

CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

EIGHT MONTH (AUGUST) 2024

ALL ARE WELCOME

Sunday Worship: 10:00-11:00

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

THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR

Sunday August 4

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship Willamette Park
10 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom* and at the Meetinghouse

Sunday August 11

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship Willamette Park
10:00 am Hybrid Meeting for Worship Zoom* and Meetinghouse together
11:40 am Online Meeting for Business via Zoom

Sunday August 18

10 am Meeting for Worship
10 am Silent Walking Worship

Ona Beach, between Newport and Seal Rock.

(Look for Ona Beach sign on Hwy 101, about 8 miles south of
the intersection with Hwy 20 from Corvallis)

11:30 am Potluck

Sunday August 25

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship Willamette Park
10:00 am Hybrid Meeting for Worship Zoom* and Meetinghouse together

Second Hour programs will be announced in the Wednesday Digest

***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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**Minutes: Corvallis Friends Meeting for
Worship for Business
June 9, 2024**

Present: Bob Burton (Clerk), Susan Easton (Recording Clerk), Bob Henderson, Bob Ward, Donna Gerry, Ann Fuller, Esther Schiedel, Nina Joy Lawrence, Laura Horsey, Craig Sanders, Abigail Stoughton, Jay Thatcher, Nancy Ewald, James Cox, Dana Edwards, Wendy Robinson, Carmen Brummet.

Centering Silence: Testimonies from Faith and Practice

Additions to Agenda

Approval of Minutes:

*** Meeting approved Minutes from the
5/12/24 Meeting for Business**

Corporate Meeting

*** This Meeting for Worship for Business is the annual corporate meeting required by our charter with the State of Oregon. Three of the four corporation officers were present: Wendy Robinson, Esther Schiedel, and Nina Joy Lawrence.**

Treasurer's Report

*** Meeting approved Treasurer's Report**

Spring 2025 WQM update

See attached

Spiritual Care Committee

As of July 1, SCC will be split into the Ministry Committee and Pastoral Care Committee. The next meeting will be July 10, 2024. Current members of SCC and incoming members of Ministry and Pastoral Care will meet together. Ministry and Pastoral Care expect to meet together regularly.

Deepening Friendly Connections activities are ongoing over the summer. Those with an

interest in Walking Buddies can contact Carmen Brummet (brummetc@peak.org). Those wishing to receive a weekly spiritual query and discussing it with someone can contact Jay Thatcher (jthatch@peak.org).

Outdoor Meetings for Worship will occur the third Sundays of June through October, 10 a.m. Potluck will follow.

Adult Religious Exploration

ARE's program of questions exploring Quaker faith and practice will resume in September on the fourth Sunday, Second Hour. Sharing spiritual book recommendations will also continue after the summer, probably in September. Stay tuned!

Nominating Committee Report

No comments were received in response to the preliminary report submitted at the May M4B.

Ann Fuller was nominated as another volunteer to the Groundskeeping Committee.

*** Meeting approved adding Ann to the committee without seasoning.**

A question was raised concerning terms of service for the two new committees: Pastoral Care and Ministry. Nominating Committee had not discussed this. In the past, new SCC members held their position for three year terms. Nom Comm proposed that the members of each committee sort out among themselves, terms of one, two, and three years.

*** Meeting approved the complete
Nominating Committee Report.**

The Nom Com report is attached.

Children's Program

A question was raised as to the current status and leadership of the Children's

Program. Nina Joy has been prepared to work with any children who show up at M4W-First Hour. At the moment, she is working to reacquaint the children and volunteers with each other since Covid, playing games and developing a sense of leading, prior to, and in response to the games.

Outreach Program

Jay anticipates getting started on outreach and welcomes volunteers who can reach out into the wider community. In particular, he is looking for volunteers with graphic layout experience and writing experience.

Wednesday Digest

Bob W would like to offer guidance for submissions to the Digest. He would like submitters to re-focus their announcements and asks that people reach out to him to learn how to do that.

*** Meeting approved skipping Meeting for Business in July and resuming August 11, 2024.**

WQM Report from CFM Clerk

Meeting for Business, June 9, 2024

Willamette Quarterly Meeting approved an offer by Corvallis Friends Monthly Meeting to host WQM business Meeting in May 2025.

Minute from the WQM business meeting on May 19th:

Hosting 2025 WQM

“Bob Burton and Bob Ward, both from Corvallis MM, presented a proposal that Corvallis Meeting host WQM in 2025. At their recent meeting for business, Corvallis agreed with a resounding “yes” to the question.

“Bob Ward made several proposals related to WQM, including that an ad hoc site group be identified to look for a recurring central location, and identifying a “WQM coordinator.” It was also suggested that Salem, Florence, Eugene and Corvallis be on the ad hoc site committee. We approved with thanks Corvallis Meeting’s offer to host 2025 WQM.

“We approved formation of an ad hoc site committee to look for a permanent site for WQM, with Bob Ward as the coordinator. People were asked to speak with Bob if they have any ideas for a possible site.

“Corvallis asked for help and support with hosting WQM in 2025.”

