

CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

TWELFTH MONTH DECEMBER 2022

ALL ARE WELCOME

Sunday Worship: 10:00-11:00

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

THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR

Sunday December 4

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 December 11

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship Willamette Park
10:00 am Hybrid/Blended Meeting for Worship Zoom and Meetinghouse together
11:40 am Hybrid/Blended Meeting for Business

Sunday December 18

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship Starting at Meetinghouse
9:40 -10 am Potluck at Meetinghouse
10 am Meeting for Worship at Meetinghouse and via Zoom

Sunday December 25

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 January 1

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=anAwZU04a0J0TWQvaVRSSkptNmlyUT09>
Meeting ID: 864 1766 6994 Passcode: 959966 or phone (253) 215 8782 (Tacoma)

Corvallis Friends Meeting for Worship for Business

November 13, 2022

Friends present:

Susan Easton (Clerk), Esther Schiedel, Jay Thatcher, Nina Joy Lawrence, Laurie Childers, Bob Henderson (recorder)

The Meeting opened with a period of expectant quiet.

Minutes of the October meeting:

Approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Though the Treasurer was not able to be present, she had prepared both the November 13, 2022, monthly report, together with an analysis of the Meeting's current financial situation, and a comparison of the 2022 budget with actual expenses through October.

As it was not listed in the report, there was a question as to whether the "Family Crisis Fund" that was approved at the October Meeting for Business had been established. It is the Clerk's understanding that the fund has been established, and funds are being collected.

In response to a question at the October Meeting for Business on how the Meeting is doing with regard to the budget, the Treasurer reported that income received is about \$7,000 short of our budgeted income for the year. It was mentioned that some expenses budgeted (e.g., childcare) have not yet been needed or fully used. The Meeting normally makes its donations in December. Waiting until after the December Meeting for Business to authorize donations will enable the Meeting to assess the financial situation at that time. The same as for most other investments in the stock market, there has been a loss in the value of the Meeting's brokerage account with Friends Fiduciary.

This report was accepted with thanks, with the one question being as to whether the "Family Crisis Fund" has officially been set up.

Spiritual Care Committee Report:

Jay Thatcher presented the report from the Committee's meeting last week.

The Meeting does not have enough hosts in the meeting room for hybrid worship. If anyone is inclined to help in this regard, they should speak with Abigail Stoughton or Jay Thatcher. Training and encouragement are available.

The way forward for integrating virtual worship with those who gather in-person is not clear. The Committee plans to schedule a threshing session, primarily with Zoom attendees, to listen to frustrations, ideas, and hopes for maintaining a strong connection to the Meeting as a whole. How can we be tender with each other while sorting through the knotty issues? Are there other ways we can promote inclusion?

The donated meeting room computer no longer functions. The Committee requested that \$500 be made available to purchase a computer for use at the Meeting House. The ad hoc committee on information technology would consult with SCC to make some choices for this. In addition to making hybrid Meeting for Worship possible, the Meeting discussed additional ways the equipment and internet connection can be, or has been, used; this includes possibilities for the youth program, the FCNL Advocacy Group, the Spiritual Care Committee, and other outreach and education.

This request was approved.

SCC routinely considers the various needs of many Friends in the meeting. In order to meet some of them, it anticipates seeking volunteers to help:

- provide meals after surgery;

- make friendly visits to Friends in a couple of retirement centers;
- drive a Friend or two to Sunday worship;
- serve as a touchstone or buddy to people who are new to our meeting.

The Committee's next meeting will be on the afternoon of 12/7/2022.

Nominating Committee Report:

Nina Joy Lawrence reported that an additional member of the Committee is needed for a full complement of three people. Currently Nina Joy and Carmen Brummet serve on this committee. Committee members are nominated by a "pre-nominating committee". When asked for volunteers for the pre-nominating committee, Jay Thatcher and Susan Easton agreed to serve. The Nominating Committee would like to have a full committee by January.

Next Meeting for Business: December 11, 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: Stewardship of Money and Other Resources

We seek a sound relationship to money and other resources, making decisions that reflect our testimonies of integrity, simplicity, equality, peace, and care for creation.

Our household and meeting spending plans are evidence of what is important in our lives.

We pay a fair wage to our employees and offer comparable pay for comparable work.

We refrain from hazardous speculation or participation in business matters that may be ethically suspect. We seek to invest our money and time in ventures that are planned to benefit the social or environmental good as well as to provide a fair rate of return.

Obsession with the things we have is a sickness. So also are envy and helplessness when we feel we haven't enough. Whatever our state of economic affairs, gratitude for what we have helps to prevent worries over losing it or resentment of others who live differently.

We accept our gifts and recognize with profound gratitude any opportunities to share them generously. We embrace and uphold Friends commitment to improving the human condition with all available gifts.

As Friends, we examine our decisions about money and other assets and look in them for the seeds of war, injustice, and environmental damage.

-How do we use our time, talents, and material possessions to reflect that they are gifts from God?

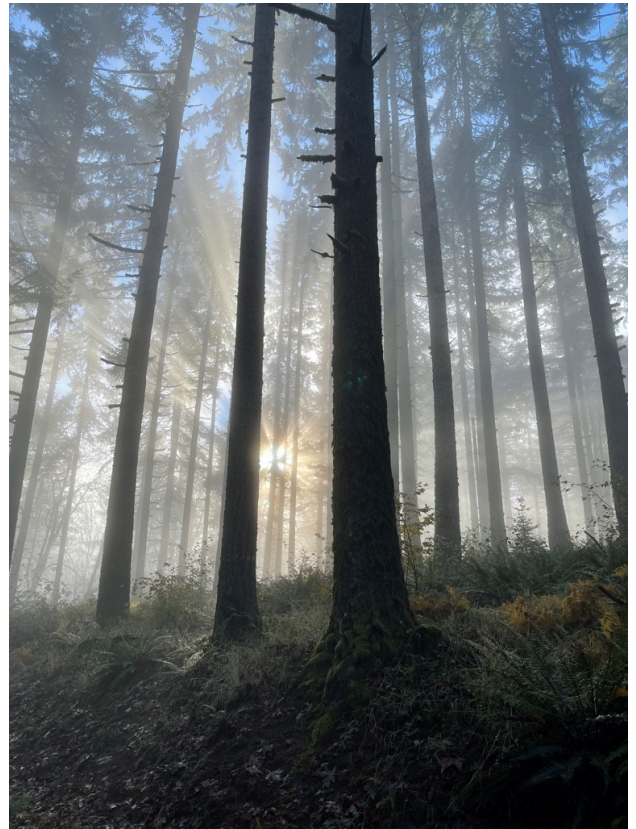
-As individuals and as a meeting community, how do we show that we are stewards and not just owners of the property and resources in our care?

-How does the Spirit guide us in our relationships to money? How do our choices reflect the working of Truth and Love in our lives and in the world?

-How do we avoid judging others, and ourselves, by worldly criteria of wealth or status? How do we answer to that of God in those who have less than we do? in those who have more than we do?

-How do we use the gifts we are given in ways that build community and bring us closer to the Source and Center?

-What is our “fair share”? How do our social and economic choices help or harm our vulnerable neighbors human and non-human? Can we identify “the seeds of war” in our choices?



Sun breaking thru Fog in McDonald Forest

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



Winter water Willamette Park