

CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

Fifth MONTH (May) 2023

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 7

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 May 14

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 May 21

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

9:40 -10 am Potluck at Meetinghouse

10:15 am Meeting for Worship at Meetinghouse and via Zoom

Sunday May 28

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 June 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/84281206597?pwd=L1hnbTBPcUp4RC9NSXdERUM3K3FrUT09>
Meeting ID: 864 1766 6994 Passcode: 959966 or phone (253) 215 8782

Corvallis Friends Meeting for Worship for Business

April 9, 2023

Friends present: Jay Thatcher, Susan Easton (clerk), Carmen Brummet, Bob Henderson, Nina Joy Lawrence, Wendy Robinson, Bob Burton(recording), Donna Gerry, Nancy Ewald, Kevin Weaver.

Clearly, vocal ministry that we might dismiss as 'popcorn' might actually be lifesaving to someone else - even if we never know about it. Thus, we are challenged by our faith to grant respect to ideas that we are tempted to label as meaningless or negative. Different individuals connect very differently with all that is holy. It may be through song, through awareness of the Earth's majesty, through the sharp taste of injustice, or through unexpected moments of compassion. Our Quaker practice of listening requires us to go deeper and learn how we might engage with the Life that dwells in places we would avoid. Margery Post Abbott, 2014

Minutes of last Month's Meeting for Business were approved

Treasurer's Report was accepted with thanks.

We discussed donating portions of the Afghan Refugee Fund to The Focusing Initiative work in Afghanistan, and a portion to WITO, the local organization supporting Afghan refugees. This suggestion was initially made by Yalda Asmatey, for whose refugee family member

Immigration needs the money was initially raised. The presence of Corvallis for Refugees (CFR) replacing WITO for recent refugees complicates the choice of recipient organization. **Amended Proposal was:** to donate 1000 dollars to the Focusing Initiative in Afghanistan. Wendy will check with Yalda about the intent of the donors. Assuming compatible intent, Wendy will reach out to WITO and CFR to inform them of our having funds for special needs. **Approved**

Spiritual Care Committee (SCC) Report

SCC met on April 5. The next meeting of SCC will be May 10 at 2 p.m. (new time) in the Meeting Room.

Roger Weaver's Memorial Meeting will be Saturday April 15 at noon at the Meeting House. All Friends/friends are welcome to attend. Sharing of poetry is encouraged. There will be refreshments after the Memorial Meeting. House and Hospitality is arranging and providing snacks. Help to set up the Meeting Room and the Fellowship Room at 11 a.m. would be appreciated. Contributions to the snacks would also be appreciated. If a few people could stay after the Memorial Service and snacks to clean up, that would be helpful. Kevin Weaver attended. He spoke about the thoughts he has about food. Question of snacks or a pot luck meal was raised. Kevin was comfortable with a simple after-worship social snack. Friends expressed preference for bringing food from home. Susan Easton and Hospitality volunteers will coordinate with Kevin.

A Threshing Session will be held on May 9 via Zoom to address the continued integration of the Zoom meeting with the in-person meeting at the Meeting House. All are welcome to attend.

Mask Recommendation: A conversation with Jeff Kline and SCC brought up several issues: Masks make hearing vocal ministry difficult. Some Friends avoid Meeting because of masks. We are a vulnerable population. SCC now has this evolving recommendation: Make one change from current practice, that wearing masks be optional. air filtration, fans, vaccine requirement, staying at home when ill, would remain as guidelines for Meeting for Worship. Masks would be welcome but not required. **This recommendation will be seasoned** for a month and brought up at next MFB. **However, the recommendations are approved** for immediate change for Wednesday evening Meeting for Worship

State of Society Report was approved after second reading with appreciation.

Tech Committee: We've found a combination that works now using a borrowed mic. (Thank you Bob Ward!) Purchase of a similar Jabra microphone was **Approved**.

Reminders

Quarterly Meeting will be weekend of May 19th, Online registration is ongoing until April 23rd.

Reminders (Continued)

Threshing Session 7 Pm May 9th on evaluating Hybrid Meeting.

Next Meeting for Business – May 14

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:

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Carmen Brummet, brummetc@peak.org

Advices & Queries - Home and Family

Live in the assurance that all are children of God.

Hospitality in the home is a vital force for spiritual nurture; it helps all family members learn to respond to that of God in everyone.

Know that a family may be made of single adults, of differing combinations of adults, or of adults and children, sharing a bond of love. Meeting provides an essential sense of family for those without families, including those made single after years of marriage or other life commitment.

We give home and family priority in our lives.

The meeting can support, yet cannot replace, the family in the care of children. At the same time, every member of meeting is responsible in some measure for the care of families, including children.

(Advices & Queries - Home and Family, continued)

Stay aware of the many ways the meeting can act as a family-and the ways it cannot.

Be both bold and tender in offering assistance to families that may be experiencing discord or domestic abuse.

- How do we make our homes places of friendliness, peace, and renewal, where Spirit is real for those who live there and those who visit?
- How do we maintain a climate of love and trust in our meeting which invites families to be open about their satisfactions and challenges?
- How do we keep commitments outside the home from encroaching on the time and loving attention the family needs for its health and well-being?
- Does our home life support our need for both a sense of personal identity and shared living?
- What supports do we offer to the aging, the widowed, the separated or divorced, and members of families affected by disruption or trauma?
- How does the meeting assist families to improve communication, family life, and the rearing of children in a context of love?

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