

# CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

FIRST MONTH (January) 2026

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 Jan 4

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

**10 AM Meeting for Worship** at the Meetinghouse

Corvallis Interfaith gathering: 3-5 PM at our Meetinghouse

### Sunday Jan 11

**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 Jan 18

**Note: both 10 AM Meeting for Worship and**

**11:30 AM Potluck lunch**

at the Meetinghouse

### Sunday Jan 25

**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**

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**Silent Worship every Wednesday at 7 pm,** Meetinghouse

Adult Religious Exploration normally meets for 2nd hour on the 1st Sunday of each month, and

Deepening Spiritual Connections meets 2nd hour on 4th Sundays.

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\*Join Zoom Meetings: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84281206597?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84281206597?pwd=L1hnbTBpcUp4RC9NSXdERUM3K3FrUT09)

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[corvallisfriends@gmail.com](mailto:corvallisfriends@gmail.com) Submit by 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. 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/>

## **Second Hour (and related) programs**

Sixty-five people attended **"ICE Watch and Observer Training"** we hosted as a 2<sup>nd</sup> hour program on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at Friends Meeting House.

If you observe any ICE activity, you can report it by calling PIRC: **1-888-622-1510**. Additionally, it's helpful to videotape any activity you observe.

January 4<sup>th</sup> we're hosting the interfaith gathering 3-5 PM in the afternoon, so there is no 11:30 AM event. We will share the experience of Quaker worship.

Save the Date: Saturday January 24, early afternoon (TBD). Claire Hannapel from AFSC and colleagues from the Palestine Advocacy Group will be at FMH for a presentation on **"AFSC's Palestine Activism Program"**. Claire gave an inspiring talk on AFSC's work in the world at last spring's Willamette Quarterly Meeting.

Feb 1<sup>st</sup> Second hour: Josh Soderland, from OSU, will be talking with us about his experiences in Palestine. He welcomes questions we might have for him about how we could become more involved.

Adult Religious Exploration (ARE) invites all to come share your spiritual journeys & helps & bumps along the way, as well as current concerns. These First Sunday events will resume on March 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:20 AM.

On 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, the Worship and Ministry committee hosts participatory sessions with themes related to **"Spiritual Deepenings"** following Meeting for Worship, September-June.

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## **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.

We are hosting the January Meeting on Jan 4<sup>th</sup>, 3-5 pm, and will share the experience of Quaker worship. Please come!

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## **Corvallis Friends Library: Quaker Quicks and Staff Picks**

**Short Journey Home: Awakening to Freedom with Thich Nhat Hanh.** By Richard Brady.  
Reviewed by Carmen Brummet

Richard Brady, math teacher, Jewish, Buddhist, Quaker, shares in a very personal way how over many decades his meetings with Thich Nhat Hanh in Plum Village shaped his life. Brady describes interacting with his therapist as well as interacting with Thich Nhat Hanh, who discouraged note-taking because he believed in transmitting heart to heart. The renowned Buddhist teacher liked to draw pictures to express concepts (much like our own Nina Joy!). I resonated with Brady's comment that little by little he was letting go of the intergenerational

pattern of self-sufficiency. And the message “Thanks to impermanence, everything is possible,” seems especially worthy of contemplation today.

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## **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 January, please bring smaller bottles (pint or quart) of cooking oil and salad oil.

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!

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## **Minutes Corvallis Friends Meeting for Business 12/14/2025**

Attendees: Bob Burton (Clerk), Carmen Brummet (acting Recording Clerk), Nancy Ewald, Susan Easton, Bob Ward, Bob Henderson, Craig Sanders, Abigail Stoughton, Marybetts Sinclair, Jay Thatcher, Esther Schiedel, Kathy Miller, Wendy Robinson, Diane Madrigale

Reading followed by opening silence:

“The Ways Friends think about and use money and all other resources are linked to our values of integrity, equality, social justice, and peace. We are responsible for how we acquire and use our financial resources, not as ends in themselves but as gifts temporarily entrusted to us. We seek to use them with humility and care and to share them with others.” *NYPM F&P 3rd ed. p. 114.*

### Additions to Agenda

Question whether Meeting might dispense with zoom option in Meeting for Worship was raised and referred to Worship and Ministry Committee.

Approval of Minutes of 11/9/2025 Meeting for Business, with a few clarifications and the correct spelling of Wayne Yarnall's name: **Approved**

### PJE-South Corvallis Food Bank Report

Meeting has 576 rolls of toilet paper so far toward our goal of donating 1000 rolls to the South Corvallis Food Bank.

### AFSC Representative Invitation

A visit from AFSC representative, Claire Hannapel, along with Jennifer Bing and Zoe Jannuzi, who lead training sessions and advocacy, was discussed and **Approved**. Tentative date is Saturday, January 24th 1:30 to 3:30. We will invite other groups such as the Palestine Solidarity group and the Interfaith group. Kathy Miller, Bob Ward, and Jay Thatcher volunteered to explore what groups to invite and how to reach them. Marybetts Sinclair volunteered to organize a potluck.

