

CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

TENTH MONTH (OCTOBER) 2026

ALL ARE WELCOME

Sunday Worship: 10:00-11:00 AM

3311 NW POLK AVE CORVALLIS OREGON 97330-5057

<https://corvallisfriends.org/> Email: corvallisfriends@gmail.com

Our Meetinghouse is located within the traditional homelands of the Chepenefa band of the Kalapuya-speaking Nation.

THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR

Sunday October 4

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

10 AM Meeting for Worship at the Meetinghouse

11:30 AM ARE 2nd Hour: "Putting Our Peace Testimony into Action"

Saturday October 10

2:45-5 PM Toward Right Relationship With Native Peoples

Sunday October 11

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

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

11:30 AM Meeting for Worship for Business

Sunday October 18

10 AM Meeting for Worship

11:30 AM Potluck lunch

Sunday October 25

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

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

11:30 AM Deepening Spiritual Connections second hour

Silent Worship every Wednesday at 7 – 7:45 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 or to childers@peak.org. 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

On Sunday **September 6** at 11:30 ARE (Adult Religious Exploration)

ACTIVATE PEACE! Come share your ideas for putting our Peace Testimony into action on October 4th during 2nd hour (11:30)! ARE (Adult Religious Exploration) is hosting this as a follow up to our last meeting on what the Peace Testimony means to you. We expect to have November & December sessions dedicated to continued exploration of what we can actually do to activate peace in our world!

Multiple 1st Sunday 2nd hours deserve to be dedicated to our Peace testimony.

Snacks will be offered.

Contact Abigail Stoughton with questions, 541-758-5057 (cell and land line)

And:

Fourth Sundays' second hour *Deepening the Spirit* programs hosted by Worship and Ministry are also at 11:30 AM.

Saturday, October 10, 2:45-5 PM

Corvallis, OR Toward Right Relations With Native Peoples

(TRR) workshop

at Corvallis Friends Meetinghouse, 3311 NW Polk St.

In this 2-hour participatory program, we experience the history of the colonization of North America, particularly what is now the United States. The story is told through the words of Indigenous leaders, European/American leaders, and Western historians of the time. We engage with this history through experiential exercises and small group discussions. And we are invited to consider how we can build relationships with Indigenous peoples based on truth, respect, justice, and our shared humanity.

Register here: <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/toward-right-relations-program>
FMI about this Quaker program, please see: <https://friendspeaceteams.org/trr/>
<https://friendspeaceteams.org/trr/>

Our session will be led by Rev. Irv Porter. His ancestry is the Pima/Gila River and Nez Perce tribes, is a Presbyterian minister with a focus on Native issues, and has led the TRR program many times.

We ask that you arrive prior to 2:45 PM (2:30 -2:45PM would be fine) so that we can settle into the program promptly at 3 PM. Please understand that late arrivals will *not* be admitted; interruptions would diminish the experience for all.

If you would like to help set up and/or take down, please come at 2 pm

The actual costs for this program are being covered by generous donors, and Corvallis Friends Meeting is providing the lovely space to do this work. In lieu of charging admission, we invite attenders to bring monetary donations (checks are fine!) to support Kaku-ixt Mana ina Ina Haws at Oregon State University, the cultural gathering place and support organization for Indigenous students. It is something we can do locally.

Attendance is limited to 50 people. Please register in advance to assure your place in the circle. Please share this invitation with interested friends.

Register here: <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/toward-right-relations-program>

FMI: Laurie Childers (childers@peak.org, 541-908-4518)

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

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!

Corvallis Friends Library

Conscientious Objection Materials in the CFM Library

Several months ago the FCNL (Friends Committee on National Legislation) newsletter published a notice that the National Defense Authorization Act had "significantly changed" the Selective Service to the effect that "Instead of a voluntary process, all men aged between 18-26 will now be automatically registered using information gathered from other federal databases." It is unclear when automatic registration will take effect, but it could happen within the next few months, so we will need to keep following this matter. (On the other hand, we are very aware that the whole issue of military registration is very confused, with legal questions at every turn, plus the unpredictability of our current government.)

Our CFM Library Committee immediately began a process of updating the Meeting's C.O. file, which was very out of date with materials going back 50+ years to the time of the Viet Nam war. We were concerned that young people of our Meeting and others seeking information and support would need current information to help them decide whether they were conscientious objectors and, if so, what to do about registration for military conscription.

