

CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

Sixth Month (June) 2023

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 June 4

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

10 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom and at the Meetinghouse

Sunday June 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 Online Meeting for Business via Zoom

Sunday June 18

10 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom, The Meeting house,
and at an accessible Outdoor Site

(Watch Wednesday Digest for details to come)

11:20 Pot luck at outdoor site above

Sunday June 25

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

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

11:45 am Virtual Potluck

Sunday July 2

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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Corvallis Friends Meeting for Worship for Business May 14, 2023

Friends present: Bob Ward, Donna Gerry, Nina Joy Lawrence (recording), Bob Henderson, Susan Easton, Jeff Kline, Nancy Ewald, Carmen Brummet, Marybetts Sinclair, Wendy Robinson, Bob Burton

Expectant Silence

Additions to agenda: We Care - Donna

April Monthly Meeting Minutes: Approved

Treasurer's Report: Bob Ward reporting. He covered treasurer duties while Wendy was away. There is an apparent discrepancy between the beginning bank balance for April and the balance reported to meeting last month, probably due to lack of information, not due to bookkeeping errors. Wendy will check it out. Wendy reported that the \$2300 taken from the Afghan Refugee fund is for rent assistance for the two Afghan refugee women in Corvallis. **The Treasurer's report is accepted with thanks for Bob's service while Wendy was away.**

Spiritual Care Committee Report: After a late spring and with summer weather suddenly inviting us outdoors, we plan to do a series of outdoor Meetings for Worship in Parks. People have expressed liking them last summer and we hope this will bring all, or at least many, of us together for worship and potluck after worship.

Our first Meeting for Worship in a Park will be next Sunday, May 21, at Willamette Park. From highway 99, turn east onto Goodnight Street. Follow Goodnight all the way to the parking lot (which is at the south end of Willamette Park.) There is a large, welcoming Maple tree north of the Parking lot. We will gather under that tree at

10:00 for Worship with potluck at tables after Worship.

We discussed the potential for optional masks at Meeting for Worship in the Meetinghouse. "Masks welcomed, not required". We have not heard any dissent for this suggestion. Some Friends are staying away from Meeting partly because of the mask requirement. And some have difficulty hearing because of the masks. We sense Meeting may be ready to unite on welcoming masks without requiring them. We anticipate that up to date vaccination would continue to be expected. Friends with symptoms of contagion will continue to stay home. Air filters will continue to run in the Meeting Room. High filtration masks will continue to be provided. And now that we can expect warmer weather windows can be open. **Meeting Approved masks being welcome, not required and all other safety precautions still being expected.**

Nominating Committee Report: Carmen Brummet and Nina Joy Lawrence reported. Nominations for 2023-2024 are submitted to be seasoned, and if Meeting agrees, approved, in June. They will be posted in the Wednesday Digest. The Nominating Committee Report is one way we can see the weaving of our connections in Friends Meeting, what keeps us able to come together in caring, seeking, and sharing.

Please address questions or comments to a member of the Nominating Committee. Donna would like us to check with Kathy about sustainability coalition, if it really is ok to be listed as the representative. She reports neither of them is doing much. Meeting gives thanks to the Nom Comm for this report.

Groundskeeping: Marybetts Sinclair Marybetts presented a schedule of considerable work she and a few others have put into the yard since early spring. Also Mark Boyd is mowing weekly right now. After a few years the new landscaping won't need as much care, but now it does until the plants get

established. It's too much to do as a coordinator and volunteers now, since meeting is mostly made up of older people. Estimates are being sought from 3 companies. To help with the watering immediately, Bob Henderson suggested that we could have a timer on the drip system that is installed in the front. The meeting approved to get a timer and seek estimates of the cost of maintenance. **The meeting approved an ad hoc committee of Bob Henderson and Marybetts Sinclair to work on timer and estimates.** If needed, a called meeting for business can be held to make timely decisions.

Meeting House Scheduler: (Jeff Kline)

The schedule has filled in quite a bit in the last few months. Report on the types of groups using the Meetinghouse and what they are using it for will be given next month.

We Care: (Donna Gerry)

Donna requested the meeting consider inviting We Care personnel to set up office space in the Meeting House to use for helping people apply for assistance. We Care has to move out of their current office space and has asked representatives to inquire with their faith communities about possible space. Friends do not at this time feel clear to offer office space in our small open plan meeting house for a permanent office for We Care.

Threshing session on Zoom Tuesday, May 23 5:30 PM on Hybrid meeting

Next Meeting for Business – June 11 - Annual Corporation Meeting

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 & Queries - Integrity

We strive to maintain integrity in word and deed. We recognize the temptations to grow rich at the expense of others, and how apparently harmless indulgence can lead to wrongdoing.

Avoid pretense in clothing, manners, and speech, realizing that false impressions may be conveyed by action and appearance, no less than by words.

In all the settings you find yourself, practice keeping a single and open manner of relating to others. Avoid using different characters in each role you fill.

We live our best lives as Friends when we focus on what Truth and Love require of us, not on our own comfort or contentment.

- How do we use the resources and strength we are given to meet the challenges of living a whole and honest life?
- How do we keep to a single standard of truth in daily life?
- Do we avoid taking judicial and other oaths?
- How do we fulfill the promises we make?

(Advices & Queries - Integrity - continued)

- Are we responsible about incurring and repaying debts? Are we just and honorable in all our dealings?
- How do we take care that our spiritual growth is not sacrificed to busyness?

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Meeting for worship at Willamette Park



Herbert Farm Natural Area, Corvallis