

CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

FOURTH MONTH (APRIL) 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 April 5

6 AM Easter Sunrise Walking Meeting

(Gather near the Rotary Picnic Shelter in Willamette Park)

8:30-9:30 AM Silent Walking Worship Willamette Park Picnic shelter, off Goodnight Rd

10 AM Meeting for Worship at the Meetinghouse

11:20 AM Second Hour: Israel/Palestine conflict resolution speakers

Sunday April 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 donations for the Food Bank!*)

Sunday April 19

Note: both 10 AM Meeting for Worship and

11:30 AM Potluck lunch at the Meetinghouse

Sunday April 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

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

[pwd=L1hnbTBpcUp4RC9NSXdERUM3K3FrUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84281206597?pwd=L1hnbTBpcUp4RC9NSXdERUM3K3FrUT09) Meeting ID: 864 1766 6994 Passcode: 959966 or phone (253) 215 8782 CFM newsletter comes out on the first Sunday of each month. To subscribe by mail or email, contact corvallisfriends@gmail.com Submit by 25th 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/>

Sunrise Quaker worship in Corvallis on 4/5/2026

For Quakerish worship at sunrise on the day they celebrate Easter, come at 6:00 am on 4/5/2026. Gather near the Rotary Shelter in Willamette Park. If you're driving, follow Goodnight Ave. east until it ends in a parking lot. We'll be right there.

This year's planned walking route is on pavement and a few yards of bare dirt.

Our feet can stay relatively dry.

A spot where we'll be able to stand together on grass and see the dawn is within a few dozen yards of the east end of Rivergreen Avenue. This can provide wheelchair or walker access. Write or call Jay Thatcher <jthatch@peak.org> for details.

Second Hour (and related) programs

On April 5th at the rise of meeting (roughly 11:20 AM), we will be honored by two speakers who will describe, from their lived experiences, how history led us to the current situation in Israel and Palestine. Dr Aaron Wolf is Jewish, married to an Israeli, and works negotiating transboundary treaties regarding shared water sources. Dr Mousa Diabat is Palestinian, a hydrologist, friend and former student of Dr Wolf's, and shares the same passions of using conflict resolution for creating transboundary agreements. This is a special presentation for our Quaker community, and not open to the public, please.

On May 3rd, Adult Religious Exploration (ARE) will be hosting another book review second hour! Come share your favorite books with your Friends! A short talk by one of our librarians will also be featured. 11:20 AM. (Yes, this has been postponed several times.)

On 4th Sundays, the Worship and Ministry committee hosts participatory sessions with themes related to "**Spiritual Deepenings**" following Meeting for Worship, September-June. Our shared explorations help us get to know each other and ourselves better.

Nationwide Quaker participation

April 8 and April 21. Registration is open for CCL's Virtual Conservative Conference & Lobby Day. *Click to view this email in a browser.*

April 10-12. QEW (Quaker Earthcare Witness) Spring Gathering: "Spirit-Filled Activism" and how we ourselves are becoming instruments of Truth.

For information and registration, or [REGISTER HERE](#)

April 11-13. FCNL (Friends Committee on National Legislation): Friends Changemaker Weekend. In person and online.

This April, hundreds of advocates will be on Capitol Hill to deliver the urgent message that war is not the answer, at home or abroad. But change doesn't only come from Washington. We hope to

empower hundreds more across the country to mobilize in local communities, Meetings, and churches. Will you join us online for our first Friends Changemaker Weekend conference? [View in your browser](#)

**Save the date. May 15-17. WQM (Willamette Quarterly Meeting)
Spring Gathering and Retreat at Camp Lutherwood.**

Local Interfaith events

Every Friday noon - 1 pm: Silent Vigil for Unity and Peace, near 8th and Monroe in Central Park.
Each Saturday noon: Interfaith Prayer & Song Vigil for Peace, Courthouse steps, 4th & Madison.