Our efforts to find updated materials from Quaker organizations, such as AFSC, FCNL, Pendle Hill, and the FGC Bookstore, were unsuccessful, as none of them had any such materials—with one exception: *Conscientious Objection—Is This for You?* published by Quaker House of Fayetteville, NC (near the "School of the Americas" at

Fort Bragg, famous for teaching methods of torture. Quaker House has, for decades, run a program advising Ft. Bragg soldiers seeking a way out, about their options.) We immediately ordered a copy. It turned out to be a teacher's resource guide, with useful information, but inappropriate for a young person trying to decide whether he/she is a c.o. and if so, how to deal with military registration process, whatever that might turn out to be.

We have continued our search for resources, including the FOR (Fellowship of Reconciliation) website, still with no success. The entire peace community of our country seems to have been caught off guard—for instance, CCCO (Central Committee for Conscientious Objection), established in 1948 and heavily active during the Korean and Viet Nam wars, was laid down in 2011.

Through Marisabel Gouverneur we have established contact with Albany Peace Seekers, including Jane White, who has been tabling in Corvallis high schools and LBCC, talking with young people and offering materials she has found online. (Jane will be working with us at our CFM table at the September 25 Beaver Community Fair.) Marisabel may also serve as a link for us with the Mennonite community (a historical peace church).

However, as far as the library committee is concerned, our primary emphasis is on seeking printed materials to update our c.o. file. We are reviewing books currently on our "Peace" shelf, to see if any are suitable to this purpose. We will continue to explore other leads, such as the Center on Conscience and War and Veterans for Peace, and on websites suggested by Friends. And, obviously, if anyone reading this knows of and can suggest other leads, we'd be grateful for your help.

FGC and its Ministry on Racism

NPYM (North Pacific Yearly Meeting) made the decision this summer to affiliate with Friends General Conference. FGC has a very active Ministry on Racism. In the link below you can find its offerings. There are many resources and opportunities in that community to deepen the work we have been doing here as just one yearly meeting and in our monthly meetings.

You can find information on the online worship for people of color, the BIPOC Womxn's Worship Space, and the White Friends Confronting Racism group. This program has also published anti-racist clerking advice (65 pages of it!).

Here's the link: [Ministry on Racism - Friends General Conference](https://www.fgcquaker.org/fgcprograms/ministry-on-racism/).
<https://www.fgcquaker.org/fgcprograms/ministry-on-racism/>

MINUTES for MEETING for BUSINESS

CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Attending: Wendy Robinson (Clerk) Carmen Brummet (Recording Clerk), Bob Henderson, Nancy Ewald, Loreen Olufson, Susan Easton, Abigail Stoughton, Craig Sanders, Kathy Miller, Marybetts Sinclair, Laura Horsey, Nina Joy Lawrence, Bob Ward, Bob Burton, Jay Thatcher, and Laurie Childers

Opening silence to prepare for hard work ahead of us on issues related to what's happening in the world.

Monthly Treasure's Report for July and August—written and verbal report provided by Bob Ward.

There was no Meeting for Business in August.

We paid our \$200 budgeted support to NPYM and donated an additional \$650 (which when combined with the \$200) covered the full costs for one person to attend NPYM.

Rental income is lower in the summer, so total income was lower than expenses in August. However, there is a healthy balance of cash assets for the end of summer.

Report accepted with appreciation.

Adult Religious Exploration Report—Written and verbal report provided by Abigail Stoughton

September 5, 2026 ARE held its first 2nd hour session on the topic of "Our Peace Testimony". People present shared what their hearts spoke to them about what our peace testimony means to them. Bob Ward shared some of the history of the Quakers' peace testimony and recent attempts by the government to create an automatic registration for military draft. ARE is happily working together with Peace, Justice and the Environment. ARE sessions in October, November and December will look at ways for us to move forward with peace activism.

Worship and Ministry—report provided by Nina Joy Lawrence.

Worship and Ministry committee is communicating with Pastoral Care Committee. Third Sunday Meeting for Worship and Potluck, September 20, 2026, will be held at our

Friends Meeting House, in the backyard or if it is too cool, in the Meeting Room. Potluck will be in the Fellowship Room.

House and Hospitality —report provided by Marybetts Sinclair.

House and Hospitality is looking into replacing the carpet, which is 20 years old, and blinds in the fellowship room. They have requested three cost estimates.

Grounds—report provided by Abigail Stoughton

Rosevelt has been hired to work on Meeting House grounds and is doing an excellent job.

Peace, Justice, and the Environment—report provided by Kathy Miller. (Many others at the Meeting for Business provided information and comments.)

Kathy, Abigail, and Jay are finding actions to take that dovetail PJ&E with ARE and Outreach.

