

CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

NINTH MONTH (SEPTEMBER) 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 September 1

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

Sunday September 8

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

Sunday September 15

10 am combined Meeting for Worship at Willamette Park.
11:30 am Potluck at Willamette Park.

Sunday September 22

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

Sunday September 29

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

Meeting for worship is held every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm to 7:45 pm at the meetinghouse.

Second Hour programs will be announced in the Wednesday Digest

*to Join Zoom Meetings:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84281206597?pwd=L1hnbTBPcUp4RC9NSXdERUM3K3FrUT09>

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

CFM newsletter comes out on the first Sunday of each month. To subscribe by mail or email, contact corvallisfriends@gmail.com The next deadline to submit items is 9/20/24. Send to same email address.

**Minutes: Corvallis Friends Meeting for
Worship for Business**
August 10, 2024

Present: Bob Burton (Clerk), Susan Easton (Recording Clerk), Wendy Robinson, Laura Horsey, Donna Gerry, Nina Joy Lawrence, John Selker, Esther Schiedel, Bob Ward, Nancy Ewald, Georg Stahl, Don Groom, Bob Henderson.

Centering Silence

Additions to Agenda

Approval of Minutes of 6/9/2024 M4B

Approved with title correction to say Minutes rather than Agenda

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report was accepted

**Worship and Ministry Committee (W&M)
Report** (Report was accepted.)

1. Worship and Ministry Committee has asked Nominating Committee to find an additional person to serve on Worship and Ministry.
2. Worship and Ministry Committee will meet jointly with the Pastoral Care Committee on September 6 at 1 p.m. at the Meeting House.
3. Third Sunday meetings for worship in parks will be continue through October.
4. Deepening Spiritual Connections, a series of monthly meetings scheduled for the academic year, will begin in September. Date and time are to be determined. Please look for notices in the Newsletter and the Wednesday Digest. ARE second hours to discuss the questions people had about Quakers and to discuss books and podcasts will also continue monthly until all the questions have been discussed.

Reports of Volunteer Coordinators

Grounds – Marybetts has returned to Corvallis and will water the grounds the first two weeks of August. Volunteers are still needed for the latter half of August and September.

Hosting WQM Spring 2025-Update

- Bob Ward, Marybetts Sinclair, and Kathy Miller met with Helen Park of Eugene Friends Meeting and Kathleen Hering of South Mountain Friends Meeting. A list of venues has been narrowed down to three possibilities.
- Coming up, two planning groups will begin work on the details of the WQM meeting.
 1. WQM committees will plan Meeting for Business, Meeting for Worship, and Worship Sharing
 2. CFM will develop the theme of the meeting, find volunteers to assist in planning and in implementing logistical detail of the meeting. Volunteers are needed for:
 - Assisting with the children's program
 - Food arrangements
 - Planning arrivals including tent/RV sites, lodging sites,
 - Health and safety arrangements
 - Plan B arrangements
 - Activity support

Sponsorship of Showing of Gaza Documentary at Corvallis Public Library

Meeting considered a request from Georg Stahl for co- sponsoring the movie Where the Olive Trees Weep, which will be shown Sept. 22 at the Corvallis public library, sponsored by the organization Palestine Solidarity (and possibly by Jewish Voices for Peace and others).

After lengthy discussion to understand more about the movie, reservations in sponsoring it without knowledge of the current sponsors, and frustration expressed that Meeting is not more engaged in issues surrounding the long-term Gaza situation, we decided the following **Action points**:

- ❖ To rent and show the documentary at CFM Meeting House, September 8. A potluck and discussion will be held following the movie.
- ❖ Bob Ward will arrange to rent the streaming rights for that night.
- ❖ Invitations to follow up discussion with people of differing views on the situation, are deferred.
- ❖ A decision to co-sponsor the library showing is deferred.

Announcements

1. Clarification was made that what was formerly known as Spiritual Care Committee (SCC), is now two committees:
 - Pastoral Care Committee (Laura Horsey – Clerk, Abigail Stoughton, Loreen Olufson). This committee is responsible for F/friends in need of care, marriage, and membership, among other duties.
 - Worship and Ministry (Wendy Robinson – Clerk, Carmen Brummet, and Esther Schiedel). This committee is responsible to foster and strengthen the spiritual life of the meeting.

Friends can look in Faith and Practice pp 142-150 for more detailed information about these committees or talk to the members of the committees.

2. Plans to visit the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Chachalu Museum and Cultural Center are underway. September 14 and 21 are optional days to attend when the museum can arrange a guided tour.

We may make other trips as we endeavor to learn about the concerns of and to become more supportive of the CTGR.

3. Meeting for Worship will take place August 18 at Ona Beach. Expected temperatures will be in the 50s/60s, so dress warmly. Friends will meet at 8:30 at the Meeting House, to car pool out to the coast.

Next Meeting for Business September 8, 2024

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?
- 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?