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Corvallis Interfaith Network presents:

All Musical Interfaith Event

Sunday, April 12 2-4 pm

free of charge, donations gratefully accepted

Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan, 333 NW 35th St, Corvallis

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Following the AFSC presentation in January, many expressed a Quaker passion for a fair and humane outcome for Palestinians, and wanting to volunteer effectively. The Corvallis Palestine Solidarity group has ongoing events on these issues. corvallispalestine.org

POSTCARDS FOR PALESTINE: Thursdays, 2:30–5pm Interzone Cafe, 1563 NW Monroe Ave.

WEEKLY RALLY FOR PALESTINE: Saturdays, 12-1pm Benton County Courthouse.

SPEAKER SERIES: Third Sunday of the month, 3-5pm The Bière Library, 151 NW Monroe Ave.

Corvallis Friends Library: Quaker Quicks and Staff Picks

Anthony Benezet—Quaker, Abolitionist, Anti-Racist

by David Chanoff

This book is less an actual biography of Anthony Benezet than a “biography” of 18th-century American and English attitudes about not only slavery but racism itself.

Benezet's family were French Huguenots who fled the horrible and bloody persecution by the Catholic King Louis XIV that drove a quarter of France's Protestant population (those who survived the blood-bath) into exile. After brief stays in Holland and England, the Benezets finally arrived in Philadelphia, where, influenced in England by Fox's early Quaker movement, they became convinced Friends.

A quiet, modest, unassuming man, Benezet was heavily influenced by passing the slave market near his house each day. He became a teacher, first in Germantown, where he lived, then at Penn Charter, in Philadelphia, where his Quaker views—particularly concerning the education of girls—received support. He soon opened a small school for girls in his own home, and then, in a radical move, began teaching Blacks—children and adults—both free and slave. In the process he came to realize that Blacks were every bit as intelligent and diligent as Whites, a view that ran against not only the prevailing social assumptions, but Quaker ones as well. It was this view that gave the fire and passion to his subsequent writings on abolition, and made him an inspiration to the leading abolitionists of his time.

His conviction, born of his teaching experience and confirmed by many personal friendships with Blacks, that Blacks and Whites were equal in every way, was the unique inspiration that made him such an influence to the abolition movement, and later, up to our own day, the anti-racism movement. Though little known in the 21st century, he is the bedrock not only of the idea that “all men are created equal,” but of the Quaker conviction that “there is that of God in every person.”

HELP the FOOD BANK! HELP OUR NEIGHBORS EAT!

Every month on Third Sunday we collect food for the food bank. As we gather for our potluck, it feels right to think of our less fortunate neighbors. Thank you for participating!

Currently, cooking oil/salad oil, masa harina, and the usual non-food items (toilet paper, toothpaste, shampoo, detergent and diapers are most requested.

Potatoes are always welcome. Side dishes (rice dishes, mac'n cheese, hamburger or tuna helpers, etc.) and condiments are in low supply.

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. Thank you!

North Pacific Yearly Meeting Annual Session

Corvallis Monthly Meeting is part of *North Pacific Yearly Meeting*. NPYM unites unprogrammed (no hired minister) Quakers from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming. Each summer we gather for several days of worship, interest groups, talks by a chosen Friend in Residence, a Quaker bookstore, and a delightful “talent show.” This is a great way to get to know more Quakers and more about Quaker process.

This year NPYM's Annual Session will be **July 22nd to 26th**, at Evergreen State College, Olympia, WA. Please save the date!

Minutes of the Corvallis Friends Meeting for Business

March 8, 2026

Attending: Bob Burton (Clerk of the Meeting), Susan Easton (Recording Clerk), John Selker, Laurie Childers, Esther Schiedel, Bob Ward, Nancy Ewald, Nina Joy Lawrence, Abigail Stoughton, Craig Sanders, Ann Fuller, Wendy Robinson, Georg Stahl, Kathy Miller

Reading: It may not be quite accurate to say that “perfect love had cast out my fear” {John 4:18}. I still experienced fear, and have again on subsequent occasions. But I learned that I swim in a river of love, that I can orient myself to it, and feel its power. When I do so, I know that I can survive the fear, and go beyond it, to a powerful place of peace. I learned that I cannot simply make this transition just once, and stay in that place of love, for the fear comes back. So, I need to make that journey again and again, I needed disciplines, familiar paths to tread, to re-connect with love again and again and feel the fears subside. I understand this love as a manifestation of the Spirit, mediated through the ministry of my sisters and brothers, my wife and sons, my friends, and sometimes even strangers. *Bruce Birchard 2003 (pp 99-100 NYPM F&P)*

*** Approval of Minutes for Feb 8, Meeting for Business: Minutes Approved**

*** Treasurer’s Report: Report Accepted**

Treasurer noted that large difference between end of year balance and end of January balance is due to end of year distributions to Meeting charities.

Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)

FCNL asks every meeting and worship group for input on FCNL’s priorities to lobby Congress over the next two years. Bob Ward (NPYM rep to FCNL) and Bob Burton (Communicator for District #4 advocacy team to FCNL) propose to hold a letter/postcard writing session, preceded by a discussion of issues of interest of Friends, on March 22

The letter writing would focus on our Congressional delegation, but the issues discussed would be collected with an emphasis on what Corvallis Friends wish to prioritize. This would be presented at the next Meeting for Business, April 12, then sent to FCNL. (Submission to FCNL is due by April 17.)

***Meeting approved the proposal**

Dann Pell

Quaker minstrel, Dann Pell, will perform Songs to Ground and Uplift, at the Meeting House, Thursday, March 12,.

Anyone interested in old Quaker speak, can get his traveling minute from Bob Ward.

Scheduler’s Report

Jeff Kline reported several issues of concern. They briefly include:

- Concern that CFM members are using the Meeting House (MH) without confirming availability with the scheduler.
- CFM members coming into the MH while other groups are using it. Given the potential sensitivity of many of the renters (AA, meditation groups), scheduler's expectation is that they should not be disturbed by others.
- Scheduler expects that even if the calendar looks clear, users should coordinate with the scheduler for use to avoid conflicts. Special access to the calendar **does not** negate that users coordinate with the scheduler.
- CFM community users need to inform the scheduler, in a timely manner, when no longer needing weekly or monthly dates reserved so that these times are available for other users/uses.
- Personal checks are no longer the only, or primary, means of paying rents. Users are asking to use Venmo or to pay in cash. If Meeting can get a Venmo account, this would smooth rental payments.
- For the security of rental payments, Scheduler requests CFM to purchase a secure locked box for users to deposit payments. He also requests a second lock box for access by the treasurer of rental payments after they've been recorded by the scheduler.

*** Meeting will hold over the report to April Meeting for Business.**

***An ad hoc group will investigate options for dealing with payments and securing them in the Meeting House.** The ad hoc group will be composed of: Jeff Kline (scheduler), Wendy Robinson (treasurer), Bob Ward (assistant treasurer), and Laurie Childers.

*** Report accepted with thanks to Jeff.**

Peace, Justice and Environmental Concerns

- Nancy Ewald reports there is a new South Corvallis Food Bank Director.
- Nancy will need help carrying donations from the Meeting House (MH) in future as she will no longer have a car. **Volunteers who made themselves available were: Ann Fuller, Bob Burton, Nina Joy Lawrence, John Selker, and Susan Easton.**
- Ann Fuller has agreed to be at the MH when the maids come to clean the building. Marybetts Sinclair wrote a script in Spanish so the maids understood why she is there with them and what she would do in the event ICE showed up.

Worship and Ministry (W&M)

- Deepening Spiritual Connections will resume on Fifth Sunday, March 29. We will be exploring how to deal with the chaos in our country by spiritually deepening our Quaker testimonies related to integrity, community, and peace.
 - W&M will have an update on the report related to posting signs at the MH related to ICE entry. Most churches are open for religious services and other church events. Guidance from the Meeting is sought as to whether:
4. We should require renters to leave the doors locked during their events.

- Comments: This would be awkward to request of renters. It seems extreme to ask for this.
- We should post signs on all external doors stating that the MH prohibits anyone to enter with firearms, pepper spray, or other similar items.
- We should declare certain areas of the Meeting House as private space.
- Comments: Do we need curtains on all window for privacy? Do we need a lock for private spaces? Does ICE respect locked doors or is it more of a physical indication that an area is private? Do they respect signs if we designate private areas? We need to study whether signs and/or locks are adequate.

