

CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

SECOND MONTH (FEBRUARY) 2025

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 February 2

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship Willamette Park
10 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom* and at the Meetinghouse
11:30 am ARE second hour, "Exploring your questions on relationships"

Sunday February 9

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 February 16

10 am Meeting for Worship
The Walking Worship group joins Friends in Meetinghouse
in place of separate meeting.
11:30 am Potluck

Sunday February 23

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

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 10/27/24. Send to same email address.

Minutes: Corvallis Friends Meeting for Worship for Business 1/12/2025

Attending: Bob Burton, Clerk of the Meeting, Susan Easton, Recording Clerk, Kathy Miller, Abigail Stoughton, Wendy Robinson, Bill Metz, Ann Fuller, Dana Edwards, Jay Thatcher, Laura Horsey, Jeff Kline, Nancy Ewald, James Cox, Bob Ward, Donna Gerry, Craig Sanders, Nina Joy Lawrence, Esther Schiedel

Approval of Minutes of Meeting for Business 12/8/24 *Approved.

Treasurer's Report *Meeting Accepted the Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer noted that increased expenses are due to donations the Meeting routinely makes in December.
- The semi-annual NPYM assessment reflects the transfer of two members out of CFM and two new members who transferred in.
- The Afghan fund has remained open and is being used to cover medical expenses for a Syrian refugee in the community. The amount will be reduced in the future, but there is no minimum amount required to maintain it, and no fees attached to it by Umpqua Bank.
- The treasurers will soon send acknowledgments, for tax purposes, of donations made to the Meeting.

Directory Working Group Report

The desire to cultivate relationships among Friends and the need for access of Friends for Quaker business must be balanced with protecting the privacy of individuals and avoiding scams as much as possible.

An updated directory is in progress and the working group proposed policy

guidelines to manage who may be in the directory, who may use it, and what appropriate uses for it are. Friends are expected to agree to the guidelines, in principle and when subscribing to the directory.

Following a discussion and amendment of the guidelines, ***Meeting approved the policy which will be attached to the minutes.**

Worship and Ministry Committee Report

- Various attenders are having difficulty hearing vocal ministry. W&M suggested purchasing a hand-held microphone and USB speaker to be used when meeting isn't hybrid. Discussion revolved around whether, persons in crisis would be comfortable using a mic versus hard of hearing folk being able to participate in meeting when they cannot hear well. No unity was found. W&M will investigate other options further.
- W&M, with help from Abigail Stoughton, Karun Nunyara, and Jay Thatcher, have revised instructions for greeters. Attenders arriving late will be asked to hold conversations in the Fellowship Room, to reduce noise and distractions while people are settling into silence in the Worship Room.
- In order to address differing temperature needs of attendees, we will experiment with placing a heater near the back door for people who want to be warmer and will open windows a crack on the street side for those who want fresh, cooler air. The windows on the cupola will not be opened during the cold months and fans will not run if the cupola windows are closed. The HEPA filters will continue to be used.
- The next Deepening Spiritual Connections will be Monday, January 20

from 3-5 p.m. W&M was asked to make DSC a hybrid meeting but it was decided this would not work well in a hybrid format.

Adult Religious Exploration Report

- “Favorite Spiritual Books” took place January 5. These titles were reviewed by attenders:

The Book of Joy; Margaret-Fell, the Mother of Quakerism; This I Believe; Sweet Fruit From the Bitter Tree; The Dance Between Hope & Fear; The Gathered Meeting; Letting Go: The Subject Tonight Is Love; Buddhism Without Beliefs; Quakers and Science; Wonderful Life; and Golden.

We'll do this again at a time yet to be determined.

- February 2, 2nd Hour will resume questions about Quakerism, e.g. How do we resolve conflicts with one another? What does the Meeting value as a community?
- January 26, Scott Smith will talk about restorative justice, a timely topic before Meeting makes decisions about next years donations.

Prenominating Committee Report

- PNC is looking for one person to work on Nominating Committee. The committee has no name to put forward, yet.

Next Meeting for Business is February 9, 2025.

Policy and Guidelines for Corvallis Friends Meeting Directory

*Approved, Meeting for Business,
January 12, 2024

- Who may be listed in the directory (always optional) & information included.**
 - People who are currently or recently active in the meeting, with their consent, whether local or at distance.
 - Friends who are inactive or at distance (who want to keep in touch and **who request it**).
 - Officers and committee heads (who are also listed in the newsletter)
 - Contact information for Quaker organizations – NPYM, QEW, AFSC, FCNL, FWCC, WF (email addresses or website links) and other Meetings and NPYM Worship groups.
 - Invitation to newcomers to join the directory will come from Outreach or Pastoral Care, usually when a person gets involved and shifts from visitor to inquirer.
 - Minimum entry: name(s) and one email address, phone number or both. Physical addresses are encouraged. Additional information is welcome, e.g., children, partners or household members, secondary email or phone numbers.

2. Who may receive and use the directory?

- People who appear in the directory, and who agree to the guidelines, including Friends at Distance.

- **No Quaker organizations or other Meetings, even if they appear in it.** They will be invited to contact Craig Sanders (CS) or Bob Ward (BW) for contact information as needed.