Names and contact information for the Worship and Ministry Committee, 2024-5:

CFM Worship and Ministry Committee was formed in July to take on some of the duties of the former Spiritual Care Committee. Its members are available to receive comments, concerns, and requests in regard to the spiritual life of the Meeting, in all its current forms. Contact any of the following:

Wendy Robinson, robburton@comcast.net
541-753-6101

Carmen Brummet, brummetc@peak.org or
541-753-7929

Names and contact information for the Pastoral Care Committee, 2024-5

CFM Pastoral Care Committee was formed in July to take on some of the duties of the former Spiritual Care Committee. Our scope includes organizing support for Friends at times of need, counseling and clearness, and assistance in times of transition and celebration – membership, deaths, weddings. We are guided by the description of pastoral care given in Faith and Practice, North Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. As Clerk of Corvallis Friends Meeting Bob Burton participates directly in the PC committee. For concerns, please contact committee members:

Laura Horsey laura.horsey@gmail.com or
503-381-3265

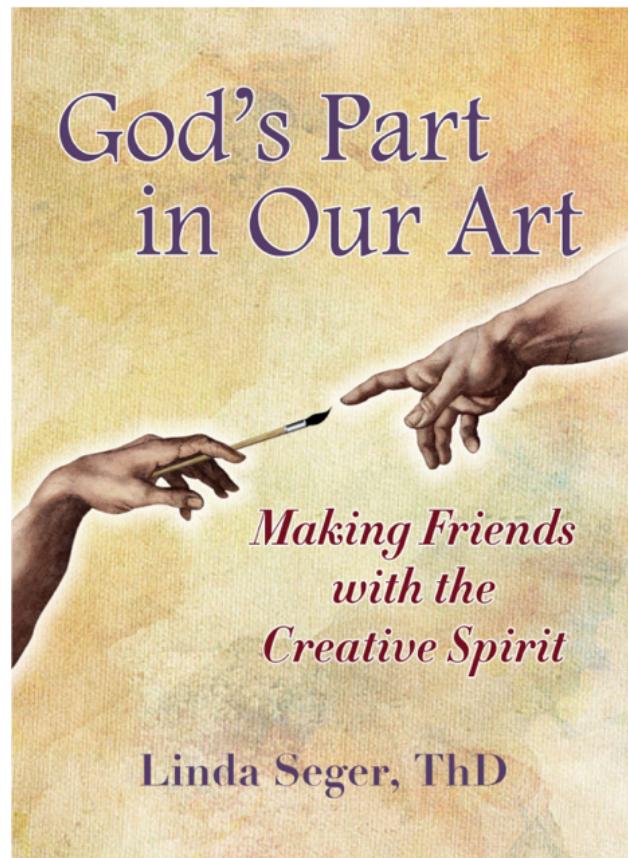
Abigail Stoughton, sabigail@comcast.net or
541-758-5057 (home and cell)

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Review of A New Book in Your Library:

*God's Part in Our Art:
Making Friends with the Creative Spirit*
(by Linda Seger)

Review by Carmen Brummet, Library Committee



This compact little book is written from a kaleidoscope of perspectives: Linda Seger is a theologian with degrees in Drama and Theology and Feminist Theology, a script consultant, a freestyle reining horse competitor, and winner of the International Duo Piano Competition. Her spiritual director is a

Benedictine Nun. She has been a Quaker for over 50 years.

Seger's opinions are delivered with impact. For example, she suggests watching the 1 1/2 minute video of Bambi meets Godzilla online to illustrate her point that art needs to recognize evil, not just Disney reality. Unsure whether she and her husband would be able to emotionally do a tour of Auschwitz, they challenged each other to find God in Auschwitz. They did. In a number of different ways.

She also asks the reader questions: "Is it possible to incarnate grace and put it into our art?" "How would we respond if we understood those creative moments come from the Creative Spirit who flows through us and opens us to these new thoughts?"

If nothing else, have a glance at the Bibliography at the end of this book with titles like *Integration of Abilities: Exercises for Creative Growth*, *The Empty Space* and *The Shape of Content*.

Seger's latest book is *Seeking the Light: A Quaker Journey for Quakers and Non-Quakers*.

COME CHECK OUT YOUR LIBRARY'S NEW BOOKS!



See the new table Nancy Ewald donated to your library.

Tell a librarian how your library could serve your needs and interests:

Nancy Ewald pnewald@comcast.net
 Craig Sanders sanders.r.craig@gmail.com
 Carmen Brummet brummetc@peak.org

Intergenerational Trip to Chachalu Museum and Cultural Center

Saturday Sept. 21 we will take the long awaited intergenerational visit to Grand Ronde, Chachalu Museum and Cultural Center. Our guided tour will be led by Crystal Starr Szczepanski, the Grand Ronde Chinook wawa language teacher. Friends will meet at Corvallis Meeting House at 10:30 for car pooling. Please bring a sack lunch for eating at Chachalu in the Plankhouse at 12. We will begin the guided tour about 12:30 when we are done eating. Nina Joy is the liaison with Chachalu Museum.

To prepare us for the tour, after Meeting on the Sunday Sept 15 the young people who have recently studied about the local indigenous people or been to the museum will share from their knowledge.



Nancy Ewald next to the multi-lingual peace pole she donated to the meeting house.