

# CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

THIRD MONTH (MARCH) 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 March 1

**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: Paul Parker, on Palestine**

### Sunday March 8

**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!*)

**Quaker Minstrel Dann Pell's concert: Thurs. March 12 7 pm**

at the Meetinghouse

### Sunday March 15

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

**11:30 AM Potluck lunch** at the Meetinghouse

### Sunday March 22

**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**

### Sunday March 29

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

**10:00 am Meeting for Worship**

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

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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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## Second Hour (and related) programs

March 1<sup>st</sup>, Adult Religious Exploration (ARE) hosted Paul Parker of Eugene Friends Church. He spoke with us about the Palestinian genocide and how we as individual & as a Meeting can help. Twenty three of us were there & we all deeply appreciated his thorough, scholarly, and heart-let offering.

On April 5, 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.

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. Our shared explorations help us get to know each other and ourselves better.

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### Quaker Minstrel Dann Pell's concert March 12, 7 PM

Dann Pell, a musician and member of Exeter Monthly Meeting of Friends in Douglassville, PA will be traveling in Oregon under the care of Exeter Meeting. With guitar and vocals, he will give a concert of *Songs to Ground and Uplift* at our Meetinghouse on the evening of Thursday, March 12 at 7 pm. Please invite friends and Friends!

Dann writes: “I call my offering Songs to ground and uplift. Embracing the fleeting, we ground in the present moment, Acknowledging the Beyond we are lifted in the Spirit. Each session begins and ends with gathered silence.

The size of the gathering is unimportant, attendance has ranged from 3 - 40+. Typically I accept a free will donation from attenders in support of the offering.

I'm including a link to a video for an introduction to my sound <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e157r8FXEJw>

Here's an article on my music offerings at home and abroad:

<https://www.pottsmmerc.com/2025/04/04/south-coventry-native-shares-folk-music-to-help-others-step-back-and-exhale/>

Further recorded music can be streamed here: [dannpell.bandcamp.com](http://dannpell.bandcamp.com) “

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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.  
Each Saturday noon: Interfaith Prayer & Song Vigil for Peace, Courthouse steps, 4th & Madison.

*Corvallis Interfaith Cafe* March 8, 2026 / 3-5pm Theme for Spiritual Conversations: **Faith & Doubt**

Our Host: Sandi Bean, Bahai Faith Location: Meadow Park Clubhouse, 277 NW Conifer Blvd

Dessert Potluck: Please bring a dessert to share All are Welcome!

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](http://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.

[And on this subject, you can still join:](#) February 19 – March 26, six Thursdays 4:00-5:30 PT, **“Why Palestine Matters” course created by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting** via Zoom.

Gain perspectives and histories to put news headlines in greater context, discover where to learn more, and advocate for justice.

Learn [why Palestine matters](#) (for info on book).

Questions? – contact Sandy Rea [drsandyrea@hotmail.com](mailto:drsandyrea@hotmail.com) Please put “WPM” in subject line.

Register here: [Why Palestine Matters Course | 2026 · Philadelphia Yearly Meeting](#).

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

An assortment of books that we have decided do not meet our criteria for inclusion in the library can be found on the long pew in the Fellowship Room. Please take a minute or two to look them over and take whatever appeals to you. Any books that are unclaimed will be donated to the public library.

New in the Library: *Modern Psalms for Healers and Activists* by Dwight L. Wilson  
Dwight has a long resumé of teaching and leadership, and has authored a number of books, some of which are based on his 4<sup>th</sup> great-grandmother who was born into slavery. Among other things, he served as General Secretary of Friends General Conference.

From the cover: “The psalms of the Hebrew Bible were written to express the deepest emotions of a people of faith longing for a feeling of wholeness in a fractured world. In this forth volume of *Modern Psalms*, the author continues the tradition of crying out to The Holy One against injustice, and inspiring those pushed to the margins of society with the tools necessary to become healers and activists.”

