

CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

ELEVENTH MONTH (NOVEMBER) 2024

ALL ARE WELCOME

Sunday Worship: 10:00-11:00

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

THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR

Sunday November 3

(note: clocks turn back one hour)

9 am Breakfast at Sam's Station (see p. 4)

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

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

11:30 ARE Second Hour program: On Participation

Sunday November 10

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

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

11:40 am Hybrid Meeting for Business via Zoom

Sunday November 17

10 am Meeting for Worship

10 am Silent Walking Worship Meet in front of Meetinghouse

11:30 am Potluck

Sunday November 24

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

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

Silent Worship every Wednesday at 7 pm, Meetinghouse

Second Hour programs will be announced in the Wednesday Digest

*Join Zoom Meetings:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84281206597?pwd=L1hbTBPCUp4RC9NSXdERUM3K3FrUT09>

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

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Minutes: Corvallis Friends Meeting for Business 10/13/2024

Present: Bob Burton (Clerk), Susan Easton (Recording Clerk), Bob Henderson, Bob Ward, Laura Horsey, Georg Stahl, Abigail Stoughton, Jay Thatcher, Loreen Olufson, Anne Fuller, Kathy Miller, Wendy Robinson

Centering Silence, then Additions to Agenda

Approval of Minutes 9/8/2024 Meeting for Business – *** Report Approved**

Treasurer's Report – *** Report Accepted**

Treasurer reported that the annual corporation fee was paid to the state of Oregon; \$150 was paid to OSU for participation in the Beaver Community Fair. There was no other unusual activity--

Hosting Willamette Quarterly Meeting (WQM) Report -- *** Report Approved**

The venue for the May 2-4, 2025 WQM will be Camp Lutherwood, located on the coast southwest of Corvallis. Friends are encouraged to look at the Lutherwood website.

Planning WQM: After developing a theme, volunteers will be needed for organizing events, recruiting and guiding volunteers, communication, project planning, and logistics. CFM pledged to host WQM next spring. With guidance from the WQM Ministry and Council and the planners of past WQMs, we need volunteers to step up to make it a success. Please contact Bob Ward or Bob Burton to volunteer.

WQM is seeking a more permanent home for WQM, which ideally takes into account ease of access for elders and disabled folk, children's activities, can accommodate 30-40 people, and is easy to get to for all monthly meetings.

Worship and Ministry Committee (W&M) Report – *** Report Approved**

The first in the series *Deepening Spiritual Connections* took place September 30. The second in the series will take place **Monday, October 29 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm**. The time change was made so that attenders won't have to drive after dark. Everyone is welcome regardless of attending the first meeting. We are both getting to know each other and deepening our spiritual connection.

Pastoral Care Committee (PCC) Report:

Hugh and Jeanne Davidson – A letter was received from Hugh and Jeanne requesting a letter of transfer to Flagstaff Monthly Meeting (Intermountain Yearly Meeting). CFM Clerk of the Meeting will send a reply. It was requested to get a firm address for their sons, Neil and Kevin, one of whom is also a member of CFM. *** Approved**

Transitions: Dorothy Mack – An obituary from the Red Cedar Circle Society, Redmond Washington for Dorothy Mack, was shared. Friends remembered her for having hosted CFM women for annual retreats on the coast and for her activism with Alternative to Violence among other social justice activities. It was decided that many people have stories of Dorothy to share and we should honor her memory during the next potluck (Oct. 20). *** Report Accepted**

Adult Religious Exploration (ARE) Report – * Report Approved

First Sundays Second Hour will continue to explore the questions of Quaker process raised last winter. Spiritual Books discussion(s) will follow on (dates to be announced).

Nominating Committee Report – * Report Approved

Nominating committee received a request to add another member to the ARE committee. No one has been found and the committee is continuing to search.

Peace, Justice, Environment, Committee of the Whole –

Friends were asked to note their reflections to the showing of “Where Olive Trees Weep.” A discussion of the film will take place during Fourth Sunday, Second Hour (11:40 am, Oct 27). Further direction remains unclear, but will be taken up at that time. *[Ed. Note: Worship Sharing format was used for Oct 27 mtg.]*

Reports of Volunteer Coordinators

Outreach Coordinator * Report Approved

Friends participated in the Beaver Community Fair on the OSU campus where connections were made with students, staff, and faculty interested in learning about Quakers and Corvallis Friends Meeting. Volunteers set up and staffed the table (which displayed two Quaker Oats boxes to attract attention), made oatmeal cookies to hand out, and shared their experience of Quakers with people stopping by.

Cookies left over were taken to Unity Shelter.

It was noted that new business cards need to be printed with updates of phone and email addresses made. Outreach coordinator will follow through with this.

Jay Thatcher asked the Meeting to engage with the Vina Moses Christmas program: putting out gift trees, providing presents for children and teens, delivering trees and later, presents to the distribution site. Susan E Wendy R and Bob B volunteered to support this effort. In the past, this program has provided an opportunity for adults and children of CFM to shop together for presents for the program.

House Committee – * Action approved

The House Committee requests funds be made available for professionally cleaning the carpets. Kathy Miller will get quotes. Expectations are that the cost will be upwards of \$500. A request was made to ask the scheduling coordinator to gently remind renters to inform Meeting of any spills or accidents on the carpeting and not to bring bikes inside to drip on the carpets.

“Quaker Concepts,” a pilot program to reinvigorate and connect Quaker Meetings by sharing and learning what works for Meetings and what is needed. Applications for the initial advisors and facilitators are open.

Announcements

Friends are reminded of the Meeting for Worship next week at Philomath City Park, 10:00 am.

Next meeting for business: 11/10/2024

Upcoming ARE (Adult Religious Exploration) program!

Remember our questions about Quakerism we all posed last February? Well, ARE, Adult Religious Exploration, is continuing our exploration! Come to 2nd hour (11:30) on November 3 & we'll tackle your questions such as understanding the process of participation in Meetings & how to know when to speak in Meeting!

Breakfast gathering Nov 3rd

Nov. 3 9 AM Breakfast at Sam's Station especially for young people, 1210 NW 29th St., Corvallis, for fun and connection. Especially the young folks are invited, and Friends of any age are most welcome. Many of us plan to go on to Meeting for Worship by 10. You are most welcome to join us. Call Nina Joy Lawrence for more information. 541-231-2432

FCNL: Participate!

November 13-17, 2024 | Washington, D.C. or Online

The **Quaker Public Policy Institute** is an opportunity to participate in advocacy to advance one of FCNL's legislative issues. It will take place November 13-14, 2024.

Annual Meeting is a time for FCNL's governing General Committee to gather and for people involved in FCNL to connect and fortify themselves for work in the year ahead. It will take place November 15-17, 2024

You are welcome to attend one or both events.

<https://www.fcnl.org/> (click center link "Advocacy that Never Gives Up.")

Advices and Queries on Prayer

In prayer, Friends find humility and courage, guidance and strength for our daily lives.

Prayer requires attention.

Any form of prayer can open our hearts to God. Frequent and regular prayer leads us to become faithful in our lives.

- Do we set aside times of quiet for openness to the Spirit?

How do we come to know an inward stillness amid the activities of daily life?

- Do we encourage in ourselves and in others a habit of returning to the Source throughout each day?

- Are we open to new Light, from whatever source it may come?

- How do we give communal attention to prayer, giving voice to joys and needs that Friends feel?

- How does our personal prayer life enrich meeting for worship?