Pastoral Care Committee (PCC)

- PCC is available to attend to F/friend's needs. (clearness committees, care committees, logistical concerns e.g. moving, rides, etc.). Call one of the committee members if you have concerns.
- James Cox has moved to Conifer House on the north side of town. He is still seeking activities to attend.
- PCC will host a fun night, Thursday, April 9. They will supply a simple dinner (main dish, sides, salad, and fruit). There will also be games to play and jigsaw puzzles to put together.

Adult Religious Education (ARE)

- ARE will host another book review, First Sunday, April 5. Come share your favorite books with your Friends.
- March 1, Friends hosted Paul Parker, from Eugene Quaker Church to learn about his experience living in and teaching about Palestine and of the genocide and apartheid going on in Palestine and Gaza. He shared ideas of what Friends can do to end the conflict.

State of Society Report (SoS)

- Bob Burton shared the draft State of Society Report and requests comments, corrections, or edits be sent to him.
- Should it be reduced to one page?
- Reading of the SoS report was held over until the next Meeting for Business, April 12.

Nominating Committee

- Nancy Ewald is the new rides coordinator.
- Comments regarding rides:
- "As a rider, I'm not comfortable with the Meeting spending money to bring me to Meeting."

- “I’m not comfortable allotting money for unknown costs.”
- “Are there liability and/or insurance costs” associated with paying drivers?
- Only one teenager associated with the Meeting has a license to drive.
- Giving someone a ride opens the opportunity to chat with each other.
- Can the rides coordinator assess the need and map out what is needed? What will it take to make this successful?
- Please try to consolidate riders so that fewer cars are used.
- Who is willing to drive who is not already giving rides? (Abigail, Bob, Susan)
- Contact Nancy if you need/can give a ride.

Toward Right Relations – Roots of Injustice – Seeds of Change Workshop

Laurie Childers checked with the Corvallis Interfaith Coalition Steering Committee to ascertain their interest in this workshop. They declined, which opened other dates on the schedule. Also, the original date was two days before the general election, so Laurie is looking at a different date in October.

- The program could be on a Saturday or Sunday. It is a two hour program, probably 3-5pm.
- A donor has pledged \$500 toward the cost of the workshop. A donation of \$500-\$1000 (sliding scale) is requested.
- Volunteers will be needed.

Meeting phone

The Meeting House cell phone number has been on the Selker-Childers plan, but gets very little use. The cost, which they have absorbed, is \$30/mo. John wonders whether we need a phone. If so, would a Google online service line make more sense?

- Comments:
- The Meeting only receives 1-2 calls per month. Last month one of the calls was to solicit support for a reprogramming program for LGBTQ people.
- In the past, most calls concerned use of the Meeting House. Now most of those requests come via email, which is listed on the CFM website. Also, the scheduler’s phone number is listed as a contact for scheduling.
- Google corporation has cooperated with the government. Is this an organization we want to develop a relationship with?
- Would a Google line be secure? Are there other options?

Next Meeting for Business April 12, 2026

Advices & Queries – Civic Responsibility

We value the part we have in shaping the laws of our country. It is our task to see that these laws speak to and answer that of God, which we believe is in every person. Our aim is the building of a social order that works toward the expression of divine love. Our first allegiance remains with God.

If, by divine leading, our attention is focused on a law contrary to divine law, we must proceed with care. Before making a decision to oppose a law, we pray for further divine guidance; we consult with others who might be affected by our decision. When we reach clearness, we act with conviction.

When our decision involves disobedience to the law, we make the grounds of our action clear to all concerned. If there are penalties, we suffer them without evasion.

We care for those who suffer for conscience's sake.

- What are we doing as individuals and as a meeting to carry our share of civic responsibility for our community, state, and nation?
 - How are we working for change in government when change is needed?
 - How do we discern between meeting our obligations to the state and society and opposing those contrary to Quaker principles?
 - What are we doing to uphold those acting under a concern aligned with Quaker belief?
 - Do we share our convictions in a spirit of loving concern?
- In what ways do we care for those who are vulnerable or are in poverty in our communities?

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