Report from Bob Ward on progress and request for input/help with venue search:

An ad hoc venue search committee [Bob Ward (WQM), Helen Park (Eugene), Ka Hering (South Mountain), Kathy Miller (Corvallis) and a TBD member from Salem] was charged with finding a more central site that we can use repeatedly for WQM, starting in 2025.

On June 3, we sent out a survey to Clerks, former planning committee members, and Friends who have attended WQM since Covid. It asks 10 questions on what would make a wonderful venue that would attract Friends from all over to attend WQM year after year?

As soon as those answers start to form up (next week), we will send a second request to Meetings At Large asking for recommendations of venues that meet or exceed the most important facilities and features.

Request to Friends:

- Do you have venues to consider?

- If you have used a residential venue, or attended a residential event in the past 4-5 years that lies approximately between Salem and Roseburg, and between Florence and Bend, please look up the place to see if it is still offering residential retreats, and the main facilities and services it offers. Don't contact them, but when the survey results come out, be ready to send us your recommendation, or better a referral to a contact person.
- Ditto if you would be able to visit sites in the last 10 days of June, early July.

The committee formerly known as the Spiritual Care Committee (SCC) has been replaced by the following two committees:

Ministry Committee:

Wendy Robinson 541-753-6101

Carmen Brummet 541-753-7929

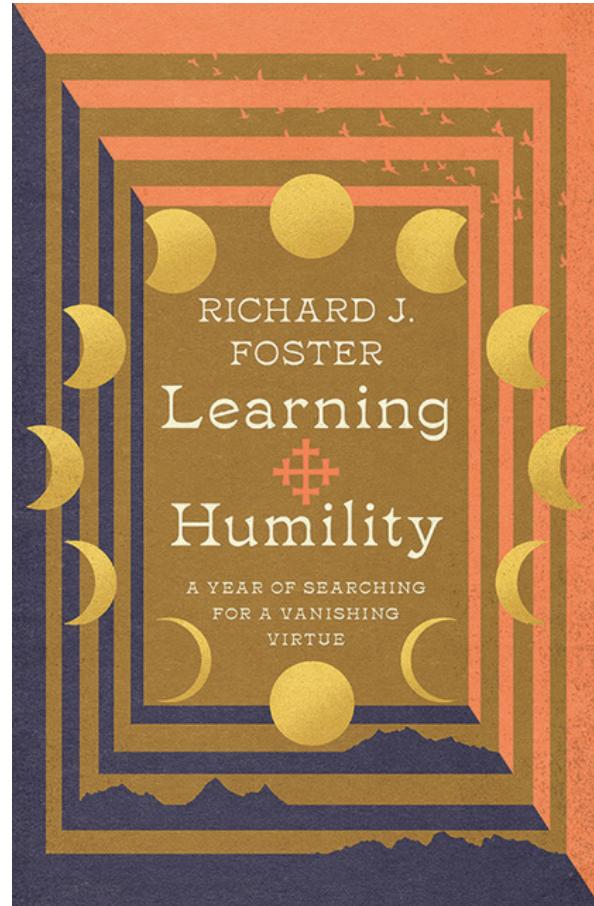
Esther Scheidel

Pastoral Care Committee:

Abigail Stoughton 541-758-5057

Loreen Olufson 541-829-9957

Laura Horsey 503-381-3265



[Learning Humility: A Year of Searching for a Vanishing Virtue](#), by Richard J. Foster

Review by Craig Sanders, Library Committee

Humility is a virtue to which Christians (and others) gave a lot of attention as recently as a century or two ago. Today it appears to have fallen out of favor.

The author of this book spent a year reading and reflecting about humility, and the book is a record of his reading and musings. It is organized chronologically, as the subtitle suggests, but he chose to use the thirteen months of the Lakota calendar for his chapter headings and to introduce each chapter with a brief discussion of one or another of the virtues recognized by the Lakota. Why, I do not know, but this contributes significantly to the interest of the book. He also digresses here and there into Lakota history and culture.

I enjoyed the book. It should be said that the author's devoutly Christian beliefs permeate the text, as that may be a consideration for some Friends; he quotes from many sources, however (including the Quaker authors John Woolman and Thomas Kelly).

Opportunities for connecting with local

Friends over the summer:

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)

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“Day of Remembrance for Hiroshima and Nagasaki”

at Riverfront Park, 1st and Madison,
Thursday August 8, 6:30 pm to dusk.

This annual event features speakers and musicians, and concludes with a candlelight flotilla down the Willamette River.

More information in the Wed. Digest; or contact: Gretchen Newlin, committee member, Hiroshima and Nagasaki Commemoration. newlin@peak.org or 541-740-4207

Advices & Queries - Silence

All of us need to find a way into silence which allows us to deepen our awareness of the Divine and to find the inward source of our strength.

Amid the busyness of daily living, we seek to return to the stillness which grounds us.

We value silence, not as an end but as a means toward the end, which is communication with the Divine and fellowship with one another.

We must not remain silent when something is wrong, or when we are led to speak out.

Seek to be formed by a practice of silence, as a foundation for a mindful life.

- Do we set aside times of quiet for openness to the Spirit?
- How do we bring stillness into our daily lives?
- Do we seek to be formed by a living silence? How are our lives shaped by the practice of stillness?
- Do our hearts dwell in the silence beneath everyday busyness?