

CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

FIRST MONTH JANUARY 2024

ALL ARE WELCOME

Sunday Worship: 10:00-11:00

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

THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR

Sunday January 7

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

Contact Bob Ward boward1948@gmail.com

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

11:20 am ARE (Adult Religious Exploration) Workshop on action toward reparations for indigenous lands, at the Meeting House.

Sunday January 14

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship

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

11:40 Meeting for Business Zoom and Meetinghouse together

Sunday January 21

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

Worship starting at the Meetinghouse

11:00 Potluck at the Meetinghouse

Sunday January 28

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship,

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

*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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corvallisfriends@gmail.com

Corvallis Friends Meeting for Worship for Business 12/10/2023

held via Zoom Videoconferencing

Clerk: Bob Burton

Recording Clerks: Susan Easton, Esther Schiedel

Present: Wendy Robinson, Donna Gerry, Bob Ward, Jay Thatcher, Dana Edwards, Georg Stahl, Nancy Ewald, Nina Joy Lawrence, Laura Horsey, Bob Henderson, Abigail Stoughton

“Corporate Discernment - Through worship together, ministry in worship, group discussion and discernment, and daily interaction, individuals teach the Meeting and Meeting molds and teaches individuals.” NPYM Faith and Practice, p. 17 (16)

*“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. * * * 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; NPYM Faith and Practice, p. 30.*

Meeting began in Silent Worship

The Minutes from 11th Month Meeting for Business were approved

A written **Treasurer’s Report** was provided. Wendy noted that contributions included a donation to the Propane supply project which is an earmarked account.

Report from the Spiritual Care Committee:

As a recent threshing session concluded, Friends knew there were others we still needed to hear from. The Spiritual Care Committee (SCC) is now having conversations with a couple handfuls of Friends with hopes to gain a wider perspective on hopes, preferences and needs for how and where to hold worship. We have some common questions for each of

these small meetings:

What is your ideal worship form for Corvallis Meeting?

How would Corvallis Meeting meet your needs?

What two or three things (in MFW) bug you the most?

How would you fix it?

What about an education or spiritual development program monthly? would you attend?

In the first week we’ve already held several of these planned caring conversations. If we’ve yet to be included and you have something to add beyond what was shared during threshing, you’re invited to offer your perspectives to a Friend from the SCC. The next steps seem to be to continue these conversations with other Friends then collect specific ideas from the threshing and these conversations for SCC to consider in the new year.

Arising from the threshing sessions and several of the meetings with individuals, we are clear that there is a call for a series of open sessions to help attenders embrace Quakerism. It will be more than a review of history or theology of Friends. *Quakerism 101* is **not** the appropriate title. *Becoming Friends* and *Embracing Quakerism* are two current suggestions. We plan to support the committee on Adult Religious Exploration in implementing this.

Several groups are starting for Friendly Sevens, gathering for informal conversation and food. If you’d like to join one, please speak with Abigail Stoughton right away.

We received a suggestion over a year ago to consider making two committees, one for pastoral care and one for helping foster worship and ministry in the Meeting. This could leave the latter committee free to continue addressing the issues posed by our recovery from shuttering the Meeting House on Sundays while providing for more thorough and comprehensive attention to the pastoral needs within the Meeting. The Spiritual Care Committee has united on this prospect. We

forward it for your consideration at monthly meeting.

Next Spiritual Care Committee meeting is planned for 1/10/2024.

Adult Religious Exploration Committee

Report: The December 3rd 2nd hour program, Spiritual Book Reviews, was a tremendous success! 8 fabulous books were shared with 10 Friends & we all left inspired!

Coming up in the new year we will be hosting sessions called Becoming Friends in 1st (& possibly 4th) Sunday 2nd hours. Inquirers will lead the discussions. We hope both more & less experienced Friends (as well as children!) will come to deepen their knowledge of what embracing Quakerism means! Those folks interested please contact members of ARE: Georg Stahl georg_herbs39@yahoo.com 434-760-1982

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541-758-5057

Also, ARE wishes to resume discussions about "Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples". Georg suggested contacting speakers on Right Relations with Native Americans and shared that there will be a live In-Person event this Tuesday, December 12th at 7 pm at the OSU Alumni Center, 725 SW 26th Street *Winter Storytelling: Indigenous Stories of Place*. Bob mentioned NPYM as a resource on Right Relations with Native Americans. Nina shared that the children are working on planning a field trip related to Native Americans.

