

CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

ELEVENTH MONTH NOVEMBER 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 November 6

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

Contact Wendy Robinson: robburton@comcast.net

10 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom* and at the Meetinghouse

Sunday November 13

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship Contact Bob Ward bobward1948@gmail.com

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

11:40 am Hybrid/Blended Meeting for Business

Sunday November 20

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship Starting at Meetinghouse

Contact Wendy Robinson: robburton@comcast.net

9:40 -10 am Potluck at Meetinghouse

10 am Meeting for Worship at Meetinghouse and via Zoom

Sunday November 27

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

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

11:45 am Virtual Potluck

Sunday December 4

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

10 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom and at the Meetinghouse

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*Join Zoom Meetings: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86417666994?pwd=anAwZU04a0J0TWQvaVRSSkptNmlvUT09>
Meeting ID: 864 1766 6994 Passcode: 959966 or phone (253) 215 8782 (Tacoma)

Minutes, Corvallis Friends Meeting for Worship for Business

October 9, 2022

Clerk: Susan Easton

Recording Clerk: Bob Burton

Friends present: Jay Thatcher, Jon Stoll, Bob Ward, Donna Gerry, Nancy Ewald, Bob Henderson, Nina Joy Lawrence, Carmen Brummet.

We began with a period of expectant quiet worship.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report was made by Bob Ward, who noted that broker's account balance may not be current. This report was accepted with thanks.

Spiritual Care Committee Report SCC met Wednesday Oct 5. Wendy Robinson is now clerking SCC.

We are starting the process of looking at ways of increasing connections for people of all meeting groups. A group is working on improvements to sound and visual quality in the Meeting room.

Roger Weaver would like more visitors. Afternoon is best as he may be sleeping in the morning. Dogs are welcome! You can either call Abigail to arrange visiting Roger or just show up at Regency Park Place which is a block down from Republic Services at the corner of Jack London and NE Walnut Blvd.

Next SCC meeting is Wednesday November 9th.

SEEK The committee has shrunk a bit by people's stepping back, so that only Laurie Childers and Nina Joy Lawrence remain. They will carry on though. An idea they want to pursue is that children might join us and we all share some things that give

us joy in our meditation or experience. So we're hearing from each other's inner light. This might lead to service. Nina Joy is talking to parents and to other individuals in the meeting; "it's a work in progress".

Tech Report

We are working to improve the technical barriers to a gathered hybrid meeting. A different mic in the Meeting will help the sound pickup there. Spontaneous shutting off of the meeting video image has been stopped by eliminating the extension camera, relying only on the computer's own camera. We're using the speakers from the TV instead of the little PC speakers with an improved sound quality and quantity in the Meeting Room. We would like to fasten the TV to a wall mount and decrease the techno-clutter in the meeting room. Putting it next to the entrance door would be the most unobtrusive location, but also the one with the most background light, making it difficult to see on sunny days. Putting it to the right of the exit door on the north wall might make it easier to see. A friend who attends the zoom meeting asked that the camera, screen, and mic be situated so that if someone steps up to the mic to speak, the person will be seen by the camera, (preferably in a "front stage center" location?)

Request for Special Fund for collection of aid money for Yalda Asmatay family newly arrived from Afghanistan. **Proposal for Treasurer to establish a special fund for aid (earmarked funds) "Family Crisis Fund" Approved.**

Walking Meeting next Sunday will be from Meeting House at 8:30 am followed by **Potluck** at 9:40 am outside the Meeting.

Next Meeting for Business will be November 13, 2022.

Names and contact information for the Spiritual Care Committee 2022-2023

CFM Spiritual Care Committee members are available to receive comments, concerns, and requests in regard to the spiritual life of the Meeting, in all its current forms, and the care of members and attenders. A private meeting may be arranged via Zoom, phone, or email if so desired. Contact any of the following:

Jay Thatcher, jthatch@peak.org

Wendy Robinson, robburton@comcast.net

Kathy Miller, (541) 207-7304

Abigail Stoughton sabigail@comcast.net or 541-758-5057 (home and cell)

Carmen Brummet, brummetc@peak.org

Advices and Queries: "Be Not Afraid"

Courage is a fundamental act of faith.

As Friends we examine our fears and have the courage to release those that prevent us from growing in the Spirit and following our Guide. As we continue letting go of our fears and following the motions of love, we are led into a new, more abundant and joy-filled life. Although this life is not always free of pain, it is graced with a courage that will endure any adversity.

We ask those in authority to employ their power to reconcile and unify us, rather than to exploit fear to divide us.

It takes courage to reach out to those who are creating fear and to those who are controlled by fear. We work to restore harmony through peacemaking and reconciliation based in mutual love. Disharmony is a manifestation of fear; it results in separation from God, from ourselves, from our fellow human beings, and from all of creation.

- How does fear influence our lives? Are our decisions based on fear, or do we trust the Spirit's urging toward love and reconciliation?

- How do we let go of our fears, trusting the Spirit, so that we can restore peace in our meetings and communities?
- Do we encourage each other through love to act in faithful witness? How do we identify and confront fears that deceive, enslave, and stop us from living faithfully?
- In times of trial and terror how can we open our hearts, return to God's love, and move forward with courage?
- What would we do, as individuals and as a community, if we were not afraid?

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

Oct 18, 2022 Grape Harvest

We made many quarts of grape juice. Susan brought her juicer, several of us brought jars, Zeke, Moses and Roosevelt and I picked grapes quietly during meeting until time to join meeting for worship! I forgot to take pictures during the picking. After meeting James and Scott helped us finish the picking. — Nina Joy Lawrence



Susan bringing in the grapes.



Our New Bench

John Selker hewed this great slab out of a fallen oak, made it into a bench that is very lovely and comfortable, and brought all its 3 or 4 hundred pounds to Meeting in his van. Thank you John!



Here's the whole Smith-Watson family coming to Meeting by bicycle!