

CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

TENTH MONTH (October) 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 Chepenefia band of the Kalapuya-speaking Nation.

THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR

Sunday Oct 5

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

10 AM Meeting for Worship at the Meetinghouse

11:20 AM ARE program: Share your favorite spiritual book

Sunday Oct 12

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 diapers or other donations for the Food Bank!)

Sunday Oct 19

Note: both 10 AM Meeting for Worship and

11:30 AM Potluck lunch

at the Meetinghouse

Sunday Oct 26

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

10:00 am Hybrid Meeting for Worship Zoom* and Meetinghouse together

11:20 AM: Deepening Spiritual Connections

Silent Worship every Wednesday at 7 pm, Meetinghouse

Second Hour ARE programs will be announced in the Wednesday Digest.

**Adult Religious Exploration meets for 2nd hour on the 1st Sunday of each month, and
Deepening Spiritual Connections meets 2nd hour on 4th Sundays.**

***Join Zoom Meetings: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84281206597?pwd=L1hnbTPcUp4RC9NSXdERUM3K3FrUT09>**

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ICE WATCH & HUMAN RIGHTS OBSERVER TRAINING

NOV. 4TH 6-8 PM

DEC. 11TH 6-8 PM

Specifically focused for immigration enforcement response.

**At the Reynolds Law Firm
555 NW 5th St, Corvallis**

Please arrive at 5:45 PM so we can begin promptly.

Local Interfaith events

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

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

Oct 5th, Unitarian Church, 2945 NW Circle, "Wonders of Faith" 3-5 PM

Nov 9th - Episcopal Church, 333 NW 35th St, "Gratitude" 3-5 PM.

We are hosting the January Meeting, and will share the experience of Quaker worship.

In the Library: Quaker Quicks and Staff Picks

Opening the Parables, by M. D. Hayden

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 which sought to identify the actual words of Jesus in the Gospels and came up with little more than portions of the various parables. Starting with these fragments and the interpretations of early Quakers, she adds experiences of her own to produce a series of reflections about a God that requires of us only unconditional love.

reviewed by Craig Sanders

HELP the FOOD BANK! HELP OUR NEIGHBORS EAT!

Report: The Full Belly, Dry Head Art Sale fundraiser for the South Corvallis Food Bank on Sept 20 raised \$2,230!

Every month on Third Sunday:

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 October we are focusing on shampoo and detergent.**

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

- 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.

Minutes: Corvallis Friends Meeting for Business, September 14, 2025

Present: Bob Burton (Clerk of Meeting), Susan Easton (Recording Clerk), Nina Joy Lawrence, Wendy Robinson, Craig Sanders, Nancy Ewald, John Selker, Dana Edwards, Larry Burton, Diane Madrigale, Jay Thatcher, Bob Henderson, Laurie Childers, Ann Fuller, John Burt, Don Groome, Marybetts Sinclair, Bob Ward, Loreen Olufson, Lou Glowacki, Laura Horsey.

Reading/Silent Worship - Reaching Decisions, Friends for 350 Yr, p134

It might appear that, because the Quaker meeting must wait for unity, this method would trend toward conservatism. This is sometimes the case, but in general, Quaker pioneering in social reforms shows that conservatism has not generally prevailed. The first response of many people to a new proposition is negative; hence the voting method which is the quickest may itself produce a negative response. Minorities tend to be more radical than majorities. If decision is postponed in the effort to secure unity, time is given

for an advanced minority to convince the majority. In the end a more novel decision may result.

* Approval of August 10, 2025 minutes: Approved

* Monthly Treasurer's Report: Approved

Treasurer noted the food bank donations were *in kind*.

Directory Committee Report

The 2025-26 Directory will be sent out Sept. 14.

- If you have not received it by email (with three or four exceptions), you have not subscribed to it or your contact information is wrong.
- Please send correction to Ann Fuller, Bob Ward, Craig Sanders, or Susan Easton.
- The directory will be sent out in PDF format. You won't be able to cut and paste from it.
- Two new sections are added to it
 - A list of contact information for Willamette Quarterly Meeting
 - A list of committees and officers for Corvallis Friends
- If you need to see the guidelines for inclusion in, and use of, the directory they will be published in the next Wednesday Digest.

