

# CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

SEVENTH MONTH (JULY) 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 July 5

**8:30-9:30 AM Silent Walking Worship** Willamette Park Picnic shelter, off Goodnight Rd  
**10 AM Meeting for Worship** at the Meetinghouse

### Sunday July 12

**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!*)

### Monday July 13 5:30 – 9 PM

Taco dinner and discussion (see p 2)

### Sunday July 19

**Note: both 10 AM Meeting for Worship and for**  
**11:30 AM Potluck lunch** Marisabel Gouverneur's house,  
1490 West Thornton Lake Dr, Albany OR 97321  
(*weather permitting; in case of rain we'll be at the Meetinghouse*)

**July 22-26:** North Pacific Yearly Meeting Annual Session in Olympia, Washington and online

### Sunday July 26

**8:30-9:30 AM Silent Walking Worship** Willamette Park  
**10:00 am Hybrid Meeting for Worship Zoom\*** and Meetinghouse together

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**Silent Worship every Wednesday at 7 – 7:45 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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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](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**

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

**July 13, from 5:30 to 9:00 pm, Meetinghouse library.**

### **"Tacos and Tumult - an evening of dinner and discussion"**

The Peace, Social Justice and Environment group is planning a gathering for us to share a meal and explore actions the Meeting is led to take in response to injustices our current administration is carrying out, at home and abroad. We were inspired by a Minute of Conscience shared by Palo Alto Monthly Meeting, which has been distributed as a PDF in previous Weekly Digests. Copies of that Minute will be available at the Meetinghouse, and July's newsletter. (Please be respectful of the yoga group who will be using the worship space next door from 7 to 8.) We will supply all the ingredients for delicious tacos, we encourage Friends to come with leadings and suggestions to share, open to where the Spirit leads us.

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**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/https://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 and/or take down?) 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.*

Laurie Childers ([childers@peak.org](mailto:childers@peak.org))

## **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.

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.

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

*The Islamic Jesus* by Mustafa Akyol *Reviewed by Nancy Ewald*

I'm not really into theology, but I admit this book fascinated me. I was hooked by the end of the first chapter. I've always thought theology was a human construct with everyone claiming they have the ONE TRUE BELIEF and God's on their side. Really? Who says? I guess that's why I'm a Quaker with what I hope is an open mind.

But Akyol is a thorough scholar and his research covers all the sacred writings of the three major monotheistic faiths. Not surprisingly, they're more alike than you might guess. And he goes back to square one, examining the writings of these three faiths from their very earliest days. And he covers all the big-button issues—Was Jesus God? Son of God? A prophet? Was Mary a “virgin” in today's meaning? Did Jesus have a human, biological father, or—somehow—God? Is the gospel of James legitimate? Who was James, anyway?

Akyol is very readable, doing a good job of distilling the ancient writings to their basic points, so the book flows readily. If the subject intrigues you, pick up the book in our own CFM library.

(Turns out, I may be as much Islamic as Christian...)

*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.*

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## **Please donate to the FOOD BANK!**

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

South Corvallis Food Bank's current and ongoing needs for this spring and summer are especially focused on the following items: Toilet paper, Cooking/salad oil, Condiments & spices (especially ketchup and mustard), Hearty soups & stews, and Side dishes & boxed meals. As always, please bring items to the meetinghouse throughout the month or to the monthly potluck. Food bank clients and volunteers are very grateful for our donations. Thank you, Friends, for your continuous generosity. If you can't come to potluck, bring your donations to the meetinghouse ahead of time and put them in the big 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." 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 closed June 26, but the Registrar may be able to add you.*

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

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

Marcelle Martin will serve as our Friend in Residence.

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## Meeting for Worship for Business Minutes

Corvallis Friends Meeting  
June 14, 2026

**Attending:** Bob Burton (Clerk), Susan Easton (Recording Clerk), Jay Thatcher, Nina Joy Lawrence, Wendy Robinson, Loreen Olufson, Lorena Reynolds, Ann Fuller, Bob Henderson, Bob Ward, Laura Horsey, Nancy Ewald, John Selker, Georg Stahl, and Kathy Miller.

**Reading:** We must abide the slowness of the organic. An inanimate bomb reaches its goal swiftly, annihilating whatever is in its way. A living object is soft and pliable, slowly adjusting its environment to itself. It must always depend on small beginnings, germ cells which are perhaps invisible. The pacifist is not afraid of minute beginnings, aimed at the distant future. Violence works quickly, but in the realm of life, results are never swift.

### Opening silence

### Additions to the agenda:

This was the annual corporate meeting of the Corvallis Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. Three of the four corporate officers were in attendance: Wendy Robinson, Lorena Reynolds, and Nina Joy Lawrence. The fourth, Esther Scheidel, was absent.

### Approval of Minutes of 5/10/2026 Meeting for Business

**\*Minutes approved** with the following correction: John Selker was attending.

### Monthly Treasurer's Report

There was nothing unusual to note. **\*Report accepted.**

### Annual Budget Report for Meeting

There was no discussion of donations by the meeting. Donations occur in December. Discussion was postponed until November.

