sense of "we."

Nominating Committee is continuing our work. Volunteer Coordinators for Peace Justice and Environment and Children's Program are needed

Groundskeeping Coordinator Laura Horsey provided a detailed written report on recent activities and requested input on issues related to safety, upkeep, minor enhancements, and visioning for the future.

Moss has been removed from the back steps to the kitchen area and a new bench has been ordered for the front entryway. Safety Data Sheets from the Good Earth pest control company will be posted in the tool shed in case any grounds volunteers want the info. Next applications will be around May 12 and then again in August. A distanced weeding party is scheduled for **Saturday April 24 10-noon.**

Friends approved filling in the indentation originally created for a rain garden to make the area level and easier to mow. Friends may pursue creating a rain garden or other way to divert water from the sewage system in the future.

Friends are requested to provide input on whether congestion and access to the front door at meeting times should be considered a safety matter addressed with urgency or if the consideration of improvements can be left to a future visioning process. Input can be given to laura.horsey@gmail.com

Meeting closed with silent gratitude

Next Meeting for Business – May 9, 2021

Saturday May 8th 10:00-12:00. Spring Weeding Party at Friends Meeting House, followed by Bocci Ball. Bring your favorite weeding tool, gloves and water. We plan to be safely distanced. **Contact Laura Horsey** laura.horsey@gmail.com if you plan to attend, and how to reach you. In case of rain (a LOT of rain), she will email or text you to postpone.

Third Age Circle for May - date to be announced. Tentative topic: **Advanced Directives.**

Saturday May 22, 9:00 am-3:45 pm, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm Willamette Quarterly Meeting on Zoom.

Join Friends from throughout Oregon for Worship, Business, Worship Sharing and Community Night Fun. No pre-registration is required. Visit

<http://www.willamettequarterly.org/registration.html>

for schedule and Zoom link



Adult Religious Exploration: Tuesday May 25 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Discussion of an On Being podcast with Robin d'Angelo (author of *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard For White People To Talk About Racism*) and **Resmaa Menakem** (author of *My Grandmother's Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending Our Hearts and Bodies*)

<https://onbeing.org/programs/robin-diangelo-and-resmaa-menakem-in-conversation/>

ADVICES & QUERIES: Witness

North Pacific Yearly Meeting, *Faith and Practice* 2018 <https://npym.org/?q=fandp/all-versions>

We are glad to tell in words as well as deeds about the Truth and Faith that are in us. We seek fellowship with others of our own faith and with all people, realizing the oneness of humanity under God. Our witness is characterized by humility and a willingness to learn from others. We are constantly reminded that Truth is greater than the knowledge any one of us has of it. God did not put all the fruit on one branch.

We remain open to new leadings of Spirit, while taking care not to outrun our Guide.

Witness calls us into action.

We follow the witness that we are called to, with a whole heart, understanding that no one person can carry the weight of the whole world.

While we seek affinity with others who share the same concerns, we also seek opportunities to find common ground with those who have differing points of view.

Speak Truth to power with love.

- How do our lives testify to our convictions as Friends? What are we doing to share our faith?
- How do we speak Truth tenderly, so that others may hear it?
- What ways do we find to cooperate with people and groups with whom we share beliefs and concerns? Do we listen with love and respect to those with whom we disagree?
- How do we respect and encourage the witness that arises out of our meetings?
- Are we faithful in witnessing to Truth in our community and to the world?

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