

CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

ELEVENTH MONTH (NOVEMBER) 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 November 1

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"

Sunday November 8

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 November 15

10 AM Meeting for Worship

11:30 AM Potluck lunch

Sunday November 22

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 (see page 2)

Sunday November 29

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

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

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)

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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 PROGRAMS

ARE (Adult Religious Exploration) recently held a session on what peace activism means for everyone & the whole Meeting. Multiple 1st Sunday 2nd hours deserve to be dedicated to our Peace testimony. On **Sunday Nov 1st's second hour, we hope to get concrete suggestions from everyone to propose to MfB to get behind.**

Also, we had a 2nd hour to offer folks some ideas & forms concerning end of life plans. We hope up have another one soon involving a representative from Lumina Hospice of Benton County to talk with us. Stay tuned!

Snacks will be offered.

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

Fourth Sundays' second hour *Deepening the Spirit* programs hosted by Worship and Ministry are also at 11:30 AM. **On Nov. 22 we will have a 2nd Hour on being Quaker and... Sufi, Buddhist, Hindu, non-deist, Native Spirituality practices. How do these blend for Friends?**

QUAKER PROGRAMS OF INTEREST

Tom Rawson and Friends perform in Corvallis

Friday, October 30, 7:30 p.m. First United Methodist Church, cellar entrance. 1165 NW Monroe, Corvallis. Admission: Sliding Scale--\$2-10

Tom is a NPYM Quaker and one of our NPYM representatives to FCNL. He also is a "Funtastic" folk singer. **This announcement will be in Oct 28**

Wednesday's Digest, with links to tracks. Here are Tom's words:

"Hey Willamette Valley folks! Big fun in Corvallis on Friday, October 30 at the Best Cellar Coffeehouse featuring: * *Tom Rawson and Ellen van der Hoeven play at 7:30 pm*, plus *Sweet Melange* will play at 8:30 pm.

"Tom and Ellen come armed with banjo, mandolin, penny whistle and other weapons of mass delight. They love to strike up hootenanny fun. Their humorous

stories, user-friendly songs, and acoustic folk “philosophy” will have you singing, clapping, and laughing all night. Tune up your vocal chords, you'll need them!”

Two offerings will build on October 25th’s Second Hour about **end of life planning**. Both are listed, with their links to register, in the Wednesday Digests of late October/early November.

AFSC (American Friends Service Committee) “**Values based Financial Planning**” on October 29. Register to get the zoom link

FGC (Friends General Conference) “**Estate Planning with Quaker Values**” on November 17. Register to get the zoom link.

These are two different programs. The AFSC one seems to include retirement planning and living bequests; the FGC one seems to include practical info on trusts, wills, etc. But do check them out to see which is a better fit for you.

From Paula Palmer, of Toward Right Relations/Quaker Peace Teams:

FCNL’s Native American Advocacy position is currently vacant. The program is being scaled back and is in transition, so they are not able to support or engage in much advocacy in that space at this time.

Friends, please write to anyone you know at FCNL: clerks, board members, general secretary Bridget Moix (bmoix@fcnl.org), deputy general secretary Lauren Brownlee (lbrownlee@fcnl.org). Urge them to continue the Native American advocacy work and hire a full time Native American staff member to lead it. Emphasize that Rachel Overstreet and previous FCNL Native American legislative advocates were among very few Native lobbyists on the Hill, and their work is essential especially now when so many federal programs are failing Native communities. Quakers must not abandon our commitment to stand with Indigenous peoples.

Please share your concern with your monthly and yearly meetings, and urge them to contact FCNL about this soon.

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, and put them in the big box in the Fellowship room. Food bank clients and volunteers are very grateful for our donations. Thank you, Friends, for your continuous generosity. Thank you!

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/).
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MINUTES for MEETING for WORSHIP for BUSINESS

**Corvallis Friends Meeting
October 11, 2026**

Attending: Wendy Robinson (Clerk), Laura Horsey (Recording Clerk), Bob Burton, Nancy Ewald, Bob Henderson, Nina Joy Lawrence, Loreen Olufson, Craig Sanders, Esther Schiedel, Marybetts Sinclair (via Zoom), Jasper Smith, Abigail Stoughton, and Bob Ward (via Zoom).

