

CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

THIRD MONTH (MARCH) 2025

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 March 2

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship Willamette Park
10 am Meeting for Worship at the Meetinghouse
11:30 ARE Second Hour program:

Sunday March 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

Deepening Spiritual Connections – Monday March 17 3-5 pm

This next session will explore the concept of "Leadings."

Mary Ann Percy, a traveling Friend will join us on **Friday, March 21, 3-5 pm**
She will talk about "Knitting Us All Together."

Sunday March 23

10 am Meeting for Worship
11:30 am Potluck lunch!

Sunday March 30

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=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 1/26/25. Send to same email address. To learn more about Quakers and opportunities for worship and fellowship, visit our website and links at <https://corvallisfriends.org/>

Minutes for Corvallis Friends Meeting for Business

Feb 9, 2025

Attending: Bob Burton (Clerk), Susan Easton (Recording Clerk), Dana Edwards, Bob Henderson, Bob Ward, Donna Gerry, Craig Sanders, Abigail Stoughton, Laura Horsey, Bill Metz, Ann Fuller, Nina Joy Lawrence, Wendy Robinson

We began with a **Reading** (**Galatians 5:22-24** Fruit of the Spirit) followed by **Silence**

Approval of Minutes of 1/12/2025 Meeting for Business

Minutes were approved with the following correction re: Worship and Ministry Report. In order to address differing temperature needs of attenders during the colder Sundays, seating will be arranged so people who prefer a warmer room can sit by the south window where a heater will be used. People preferring a cooler room can sit by the north windows where one may be cracked to allow fresh air in.

WQM (Willamette Quarterly Meeting) Planning Committee report

- Willamette Quarterly Meeting (WQM) is scheduled for May 2 (4:00pm) through May 4 (2:00pm) at Camp Lutherwood, West of Junction City. Corvallis Friends Meeting will be the host.
- The site is set up for all ages with cabins, RV, and tent sites, trails, stream, playground, ball courts, firesides, climbing wall, and hideaways. The site is flat. There are no private rooms. Cost is expected to be around \$150 (last year's fee), but scholarships are available.
- The emerging Theme will speak to: Finding Faith and Hope in Troubled Times and Finding Courage and Unity to Let our Lives Speak in the World.
- Volunteers are needed in the following areas: to assist in coordinating activities (e.g. staffing the front desk, the 1st Aid station, etc.), helping with the kid's program. Check with Bob Ward by text to 541-908-7598 or email to corvallisfriends@gmail.com, subject **Volunteer**. Volunteers are also sought to help with publicity, program activities with other mid-valley Meetings. This will be led by a Eugene Friend.
- The WQM committee, in particular, would like to attract young adults (under 40s), to take an active part in organizing the quarterly meeting.
- Questions about WQM can be sent to corvallisfriends@gmail.com subject: **WQM Info.**

Monthly Treasurer's Report

- The treasurer's report was unremarkable aside from a bill to bring fire extinguishers up to code. It's anticipated the dollar amount will be considerably less in future years

- Meeting accepted the treasurer's report.

Treasurer's Annual Budget Proposal

Treasurer presented a draft budget showing the past year's budget, actual expenses and proposed budget for the coming year. Significant changes include:

- \$1000 for childcare. This item was zeroed out last year as children's religious education program was not operational due to illness of leaders and irregular attendance of children. This item will pay for a young adult to assist the program. CFM made a decision several years ago to pay hours worked at the state minimum wage rate plus 5%.
- The Ground item is reduced. It may be that it came in well under budget due to donation of expenses by the lead volunteer.
- The budgeted amount for financial aid to participate in Quaker organizations was \$250, which was not spent. Meeting desired to raise financial aid to \$450. Meeting unified to direct Pastoral Care Committee to disperse the financial aid to applicants at their discretion.

It was noted that WQM and NPYM both have scholarship money available to attend their Meetings.

- Meeting will season the draft budget until the March Meeting for Business

Worship and Ministry Committee (WM) Report

- The minutes were changed to reflect that the Worship Room will identify the south side as the "warm" area and the north side of the room will be the "cool" area. Signs have been put up already.
- W&M is recommending a new process for the rise of Meeting. Briefly, people will be asked to identify anyone they want held in the light followed by asking attenders to simply identify themselves. Then there will be a pause for people who want to leave, to rise and do so, followed by announcements.
- CFM will host an interfaith Dessert Potluck June 1 at the Meeting House. CFM is in charge of queries to be discussed by attendees. W&M is recommending that the queries relate to Quaker Testimonies related to weapons. We expect to get ideas from other churches about this topic.
- The Meeting may want to have a threshing session regarding whether to prohibit weapons on CFM property and to advertise that fact. Friends had a brief discussion which revealed pros and cons to such a step.
- Deepening Spiritual Connections will be Monday, February 17 from 3-5 p.m. We will continue to explore the concept of "holding in the light." All future DSC will be on the third Monday of the month.

