

CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

TENTH MONTH (OCTOBER) 2024

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 October 6

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

10 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom* and at the Meetinghouse

"Where the Olive Trees Weep" movie second hour (11:40 AM), plus a potluck.

Sunday October 13

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 October 20

10 am Meeting for Worship

10 am Silent Walking Worship Meet in front of Meetinghouse

11:30 am Potluck

Sunday October 27

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=L1hnbTBpU4RC9NSXdeERUM3K3FrUT09>

Meeting ID: 864 1766 6994

Passcode: 959966 or phone (253) 215 8782

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Minutes: Corvallis Friends Meeting for Worship for Business 9/8/2024

Present: Bob Burton, Nina Joy Lawrence, Carmen Brummet, Bob Henderson, Jay Thatcher, Bob Burton (clerk), John Selker (recording), Georg Stahl, Wendy Robinson, James Cox, Loreen Olufson, Laura Horsey, Donna Gerry, Laurie Childers.

The meeting started with a quote from John Woolman on care for speaking economically, then a period of silence

Additions to Agenda – The agenda was adjusted per discussion.

The meeting **Approved Minutes** of 7/11/2024 Meeting for Business

Reports of Volunteer Coordinators

Outreach – Jay Thatcher seeks volunteers. 6 PM Sunday Sept 22 at the meeting house and online will be a “called meeting” to get a plan together. Sept 27 noon-4PM Beaver community contact in the MU Quad. Please sign up for slots to be at the table – specially noon-2:30 PM at the table. Jay asked for \$200 additional to budget to cover the MU event and printing costs for fliers. This addition to the budget for outreach was approved.

House and hospitality – Fabric to blank-out windows opposite the screen will be going up.

Treasurer's Report

Overview: Rental income has been up (\$672), cleaning and utilities were for 2 months (almost \$600). It seems that currently rental income nearly offsets the costs of maintaining the house. The report was accepted with gratitude.

Nominating Committee Report-

Ministry and Worship Committee asked Nominating Committee to nominate an additional member to Ministry and Worship.

We met in a spirit of worship on September 1st. After a period of reflection, Nominating Committee agreed to nominate Nina Joy Lawrence for the additional member of Ministry and Worship, and are presenting this nomination to Meeting for Worship for Business. The nomination was approved.

Corvallis Meeting needs everyone's gifts. Every spring (and again as openings arise) Nominating Committee employs a process of checking with attenders and members, reflection, and discernment to adopt a roster of proposed roles for the July to July period. As with many Quaker meetings, we have no paid clergy and therefore rely on each other to keep the Meeting operational and to provide support on both practical and spiritual levels. Please consider serving when asked and contact a nominating committee member if you feel led to serve in one of the many important roles.

Worship and Ministry Committee (W&M) Report -

Deepening spiritual connection is the goal of this coming 9 months. 6:30 PM Sept 29 there will be a worship sharing gathering. Hybrid participation will be welcome. Timing of future meetings will be decided by the group that meets on Sept 29.

Hosting WQM Spring 2025-Update

For the May (TBD) 2025 Quarterly Meeting. A planning committee is sought to be filled in the coming month. There will be an on-line sign up following some telephone conversations on the process. Corvallis Meeting will pick the theme, and in general is responsible for how the logistics flow.

1. Pick the theme
2. Lay out tasks: e.g., food; emergency preparation; golf carts (if needed)...
3. Set up teams to carry out tasks.

Co-leaders Bob Ward and Bob Burton will announce the Planning Committee to the community, along with a survey of interest. They will reach out to encourage volunteers in the next 2 weeks. Bob Ward handed out a

table of blocks of activities involved in preparing for this event.

ARE Committee

Several sessions are planned for the fall as Second Hours on the first Sunday of the month under the title: "Discovering simple answers to Friend's questions - Quaker process and protocol(?)" followed by "Friends favorite book reviews."

Announcements

The Showing of Gaza Documentary "Where the Olive Trees Weep" at Meeting Sept 8 was cancelled due to logistical issues. It has been rescheduled for October 6th as a second hour (11:40 AM). This will be a potluck. The movie will also be showing at the library on Sept 22nd.

Next meeting for business: 10/13/24.

The meeting ended in silence.

Spiritual Care Committee renewal as Ministry & Worship and Pastoral Care Committees.

The responsibilities of SCC have spanned everything from upholding our Quaker faith and practice to caring for Friends in need. From now on two committees, working in concert, will be able to dedicate their service more deeply to both.

