

CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

FIFTH MONTH MAY 2022

ALL ARE WELCOME

Sunday Worship: 10:00-11:00

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

THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR

Sunday May 1

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship Willamette Park

Contact Bob Ward bobward1948@gmail.com

10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom and at the Meetinghouse

Saturday May 7—Registration deadline for WQM (details inside)

Sunday May 8

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship

10:00 am Hybrid/Blended Meeting for Worship Zoom and Meetinghouse together

11:40 am Meeting for Business Hybrid/Blended

Tuesday May 10

7 pm SEEK: Neil Douglas Klotz's *The Hidden Gospel*

Sunday May 15

10 am Meeting for Worship & Potluck at Peavy Arboretum (details inside)

10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom and at the Meetinghouse

Monday May 16

5:00 pm Reading Group - *Fit for Freedom Not for Friendship* (details inside)

Saturday May 21

9:30 am-5:30 pm Willamette Quarterly Meeting (details inside)

Sunday May 22

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship,

10:00 am Hybrid/Blended Meeting for Worship Zoom and Meetinghouse together

11:45 am Virtual Potluck

Tuesday May 24:

7 pm SEEK: Spiritual Journeys (featuring several Friends)

Sunday May 29

10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom and at the Meetinghouse

Corvallis Friends Meeting for Worship for Business April 10, 2022
 Conducted by Zoom
Clerk: Susan Easton

Recording Clerk: Esther Schiedel

Friends present: Nancy Ewald, John Selker, Bob Henderson, Laura Horsey, Laurie Childers, Bob Burton, Donna Gerry, Nina Joy Lawrence, Deb Luper, Wendy Robinson

Meeting began in expectant quiet. The Clerk shared the following:

Everything from the initial silence to the final handshake is to be regarded as worship.

We observe silence between individuals' contributions. These silences are crucial, not only for the period of reflection they provide; but also, because they enable a meeting to proceed as a gathered body.

We try to come to meeting in a prayerful, open state of mind, so that we may be open to the Spirit. In the meeting, we strive to lay ourselves open to others' arguments: no matter how much we may think truth is on our side we must consider the possibility that we may be mistaken. The true spirit of the [meeting for] business is thus one of attentive listening.

We normally speak once only on a subject unless responding to a direct question or giving factual information. It is appropriate to speak with conviction or with passion, but not with prejudice.

We may express contradictory views, but do not argue with one another in meeting. We state what we want to say frankly and briefly without belittling each other's points. Having spoken once to the issue, we must trust that if further valid points occur to us, others will raise them.

Adapted from: *Making decisions in a spirit of worship* --Quakers in Scotland

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

A written Treasurer's Report was shared. There was a question about the charge for trash collection, Wendy explained that this varies. One new expense was a rental fee for a facility the Meeting has reserved for an outdoor Meeting for Worship this summer. The report was accepted with gratitude.

Spiritual Care Committee Report: The next meeting of the SCC will be on May 5 at 3 p.m. in the Meeting House.

The State of Society Report will be presented to Meeting for Business to be approved for presentation to NPYM.

We are beginning to contact members of CFM who have been inactive to see whether they still want to be members of this Meeting or whether they want to transfer to a different Meeting.

SCC is not recommending any change to the mask requirements at the Meeting House.

SCC is not recommending any change to the schedule of Hybrid Meetings for Worship which will continue twice monthly on the second and fourth Sundays.

On April 17 there will be a potluck Easter breakfast outdoors at the Meeting House at 9:30. Walking Meeting for Worship will start and end at the Meeting House.

The Second Welcoming Conversation will occur by invitation on April 17 at 11:30 at the Meeting House and via Zoom.

Our first outdoor Meeting for Worship will be held at Peavy Arboretum on Sunday, May 15 at 10:00 a.m. There will be no Walking Meeting that day. The Meeting will be followed by a potluck. Further information about logistics (chairs, tables, time of arrival, childcare, etc.) will be forthcoming in the Newsletter and the Wednesday Digest.

A draft of the State of the Meeting Report was read and shared. Some additions and changes were suggested. **Friends should**

send any others to Esther. A revised version will be presented at our next Meeting for business and then will be shared at Quarterly Meeting May 21.