Children's program: Nina reported that several children are now attending meeting. Several participated in selecting gifts for the Vina Moses giving tree.

Library Committee would like to purchase THE QUAKER WORLD but cannot afford to purchase it for the CFM library. They are asking for a "deep-pocketed Friend" to purchase it and donate it, if they choose. "One might ask,

How many introductions to Quakerism do we need?" This one is different because it is much more than a history of 300+ years of white, English, American Quaker men & women. It encompasses (542 pages) all Friends of all stripes—from Evangelical to Liberal, worldwide, including Africa, Asia, and Latin America. It shows, "some new facets of what it means to be in Quaker community." It is an example of "making the road while walking it." Of how Quakers are living "in the world" while resisting its values.

It is "less an introduction to the seasoned Quaker than it is an invitation to truly live with Quakerism . . . in diverse communities all over the world."

Next Meeting for Business: 1/14/24 will be hybrid, with the Clerk and Recording Clerk in the Meeting room (see details below).

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Starting Sunday January 14, ~11:30. Hybrid Meeting for Business at FMH and on Zoom

The clerk and the recording clerk will be in person at the Meetinghouse to better attend to Friends, and to better serve the worshipful discernment of the Meeting's concerns. There will be hand-outs of the various reports and minutes available. We will encircle the camera, mic and screen so that participants at a distance will feel and be fully part of the meeting.

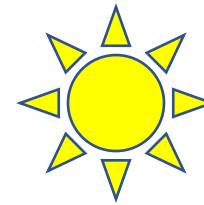
To attend by Zoom, remain on or join the regular link for Meetings and Gatherings:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84281206597?pwd=L1hnbTBPcUp4RC9NSXdERUM3K3FrUT09>

For questions or assistance, contact Bob Burton, bob11340@comcast.net or Jay Thatcher, jthatch@peak.org.

Sunday January 7, ~11:20-12:20. Second Hour. ARE (Adult Religious Exploration)
In person at the Meeting House.
 "CFM Actions Toward Reparations on Lands Stolen from Indigenous People"

ARE offers Friends this workshop of brainstorming exercises to discover practical steps we might take toward restoring right relationship with Indigenous People. We hope then to develop ways to transform our spirit and unity into action as we strive for justice in the world.

For information contact Georg Stahl,
georg_herbs39@yahoo.com or Lisa Perell,
lperell730@gmail.com



Advices & Queries – Simplicity

Simplicity is one of the fruits of a faithful life centered on a commitment to the Spirit of God.

Friends strive for simplicity in the use of our earnings and property, in our speech, and in our manner of living, choosing that which is clear and useful.

All that leads to fullness of life and aids in the service of Truth is to be accepted with thanksgiving. We each determine by the Light we are given what helps and what hinders our search for inner peace.

- *Do we center our lives in the awareness of God so that all things take their rightful place?*
- *Do we clutter our lives with things and activities? What are the ways out? What helps us avoid commitments beyond our strength and light?*
- *How does our meeting help us simplify our lives? How do we order our individual lives to nourish our spiritual growth?*
- *Do we keep to simplicity, moderation, and honesty in our speech, our manner of living, and our daily work?*

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

Sunday January 21, 10 am Silent Walking Worship will gather at the Meetinghouse. Friends may participate in either Walking Worship or Worship in the Meetinghouse. A potluck will follow Worship.

Final Affairs Forms.

At 2nd Hour on November 19th, ARE offered the new Final Affairs forms that Friends may use to provide Meeting with spiritual wishes and practical instructions.

To receive a copy to complete (manually or electronically), contact the CFM Meeting Recorder Craig Sanders (Meeting Recorder) rcraigs@comcast.net. Manual copies also at the Meeting House.