Here is a sample from the 365 psalms in his book:

*21 March*

*You are with me in my solitude,  
whispering away the cacophony.  
In the special moments that we share,  
our communication can be in silence  
or in the movements of Your creatures  
whose language is foreign to humans.  
Help me to understand the natural  
metaphors that You send for guidance.  
Your wordless wisdom helps me to heal.*

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## 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.

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!

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## 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!

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## Minutes of the Corvallis Friends Meeting for Business

February 8, 2026

**Present:** Craig Sanders (Clerk), Susan Easton (Recording Clerk), Jeff Kline, Laurie Childers, Nancy Ewald, Loreen Olufson, Nina Joy Lawrence, Abigail Stoughton, Carmen Brummet, Jay Thatcher, Bob Ward, Esther Schiedel,

**Approval of January, 2026 Minutes \*Approved**

### Treasurer's Report

- January's report shows a large balance due to outstanding donations not yet cashed
- Insurance (\$2,348) is for property insurance
- Garbage was mistakenly paid twice, once out of a personal account. It shows the correction
- Report was **\*accepted** by the Meeting

### Willamette Quarterly Meeting (WQM) Report

WQM is meeting in Corvallis Feb 21. Friends are requested to help with the following:

- Volunteer needed to coordinate lodging for traveling Friends
- Provide lodging for traveling Friends

- Set up the Meeting House Friday night for the Saturday WQM
- AV and technical assistance
- Materials i.e. photocopying (donated or reimbursed)
- Other – Childcare, phone contact, overall coordination, etc.
- Help with House and Hospitality (snacks, cleanup, greeting, name tags, donations, etc)

Registration is required before February 15 by phone, email, or phone message

- Contact Laura Arcidiacono: [arcidiacono2000@yahoo.com](mailto:arcidiacono2000@yahoo.com); (971) 275-6019 or (503) 392-2904 (landline)
  - Information needed: Your name and names of attenders with you Email address and phone number, for confirmation (speak slowly and clearly)
  - Ages of people under 18
  - Dietary requirements for lunch
  - Overnight lodging needed? Yes/No; which nights; other requests
  - Anything we should know (e.g. disabilities, late arrival, etc.)
- \* Report accepted** with gratitude

### Hosting Dann Pell in March

4. Dann Pell concert is confirmed for Thursday, March 12, 2026, 7pm
  5. Laurie Childers can help him set up the room,
  6. Laurie is not available to re-set the room after the concert, arrange or clean up refreshments, or handle donations, nor host.
  7. Bob Ward and Marybetts Sinclair will coordinate to manage the logistics of Pell's visit.
- \* Report accepted**

### Report on the AFSC Palestinian Activism Program Oregon Tour (Jan 22-26) **\*Report Accepted**

- The speaker showed highlight of AFSC's 110 year history in Israel-Palestine-Gaza.
- Photos from 1948 showed orderly, habitable refugee camps. Photos from 2025 show makeshift, crammed, and rubble strewn camps.
- One story from a Palestinian AFSC staff was linked in the Wednesday Digest through Feb 11, 2026.
- AFSC put on a "Goals For Gaza" soccer tournament that brought 20 youth together for solidarity, confidence, and identity.

Comments from attenders:

- It is important to speak to young people, not just gray hairs.
- It's hard not to be angry, but it's important to come from a place of love, inclusion, and hold all parties in love.

Response by CFMtg for AFSC and Joshua Soderland's plea for support of Gaza

- Friends sensed that the Meeting is stretched too thin and is not ready to organize support at this time. It was also felt that more information is needed before considering to lend support as a Meeting.

### Worship and Ministry

- At the 4th Sunday in January, *Deepening Spiritual Connections*, Friends got a feel for what Friends are doing and how they are living out their testimonies.
- *Deepening Spiritual Connections* will be cancelled in February due to WQM taking place that weekend. It will resume in March. **\*Report Accepted**

## **Pastoral Care Committee**

CFM needs a transportation coordinator; there are 7 Friends who need rides on an ongoing basis.