Meeting may choose one of the following three topics for this visit: AFSC's Palestine activism; Quakers and Palestine; or Solidarity with Palestine: what we are called to do in 2026.

### Treasurers' Report: Charitable Giving for 2025

We have already used some of the special fund money to help pay debts and expenses.

Contributions to various groups for this calendar year will be the same as last year but with additional contributions distributed pro rata to these groups. **Approved**.

### Adult Religious Exploration Committee (ARE) Report

The first Sunday in January, the 4th, ARE will start a new series of discussions on our spiritual journey. *[This has since changed; due to us hosting the Interfaith Gathering Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 3 pm, there is no second hour program earlier. - ed]*

### Pastoral Care Committee (PCC) Report

PCC has met with the full contingent of members. They wish for more visitation among friends.

### Corvallis Friends Meeting User's Manual Revision

Jay Thatcher was thanked for his many jobs in Meeting, including his recent work revising the User's Manual. Others are encouraged to follow his example.

### Corvallis Friends Meeting Directory

It was brought up that the new Directory does not indicate whether each person is a member. This was a deliberate decision by the committee creating the new Directory since there are so few occasions when knowing whether a person is a member is important. Assessments for WQM is one of the few times membership makes a difference and even then, long time attenders and contributors can be included in the assessment even if they are not members. If Nominating Committee needed to know whether a prospective nomination for Clerk of the

Meeting is a member, this could easily be discovered through Archives. As to whether membership is meaningful, it is pointed out that it does have a *personal significance*.

#### Hosting WQM Business Session in February

Since WQM Business Meeting took up too much time at Yearly Meeting, it is now going to meet separately. Our Meeting **Approved** hosting a one day meeting of the WQM with emphasis on Business one of the last Saturdays in February, either the 21st or the 28th, when our Clerk, Bob Burton, is available. It was noted this will provide a chance to get to know Quakers outside our own Meeting.

#### Hosting visiting Quaker Minstrel Dann Pell in March

Dann Pell, a musician and member of Exeter Monthly Meeting of Friends in Douglassville, PA will be travelling in Oregon under the care of Exeter Meeting. Several musicians in our Corvallis Friends Meeting have listened to his music, Songs to Ground and Uplift (guitar and voice), and recommend that his music and message would be liked by our Meeting. **Approved** to invite Dann Pell to come Thursday, March 12th. It is suggested we invite people in Westminster House who are interested to attend and perhaps help with planning, and ask if Lou Glowacki would like to be our liaison with Westminster House. *[ed. Note: Dann has agreed to this date.]*

### **Next Meeting for Business: 1/11/2026**

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#### **Announcements:**

#### **Exclusive Film Screening: *How to Poison a Planet***

Presented by the College of Engineering and  
the [Clean Water Technology Initiative](#)

**Thursday, Feb. 5, 6:30 to 9 p.m.**

[Whiteside Theater](#)

361 SW Madison Ave, Corvallis, OR

Across the globe, access to clean water is threatened by population growth, climate change, industrial and agricultural pollution, and other pressures. Join us for an exclusive film screening of the award-winning documentary [How to Poison a Planet](#), followed by a panel discussion with field experts and stakeholders.

This groundbreaking film examines the use and spread of PFAS and other fluorinated compounds — human-made "forever chemicals" that never break down and now contaminate waterways, farmland, and communities worldwide, including the drinking water of 200 million Americans.

With behind-the-scenes access to the largest litigation involving drinking water in American history, *How to Poison a Planet* investigates how the use of a product as seemingly harmless as firefighting foam, has resulted in the contamination of communities all over the world. Spanning from the heart of New York City to a small First Nations community in Australia, the film exposes one of the most widespread environmental disasters in human history.

**Register here:** [https://oregonstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_1SUvBU5nBNfLuVU](https://oregonstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1SUvBU5nBNfLuVU)

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## **Advices & Queries - Integrity**

We strive to maintain integrity in word and deed. We recognize the temptations to grow rich at the expense of others, and how apparently harmless indulgence can lead to wrongdoing.

Avoid pretense in clothing, manners, and speech, realizing that false impressions may be conveyed by action and appearance, no less than by words.

In all the settings you find yourself, practice keeping a single and open manner of relating to others. Avoid using different characters in each role you fill.

We live our best lives as Friends when we focus on what Truth and Love require of us, not on our own comfort or contentment.

- How do we use the resources and strength we are given to meet the challenges of living a whole and honest life?
- How do we keep to a single standard of truth in daily life?  
Do we avoid taking judicial and other oaths?
- How do we fulfill the promises we make?
- Are we responsible about incurring and repaying debts?  
Are we just and honorable in all our dealings?
- How do we take care that our spiritual growth is not sacrificed to busyness?

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