Opening silence

Additions to the agenda:

Add Approval of minutes

Add update from House and Hospitality

Drop report for Worship and Ministry

Approval of Minutes of 9/13/2026 Meeting for Business

***Minutes approved**

Monthly Treasurer's Report – written report provided by Bob Ward.

Bob noted that expenses for childcare had not come in for several months, and that expenses for toothbrushes and toothpaste for the food bank would be reflected next month.

***Report accepted with thanks.**

Adult Religious Exploration Report – written report provided by Abigail Stoughton

The committee held a second hour session on “Activating Peace” on 10/4. Ten key ideas on how this can be done were proposed. The next ARE session on 11/1 will focus on which avenue(s) to pursue as a committee and which to propose to MfB for the Meeting as a whole. ARE has dropped “education” from its name, and continues to work with the Peace, Justice and Environment group.

Outreach Report – written report provided by Jay Thatcher

Jay's report on the Meeting's participation in the OSU Beaver Community Fair on 9/25 was read. He made suggestions for enhancing next year's event. Multiple Friends engaged about a hundred students and others in conversation over the four-hour event. The focus was on raising awareness of impending draft registration; literature about the Meeting and peaceful careers was provided. The oatmeal cookie giveaway (nearly 100!) continues to be an icebreaker and in some cases evolved to deeper conversation. Some Friends visited other like-minded organizations at their tables. Jay reported that the event was worth the time, effort and expense. Results can also be measured by noticing if meeting attendance patterns change in coming months. Follow-up was suggested with “Jane” (student advisor), and a young man

interested in investigating the CO process. Gratitude was expressed to all who supported at the event and by baking cookies.

Jay noted that some additions would help any future similar Outreach events. These included purchasing a canopy for the Meeting to use (for about \$200), banners to highlight our Meeting name, offering literature from AFSC and FCNL. Discussion included ideas about simplifying and visually enhancing the overall impression, looking at other booths for best practices. Suggestions included banners, posters, trifold holders or easels were made. Having younger Friends added to the staffing was strongly encouraged.

Laurie Childers is organizing a table at the No Kings: Vote Early event on the afternoon of 10/1 at the Benton County Courthouse. She is requesting Friends help with staffing and set-up. Discussion included the possibility moving quickly to create signs or banners or bring existing posters. Several attendees offered to help and were directed to Laurie for coordination.

House and Hospitality Update – verbal update provided by Nina Joy Lawrence.

The committee continues to evaluate options for floor and window coverings. Now hard surface options are being considered for the main fellowship space for ease of maintenance. Nina Joy invites Friends to provide her with comments on this option. The children's room would continue to have carpeting.

Next Meeting for Business

The next MfB is planned for November 8. In that meeting projections of expenses and contributions are expected to be reviewed in preparation for determining the Meeting's annual charitable donations. Additions or changes to the list of organizations supported may be considered in a separate threshing session. Friends are encouraged to make planned 2026 Meeting donations soon (if possible).

Abbreviations:

AFSC	American Friends Service Committee
CFM	Corvallis Friends Meeting
CO	Conscientious Objector
FCNL	Friends Committee on National Legislation
FWCC	Friends World Conference on Consultation
MfB	Meeting for Business
NPYM	North Pacific Yearly Meeting
*	Action taken by CFM

Advices & Queries - The Meeting and Friends of All Ages

The meeting community is the seedbed of our spiritual lives.

Meetings heed the needs of their members and attenders as they move along their life journeys.

As Friends we place a high value on intergenerational activities to nurture life in the Spirit.

- **How do we recognize and cherish the contributions that Friends of all ages make to our Quaker community?**
- **How does our meeting stay tender to those who may be discomforted by children?**
- **How do we value each other as children of God without prejudice based on age?**
- **How does our meeting walk alongside members and attenders at all stages of their lives?**
- **How does living in Quaker community nurture a meaningful life?**

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:

"Your Pastoral Care committee is here for you!

We are a confidential place for considering the needs of individuals.

You're welcome to contact any of the following:

Bob Burton 541-231-3352,

Judith Boice 970-596-5089,

Esther Schiedel 541-602-2254, or

Abigail Stoughton 541-758-5057.

Check out pages 144-150 in your Faith and Practice for more information.