The question was raised whether the directory will be passed on to NPYM as in the past. No decision was made to do so; it will be taken up in the next M4B in October.

Worship and Ministry Report (W&M)

1. WMC proposes changes to zoom/hybrid Meetings for Worship: Cease hybrid meetings due to lack of interest.

WMC is *not* proposing to stop hybrid for Meeting for Business.

Other comments:

- John Burt is often the only attender of hybrid or virtual, although others mentioned their inability to join in hybrid online occasionally. This is usually due to problems getting the system hooked up.
- Others commented their interest in joining hybrid as needed (e.g. when illness keeps them home, traveling).
- Some commenters were interested in keeping this service available and see it as outreach. Others felt that there are other good online options available, so that we don't have to keep the CFM available (e.g. Pendle Hill).
- One problem may be that there is not currently an active rides coordinator to help people get to M4W.

- Some people find the TV screen distracting. There are some who will not attend when there is a hybrid M4W.
- The setup sometimes requires a lot of fussing which is also distracting, and stressful to people in the Meeting Room, those online, as well as the person setting up.
- It became hard to find people willing to set up the zoom because of connectivity problems.
- The hybrid approach isn't consistent with simplicity.

Alternate suggestions:

- * Instead of the TV screen, use a computer screen which is less obtrusive to the Meeting Room, and easier to set up. It should be possible for the Meeting hosts to manage it in addition to their other duties. This **option was approved** by the Meeting. WMC will evaluate the success of this in a few months.

2. WMC will continue with the Spiritual Connections program. It will be in person, this year, beginning with the last Sunday of September, 2nd Hour. A decision will be made at that time, by attenders, when future programs will meet. The topic will be What unwritten/unspoken traditions do Quakers have?
3. The final potluck/outdoor M4W will take place next week, September 21 at Bob and Wendy's home. We will be celebrating Laura Horsey's membership of CFM. Future potlucks will continue the 3rd week of the month at the Meeting House.
4. Nina Joy Lawrence sent out an email regarding a book group intending to work through Resmaa Menakem's new book: "The Quaking of America; An Embodied Guide to Navigating Our Nations Upheaval and Racial Reckoning." This will be a year long study of racism and body practice. If you are interested, contact Nina Joy. A similar group met four years ago to work through Menakem's book "My Grandmother's Hands."

Pastoral Care Committee (PCC)

1. Potluck on the 3rd Sunday, will also celebrate the recent membership of Laura Horsey to CFM.
2. PCC has reached closure on two Friends who have had surgeries in recent months. It has been an intense, exhausting summer for this committee
3. PCC is dealing with various health concerns of several Friends.
4. Wendy thanked Friends who supported Martina while Wendy and Bob were out of town.
5. Clerk requests that potential visitors to James C., wait for a couple of weeks until he can get situated in his new home. Willamette Springs will be given a list of Friends who are recognized to visit. Let Bob Ward know if you want to be on that list. Friends are also encouraged to accompany James to events outside the residence.

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

6. * PCC requests the addition of another member to the committee. **Meeting approved nominating committee to find an additional member.**

Adult Religious Exploration (ARE)

Book reviews will start first Sunday, October 5. Friends are encouraged to share books they've found especially spiritual.

Outreach

Friends will be reaching out to students and staff at the OSU Beaver Community Fair, the afternoon of September 26 on the OSU quad. Agencies, businesses, clubs, charities and churches will be available to share about their activities with students.

Friends are soliciting a variety of snacks from restaurants in town (Thai, Indian, etc.) as an expression of welcome to people with diverse identities. We will also have oatmeal cookies to hand out. There are currently enough cookie bakers.

Action Point *

- Help is requested for editing a pamphlet that will be handed out and for folding the brochures.
- Extra hands are needed to talk to students coming by the table. Volunteers are needed for noon, 1, and 2 o'clock.
- Friends are also needed to pick up food from the local restaurants.

