

CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

SEVENTH MONTH JULY 2024

ALL ARE WELCOME

Sunday Worship: 10:00-11:00

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THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR

Sunday, July 7

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

Wednesday July 10-Sunday July 14

North Pacific Yearly Meeting University of Montana, Missoula Montana

Sunday July 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

Mondays starting July 15-August 19

6:00 pm-8:00 pm Nonviolent Communication course

See details inside

Sunday July 21

10:00 am Outdoor Meeting for Worship the Firefighter's Memorial in Peavy Arboretum, followed by a potluck meal.

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

Sunday July 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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Corvallis Friends Meeting for Business

May 12, 2024

Present: Bob Burton (Clerk), Susan Easton (Recording Clerk), Bob Henderson, Bob Ward, Ann Fuller, Jay Thatcher, Nancy, Ewald, Esther Schiedel, Laura Horsey, Carmen Brummet, Kathy Miller, John Selker, Craig Sanders, Abigail, Stoughton, Dana Edwards, Donna Gerry

Centering Silence

Minutes of April 14, 2024 Meeting for Business were approved.

Treasurer's Report(s)

The Assistant Treasurer noted two corrections to the April, 2024 Treasure's Report.

Left off was a \$10,000 donation

A deposit of \$584.25 was uncategorized, but presumed to be rent.

Notations for the May report are:

A larger amount for electricity due to malfunctioning thermostat,

Meeting supplies in the amount of \$51.48 were donated to Meeting,

The POP program is finished for the year. Over the heating season, \$12,516 was donated.

* Meeting accepted the Treasurer's Reports

Request for Hosting WQM Spring 2025

Clerk stepped aside. Jay Thatcher stepped in to clerk the discussion. Bob Burton and Bob Ward spoke on behalf of the opportunity for CFM to host the Willamette Quarterly Meeting (WQM) in May, 2025. They noted that Quarterly Meeting is an old tradition that facilitated Quakers from the region to join in fellowship with each other. Our region includes Meetings in the Willamette Valley, the Oregon Coast, the Oregon/Washington border, the Cascades, and Boise. It has also been an

opportunity for Quaker youth to enjoy a relationship with their Quaker peers. This is an opportunity for the new attenders in our midst to learn more about how Quakers function, and to get to know Friends outside CFM.

FWCC (Friends World Committee for Consultation) is getting ready to launch an initiative to deepen relationships between Quakers worldwide and to revitalize Quaker meetings. This could be an opportunity to tie into that initiative.

The Quarterly Meeting traditionally met Saturdays, quarterly, but in recent years changed to meeting yearly for a weekend retreat. The host responsibilities rotated among Eugene, Corvallis/Salem, and Portland meetings. We are now being asked to host the 2025 WQM.

It is expected that task lists from this year and last year will be available for our guidance.

Responsibilities would be shared with volunteer coordinators from WQM, but we would be responsible for:

- Deciding on a theme for the retreat,
- Providing a Clerk for the WQM Meeting for Business,
- Finding and arranging a venue to hold 60-100 people,
- Organizing the retreat spaces and providing volunteers to arrange spaces,
- Organizing meals,
- Organizing lodging for those needing it.
- Bob W and Bob B have agreed to coordinate CFM volunteer efforts. Several people volunteered to help with the planning and implementation as they are able including Donna Gerry, John Selker, Bob Henderson, Kathy Miller, and Esther Schiedel. It is anticipated that other volunteers will step up

and that volunteers from other meetings will also help out.

*** Meeting minuted its acceptance of taking on host responsibilities for WQM in May of 2025.**

Spiritual Care Committee (SCC) Report

The Deepening Friendly Connections event was very successful with several initiatives organized:

- Walking Buddies Contact: Carmen Brummet (brummetc@peak.org)
- Women's monthly luncheon. Contact Abigail Stoughton (sabigail@comcast.net)
- Spiritual Friendship. Contact: Jay Thatcher (jthatch@peak.org)
- Weekly spiritual questions discussions.