- PCC is investigating whether the high schoolers would be able to assist in addition to Friends who already give rides to Meeting.

Another greeter for Meeting is needed as one of the greeters is giving up her driving license. Jay Thatcher volunteered to be a greeter.

**\*Report accepted**

## **Adult Religious Education (ARE)**

- ARE hosted Joshua Soderland in January to share his experiences in Palestine.
- ARE is planning to bring in a speaker from Eugene Friends Church regarding their study of the situation in Gaza/Palestine. ARE is reaching out to other churches who may be interested in the program.

## **Peace, Justice, and Environment (PJE)**

### **Food Bank**

There is no specific item we're collecting, but the recommendation is food for winter weather: e.g. soup, oil, staples. Donations will be delivered in the week following pot luck on 3rd Sunday.

### **Ad Hoc Committee on the protection of Latina workers**

- The committee contacted the Maids corporation to discover their policies re: safety of employees of their franchises. They have not returned phone calls.
- Ann Fuller has volunteered to let the maids in on cleaning day and stay until they leave in the event ICE or another agency came to the Meeting House.
- The committee is also contacting other churches to see how they're handling this issue. The UUs have a notice on their door stating their building is all private space. We could declare the fellowship room, kitchen, bathroom, and children's room is all private space. It was suggested they talk with Lorena Reynolds to find out what we could legally do.
- We have previously minuted the prohibition of firearms and pepper spray in the Meeting House, but not necessarily ICE agents. It was recommended that House and Hospitality make signs to put on the doors to that end. They plan to check with other churches for the right wording. It was also suggested to check what churches and worship groups in Minneapolis are doing.

**\*Meeting accepted the report with appreciation**

## **State of the Meeting**

A draft State of the Meeting report was read aloud. If Friends have suggestions or edits, they can get in touch with Bob Burton who wrote it. The draft report will be held over until next month.

## **Corvallis Interfaith**

Laurie Childers proposed that we and the Interfaith group fund and experience the *Toward Right Relations: Roots of Injustice – Seeds of Change* interactive session. She participated in such a group at a Montana Gathering of Friends and found it a powerful experience.

- It relates to Native American experience for the last 500+ years.
  - It is now a project of Friends Peace Teams.
  - Participating congregations could share the cost (\$600-1000) plus transport/hosting of the facilitator.
  - November 1st, 3-5 pm was agreed as a date with enough lead time for us to plan it.  
*[note: this date likely to be moved to October]*
- \*Meeting approved hosting** the event. No agreement was reached regarding what we are willing to contribute financially.

**Next Meeting for Business will be March 8, 2026.**

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### **Advices & Queries – “Be Not Afraid”**

Courage is a fundamental act of faith.

As Friends we examine our fears and have the courage to release those that prevent us from growing in the Spirit and following our Guide. As we continue letting go of our fears and following the motions of love, we are led into a new, more abundant and joy-filled life. Although this life is not always free of pain, it is graced with a courage that will endure any adversity.

We ask those in authority to employ their power to reconcile and unify us, rather than to exploit fear to divide us.

It takes courage to reach out to those who are creating fear and to those who are controlled by fear. We work to restore harmony through peacemaking and reconciliation based in mutual love. Disharmony is a manifestation of fear; it results in separation from God, from ourselves, from our fellow human beings, and from all of creation.

- How does fear influence our lives? Are our decisions based on fear, or do we trust the Spirit's urging toward love and reconciliation? How do we let go of our fears, trusting the Spirit, so that we can restore peace in our meetings and communities?
- Do we encourage each other through love to act in faithful witness? How do we identify and confront fears that deceive, enslave, and stop us from living faithfully?
- In times of trial and terror how can we open our hearts, return to God's love, and move forward with courage?
- What would we do, as individuals and as a community, if we were not afraid?

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