Expenses minus donations are: \$21,243.

Discussion of payment for childcare revolved around:

Whether the paid carer should be paid whether or not any children show up (i.e. should they be paid for one hour or the full time scheduled).

Are we paying the carer according Benton Co living wage standard or state of Oregon minimum wage plus?

To invest in ourselves and to invest in the future, Meeting House Maintenance proposed we install a heat pump. Estimated cost is around \$5000.

A line item for a Zoom subscription needs to be added to the budget.

The line item for Welcoming Friends was questioned: Should it be under Outreach? It is there to provide funds for welcoming new members. In the past, Pastoral Care used their budget for this purpose. It was recommended that the money be folded in to Pastoral Care Committee.

Alternatively, the Welcoming Friends fund could be used for installing blinds in the fellowship room to make it more welcome and to alleviate allergens. Its also expected to be better environmentally.

House and Hospitality recommended a line item for stretching the rug in the fellowship room.

The Treasurers were tasked with modifying the budget. No other action was taken.

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

Meeting considered proposed statements regarding the situation in Gaza and the Middle East which will be considered at North Pacific Yearly Meeting (NPYM). CFM held a threshing session earlier in the month to consider a five-page proposal: ***Quaker Organizations Discern Genocide is Occurring in Gaza and Urge Courageous Action***. Another proposed minute, ***An Apartheid-free pledge***, was discussed.

Thoughts which arose in Meeting for Business about the two documents:

- Blaming inflames one side or the other; it would be better to name what is going on.
- The document does not name American complicity.
- The words genocide and apartheid bring up images of Jews and of South Africa. Naming the deeds gets the point across.
- Use of labels elevates the issue.
- Naming is positive and goes in the right direction.

A third document, written by Susan Cozzens, and edited with input from Bob Ward, Bob Henderson, and others from other NPYM Meetings: ***North Pacific Yearly Meeting Minute on Peace with Justice in Palestine***, condenses the issues outlined in the ***Genocide in Gaza*** document, but concentrates on American culpability and informs a path to mend

relations in the region. It has been sent around to all NPYM Meetings. It will be considered by NPYM in July.

Further thoughts and comments *expressed during MFB*:

- Concern about othering Israel. The ***Peace with Justice*** document is much more balanced.
- Friends should be mindful of the increase of antisemitism. The book People Love Dead Jews, was recommended.
- I like that there is more caring in this document; we want things right for both sides.
- The one page ***Peace with Justice*** proposal is more digestible and represents a distillation of what CFM is willing to support.
- This ***Peace with Justice*** document is not perfect, but is good enough.
- Appreciation was expressed for the work of Friends in the threshing session.

Corvallis Friends Meeting will report to NPYM:

After a threshing session regarding ***Quaker Organizations Discern Genocide is Occurring in Gaza and Urge Courageous Action***, and a second document regarding ***An Apartheid-free pledge***, multiple problems of commission and omission were noted by different members and attenders, (despite general agreement with the main findings). The Clerk, Robert Burton, felt that the two documents earlier sent out, were not ready to be approved by our Meeting, and deferred consideration of them pending editing, clarification, and incorporation of the improved language of the one-page document. Instead, he asked us to focus our Meeting time and effort on finding unity regarding the one-page document.

**\* We approve and support the spirit of the revised one-page statement by Susan Cozzens, *Minute on Peace with Justice in Palestine*. (attached). \*Minute approved.**

#### **Other PJ&E issues:**

John Selker and Bob Burton have been in conversation with Sen. Merkley's office regarding the situation in Gaza and the Middle East. They will speak with Rep. Hoyle's staff the day following Meeting for Business. An appointment was set up with Sen. Wyden's office, but it was cancelled because Wyden's office has already spoken to FCNL and declines to speak to multiple groups about this issue.

John recommended individuals write letters to Wyden's office and write letters to the editors of local papers. He and others are trying to come up with language to lobby Wyden with.

#### **Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee brought forward a slate of nominees for various offices and committees. The new year runs July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

The committee has again found that many Friends will step up when we hear of a specific need. Few are inclined to a longer term, regular commitment. Nominating committee has

asked several people of interest regarding assignments, but have not heard back. As a result, several years ago, the Meeting turned several committees into volunteer groups.

Comments regarding nominations:

- Assignments for FCNL and FWCC representative are currently blank. The representative from CFM is expected to receive mailings weekly about issues that come up. It is good to have someone who can bring messages forward to the Meeting.
- Bob Burton volunteered to be the Meeting contact for FCNL.
- FWCC is an organization that attempts to represent all branches of Quakerism including NPYM. It represents Quakers globally.
- There was a question as to why a Friend was not considered for a particular position. Nominating Committee explained that it was not ready to bring forward that assignment.
- Nominating Committee work is an ongoing process. Meanwhile the clock is ticking on the full slate as presented.

**\* A minute** for the full slate of nominations, as presented (including FCNL), **was approved by Meeting, with gratitude.**

### **Summer Meetings for Business**

M4B will meet July 12, but not in August. The next M4B after July will occur September 9.

