

CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

SIXTH MONTH (JUNE) 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 June 7

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: ARE Spiritual Book Reviews

Sunday June 14

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

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

11:40 AM Hybrid Meeting for Business Zoom/CFM (*Bring donations for the Food Bank!*)

Sunday June 21

Note: both 10 AM Meeting for Worship and

11:30 AM Potluck lunch 361 NE Plymouth Circle, Corvallis 97330

(Esther and Charles' weather permitting; in case of rain we'll be at the Meetinghouse)

Sunday June 28

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

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

11:20 AM: Second Hour: 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>

Second Hour (and related) programs

Sunday June 7, 11:30 am – 12:45 pm. Second Hour: Meeting for Threshings on the letter “Quakers Discern Genocide is Occurring in Gaza and Urge Courageous Action”

Corvallis Friends will hold a Threshing Session on whether we support North Pacific Yearly Meeting, (our regional gathering of Friends), to sign the 5-page letter that many Quaker organizations have signed, stating discernment of genocide in Gaza by Israel. (See Wed. Digest of May 27 for letter.) We are not discerning whether Corvallis Monthly Meeting should sign the letter.

Threshing sessions are a safe time to honestly express feelings, frustrations, and convictions. We expect, and welcome wide differences. This is not a business meeting and no decisions will be made. Please come both ready to speak your truth and to deeply hear and learn from each other.

Please read the letter. We don't intend to read it in full at the threshing session as it is so long. We are not invited to wordsmith the text.

Queries to invite our speaking and listening:

- How does this letter fit with speaking to that of God in everyone?
- Is this letter good enough as is, or are major issues left out?
- What impact might I hope for or be worried about if our Yearly Meeting signs it?

NOTE: Adult Religious Exploration (ARE) programs following Meeting for Worship on First Sundays are suspended for the summer. Likewise, 4th Sundays' second hour programs hosted by Worship and Ministry will resume in September.

**Please save the date! Saturday, October 10, 3-5 pm,
Corvallis, OR Toward Right Relations (TRR) workshop
at Corvallis Friends Meetinghouse, 3311 NW Polk St.**

We have much healing to do from the manner in which the land on this continent was colonized. We can participate. Our Toward Right Relations program will be held two days before Indigenous People's Day is honored in Corvallis, so it feels appropriate.

FMI about this Quaker program, please see:

<https://friendspeaceteams.org/trr/ttps://friendspeaceteams.org/trr/>

Rev. Irv Porter, from Tuallip, WA, will be our facilitator. He is Native himself, and has led this workshop many times.

We have use of the whole building from 2 pm to 6 pm. That gives us time to set up and take down, without being in a big hurry. Would you like to help set up?

We will *not* be able to admit late arrivals, so plan to come well before 3.

Our financial plan is that Corvallis Friends Meeting will accept tax-deductible donations to pay for the cost of the event in advance. Those who come to the event can (and we hope will) contribute financially to a local Native American effort. *Attendance will be limited to 40 people. Registration will happen in September.*

The program involves people reading from the historical record. I am recruiting people with voices that project loudly and clearly to be readers. *Would you like to be a reader?* Please let me know privately. Then, well in advance, we will set up a rehearsal online for a month prior, sometime in mid-Sept.

Laurie Childers (childers@peak.org)

Local Interfaith events

Our meeting house is the site of the next Corvallis Interfaith Gathering on Sunday, June 7th, 3-5 pm. We will be led in Dances of Universal Peace, and there's a dessert potluck.

Welcome everyone!

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.

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

We've got a great selection of books and magazines in the corner Library of the Fellowship Room. Please peruse, make use of the comfy chair, check something out if you want to read it at home for a few weeks, then bring it back. These books are here for you.

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, **toilet paper and diapers**, as well as toothpaste, shampoo, and detergent are most requested.

Food staples are always needed. 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." Like WQM only bigger, 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. Registration is now open!
You can register, or just learn more, at:

<https://lists.npym.org/mail.cgi/archive/news/20260523011818/>

The theme this year is ***Welcoming Soul and Spirit***

Spirit desperately needs the contributions of each one of us even more right now. In our many different places, we are called to be instruments of peace, love, justice, and compassion.

Marcelle Martin will serve as our Friend in Residence.

NPYM is hosting **Mobility, Vision, and Hearing Challenges** – a conversation
June 6, 2 – 3 pm

Register [here](#).

This session is designed to hear from people with mobility, vision, or hearing challenges about their experiences at Annual Session and in our home Meetings. Are accommodations enough? Are attitudes positive? What could we understand and do better?

The session is hosted by the Working Group on Addressing Harm with Care of North Pacific Yearly Meeting, as part of the Diversity 101 series. Links to the other sessions are available here: [Promoting Anti-Racism in Quaker Settings](#); [Neurodiversity Unmasked](#); and [LGBTQ+ and Transgender Understanding](#). General information on the Working Group is [here](#).

Meeting for Worship for Business Minutes

Corvallis Friends Meeting

May 10, 2026

Attending: Bob Burton (Clerk of the Meeting), Susan Easton (Recording Clerk), Laurie Childers, Bob Ward, Bob Henderson, Lou Glowacki, Kathy Miller, Nina Joy Lawrence, Loreen Olufson, Craig Sanders, Abigail Stoughton, Nancy Ewald, Georg Stahl, Maddie Starr, Carmen Brummet, Ann Fuller, Wendy Robinson.

Reading and opening silence: *A good end cannot sanctify evil means; nor must we ever do evil that good may come of it. . . Let us then try what love will do.*

William Penn 1693 (F&P, NPYM 3rd edition, pg 95).