PJ&E hosted a Tacos and Tumult night July 13, 2026, where ideas for reaching out to other peace groups and reaching out to Corvallis Friends about peace activities they might want to join were discussed.

PJ&E supports the Quaker table which will be at the Beaver Fair on campus September 25, 2026. The concern we want to communicate to students is that an automatic draft registration has been proposed, where they could be registered without knowing about it, and while it is currently stalled, we want to help students be prepared if and when a new effort is made to enact it. And students should be aware that they need to be on the record that they are personally opposed to war if they plan to seek conscientious objector status. Examples of this preparation are joining a peace religion or group, such as Quakers, Mennonites, or Albany Peace Group. We want to let people know we are a peace church and that there is a Meeting sensitive to peace issues. Bob Ward will keep Meeting apprised of what is happening with the proposed automatic draft registration.

Jay and Marisabel are working on a banner stating something like, “Do You Know About Automatic Draft?” It was suggested the word “Military” be added to distinguish from Beaver draft. (One of the slightly humorous moments in the Meeting.). Handouts about automatic draft registration and QR codes to Veterans for Peace will be available. Jay asks those with conscientious objector or military experience to please help out. The Beaver Fair is a great opportunity to let people know we are here, whether an automatic draft registration goes into effect or not and for young men (and women?) to document their peace inclinations whether or not it goes into effect.

The sense of the Meeting: the potential automatic draft registration has become a focus for our Meeting as well as for PJ&E.

Discussion ensued as to whether PJ&E should be a committee rather than volunteers with a coordinator. Perhaps if PJ&E were an authorized committee they could take action if urgently needed without presenting to Meeting for Business. It was suggested Meeting appoint a PJ&E committee. Then it was brought up that PJ&E is a "Committee of the Whole" and makes recommendations to the Meeting. Also volunteers do not need to be a formal Committee to do the work of the Meeting. And each individual can start doing small things and we will start to get the feel of doing something together. What we really want is action regardless of labels and we agree we want to help men and women facing the threat of automatic draft registration. Clerk asked Kathy to ask PJ&E if they wish to be a Committee or remain "Committee of the Whole".

Meeting approved allowing a PJ&E table at the No Kings Rally that will take place October 17, 2026.

There was discussion of coordinating with other peace groups and a suggestion that Fellowship of Reconciliation (FORUSA.org) be contacted for more information about this.

Toward Right Relations gathering will occur at the Meeting House October 10, 2026 from 2 pm to 6 pm. Actual program will be 3 pm to 5 pm. If you can be a reader at this event or set up an online registration, or lend blankets (10 are needed and will be returned clean), contact Laurie Childers.

Meeting closed with grateful silence for people who care so much to want to reach out and to help each other.

Next Meeting for Business

October 11, 2026

Abbreviations:

NPYM	North Pacific Yearly Meeting
ARE	Adult Religious Exploration
PJ&E	Peace, Justice, and the Environment

Advices & Queries - Home and Family

Live in the assurance that all are children of God.

Hospitality in the home is a vital force for spiritual nurture; it helps all family members learn to respond to that of God in everyone.

Know that a family may be made of single adults, of differing combinations of adults, or of adults and children, sharing a bond of love. Meeting provides an essential sense of family for those without families, including those made single after years of marriage or other life commitment.

We give home and family priority in our lives.

The meeting can support, yet cannot replace, the family in the care of children. At the same time, every member of meeting is responsible in some measure for the care of families, including children.

Stay aware of the many ways the meeting can act as a family - and the ways it cannot.

Be both bold and tender in offering assistance to families that may be experiencing discord or domestic abuse.

- How do we make our homes places of friendliness, peace, and renewal, where Spirit is real for those who live there and those who visit?
- How do we maintain a climate of love and trust in our meeting which invites families to be open about their satisfactions and challenges?
- How do we keep commitments outside the home from encroaching on the time and loving attention the family needs for its health and well-being?
- Does our home life support our need for both a sense of personal identity and shared living?
- What supports do we offer to the aging, the widowed, the separated or divorced, and members of families affected by disruption or trauma?
- How does the meeting assist families to improve communication, family life, and the rearing of children in a context of love?

The Worship and Ministry committee:

Nina Joy Lawrence (541) 231-2432

Pat Omidian (925) 482-7983

Craig Sanders (541) 971-2813

Laurie Childers (541) 908-4518

The Pastoral Care committee:

Abigail Stoughton sabigail@comcast.net or (541) 758-5057

Esther Scheidel CEELF@aol.com or (541) 602-2254

Bob Burton 11340bob@gmail.com or (541) 231-3352

John Selker selkerj@gmail.com or (541) 829-0137