The ***Worship and Ministry Committee*** was formed in July. It is responsible for nurturing the meeting for worship and the spiritual growth of individuals in the Meeting. The major activity this year will be the monthly meetings to Deepen the Spiritual Connections to the Meeting. In addition, W&M welcomes visitors in

person and by letter, closes Meeting, chooses queries to be read on Third Sundays, and develops other events such as retreats, study groups, spiritual sharing groups and other similar activities. It is guided by the description of worship and ministry in the Faith and Practice. The members of Worship and Ministry are:

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Carmen Brummet 541-753-7929,
Nina Joy Lawrence 541-231-2432
Esther Scheidel

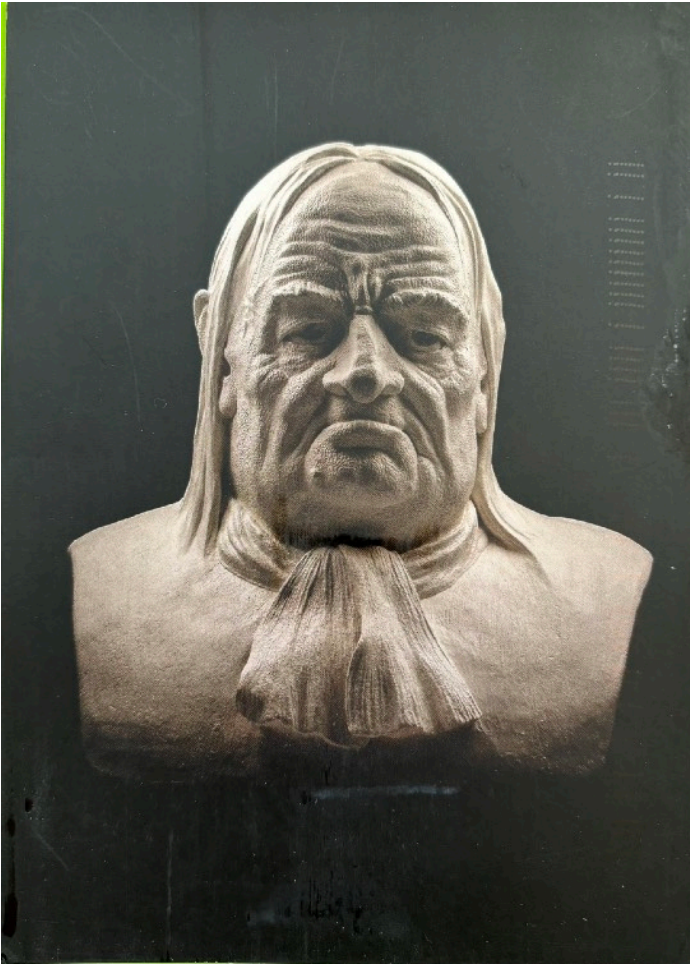
The ***Pastoral Care committee*** was formed in July to take on some of the duties of the former Spiritual Care committee. Our scope includes organizing support for Friends at times of need, counseling and clearness, and assistance in times of transition and celebration – membership, deaths, weddings. 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:

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Postcard from Esther and Charles Kettering, with a bust of George Fox (sculpted by Adam Ward)



9-9-24 Lancaster, UK

Dear Friends,

Today we toured Lancaster Prison, where George spent some time and where the guide also noted that the Quakers introduced solitary confinement (really bad for mental health) and were also heavily involved in the slave trade - something I wasn't fully aware of. We passed a sign for a Meetinghouse but didn't peak in. Hi to all

Esther and Charles

Report on field trip to Grande Ronde

More than a dozen of us toured the Chachalu Tribal Museum and Cultural Center in Grand Ronde, OR on Sept 21st. We were treated to an open-hearted sharing of how people lived communally in cedar plank houses during the winters, and learned about the main foods they harvested. We got to touch fabrics made from pounded inner bark of the western red cedar, some stone mortar and pestles, and a lovely canoe used for harvesting *wapato*, salmon fishing, and for journeying. The importance of the forest, and use of cultural fire, remains part of life. Our guide shared how the trauma inflicted upon native people by settlers moving in and destroying existing cultures had left "a hole in her soul" that she had tried to fill with alcohol - but that didn't work. Now, whenever traditional cultural practices such as the canoe journeys are revived and experienced, she feels that hole being truly filled and healed.

Check out the museum's website!
<https://chachalu.org>

Advices & Queries - Unity

Unity is found in God's will. If we are divided, when we listen in the Spirit together the way forward will become clear.

Each of us has particular transcendent experiences, and each must find ways to be true to them. When an expression of that experience is strange or disturbing, we try to sense where it comes from and how it might nourish the lives of others.

People understand the Divine in many different ways.

Listen patiently and seek the truth which other people's opinions may contain for you. Avoid using hurtful criticism or language chosen to provoke anger or fear.

Do not allow the strength of your convictions to betray you into making statements or allegations that are unfair or untrue.

Think it possible that you may be mistaken.

Cultivate affectionate regard and mutual care for each other. Look for times and occasions in addition to meeting on first days to gather together affirming a common life that leads to a deeper unity.

- When problems and conflicts arise, how do we work to resolve them in a spirit of love and humility?
- How do we let go of our individual desires and let the Holy Spirit lead us to unity?
- How do we open ourselves to the diversity of culture, language, and expressions of faith in our yearly meeting and in the world community of Friends?
- How do we respect the reputations of others? Do we avoid gossip? Do we protect necessary confidentiality?
- How careful are we to avoid manipulating and exploiting one another?

Gotta love it! Our Sept. outdoor meeting's posted reservation is worth sharing