3. What can the directory be used for (or not used for)?

- Individual or group emails, calls and text messages that relate to Corvallis Friends Meeting topics or events.
- Organizing and planning meetings (e.g., by Doodle) and all committee business. (CS or BW will make other emails available as appropriate).
- Personal social contact.
- Other use requires permission from the recipient in advance.
- The Directory is not as a substitute for the Digest or a bulletin board for announcements, news, readings. In group emails, consider sharing a link or synopsis of something you want to share, rather than the whole thing.
- The Directory is not to be used as a forum for discussion group for societal-political-partisan positions or op-eds.

4. How will we distribute it.

- By mail to those who do not have or use email.
- As a PDF email attachment until we have a secure way to post or share it online.

GUIDELINES

- Friends agree to the above, in principle and when subscribing to the Directory.

- Friends agree to keep entries up to date by notifying Corvallisfriends@gmail.com Attn. Craig Sanders
- Friends agree to protect the privacy of the Directory in an abundance of caution.
- Friends will not share, will not forward the document or any facsimile, nor share the directory information with anybody who is not in it unless they receive permission. If someone is known to a Friend, and is calling re: Friends business, they may use their discretion, keeping in mind the policies herein described.
- When sending or receiving a group email, Friends will think about whether it will be forwarded or not. If so, Friends are asked to use **bcc when sending** or to remove other Friends addresses before forwarding.
- Whenever possible Friends will “**Reply**” rather than “Reply all” to reduce clogging others’ inboxes. Even if not requested, consider replying only to the sender.

Announcement from Adult Religious Exploration (ARE)

On the 1st Sunday in February (2/2) in 2nd hour we will be exploring more of your questions! Some examples are: “How do we resolve conflicts with one another?” & “What does the Meeting value as a community?” Join us!

Advices & Queries - Peace

We practice love and peacemaking within our families, in our meetings, and in the greater Quaker community. This experience will support our testimony of peace as we are involved in the larger world.

Peace is the state in which we are in accord with the Divine, the earth, others and ourselves. We know that true, lasting peace among us is attainable through unity in the life of the spirit.

When a conflict is beginning, we take steps to resolve it quickly and reduce the damage it does. When a conflict has ended, we take toward forgiveness, reconciliation, and restoration. In this way we help break the cycles of violence. We work to create the conditions of peace, such as freedom, justice, cooperation and the right sharing of the world's resources.

As we work for peace in the world, we search out the seeds of war in ourselves and in our way of life. We refuse to join in actions which lead to destruction and death. We seek ways to cooperate to save life and strengthen the bonds of unity among all people.

- *Do we live in the virtue of that life and power which takes away the occasion of all war?*
- *Do we refrain from taking part in war as inconsistent with the Spirit of Christ?*
- *In what ways do we take part in war indirectly?*
- *What are we doing to remove the causes of war and to bring about the conditions of peace? Where these is hatred, division or strife, how are we instruments of reconciliation and love?*
- *Do we recognize that we are capable of both violence and peace? How do we build bridges that lead us to faith and resolve conflict?*
- *How do we communicate to others an understanding of the basis of our peace testimony?*
- *As we work for peace in the world, how are we nourished by peace within ourselves, our families, and our meetings?*

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

In the Library: Quaker Quicks and Staff Picks

You may have noticed an imposing wire pamphlet rack in the library alcove of the Fellowship Room. The Library Committee has been filling this with Pendle Hill pamphlets and short books from the series called Quaker Quicks. The emphasis is on material that might interest people new to Quakerism, but there are also items that are highly relevant to more seasoned Quakers. Stop by and check it out! Other recent acquisitions are on display on the small table next to the pamphlet tower. Just remember to check out anything you borrow. The check-out form is on the clipboard that is kept on the library desk.

Here are short reviews of three items you will find in the pamphlet tower:

Quakers Do What! Why? by Rhiannon Grant (Quaker Quicks)

A superlative introduction of Quakerism, eminently readable and understandable. It covers all the basics—worship, vocal ministry, different “brands” of Quakers, Quaker organizational structure, whether Quakers believe in God, sacraments (or lack of), observance of holidays, weddings & funerals, clothes & languages, participation in politics, and more. But beyond describing Quaker beliefs and practices, Grant offers explanations as to “why” Quakers believe and act as they do.

Life Lessons from a BAD Quaker by Brent Bill

A straightforward, humorous, examination of the author’s “humble stumble toward simplicity and grace.” He explains the term “bad” as a description of his halting efforts to become a good Quaker, rather than a bad man. He looks at the Quaker testimonies of peace, simplicity, integrity, silence, tolerance, and environmental responsibility. Non-theist Friends might be uncomfortable with his frequent references to God and God’s grace, but within the context of his message they’re appropriate.

That Clear and Uncertain Sound: Finding Solid Ground in Perilous Times by Pamela Haines

I highly recommend this book! Haines finds mystery and connection in everyday life, such as at the demolition derby, of all places. The ring of Truth runs through her diverse and entertaining stories.

The *Worship and Ministry*

Committee is responsible for nurturing the meeting for worship and the spiritual growth of individuals in the Meeting. The members of Worship and Ministry are:

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The scope of the *Pastoral Care*

Committee includes organizing support for Friends at times of need, counseling and clearness, and assistance in times of transition and celebration – membership, deaths, weddings. For concerns, please contact committee members:

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