

CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

EIGHTH MONTH AUGUST 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 August 6

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

Sunday August 13

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship

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

No Meeting for Business scheduled

Sunday August 20

10 am Meeting for Worship & Potluck at Firefighters' Gazebo at Peavy Arboretum

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

Sunday August 27

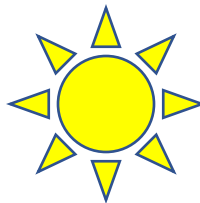
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*Join Zoom Meetings:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84281206597?pwd=L1hnbTBPCUp4RC9NSXdERUM3K3FrUT09>

Meeting ID: 864 1766 6994 Passcode: 959966 or phone (253) 215 8782



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Corvallis Friends Meeting for Worship for Business 7/9/2023

Peace begins in the human heart. Our Buddhist friends talk of “being peace.” Can we speak truth and “be peace”? Can we speak truth and still walk cheerfully over the world answering that of God in everyone? Can we listen to others, without arrogance or pride? Can we love ourselves in healthy ways, so that we can love our neighbors? Fox asked that people live the model we espouse. Through faithful living, seeking god’s love and guidance, we are able to speak our message and still know the humanity of all we encounter. We learn to forgive, and learn to seek forgiveness, by the doing. We learn to reconcile by doing it.
—Mary Lord, 2005

The peace testimony is not about hiding conflict, but about engaging it openly, creatively, and with love for the other. — Margery Post Abbott, 2009

Clerk: Bob Burton **Recording Clerk:** Esther Schiedel, **Present:** Wendy Robinson, Susan Easton, Donna Gerry, Bob Henderson, Donald Groom, Laura Horsey, John Selker, Nina Joy Lawrence, Nancy Ewald

Friends gathered on Zoom videoconferencing. Meeting began in Silent Worship

The Minutes of 6th Month Meeting for Business were approved as printed in the newsletter.

A temporary Treasurer’s summary for June was provided. Wendy confirmed that it looked typical for June. The report was accepted with gratitude.

Spiritual Care Committee met on June 28th. Dates and sites for outside worship have been set; the next one will be July 16 at Ona Beach State Park. A Second Hour is scheduled for July 23 for Friends to create or update end of life wishes to be kept on file by the Meeting.

Groundskeeping Volunteer Coordinator, Marybetts Sinclair, has created a sign-up sheet on a Mealtrain app for volunteers to water the Meetinghouse yard—some openings are available. Visit <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/mgzn47>.

Friends noted that the yard reflects our history and the care that many Friends have devoted to making and keeping it beautiful and healthy.

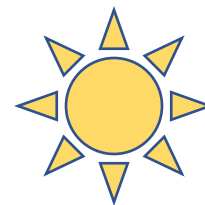
Children’s Program: Nina Joy is in contact with the families with young children about their needs and ideas. One possible one is to have a once a month program for the children. Esther suggested that having a childcare provider available each Sunday would make the Meeting more welcoming to families.

Laura brought up the issue of outreach as a Meeting. She suggested that, when ready, those newly taking up the outreach aspect of the Meeting be invited to share their thoughts and plans. I would hope these might include how people become aware of the meeting, feel welcome, and know how to engage.

Bob Burton reminded Friends of the work and value of FCNL: Friends Committee on National Legislation, and their efforts on Peacebuilding. Contact him for more information on how to be involved.

We did not schedule a Meeting for Business for August. We can call one if the need arises.

Meeting closed in silent worship.



Quaker Coalition for Uprooting Racism

By August 14, Apply for the Second Cohort of the “Quakers Uprooting Racism community of practice program” offered by QCUR. Program runs January-September 2024.

Dear Friend,

We are thrilled to announce the much-anticipated launch of the application for the second cohort of the Quakers Uprooting Racism program!

Click here to apply.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd7HakDa2hQhWg5zV3LR-9tWdXGee0yYgM4YI1A9ka33yqgeg/viewform>

Application due August 14, 2023.

Click here to learn more.

<https://www.fgcquaker.org/fgcprograms/ministry-on-racism/qcur/>

Building on the success of our first cohort, we invite you to join this groundbreaking community of racial justice changemakers among Friends. Together, we will continue our vital work of dismantling white supremacy, fostering root-level change, and promoting racial justice within the Religious Society of Friends and beyond.

This is a transformative journey of monthly online sessions, from January-October 2024, where participants will cultivate skills to recognize and disrupt racism within and outside of Quaker communities.

from Vanessa Julye and Lucy Duncan, Quaker Coalition for Uprooting Racism (7/7/2023)

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.

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?



On Sunday July 16 many Corvallis Friends gathered at Ona Beach State Park for Worship, Fellowship, Food and Fun



Jon and Aayenda



Georg Stahl