

CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

FOURTH MONTH (APRIL) 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 April 6

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

10 am Meeting for Worship at the Meetinghouse

11:30 ARE Second Hour program: Relationships, continued

Sunday April 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 Hybrid Meeting for Business via Zoom

Deepening Spiritual Connections – Monday April 21 3-5 pm

This session will continue to explore the concept of "Leadings."

Sunday April 20

10 am Meeting for Worship

11:30 am Potluck lunch!

Sunday April 27

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 3/31/25. 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

March 9, 2025

Attendees: Bob Burton (Clerk), Susan Easton (Recorder), Bob Ward, Bob Henderson, Marybetts Sinclair, Laura Horsey, Loreen Olufson, James Cox, Jay Thatcher, Wendy Robinson, Dana Edwards, Nina Joy Lawrence, Craig Sanders, Abigail Stoughton, Nancy Ewald, Carmen Brummet, Kathy Miller, Esther Schiedel

Reading/Silence: Peace

A good end cannot sanctify evil means: nor must we ever do evil that good may come of it. Let us then try what love will do. *William Penn 1693 P95 NPYM F&P*

We live in times when it is very important to distinguish between fear and courage. Fear is sending the world toward war. Maintaining peace takes courage. Fear drives people apart. It takes courage to come together with respect while recognizing our differences. This is what diversity and community, and love are all about. *Bonnie Tinker, 2002 P99 NPYM F&P*

Additions to the Agenda: Outreach Coordinator Report

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes as published were approved with the following clarification:

Mary Ann Percy will join us on Friday, March 21, from 3-5 p.m. Mary Ann is the Traveling Friend in Ministry under the KUT "Knitting Us Together" initiative of NPYM. The workshop aims to explore together how Spirit is asking us to act on the on-going and accelerating threats to the Web of Life on Earth."

WQM Planning Committee Report

The theme for the May 2-4 WQM is: Look Inward – Find Hope and Faith – Reach Out.

Several CFM volunteers drove down to Lutherwood last week to scope out the site and coordinate with the staff of Lutherwood. The following categories of volunteers will be needed for planning and for on site assistance with activities:

- Attendee Support (onsite) with Laurie Childers
- Publicity: Ann Fuller has made a flyer. Nina Joy Lawrence volunteered to assist with crafting email message(s) to groups planning to attend.
- Logistics and Facilities: with Bob Ward. Onsite coordinator is needed.
- Communication (onsite): Walkie talkies will be available from Lutherwood. A coordinator is needed to manage these, as well as learning the system, and helping attenders, to send texts from the Lutherwood, and perhaps to manage AV devices.
- Volunteer coordinator (onsite): to recruit attenders for the above onsite needs from all monthly meetings and worship groups. Kathy Miller volunteered.

Camp Lutherwood has undergone a major change of personnel since WQM reserved the site last fall. Some of their positions are, as yet, unfilled. This may require us to be especially organized in our own planning and implementation.

Bob Ward reported that enough cabins have been reserved that no one should have to sleep in a top bunk bed unless they so desire. There will be 5-6 people/cabin. RV camping will have electricity available.

***WQM report accepted.**

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer noted three items in the March report:

- The electric sign was for replacement of an exit sign for the back door,
- The film rental was for “Where the Olive Trees Weep,”
- Friends Fiduciary account is down nearly \$4500 from January 1.

Comments from the Meeting:

- A library committee member noted that the \$130 was for a 3 year subscription for Pendle Hill pamphlets.
- A question was raised as to whether discrete accounts outside the CFM budget (i.e. POP and Immigrant accounts) need to be included in the treasurer's report. They are not part of the regular budget and are dispersed separately as pass throughs. It was agreed that the money we handle on behalf of propane users and refugees can be passed on without our knowledge of the details.