Spiritual Exploring and Engagement Kommittee SEEK has switched their meeting time back to Tuesday evenings at 7 pm. Meetings are planned through May. **Tuesday April 12:** Dr Luhui Whitebear on *Self-Care During Difficult Conversations*. **April 26th: Discussion on the Minute in Support of Indigenous People** that is being put before North Pacific Yearly Meeting (NPYM) for consideration at annual session this summer.

Meetinghouse rentals to outside groups.

During this discussion John Selker took turns clerking with Susan Easton so that each could speak their views on this issue. After some discussion **Friends approved opening the house to outside groups for rent and for use by members wanting to hold a group meeting there with the stipulation that they follow the same rules we have instituted for vaccination and masking which are posted in the Meetinghouse. Meeting will inform Meetinghouse scheduler, Jeff Kline, of this.**

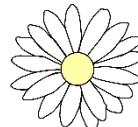
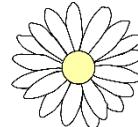
Nominating Committee has been contacting Friends and considering the needs of the Meeting. Yalda Asmatey is stepping away from being Children and Youth Program Coordinator; because we have been having some children attend lately, we see the need to fill this position as soon as possible. Meeting approved the Committee seeking out a new person for this role. Meeting could hold a called Meeting for Business to approve this temporary appointment but the sense of the meeting was to trust the nominating committee's judgement. There are other positions that we may want to consider dropping. **The**

Committee will make a full report in May for consideration by the Meeting.

Laura Horsey reported that the Meetinghouse grounds project has been completed. The final quote from Home Grown Gardens was for about \$6,200.00 the deposit of 50 percent was paid. Laura was pleased with the work overall—giving it a B+. Meeting still needs to install the temporary above ground irrigation system; Jay Thatcher has volunteered to do this. There will also be a need for hand weeding at least until the plants are well established. The Meeting expressed heartfelt thanks to Laura for planning and overseeing this project.

Meeting closed with grateful worship.

Next scheduled Meeting for Business is May 8, 2022.



SEEK (Spiritual Exploring & Engagement Kommittee) Tuesday evenings 7-8 pm via Zoom. We gather May 10 to discuss Neil Douglas Klotz's *The Hidden Gospel* and May 24 to share *Spiritual Journeys*. All are welcome.

Reading Group - Fit for Freedom Not for Friendship Monday May 16 5:00 PM

A myth-breaking history of and by Quakers of color <https://westernfriend.org/fit-freedom-not-friendship-reading-group>

Willamette Quarterly Meeting

**Saturday May 21 on Zoom and at
Multnomah Friends Meetinghouse
4312 SE Stark Street, Portland, OR.**

The theme is *Right Relations with Native People*. The agenda includes Meeting for Worship; a program presented by Corvallis's own Laurie Childers and Mackenzie Barton-Rowledge (from NWQM); potluck lunch, worship sharing groups, Meeting for Business, and a Community Afternoon where Friends are invited to share their talents with others.

For details and to register visit
<http://www.willamettequarterly.org/index.html>

**No charge to attend but Please register by
May 7!**

Advices & Queries – Peace Part 1

We practice love and peace-making within our families, in our meetings, and in the greater Quaker community. This experience will support our testimony of peace as we are involved in the larger world.

Peace is the state in which we are in accord with the Divine, the earth, others, and ourselves. We know that true, lasting peace among us is attainable through unity in the life of the Spirit.

When a conflict is beginning, we take steps to resolve it quickly and reduce the damage it does. When a conflict has ended, we take steps toward forgiveness, reconciliation, and restoration. In this way we help break the cycles of violence.

- Do we live in the virtue of that life and power that takes away the occasion of all war?
- Do we refrain from taking part in war as inconsistent with the Spirit of Christ? In what ways do we take part in war indirectly?
- What are we doing to remove the causes of war and to bring about the conditions of

peace? Where there is hatred, division, or strife, how are we instruments of reconciliation and love?

From North Pacific Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice. Copies are available from the Meeting and online at nypm.org



Yard volunteers Marybetts Sinclair, Laura Horsey, Wendy Robinson, Bob Henderson and Molly

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