

CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

ELEVENTH MONTH (November) 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 Nov 2 (*note clocks move back one hour!*)

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

10 AM Meeting for Worship at the Meetinghouse

11:20 AM ARE program: Dr. Melissa Bird, her indigenous spiritual journey

Sunday Nov 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 (*Bring donations for the Food Bank!*)

Sunday Nov 16

Note: both 10 AM Meeting for Worship and

11:30 AM Potluck lunch

at the Meetinghouse

Sunday Nov 23

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

Nov 30

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

10 AM Meeting for Worship at the Meetinghouse

Silent Worship every Wednesday at 7 pm, Meetinghouse

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=L1hnbTBPcUp4RC9NSXdERUM3K3FrUT09>

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Adult Religious Exploration (ARE)

Nov. 2nd's presentation will be given by Dr Melissa Bird, Licensed Lay Preacher at Good Samaritan Episcopal Church (our neighbor on 35th and Harrison). She will speak on her Indigenous Spiritual Journey.

Dec. 7th's Second Hour will be participatory: Spiritual Concerns on Our Journey.

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 Monroe in Central Park. Every Saturday noon: Interfaith Prayer and Song Vigil for Peace, Courthouse front, 4th and Madison.

Nov 9th - Episcopal Church, 333 NW 35th St, "Gratitude for all paths to the divine" 3-5 PM. People from many faiths will make short presentations. Nina Joy Lawrence and Laurie Childers will represent our Meeting. They've turned the theme into a query that both will answer in a worship-sharing manner:

Friends have no creed, and if you asked friends all over the world what they believe, the most common answer you'd receive is that there is that of God in everyone. How do I notice and appreciate other people's way of being in contact with the divine? How have these other spiritual paths contributed to my rich spiritual life as a Friend?

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

November 14-16: FCNL (Friends Committee for National Legislation) Annual Meeting.

The FCNL Annual session is all online this year. If you would be interested in joining a small group of Friends at the Meeting House to tune in some of the featured events, please send an email to Bob Ward at the [corvallisfriends@gmail](mailto:corvallisfriends@gmail.com) address. Use this subject line: ***Join the FCNL conference "watch group".***

You will be able to choose among several sessions, which Bob will send out to those who 'sign up' to join our "watch group". You do not need to register separately for the gathering.*

Meanwhile, check out the schedule, https://www.fcnl.org/annual-meeting-2025-schedule?akid=105450.618118.sF_zxX&rd=1&t=17&utm_campaign=&utm_medium=email&utm_source=ak&utm_term=105450.618118.sF_zxX Speakers: [View online >](#)

But if you do want to attend as a full delegate, there still is time to register at:
https://www.fcnl.org/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=ak&utm_term=105450.618118.sF_zxX

In the Library: Quaker Quicks and Staff Picks

Open to New Light, Quaker Quick *by Eleanor Nesbitt*

Eleanor Nesbitt, a member of the Central England Area Meeting, a leading Sikh scholar, and married to a Hindu, explores Quakers open to other religions as well as people of other religions open to Quakers throughout history.

It was interesting to me that some Quakers have not identified as Christian and have seen Christianity as “another faith,” that Quaker Edward Cadbury (yup, the chocolate guy) financed journeys to the Middle East to find manuscripts of the Quran, and that a Quaker gathered meeting resembles the Islamic principal of jamia (a gathering with a spiritual purpose.)

Nice to know I am not alone in noticing the similarity of the Buddhist “essential goodness” or “Buddha nature” to Quakers’ “light within.” In a world that seems so splintered, it was hopeful to read about people of different religions connecting, opening to new light.

(Reviewed by Carmen Brummet)

HELP the FOOD BANK! HELP OUR NEIGHBORS EAT!

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 November 16th, we are focusing on diapers, especially 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: Potatoes are always welcome. Side dishes (rice dishes, mac'n cheese, hamburger or tuna helpers, etc.) and condiments are in low supply. So bring them too, and put them in the box in the Fellowship room. Thank you!

Corvallis Friends Meeting (CFM) for Business

October 12, 2025 Minutes

Present: Bob Burton (Clerk of Meeting), Susan Easton (Recording Clerk), Bob Ward, Nancy Ewald, Diane Madrigale, Larry Burton, Kathy Miller, Bob Henderson, Bill Metz, John Selker, Loreen Olufson, Wendy Robinson, Marybetts Sinclair.

Comments and Silent Worship - Nancy Ewald shared her realization that had Richard Nixon had a more loving childhood, he might have been a very different president.

Approval of Minutes of 9/14/2025 Meeting for Business ***Approved**

Monthly Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer noted annual (OR Corp. Division and Beaver Community Fair) and monthly (house cleaning) expenses in addition to the usual expenses.
- Treasurer also commented on the loss of value in the Friends Fiduciary (FF) account. One commenter suggested it is because FF invests heavily in bonds, which are down. Another commenter suggested the decline reflects FF investments in progressive companies. The Meeting requested the decline be investigated as the stock market has otherwise shown gains in recent months.
- ***The Treasurer's report was accepted** by the Meeting.
- ***The newsletter has been printed locally each month.** Larry Burton uses a subscription printing service which allows him ~300 pages/month. He proposed using his subscription to print the 20, or so, hard copies needed, most of which are mailed to other Meetings. He requests the Meeting reimburse him \$10/month for this printing.