Outdoor Meetings for Worship will start June 16, meeting at the Firefighter's Memorial in Peavy Arboretum, followed by a potluck meal. Outdoor M4W will continue through the summer on 3rd Sundays (July 21, August 18, September 15, and October 20). Donna Gerry noted that she can coordinate rides for anyone needing a ride.

Edits are being made to a new pamphlet, developed by Jay and Carmen, to hand out to new attenders.

*** Meeting accepted the SCC report.**

Adult Religious Exploration (ARE) Committee Report The Becoming Friends program continues on second hour, fourth Sundays until they have worked through all the questions developed earlier in the year. The next program will continue to explore testimonies and start on the next category "Meeting Process & Etiquette."

First Sundays will cease for the summer, but suggestions for fall programs are welcomed.

Contacts for ARE are:

- Abigail Stoughton (sabigail@comcast.net),
- Lisa Perelli (lperelli730@gmail.com),
- Georg Stahl (georg_herbs39@yahoo.com).

*** Meeting accepted the ARE report.**

Nominating Committee Report

Nominating Committee presented a slate of nominations for the coming year for the various roles required by Meeting to function. The report will be held over to season, until the June, 2024 Meeting for Business. The report will be published in the Wednesday Digest, the newsletter, and is available from members of the Nominating Committee:

It was noted that two Friends, Nina Joy Lawrence and Donna Gerry, asked that their assignments be considered provisional.

Nominating Committee called attention to the context surrounding the change, approved by Meeting for Business, of SCC evolving into two committees, Pastoral Care and Ministry.

Clerk of Meeting reminded Friends that the report is made with reservations. Friends may contact the committee with any concerns they have regarding assignments. Those conversations will be considered private.

The Clerk and another Friend thanked the committee for their work in light of the abbreviated time frame to this spring and the success in filling 4-5 major positions with new people.

- Craig Sanders 541-971-2813
- Laura Horsey 503-381-3265
- Susan Easton 541-602-5747

*** Meeting provisionally accepted the report**

Nominating Committee Report 2024-25

Clerk : Bob Burton

Recording Clerk Team: Susan Easton, John Selker

Treasurer: Wendy Robinson

Treasurer Assist Team

Bob Ward: **treasurer backup**

Esther Schiedel, **check signer**

Corporation Officers: Nina Joy Lawrence, Wendy Robinson, Esther Schiedel, Lorena Reynolds

Ministry Committee: Wendy Robinson, Carmen Brummet, Esther Schiedel

Pastoral Care Committee: Abigail Stoughton, Loreen Olufson, Laura Horsey

Adult Religious Exploration: Abigail Stoughton, Georg Stahl, Lisa Perelli, Dana Edwards

Children and Youth

Program Coordinator and ARE

Liaison: Nina Joy Lawrence **Volunteers:** Jay Thatcher, Scott Smith, Esther Schiedel

House and Hospitality Team: Loreen Olufson, Nina Joy Lawrence, Kathy Miller

Groundskeeping Coordinator: Marybetts Sinclair

Volunteers: Mark Boyd, Bob Henderson, Gary Graupensperger, James Cox

Major Meeting House

Maintenance Coordinator: John Selker

Volunteers: Gary Graupensperger, Bob Burton

Meeting Room Heating Coordinator: Charles Kettenring **Apprentices:** Scott Smith, John Selker

Meeting House Scheduler: Jeff Kline

Peace Justice and Environment Committee of the Whole Outreach Coordinator: Jay Thatcher

Rides Coordinator: Donna Gerry

Library Committee: Nancy Ewald, Craig Sanders, Carmen Brummet

Communications:

Directory: Susan Easton, Craig Sanders

Mail Sorting: Wendy Robinson, Jay Thatcher

Meeting Phone Keeper: Nancy Ewald

Meeting Statistics Recorder: Craig Sanders

Facebook Administrator: Laurie Childers

Website: Pat Omidian

Newsletter Editor: Laurie Childers

Newsletter Backup: Craig Sanders, Laura Horsey

Newsletter Printing: Mark Boyd

Wednesday Digest Editor: Bob Ward

Wednesday Digest Backup: Nina Joy Lawrence

Representation:

