

CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

NINTH MONTH (September) 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 Chepeneña band of the Kalapuya-speaking Nation.

THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR

Sunday Sept 7

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

Sunday Sept 14

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 donations for the Food Bank!)

Sunday Sept 21

Note: both 10 AM Meeting for Worship and
11:30 AM Potluck lunch will be at
Bob B. and Wendy's, 2824 NW Garryanna Dr., Corvallis

Sunday Sept 28

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 ARE programs will be announced in the Wednesday Digest,
but we are taking the summer off!

Deepening Spiritual Connections will resume in the autumn.

*Join Zoom Meetings: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84281206597?pwd=L1hnbTBPcUp4RC9NSXdERUM3K3FrUT09>

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Save the date!

Corvallis Friends Meeting for Business

August 10, 2025

Attending: Bob Burton (Clerk of Meeting), Susan Easton (Recording Clerk), Jay Thatcher, Bob Ward, Bob Henderson, Bill Metz, Wendy Robinson, Larry Burton, Carmen Brummet, Diane Madrigale, Nancy Ewald, Abigail Stoughton, Craig Sanders

Reading: (Friends for 350 Years, Howard Brinton p.135) On Reaching Decisions: "The Quaker method is likely to be successful in proportion as the members are acquainted with one another; better still if real affection exists among them. When differences and factions arose in the Corinthian Church its members wrote to ask Paul's advice. After making several concrete suggestions, he goes on to say in the famous 18th Chapter of his letter that love is really the only solution. In a similar situation John speaks in his first letter of love as essential. 'We know that we have passed out of death into life because we love the brethren' (I John 3:14)".

Silent Worship

Additions to the Agenda

Approval of Minutes of 6/8/25 Meeting for Business

*Meeting Approved

Clerk requested that corrections to the minutes be done in advance of Meeting for Business. Corrections can be sent either to Bob Burton (Clerk of Meeting) or Susan Easton (Recording Clerk).

Monthly Treasurer's Reports for June and July, 2025

*Meeting Accepted

It was noted that the June and July reports did not include information regarding the Friends Fiduciary account but only reported income and outgo.

Pastoral Care Committee (PCC) Report

Membership Celebration for Laura Horsey at the August 3rd Sunday potluck may need to be postponed due to illness.

PCC is dealing with various health concerns of several Friends.

Clerk requests that potential visitors to James C. in his new home, wait for a couple weeks until he can get settled in.

Bob Ward said Willamette Springs will be given a list of Friends who are recognized to visit. Let Bob know if you want to be on that list.

PCC is looking for someone to house James' three wheeled bike temporarily. He also has boxes which need a temporary home (1-6 boxes).

Report of the Directory Committee

Clerk expressed the extreme interest Meeting has in completing a working copy of the directory. He requested that a working copy of the directory be made available before the next monthly meeting.

Peace, Justice, and Environment (PJE)

Friends received a letter of thanks from the South Corvallis Food Bank (SCFB) for its generous donations in the past few months.

Friend's Meeting decided to supply a year's worth of toothbrushes to the SCFB. The first installment is nearly out, a little earlier than was expected. New brushes will be ordered right away.

John Selker and Laurie Childers' art show and sale is scheduled for September 20. Concern was expressed whether having the pot luck the following day (and the usual collection of donations to the SCFB), would inhibit or interfere with the art sale. Friends felt that it didn't make any difference, so both will proceed as scheduled.

A request was made to place the monthly donations, in the children's room, until after the art show.

Announcements

- A question was raised whether Friends are planning to participate in the OSU Organization/Clubs Fair on the MU Quad on September 26. Jay Thatcher is probably not able to organize it, but there was interest by Friends (Bob W, Susan E, Diane M, Bob H, and probably several others) in participating. Friends have also heard of interest in having the Meeting involved in it. Jay noted that registration needs to be in (Sept. 12) before the next CFM M4B. No decisions were made.
- The library committee should have a complete set of Pendle Hill pamphlets, but recently discovered 72 pamphlets are missing. Please check your house for any stray pamphlets and return them to the library.

Meeting closed with grateful silence.

Next Meeting for Business: September 14.

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 and/or selkerj@gmail.com .

Local Interfaith events

**Every Friday noon to 1 pm, Silent Vigil for Unity and Peace,
near 8th and Monroe in Central Park.**

**Every Saturday noon: Interfaith Prayer and Song Vigil for Peace,
Courthouse front, 4th and Madison.**

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

We all know of the continuing devastation of programs that depend on federal grants to help people, and the South Corvallis Food Bank is still trying desperately to find other sources of funding. Currently it is hanging on, but can't get the food and non-food items necessary to help everyone in need. To respond to this urgent need, our Meeting has committed to help by 1) funding the purchase of toothbrushes, toothpaste, and floss on an ongoing basis, and 2) furnishing other essential non-food items such as toilet paper, shampoo, detergent, and diapers. 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. **A request was made to place the monthly donations in the children's room until after the art show on September 20.**

- **For September we are collecting “whatever you feel are the most important items needed”**

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

September 21 — “whatever you feel are the most important items needed” in the fall.

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.

Save the date and volunteer now. Saturday September 26, all afternoon. Corvallis Friends Meeting: “Reach Out to OSU Students and Staff” from our table at the Beaver Community Fair.

- Sign up to help at <https://bit.ly/ReachOut2OSU>
- Questions? Contact Jay Thatcher, jthatch@peak.org, or (541) 758-9333 (no text)

We need your help to reach out to students and staff at Oregon State University. On the afternoon of Friday, 9/26/2025, a few thousand OSU folk will be strolling through the MU Quad to find out about opportunities for them in Corvallis. Agencies, clubs, businesses and charities will be there at the Beaver Community Fair with tables, sign up sheets, activities and banners to entice new people to engage with them. Friends can take part by baking cookies, folding brochures, and setting up the displays. We especially need more Friends to staff the table and talk to inquirers and passers by. Got a canopy to loan? We'd love some shelter.

The next session of Adult Religious Exploration will take place during second hour on Sunday, October 5th. It will be another spiritual book reviews session, so start reading! If you are uncertain what to read, browse the meeting house library shelves or speak to a member of the library committee. (Nancy Ewald, Carmen Brummet, or Craig Sanders). For further information call Abigail Stoughton, (541) 758-5057.

In the Library: Quaker Quicks and Staff Picks

***Opening the Parables*, by M. D. Hayden. Reviewed by Craig Sanders**

The author is a Quaker minister with a liberal viewpoint. She starts with the views expressed in *The Parables of Jesus*, a publication of the Jesus Seminar (a group of scholars who studied the gospels in order to identify as far as possible the actual words of Jesus, as opposed to the words attributed to him by the authors of the gospels). In the end, they were left with little more than portions of the various parables. Starting with these fragments and interpretations of the parables written by early Quakers, the author adds experiences of her own to produce a series of reflections about a God that requires of us only unconditional love.

Advices & Queries -The Meeting and Friends of All Ages

The meeting community is the seedbed of our spiritual lives.

Meetings heed the needs of their members and attenders as they move along their life journeys.

As Friends we place a high value on intergenerational activities to nurture life in the Spirit.

- How do we recognize and cherish the contributions that Friends of all ages make to our Quaker community?
- How does our meeting stay tender to those who may be discomfited by children?
- How do we value each other as children of God without prejudgment based on age?
- How does our meeting walk alongside members and attenders at all stages of their lives?
- How does living in Quaker community nurture a meaningful life?

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