

# CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

## SEVENTH MONTH (JULY) 2025

### ALL ARE WELCOME

Sunday Worship: 10:00-11:00 AM

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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 July 6**

**8:30-9:30 AM Silent Walking Worship Willamette Park  
10 AM Meeting for Worship at the Meetinghouse**

*Monday July 7, Jim Page concert 7-9 pm  
at the Meetinghouse*

#### **Sunday July 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  
(Bring shampoo and detergent for the Food Bank!)**

#### **Sunday July 20**

**Note: both 10 AM Meeting for Worship and  
11:30 AM Potluck lunch**

**will be at Laura Horsey's: 3025 NW Manzanita Place, Corvallis**

#### **Sunday July 27**

**8:30-9:30 AM Silent Walking Worship Willamette Park  
10:00 am Hybrid Meeting for Worship Zoom\* and Meetinghouse together**

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**Silent Worship every Wednesday at 7 pm, Meetinghouse  
Second Hour ARE programs will be announced in the Wednesday Digest,  
but we are taking the summer off!**

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**\*Join Zoom Meetings: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84281206597>**

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**Monday July 7, 7:00-9:00 PM. "Seattle Jim Page in concert"**  
at our very own **Meetinghouse, 3311 NW Polk St.**

Jim is a remarkable songwriter and unforgettable performer. His lyrics are thoughtful and meaningful; they speak to our times, to the most human needs for connection, social justice and purpose, to the kindness that we owe each other. He and his guitar will perform his original songs in an intimate, all-acoustic concert in the 6-sided Worship Room.

Learn more at: <https://jimpage.net/>. You can find many of his songs on YouTube: a favorite of mine is here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ybXsKDvaw>

Please come with cash, \$10 - 20 sliding scale at the door. Doors open 6:45 PM. FMI: Laurie Childers [childers@peak.org](mailto:childers@peak.org)

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### **Local Interfaith events**

- **Every Friday** 12:00-1:00 pm PT. ***Silent Vigil for Unity and Peace*** – near 8<sup>th</sup> and Monroe in Central Park. No need to RSVP—just show up if it speaks to you. Spend an hour in quiet presence at Central Park, near 8th and Monroe, Corvallis, Oregon with the intention of embracing unity, community, and peace. No speeches, no signs, no agenda, no devices—just being.

Learn more at [www.togetherinsilence.com](http://www.togetherinsilence.com), including the history of silent vigils, suggestions for joining in person or at-distance, how to connect with other witnesses for peace, etc.

- **Every Saturday** 12:00 noon. ***Interfaith Prayer and Song Vigil for Peace*** - Corvallis Oregon in front of the courthouse, 4<sup>th</sup> and Madison.

Bring your hearts, spirits and visions of Peace on Earth as we sing, for when we sing, we pray twice. We gather at noon to support peace and the Palestinians. Contact Rev. Bonnie Tarwater for information at **Church for Our Common Home**, [bonnie@churchforourcommonhome.ccsend.com](mailto:bonnie@churchforourcommonhome.ccsend.com)

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Save the date!

### **Full Belly, Dry Head Art Sale**

We will be hosting a **fundraiser for the South Corvallis Food Bank on Saturday Sept 20**, at the Corvallis Friends Meetinghouse, from **noon till 5:30** with a reception to follow.

Are you a maker? Do you have pieces to sell? We have room for a few more artisans. Please contact [childers@peak.org](mailto:childers@peak.org) and/or [selkerj@gmail.com](mailto:selkerj@gmail.com) .

Bring cash, check, Venmo, or cards. All proceeds from the sale will be donated (by the artist). The first year we did this, we collectively raised over \$4,000. The need is even greater now.

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## Adult Religious Exploration (ARE)

No second hour programs during the summer. Watch for autumn offering.

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### NPYM news

If you aren't attending, please hold our fellow Quakers in the light as they meet:

**July 9-13 for the **NYPM** (North Pacific Yearly Meeting)**

***Annual Session: "Lift Your Voices and Sing Loud"*** in Missoula, MT.

This is the annual gathering of Quakers from Washington, Oregon, parts of Montana and Idaho.

*FMI: [as.npym.org](http://as.npym.org)*

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### In the Library: Quaker Quicks and Staff Picks

***When God Became White*** by Grace Ji-Sun Kim

*review by Nancy Ewald*

To the “white” reader, Kim’s account of her experiences as a Christian Korean child immigrant to the U.S. are distressing, to say the least. She describes the picture of the “white” Jesus treasured by her mother and family that symbolized the faith that rejected her identity, and also symbolized her “othering” at school and, later in the workplace. Kim then goes back historically to recount the Europeanization of Christianity and the transformation of Jesus from a dark-skinned Palestinian Jew to a light-skinned Caucasian that became the rationalization and tool of colonization and subjugation of Native and South Americans, Asians, and people of color around the world. And also, as depiction of God as a white male, to further the domination over females. Racism went hand-in-hand with that.