We Care: Donna Gerry

Western Friend: Jay Thatcher

Corvallis Interfaith Group: Laurie Childers

Sustainability Coalition: Kathy Miller

Friends Committee on National Legislation: Bob Burton

American Friends Service

Committee: Pat Omidian

Friends World Committee for Consultation: Bob Ward

North Pacific Yearly Meeting Coordinating Committee: Laurie Childers

Willamette Quarterly Meeting: Bob Ward

Friends who have questions concerning the above list of nominations should feel free to call one of the members of Nominating Committee:

Craig Sanders 541-971-2813

Laura Horsey 503-381-3265

Susan Easton 541-602-5747



Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) is the nearest thing Quakers have to a worldwide headquarters but the name says it all – the purpose is encourage fellowship and understanding among all the strands of the Religious Society of Friends. Our North Pacific Yearly Meeting is in the section of the Americas. The others are Africa, Asia, and Europe-Middle East. For more insights into the work of FWCC, contact our representative, Bob Ward, bobward1948@gmail.com or 541-908-7598. Or visit <https://fwcc.world/>



Sign up to water the back garden at Corvallis Friends Meeting House:

We need people to water the beds next to the back of the Meeting House twice per week. The hose is hooked up to the back of the Meeting House. You do NOT need to water the front of the Meeting House as it is on a timer. You do not need to water on the dates suggested, so long as you do so twice per week. Any questions, please contact Marybetts Sinclair at 541-753-8374.

**Meal Train link for Corvallis Friends Meeting
Back Garden Watering in July:
<https://mealtrain.com/gm8nwm>**



May be of Interest : Starting July 15 at FMH. *Communicate for a Change* presents a virtual training course on *Nonviolent Communication*, to benefit the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition. Join trainer Anna Cassilly for this six-week course to learn the basics of nonviolent communication. Whether at home, work, or in the community, excellent communication skills help us prevent conflicts and engage with greater ease those conflicts that do arise. Mondays, July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 12, 19 (6 pm – 8 pm)

Held at Corvallis Friends Meeting House, 3311 NW Polk Ave. Cost: This is a benefit for the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition, \$60 – \$120. Work exchange and scholarships available.

For more information:

anna@growingpeace.net, 541-301-7993, or visit <https://www.growingpeace.net/trainings/>.



Advices & Queries Stewardship of Money & Other Resources (part 2)

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.

- 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?



Advices & Queries: Expectant Worship, Vocal Ministry

We prepare ourselves for meeting for worship in many ways – for example, through regular study, meditation and prayer – so that we come into meeting with open, expectant spirits seeking after Truth.

Search within yourself before rising to give vocal ministry – be aware of the physical and spiritual promptings that underlie true vocal ministry.

If prompted by the Spirit to give vocal ministry, we speak audibly, clearly, simply, and as briefly as possible.

Listen to the ministry of others as if it is the voice of the Divine; seek the thoughts behind the words and hold the speaker in love.

After a message is given, Friends take time to ponder its meaning and to give space before rising to speak if we are so led.

Prepare the children of meeting to understand and experience the power of Quaker worship and vocal ministry.

- How do we prepare our hearts and minds for meeting for worship?
- Do we worship together in a way that honors and respects other Friends' beliefs? How do we listen to ministry that seems wrong or misguided?
- Do we meet for worship in expectant waiting for the promptings of the Divine Spirit? How do we carry this inspiration into our daily living?
- How do we take care that our vocal ministry is not lightly given? Do we offer vocal ministry under the leading of the Spirit, in the simplicity and sincerity of truth?
- As we listen, or as we speak, are we guided by the inward Light and sensitive to one another's needs? Are we careful not to speak at undue length or beyond our call?

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