*** Treasurer's report accepted.**

Treasurer's Proposed Budget

Treasurer reported that donations to the Meeting were significantly higher than budgeted. The proposed budget remains similar to last year with the following exceptions:

- Children's program tripled due to hiring of a child care helper.
- Pastoral Care Committee expenses set at \$800 at a previous M4B. Treasurer rounded it up to \$1000.
- NPYM Abundant Financing asked member Meetings to make a donation for scholarships to subsidize attendance to NPYM. CFM did make this donation, but NPYM hasn't asked for it in recent years, so the treasurer zeroed it out.
- Clerk requested that CFM subsidize all the Meeting's children under 20 to attend WQM and NPYM. In addition, Meeting will still make scholarships available for others requesting assistance. Those scholarships shall be requested through Pastor Care Committee.
- NPYM levies a yearly fee for members of Meetings. Treasurer proposed a budget amount between last year's budgeted amount and actual expenditure, in anticipation of more new members in the coming year.
- Donations by the Meeting in 2024 increased by \$4,750 as per a decision made by Meeting to apply unspent budget amounts, on a pro rata basis. This was done following a decision to give AFSC a larger increase based on Meeting's

discernment. The budgeted amount for 2025 will increase by the same amount in anticipation of continued donations.

- We currently have a surplus balance in the bank. Meeting decided to hold off on increasing the donation budget, as we have talked about finding a project the whole Meeting can get involved in. The Meeting can decide in November whether and what to spend any surpluses on.

*** Meeting will season the proposed budget until next month.**

Pre-Nominating Committee

A member of the Nominating Committee asked to be relieved of their membership. Kathy Miller was asked to step in.

*** Meeting approved the nomination of Kathy Miller to Nominating Committee.**

Adult Religious Education

ARE reported that the monthly series exploring Quaker relationship was well received. Next month we will continue exploring relationships and will also dip into miscellaneous questions raised including “What is the role of Faith and Practice?” and “What is the benefit of becoming a member?”

In May and June we will talk about education: “What kind of Quaker education did you grow up with?” and “How are we implementing Quaker values instruction to our children?”

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Pastoral Care Committee (PCC)

A letter from James Cox, read previously in Meeting for Business, requested membership in Corvallis Friends Meeting. He stated he would love to join because of his experiences with the Meeting and its members. He feels Quakers match his ethical humanism sensibilities and his openness to others' ideas and feelings. James has served as a ground committee volunteer and by offering personal help to others.

A membership clearness committee met with James and recommended to the PCC that it propose James' membership to the Meeting. Pastoral Care Committee is pleased to support James for membership to Corvallis Friends Meeting.

The proposal for membership will be seasoned until the April Meeting for Business.

Pastoral Care Committee is supporting several people in our Meeting with care needs this Spring. Needs include rides to medical appointments and meal deliveries. If you are drawn to help, please contact any member of the PCC (Abigail, Loreen, and Laura), or if asked, please consider helping if you can.

Report of Working Group on the Directory

The group is continuing to contact members and attenders who have not responded to previous efforts to get their permission to list them in the directory. PCC has been contacting casual Friends and felt there was some overlap with the working group. Both will get together to review responsibilities of each group.

Reports of Volunteer Coordinators

Outreach Coordinator Jay showed a flyer he intends to post in Willamette Park inviting people to join the walking worship group. A request was made to post it at the Meeting House also, to let interested people know about Walking Meeting. A suggestion was made to add a QR code and to put it on the web site.

Grounds Some small projects are in the works (no details given). If you see a weed, pull it!

Announcements: Corvallis Sustainability Coalition made a donation of flannel towels to be available in the restrooms. These can be washed, saving paper towel waste.

Next Meeting for Business: April 13, 2025

Willamette Quarterly Meeting: Friday May 2 (4pm) through Sunday May 4 (2pm).

ONLINE REGISTRATION OPEN MARCH 30 through APRIL 15

www.willamettequarterly.org

Come to Willamette Quarterly Come home to your Friendly family

May 2-4, 2025, at Camp Lutherwood Oregon

As always, the residential weekend creates space for reuniting, talking, walking, singing, playing, hiking, relaxing, worshipping, communing with nature, attending to business, and roasting... marshmallows, that is.