Enabled by Christian missionaries together with the degradation of native cultures, the results were white supremacy, white privilege, sexism, and patriarchy.

Kim advocates moving to a non-white, non-gendered concept of God as Spirit—with attributes of Breath, Wind, Light, and Vibration—that would make God available to all peoples, regardless of race, sex, or ethnicity.

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### Every month on Third Sunday: HELP the FOOD BANK! HELP OUR NEIGHBORS EAT!

At the May Meeting for Business, Friends embraced the commitment of CFM to help: At each Third Sunday potluck we'll focus on one type of item to collect. Please bring as much as you

can each month —and if you can't come to potluck, bring your donations to the meetinghouse ahead of time and put them in the box in the fellowship room.

- **For July we are collecting shampoo and detergent.**

Here's what we'll focus on each month:

- June 15 —toothpaste & toothbrushes: *We delivered 111 lbs of toothbrushes, toothpaste, & floss. The Meeting has decided to commit to a regular purchase of these items in bulk.*
- July 20 — shampoo & detergent
- August 17 — diapers (esp. large sizes 4, 5, 6, 7)
- September 21 — toothpaste & toothbrushes
- October 19 — shampoo & detergent
- November 16 — diapers (esp. large sizes)
- December 21 — toilet paper: *Let's outdo ourselves, and build a "toilet paper Xmas tree" like the one we did in 2011 that contained over 750 rolls!*

And we'll continue on into the New Year.

And...EVERY MONTH: The most basic staples, including potatoes and dried beans (pintos), are increasingly scarce. So bring them too, and put them in the box in the fellowship room.

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### **Deepening Spiritual Connections**

These discussions will resume in the autumn.

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### **Minutes – Meeting for Business June 8, 2025**

Attending: Bob Burton (Clerk of Meeting), Susan Easton (Recording Clerk), Bob Ward, Don Groome, Diane Madrigale, Jeff Kline, Nancy Ewald, Ann Fuller, Abigail Stoughton, Craig Sanders, Bob Henderson, John Selker, Jay Thatcher, Wendy Robinson, Loreen Olufson, Georg Stahl, Nina Joy Laurence, Laura Horsey, James Cox, Kathy Miller

Reading and Silent Worship: There is a spirit which I feel that delights to do no evil, nor to revenge any wrong, but delights to endure all things, in hope to enjoy its own in the end. Its hope is to outlive all wrath and contention, and to weary out all exaltation and cruelty, or whatever is of a nature contrary to itself. *James Naylor 1660.*

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James\\_Naylor](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Naylor)

Approval of Minutes for Meeting for Business, May 11, 2025 with the following correction:

Remove the next to last sentence from Nominating Committee Report *“Jay Thatcher is willing to continue as representative to Western Friends and AFSC.”*

## Reports

### Willamette Quarterly Meeting Planning Committee Report

In addition to the previous month's report re WQM

1. There was unity among Friends in attendance to recommend separate M4B from the annual retreat. Friends suggested returning it to Corvallis in February as in previous years. This needs consultation with Worship Groups not represented at WQM. The question was raised: whose responsibility is this?
2. Eugene Friends Meeting agreed at MfB in June to host the 2026 WQM at Lutherwood.
3. CFM needs to reach unity on the prompting to hold the WQM Meeting for Business in Corvallis (or hybrid) annually in February, likely a one-day Saturday or Sunday gathering with some social opportunity and/or educational elements related to Quaker practices or roles. **\* Friends approved supporting and taking on responsibility of a Winter Quarterly Meeting held in Corvallis. CFM does not expect to take on responsibility for program content.**

### Treasurer's Report

**\* Treasurer's report was accepted.**

### Worship and Ministry Report

1. Seven Friends, plus fifteen others attended the Corvallis Interfaith Network (CIN) meeting June first at CFM Meeting House to answer a series of queries about the golden rule. Activities of the CIN will resume in the fall.
2. From June through October, Third Sunday joint meetings with Walking Meeting and Sitting Meeting will be held in the yards of Friends. There will be a question/query to spark conversation during lunch and to get to know each other better. Locations, host, and dates are as follows:

June 15	Nina Joy and Bob Lawrence, Pat Omidian, 535 NW Mt Laurel Circle
July 20	Laura Horsey, 3025 NW Manzanita Pl.
August 17	Abigail Stoughton and Craig Sanders, 979 Sequoia Ave
September	Wendy Robinson and Bob Burton, 2824 NW Garryanna Dr.
October	TBD

3. Deepening Spiritual Connections will resume in the fall.

### Pastoral Care Committee (PCC)

Pastoral Care Committee is happy to agree with the Membership Committee for Laura Horsey. We find that she is well prepared: seasoned in the sauce of many Meetings for Worship, and has done diverse work in our DIY religious body, including serving on Nominating Committee, as the Volunteer Coordinator of the Grounds committee during which she oversaw the creation of our front perennial garden, and currently as the clerk of the Pastoral Care Committee.