Adult Religious Exploration (ARE) Committee Report

- Feb 2, ARE hosted another session on exploring questions about Quaker relationships. Unanswered questions will be taken up next month, March 2 during Second Hour.

- Scott Smith spoke about Restorative Justice through the Neighbor to Neighbor project he works with. There is a training session for interested volunteers (For more information, a notice is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Room). See announcements below.
- Mary Ann Percy, a traveling Friend will join us on Friday, March 21, from 3-5 p.m. She will talk about "Knitting Us All Together." More information will be in the Wednesday Digest.

Pastoral Care Committee (PCC)

- A membership clearness committee met with Marybetts Sinclair and enthusiastically recommended approving her for membership without further seasoning. **Meeting approved Marybetts Sinclair for membership.**
- As PCC has grown in understanding of its work as guided by Faith and Practice, it is making a 2025 budget request for \$800 to be used as a relief fund for the CFM community. This would be used for urgent, basic needs with confidential oversight from the Pastoral Care Committee, as a whole. This line item was amended in the draft budget.

Pre-Nominating Committee Report

- PNC nominated Georg Stahl to serve on the nominating committee. **Meeting approved the nomination of Georg Stahl.**

Report of working group on the Directory

- The committee is still working on the Directory.

Reports of Volunteer Coordinators

Children's Religious Education

- The committee signed an agreement with Amalia Eschwey to work with the program until summer. She will be paid at 105% of the Oregon minimum wage rate.

House and Hospitality

- H&H will host traveling Friend, Mary Ann Percy, Friday, March 21 at 3:00 PM
- H&H will host a Corvallis Interfaith Potluck June 1 at the Meeting House.

Announcements

Restorative Justice Facilitation Training February 27, 28, March 6, 7, 2025 (10am – 4pm each Thursday and Friday). A flyer with more complete information is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Room. If you have any questions, contact Scott Smith: scott@n2nmediation.org.

Next meeting for business: 3/9/2025

WQM: Save the dates for Willamette Quarterly Meeting: Friday May 2 (4pm) through Sunday May 4 (2pm). Location: Camp Lutherwood, NW of Eugene.

There was a mention of our very own, belated Mary Jane Grey in January 20 edition of the New Yorker! Author John McPhee writes:

"For some weeks, I had taken birthing classes there, so that I could be in the delivery room until the final minutes, when I would be sent out by Mary Jane Grey, the obstetrician":

ARE: Save your 1st Sunday each month for coming to ARE's 2nd hour on exploring your questions about what becoming Friends is all about! ARE stands for Adult Religious Exploration but younger inquirers are always welcome as well! In March we hope to finish questions about relationships & in April we dive into our education program! Come share your questions & thoughts!

In the Library

***When Bamboo Bloom* by Pat Omidian**

Interesting, straightforward, factual. For those who remember the 1990s and early 2000s, this book brings back feelings and attitudes toward the Taliban. If you thought they were bad, now you understand better why. Daily, detailed descriptions of life under the Taliban and what it meant for Afghans, especially the Hazaras, a persecuted minority, and for all women.

Included is a photo of Pat in shalwar kamees and a large embroidered shawl taken in 1998 in Peshawar by Robert Lawrence, Nina Joy's husband. Pat writes she learned to look for kindness in small acts. Acts of kindness, her own and that of Afghans, inspire throughout her adventures—which include her uncertain evacuation after 9/11—and tug at our hearts for the Afghans' safety.

And a special plus: it was written by our own Pat Omidian, who lived and worked there with the American Friends Service Committee!

(mini-review by Nancy Ewald and Carmen Brummet)

Please stop by the library alcove and browse. Just remember to check out anything you borrow. The check-out form is on the clipboard that is kept on the library desk.

Deepening Spiritual Connections

The next session is on 1/20 from 3 to 5 pm to explore the concept of "Leadings."

Advices & Queries – Simplicity

Simplicity is one of the fruits of a faithful life centered on a commitment to the Spirit of God.

Friends strive for simplicity in the use of our earnings and property, in our speech, and in our manner of living, choosing that which is clear and useful.

All that leads to fullness of life and aids in the service of Truth is to be accepted with thanksgiving. We each determine by the Light we are given what helps and what hinders our search for inner peace.

- Do we center our lives in the awareness of God so that all things take their rightful place?
- Do we clutter our lives with things and activities? What are the ways out? What helps us avoid commitments beyond our strength and light?
- How does our meeting help us simplify our lives? How do we order our individual lives to nourish our spiritual growth?
- Do we keep to simplicity, moderation, and honesty in our speech, our manner of living, and our daily work?