Approval of Minutes of 4/12/2026 Meeting for Business *Minutes approved

Treasurer's Report: *Treasurer's Report accepted

Items of note:

- Lou Glowacki, as historian of Westminster House, found money (\$3.35) in the Westminster Library related to Friends work on the draft. They thought it appropriate to return it to the Meeting.
- Almost \$360 was spent to acquire toothbrushes and toothpaste for CFM's contribution to the South Corvallis Food Bank.
- The Meeting now has a lockbox to secure payments by renters.
- The POP project has ceased until November.

Willamette Quarterly Meeting (WQM) Report

An hour is allotted during WQM for a presentation of the future of WQM. Questions will be raised: Do Friends want a fall Meeting for Business to discuss this? A working group?

The annual WQM retreat is coming up the weekend of May 15-17 at Lutherwood camp Cheshire, Oregon, west of Eugene.

Peace, Justice, and Environment (PJ&E) Report

- PJ&E agreed to remain as an active interest group while being guided by the energy of the Meeting as a whole. Interested participants are welcome. The next meetings will be: May 14 and May 28.
- Nancy Ewald's work with the Food Bank on behalf of CFM is appreciated. Volunteers are requested to help transport CFM's donations.

- John Selker reported he and Bob Burton spoke to Sen. Jeff Merkley in a zoom conference and hope to secure appointments to talk to Sen. Ron Wyden and Rep. Val Hoyle in the near future.
John and Bob Burton are looking at meeting our Congressional delegation in Washington, DC in June.
- NPYM (Yearly Meeting) has asked monthly Meetings and Worship Groups for discernment on signing on to a document produced by AFSC, FCNL, and other Quaker organizations. It will be presented at the annual Meeting in July. The title of the document is: “Quakers Discern Genocide is Occurring in Gaza and Urge Courageous Action.”
PJ&E suggested CFM have a threshing session for Friends to study the document and consider its relevance to Quaker values and testimonies. ***A threshing session was approved for June 7th, second hour after Meeting for Worship.**
There is a second document individual meetings are encouraged to sign on to focused on ending genocide. A request was made for the two documents be sent separately so that neither one is overlooked.

Worship and Ministry (W&M) Report

W&M has held seven Deepening Spiritual Connections programs examining Quaker traditions, central testimonies, stories of Quakers who have acted on the testimonies, how we are interacting with the world to express our testimonies, our reactions to world events and what is underneath our feelings about events in the Middle East.

W&M Second Hour, May 24 will focus on what we appreciate about our meeting (and other meetings).

We will begin our summer traditions of sharing third Sunday worship in people’s yards. If you are interested in volunteering your yard, contact a member of W&M. May potluck will be deferred to May 31, since Friends will be gone to Camp Lutherwood for WQM on the third Sunday. These will run from May through September.

If the weather is looking rainy, windy, or too hot, we will cancel outdoor meeting via email on Saturday and will go to the Meeting House.

Adult Religious Exploration (ARE)

ARE planned to review POLST and End of Life forms. This program will be postponed to October, as the PJE threshing session will occur on First Sunday of June.

Nominating Committee (Nom Com)

Nom Com presented a provisional slate of nominations for the Meeting’s various committees and volunteers. The major assignments are already filled. A more complete report will be published in the Wednesday Digest before the June Meeting for Business.

Many Friends step up when there is a specific need. Fewer Friends are inclined to a longer term, regular commitment. This is why the Meeting long ago laid down several committees in favor of Volunteer Coordinators and Volunteers. Some volunteer assignments are long term; others last only for the life of a special project and end when it's completed or abandoned.

Wendy Robinson has agreed to be Clerk of the Meeting, but wants Meeting to understand she will continue to primarily worship with the Walking Meeting, except for potluck Sundays.

A question was raised as to why "terms of office" (one to three years) are included when the past few years we have disregarded them. One Friend explained this is to emphasize the commitment we make to the Meeting when agreeing to serve any particular role.

Announcements

Laurie Childers announced the date for the "Right Relations" workshop is scheduled for Saturday, October 10th, 3-5 p.m. There will be a limit of 40 participants. Strong voices are sought to be readers.

The program will cover 376 years of Quaker experience including settlement of the U.S.

Advices & Queries – Peace

We practice love and peacemaking within our families, in our meetings, and in the greater Quaker community. This experience will support our testimony of peace as we are involved in the larger world.

Peace is the state in which we are in accord with the Divine, the earth, others and ourselves. We know that true, lasting peace among us is attainable through unity in the life of the spirit.

When a conflict is beginning, we take steps to resolve it quickly and reduce the damage it does. When a conflict has ended, we take steps toward forgiveness, reconciliation, and restoration. In this way we help break the cycles of violence. We work to create the conditions of peace, such as freedom, justice, cooperation and the right sharing of the world's resources.

As we work for peace in the world, we search out the seeds of war in ourselves and in our way of life. We refuse to join in actions which lead to destruction and death. We seek ways to cooperate to save life and strengthen the bonds of unity among all people.

- Do we live in the virtue of that life and power which takes away the occasion of all war?
- Do we refrain from taking part in war as inconsistent with the Spirit of Christ?
- In what ways do we take part in war indirectly?

- What are we doing to remove the causes of war and to bring about the conditions of peace? Where there is hatred, division or strife, how are we instruments of reconciliation and love?
- Do we recognize that we are capable of both violence and peace? How do we build bridges that lead us to faith and resolve conflict?
- How do we communicate to others an understanding of the basis of our peace testimony?
- As we work for peace in the world, how are we nourished by peace within ourselves, our families, and our meetings?

From North Pacific Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice. Copies are available from the Meeting and online at npym.org.

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