She has searched for a spiritual home among several religious traditions, including Mormonism, mainline protestant faiths, and Sufiism. She has acquainted herself with the principal tenets of Quaker Faith and Practice and the expectations of membership. She is satisfied that it is time to request membership. We are delighted to ask the Meeting for Business to approve the membership request of Laura Horsey.

**\*Meeting approved membership for Laura Horsey. A welcome celebration is scheduled for the July pot luck (at Laura's house).**

### **Nominating Committee Report (NomCom)**

Changes to the NomCom report submitted at May Meeting for Business:

Removed Ruth Johanna's name from Groundskeeping.

Added Kathy Miller and Abigail Stoughton as Joint Coordinators of Groundskeeping.

Added Marybetts Sinclair as Greeter

**\* Meeting approved the final NomCom report.**

**\* Meeting approved of Greeters to commence before July.**

A question was raised as to whether the volunteer "groups" are/should be considered committees. The sense of the Meeting was that the volunteers themselves could choose to become committees. Though they operate semi-independently, the Meeting expects to hear back from them.

### **Peace, Justice and Environment (PJ&E)**

1. The question was raised as to whether CFM wishes to supply toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss for the South Corvallis Food Bank (SCFB) for at least a year. The cost would be approximately \$340/3 times a year. This is a project CFM used to fund, but it lapsed over the covid years. The SCFB is seeing a drastic cut in funding from federal sources.

**\* Meeting approved funding this for the rest of year (approximately \$400).** Treasurer requested an estimate of costs for the 2026 budget.

2. A question was raised about signs being placed around the Worship Room informing Friends of PJ&E activities (primarily SCFB donations for each month).

The following points were raised by Friends:

- No one gathers in the library or the fellowship room. Before covid, people gathered there to visit and to share refreshments;
- The bulletin board is full of notices, many of which are not CFM activities;
- The signs convey important and pressing information regarding urgent action needing to be taken;
- The Meeting Room should be restful with a reflective atmosphere. Though the signs convey important information, they are a distraction;
- Needs require a critical mass to get Meeting buy-in. The serenity of the MR is important, but needs should be lifted up. Evidence of action turns an issue from generic to very specific and galvanizes us to action.

- Perhaps the signboard should be resurrected from the closet, to post information during announcements at the rise of Meeting;
- Signs could be posted on the bathroom door. People can see them as they enter the Meeting House. This idea was met with general acceptance;
- Other groups using our Meeting House will see the signs, become aware of issues and may spark discussion and imagination;
- I come for spiritual reflection. If it get too heavily political, you lose the spiritual side.

3. The discussion prompted the question of how we can support worship in the Meeting Room, an issue that Worship and Ministry should take up. Disuse of the fellowship room prompted a comment that we should encourage active fellowship in the fellowship area.

## Announcements

1. NPYM falls on July 13, the regular M4B. Therefore, **\* the Meeting approved skipping M4B in July. The next M4B scheduled for August 10.**
2. In answer to a question about Meeting House availability, Jeff Kline stated that he holds the MH available for Friends on Wednesday evenings and Sundays until 2:00 or 2:30. He also noted that he gives viewing privileges on google docs of the current schedule. He posts the schedule at the front door of the Meeting House, but it will not be as current as the online version.

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## **Advices & Queries - Mutual Care**

Our needs for love and care, and our response to these needs in others, make up a rich part of our lives. In an exchange truly grounded in love, each of us is both giver and receiver, ready to help and accept help. Neither pride nor fear keeps us from the unconditional love and care of God manifested through others. Let neither comfort nor self-centeredness blind us to our need for others.

We listen to one another with openness of heart and in good faith, aware that greater wisdom than our own is required to meet our human needs. We lift up our hearts to the Source of all wisdom and power.

- In what ways do we bring together members and attenders, young and old, in love and community?
- Are we sensitive to each other's personal needs and difficulties? How do we assist in useful ways?
- Do we visit one another in our homes and keep in touch with distant members?
- How do we listen to one another, even beyond words?
- How do we provide mutual care while acknowledging our own limitations?
- How well are we able to love each other unconditionally?