***Meeting approved**

Pre-Nominating Committee

***Nominating Committee members terms begin and end with the calendar year. A pre-nominating committee is named before year's end to put forward a nominee for the nominating committee.** Diane Madrigale, Bob Ward, and Nina Joy Lawrence volunteered to serve on the pre-nominating committee. **Meeting approved.**

Worship and Ministry

Deepening Spiritual Connections will continue to meet monthly on Fourth Sunday following the rise of Meeting for Worship. It will be a two hour program with time for snacks/soup.

The group will continue to explore unwritten and unspoken traditions, beliefs, and jargon used in Quaker Meeting. Much of this is unfamiliar to newcomers, but may also be singular in different Meetings across the country and around the world.

Pastoral Care Committee (PCC)

A new care committee has been set up to assist James Cox with his new living arrangements in a memory care facility. It has been determined that he is in debt and

without resources to retire it. The care committee came to the Meeting with a request to act as an agent to collect \$3000, to retire this debt. If more is collected than needed, the surplus will be returned to donors on a pro rata basis.

The following comments and questions arose:

- Concern about the aging of the Meeting. What are the parameters of collecting donations on behalf of Members (e.g. How much? How often?) Is this a precedent? This Friend would like to see discussion of needs for future actions.
- A Friendly “Go Fund Me” is not the business of the Meeting, but of individual Friends. This is an individual ask, not the Meeting as a whole.
- One Friend noted that elders in their former Meeting were pro-active in making sure the person in need of assistance did not become a ward of the Meeting.
- This is done on a case-by-case basis, but we can manage this. At any time, we can say “this is too much” and can change direction as needed and as able.
- Because James’ needs became overwhelming, a care committee of five was named, in order to reduce the load on PCC.
- PCC needs to identify needs that others can help with/solve pieces of. This Friend is comfortable that this is not a precedent. It won’t solve all problems. New ones will arise.

***Meeting approved** the collection of donations earmarked to assist James. The treasurer will not set up a separate account, but activity will be tracked in the checking account.

Directory

A proof copy of the new directory was made available during Meeting for Worship and Meeting for Business. Friends were asked to check the accuracy of their information, make corrections and/or additions, and to initial that their information is correct.

Whether to share the information with NPYM is still an open issue.

Peace, Justice, and Environment (PJE)

Needs of the food bank was shared and notice that Friends will take the Meeting’s monthly donations to the South Corvallis Food Bank the day following Third Sunday potluck.

House Maintenance and Hospitality Committees

- The bicycle shelter was stabilized and touched up with paint.
- Suction cups were used to realign window panes within their frames and close cracks. Window cranks were also adjusted so windows will close properly.
- The carpeting is in reasonable shape, but needs to be replaced or re-tensioned.

***Meeting approved hiring someone to re-tension the carpet.**

- Light bulbs are needed for the Meeting House. Hospitality will purchase.
- One Friend has a small rug to bring in for the back door where mud is traced in from the trash and recycling bins. A suggestion was made to get a boot brush/scrapper, to help reduce dirt and mud being tracked in. ***Meeting approved**. Hospitality will make the purchase.
- One Friend requested we think about changing the window coverings in the fellowship room, saying that if we are trying to attract younger people, maybe we should update our look. The curtains were put up several decades back. House and Hospitality will look at options and cost.

Outreach

Outreach coordinator reported on CFM participation in the Beaver Community Fair, on the OSU campus. We provided radical hospitality: In addition to oatmeal cookies, we served several ethnic snacks donated by restaurants in town. Approximately 100 people visited the Quaker table. About one dozen Friends attended the table in shifts. Bifold leaflets were available.

John Selker noted that, on walking around the MU Quad during the OSU Beaver Community Fair, where CFM had a table set up, a number of people he spoke to that day commented they were glad to see Friends at the fair, they happened to attend a Quaker Meeting at another time in their lives, or they were familiar with, and support, Friends. John urged us to keep in our minds that Quakers have supporters who do not necessarily belong to our Meeting or are unknown to us, but are holding us in the Light.

Next Meeting for Business: 11/09/25

Our Major Meetinghouse Maintenance Committee hard at work

John Selker and Bob Burton replaced the rotting bottoms of the posts supporting our bike shelter. Thank you, Bob and John!



Advices & Queries - Harmony with Creation

Rejoice in the majesty of nature. Pray that the Presence will lead us to our rightful place in the creation.

We are each part of the intricate web of life; each choice to act or not to act can have profound consequences. We live in such a complex world that we can do considerable damage without knowing it. Choices that are beneficial in one direction may be harmful in another.

We take care to conserve and protect the whole of life. Both scientific inquiry and spiritual reflection lead us to deeper understanding of the interconnected, constantly changing systems in which we live.

The essence of the Divine Light can be found in our connection to the natural world. Our collective experience of this deep interconnectedness with all nature helps us understand the connection between ecological and cultural diversity, know the Earth as teacher, and value inspiration from a range of faith traditions.

We face the difficult challenge to change our manner of living to come into harmony with creation. As we support each other's efforts to use no more than our fair share, we guard against waste and resist the temptations of convenience and the inertia of the status quo. We help each other look for ways to counter attitudes of human arrogance, domination, and greed which threaten Earth's equilibrium.

In what ways do we seek harmony with Creation? How does science help us live within It respectfully?

In what ways do we honor all living things? Do we seek the holiness inherent in the order of nature, the wildness of wilderness, and the richness of the world?

How do our daily habits and choices reflect our respect for the web of life?

What will the impact of our current choices be on the lives of future generations?

How do we educate ourselves and others about living in harmony with the earth?

What can we do to make the community of life whole?

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