### **Abbreviations:**

CFM Corvallis Friends Meeting      FCNL: Friends Committee on National Legislation  
FWCC Friends World Conference For Consultation      M4B: Meeting for Business  
NPYM North Pacific Yearly Meeting

\* An asterisk represents an approved minute

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## **Corvallis Friends Meeting Report from Nominating Committee**

### **Friends to begin service on 7/1/2026**

The Nominating Committee found again this year that many Friends will step up when we hear of a specific need. Few 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 may last only for the life of a special project and end when it's completed or abandoned.

**Clerk (~3 years):** Wendy Robinson

**Recording Clerks:** Carmen Brummet, Laura Horsey

## COMMITTEES

**Worship and Ministry:** Nina Lawrence, Laurie Childers, Pat Omidian, Craig Sanders

**Treasurer:** Bob Ward

**Assistant Treasurer:** Wendy Robinson

**Check signer:** Esther Schiedel

**Librarians:** Nancy Ewald, Carmen Brummet, Craig Sanders

**Pastoral Care:** Bob Burton, 3 years; John Selker, 2 years; Esther Schiedel, 2 or 3 yrs;

Abigail Stoughton, 1 year

**Corporation Officers:** Nina Lawrence, Lorena Reynolds, Wendy Robinson, Esther Schiedel

**Adult Religious Exploration:** Diane Madrigale, Georg Stahl, Abigail Stoughton

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## VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS and Volunteers

**Major Meetinghouse Maintenance *Painting, the Heating System, roof, lights or other major systemic problems:***

John Selker, coordinator plus Bob Burton, Larry Burton, Charles Kettenring (heating)

**Groundskeeping Projects *in care of the outside area.***

Kathy Miller & Abigail Stoughton, coordinators, plus Ann Fuller, Lou Glowacki, Bob Henderson, Laura Horsey

**House and Hospitality** *This person coordinates the hospitality functions, social events, minor repairs, scheduling the meetinghouse, cleaning service and indoor work days.*

Marybetts Sinclair, coordinator, plus Susan Easton, Nina Joy Lawrence, Kathy Miller, Loreen Olufson

**Communication** *This coordinator sees that membership records, the mailing list and Meeting Users' Manual are kept current. Find volunteers to edit and mail a newsletter.*

**Communication Coordinator:** Bob Ward

**Archives:** Jay Thatcher

**Email Bulletin:** Bob Ward

**Bulletin Assistance:** Bob Burton

**Directory:** Ann Fuller, Craig Sanders

**Newsletter Editor:** Laurie Childers

**Assist Newsletter:** Craig Sanders & Susan Easton

**Mail Newsletter:** Diane Madrigale & Larry Burton

**Phone Messages:** Nancy Ewald & Bob Ward

**Rides:** Nancy Ewald

**Sort Mail:** Jay Thatcher & Wendy Robinson

**Website Care:** Pat Omidian

**Children and Youth Programs** *Children's religious education and Quakerly fun.*

Lou Glowacki , Nina Lawrence, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**Peace Justice & the Environment** *Plan action on social concerns.*

Ann Fuller, Kathy Miller, John Selker, Georg Stahl

**Representation** Maintaining contact with the Quaker organizations e.g. NPYM, WQM, AFSC, FCNL as well as Corvallis organizations e.g. our renters, We Care and Stone Soup.

**AFSC:** Pat Omidian

**Corvallis Interfaith Network:** Laurie Childers

**Corvallis Sustainability Coalition:** Kathy Miller & Jay Thatcher

**Facebook Administrator:** Laurie Childers

**FCNL Meeting Contact** Bob Burton

**FWCC** \_\_\_\_\_

**Greeters:** Susan Easton, Marybetts Sinclair, Abigail Stoughton, Jay Thatcher

**Meeting House Scheduler:** Jeff Kline

**NPYM Coordinating Committee:** Laurie Childers, \_\_\_\_\_

**Outreach:** Jay Thatcher, Laura Horsey

**Stone Soup:** Lou Glowacki

**We Care:** Susan Easton

**Western Friend magazine:** Jay Thatcher

**Willamette Quarterly Meeting:** Bob Ward

**The Nominating Committee includes Susan Easton through 12/31/2026, Kathy Miller (2027), and Jay Thatcher (2028).** (Blank lines like this \_\_\_\_\_ indicate an unfilled slot.)

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## **Advices & Queries – Simplicity**

Simplicity is one of the fruits of a faithful life centered on a commitment to the Spirit of God.

Friends strive for simplicity in the use of our earnings and property, in our speech, and in our manner of living, choosing that which is clear and useful.

All that leads to fullness of life and aids in the service of Truth is to be accepted with thanksgiving. We each determine by the Light we are given what helps and what hinders our search for inner peace.

- Do we center our lives in the awareness of God so that all things take their rightful place?
- Do we clutter our lives with things and activities? What are the ways out? What helps us avoid commitments beyond our strength and light?
- How does our meeting help us simplify our lives? How do we order our individual lives to nourish our spiritual growth?
- Do we keep to simplicity, moderation, and honesty in our speech, our manner of living, and our daily work?

### **The Worship and Ministry committee:**

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