One Friend asked what our next steps are, to encourage and attract interest in the Meeting. Another Friend suggested several students stayed for potluck and engaged with Friends after the outreach last year.

Peace, Justice, and Environment (PJE)

Food Bank - There are no specific donations requested this month for the South Corvallis Food Bank (SCFB). The usual requests are for TP, diapers, soap/shampoo/dish soap, side dishes for dinner (rice, mashed potatoes, pasta, vegetables, etc.).

Full Belly/Dry Head – The sale of artwork by Laurie Childers, John Selker, Ann Fuller, and Cynthia Spencer is set for next Saturday, September 20 from 12-5 p.m. at the Meeting House. Please share this information with friends and acquaintances. Purchases are not tax deductible for buyers, but all proceeds will be donated to the SCFB at the end of the day.

Children's Religious Education

Childcare is available although we only have occasional younger children coming. Amalia Eschwey is the paid childcare minder and an adult develops the education portion.

The older children are engaged with adults outside the usual Meeting House activities (e.g. movie nights, dinner out, etc.).

Corvallis Interfaith Network (CIN) Invitations and Requests

- CIN will meet at the Unitarian Church Sunday, Oct. 5 from 3-5 to celebrate the *Wonders of Faith*. Friends are cordially invited.
- Sunday, Nov 9, CIN will celebrate *Thanks for All Paths to the Divine*. They will meet at the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan, 333 NW 35th St. from 3-5. They request a local Friends representative who can speak for 5-6 minutes on the topic *Giving Thanks for All Divine Paths*. Nina Joy Lawrence and Laurie Childers will work on this request.
- * Friends are requested to host the Jan. 4 2026 meeting of CIN. They would like Friends to provide a sample of the way we hold our usual Meeting for Worship, followed up with a small group discussion and questions. **Meeting approved**. Nina Joy Lawrence will organize this M4W.
- * CIN would like to reserve the Meeting House Sun. April 12, 3-5 p.m. for a program on Dances of Universal Peace to be hosted by Stephen Pierce. **Meeting approved**.
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Advices & Queries - Sexuality

We do well to look past the outward appearances of orientation and identity to see the quality of all individuals and relationships in our meetings. Just as there is that of God in every person, there is that of God in every relationship that calls upon God. We remain tender toward all relationships founded on integrity, mutual respect, commitment, and love.

When dealing with issues of sexuality and sexual behavior, we strive for an appropriate balance between open, honest discussion and protection of privacy and confidentiality for individual members and attenders.

We take care to avoid sexual behavior based on license, exploitation, oppression, and violence in our personal lives and to witness against such behavior in our meetings and communities.

Parents support their children's healthy sexuality by providing good examples, constructively supporting each child's natural interest, and answering questions lovingly.

Friends are encouraged to maintain accurate resources on issues of sexuality, sexual behavior, and gender identity and to answer questions, especially from children, honestly and appropriately.

While the meeting can and should be a source of abiding love and support to members and attenders, we acknowledge that some situations may require professional intervention and others may require notification of law-enforcement authorities.

- Do we accept and appreciate our sexuality as part of our humanity and as a gift from God? How do we integrate our sexuality and our spirituality?
- How can we help each other be faithful in expressing our sexuality? Do we support members and attenders with love and care relating to their sexuality and gender identity?
- How safe is our meeting? How do we create an environment appropriate for discussion of deeply personal issues?
- How willing are we to talk openly and listen carefully when others' ideas and behavior are different from our own? How do we respond to that of God in them while acknowledging our own discomfort or disagreement?
- As individuals and as a meeting community, do we avoid stereotyping and judging people based on their relationships, sexual orientation, or gender identity?
- How do we love and respond to those who have been harmed by sexual discrimination, abuse, or violence? How do we love and respond to those who have committed the discrimination, abuse, or violence?
- Do we know how and when to refer members and attenders for professional help? Do we know how and when to contact legal authorities?

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