This year we will deepen our beloved community in a new way. From the core of harmony and love, we are creating a program to help one another to find faith, hope, guidance, unity and strength in these challenging times - to be the Quakers the world needs now.

Friends are asking, and we are responding with three experiences to...

- Find faith and hope in troubled times
- Come together as Friends for unity, courage and strength
 - Reach out into the world to let our Light shine ~ to make a difference

... wherever you are starting from, at every age or circumstance, and as you are led.

How to Register:

Go to <http://www.willamettequarterly.org/>

- Scroll through the home page. At the bottom, click on “Register Here”.
- On the Registration Page, click on the links for the information you want – Schedule, Fact Sheet, and photos of Lutherwood. [These pages also are attached to the Digest.]
- Then return to the Registration page to complete the form. Remember to press “Submit”.
- No need to send donations in advance. Bring cash or a check to the Quarterly.

Need registering or info about the accommodations? Contact Laura Arcidiacono, 971 275 6019 or larcidiacono2000@yahoo.com with “Registration” in the subject line.

Questions about the Quarterly? Contact Bob Ward, WQM Coordinator, corvallisfriends@gmail.com with “WQM” in the subject line, or by text to 541-908-7598.

See the full announcement and all the attachments on your weekly Wednesday Digest email.

Adult Religious Exploration (ARE)

We're exploring more of your questions about relationships which we hadn't finished last month. If there is time left over, we'll hit the category of miscellaneous questions such as, what is the role of the book *Faith and Practice*? Save your 1st Sunday each month for coming to ARE's 2nd hour on exploring your questions about what becoming Friends is all about! Come share your questions & thoughts!

In the Library: Quaker Quicks and Staff Picks

A Tender Time—Quaker Voices on the End of Life

By Patricia M. Nesbitt and Kristin Carmitta Zimet

Reviewed by Nancy Ewald

Including the practical, emotional, and spiritual aspects of aging and dying well, it moves in ever widening circles to explore aging and dying from the perspectives of the person going through these processes, of the caregiver, of friends, and of the Meeting community.

First and foremost, this is a Quaker perspective about “Spirit-led aging” and “Spirit-led dying.” It takes us through every step of the way, including needs, fears, decisions, attitudes, choices, and how they affect us and those around us.

This book explores several “circles of care”—the primary caregiver, family and close friends, and the loving Meeting. It includes all ages, even children, as important

members of the caring community. (I'm reminded of how cherished Aayenda and Satori's visits were to Brigid in her final months, and likewise the Watson-Smith boys' visits to Roger Weaver. And, the cherishing went both ways!) No one is too old or too young to have something to offer, or to benefit from being involved.

This book would be helpful not only to individuals in our "greying" Meeting, but also to those on Pastoral Care Committee as they work with us and seek to help us in times of transition. This is a wonderful, very readable, new addition to our CFM library!

Deepening Spiritual Connections

The next session is on Monday, 4/21 from 3 to 5 pm. We are continuing our exploration of Leadings, what are they, how do we know we have one, how do we know we are following our leading as we go forward?

Advices & Queries – Civic Responsibility

We value the part we have in shaping the laws of our country. It is our task to see that these laws speak to and answer that of God, which we believe is in every person. Our aim is the building of a social order that works toward the expression of divine love. Our first allegiance remains with God.

If, by divine leading, our attention is focused on a law contrary to divine law, we must proceed with care. Before making a decision to oppose a law, we pray for further divine guidance; we consult with others who might be affected by our decision. When we reach clearness, we act with conviction.

When our decision involves disobedience to the law, we make the grounds of our action clear to all concerned. If there are penalties, we suffer them without evasion.

We care for those who suffer for conscience's sake.

- What are we doing as individuals and as a meeting to carry our share of civic responsibility for our community, state, and nation?
- How are we working for change in government when change is needed?
- How do we discern between meeting our obligations to the state and society and opposing those contrary to Quaker principles?
- What are we doing to uphold those acting under a concern aligned with Quaker belief?
- Do we share our convictions in a spirit of loving concern?
- In what ways do we care for those who are vulnerable or are in poverty in our communities?