

CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING JULY 2019

ALL ARE WELCOME

Sunday Worship: 10 – 11 am
Wednesday Evening Worship: 7 – 7:45 pm

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corvallisfriends.org

facebook.com/CorvallisFriendsMeeting

Willamette Quarterly Meeting:

www.willamettequarterly.org

North Pacific Yearly Meeting:

www.nypm.org

THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR

SUN
7•7

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

WED
7•10

4-6 pm **Circle Group for Living in the 3rd Age of Life** at the Meetinghouse. Open to all.
FMI: Bob Ward

THU
7•11

Stone Soup (2nd Thursdays @ St. Mary's)
1-4 Prep/Cook: contact barb@barbaralevine.com
5-7 Serve/Clean: contact rachel.peck1@gmail.com

SUN
7•14

10:00 am Meeting for Worship
11:40 am **Meeting for Worship for Business**

SUN
7•21

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

SUN
7•28

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

**Second Hours
(including potlucks) are on
hiatus until September.**

This newsletter comes out on the first Sunday of the month, and by e-mail a few days earlier. Submissions and delivery requests go to Lisa Yagoda, editor: corvallisfriends@gmail.com. Next deadline: Saturday July 27, 2019.

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JUNE 2019 MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES

Corvallis Friends Meeting For Worship for Business

June 9, 2019

Acting Clerk: Jay Thatcher

Recording Clerk: Esther Schiedel

Present: Nancy Ewald, Susan Easton, Shirley Moore, Ruth McNeill, Judy Hays-Eberts, Mary Jane Gray, James Cox, Roger Weaver, Jonathan Stoll, Yalda Asmatey, Aayenda Asmatey-Stoll, Satori Asmatey-Stoll, Lisa Yagoda, Carmen Brummet, Donna Gerry

Acting Clerk Jay Thatcher invited Friends to read aloud the following excerpt from North Pacific Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice. Out of our waiting silence, in random order, Friends Nancy Ewald, Susan Easton, Shirley Moore, Ruth McNeill, Judy Hays-Eberts, James Cox, Lisa Yagoda, and Jay read:

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 joyfilled 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?

Minutes from last month, as printed in the newsletter, were approved.

Treasurer's report was accepted.

Nominating Committee: Jonathan Stoll presented a preliminary report for Nominating Committee and received some feedback from those present. Friends with ideas or concerns may bring them to the Nominating Committee (Jon or Bob Burton) over the next month. The report will be up to be approved at next month's Meeting for Business.

Western Friend, a magazine and online resource for Friends in the western United States, has started a new online venue for Meetings to *share news* of activities or concerns <https://westernfriend.org/extra-extra-western-friend> Anyone can submit these, although it would be logical for Jay, as our representative to Western Friend, to do so.

Peace, Justice and the Environment

Committee of the Whole: Jonathan Stoll provided a copy of *The Coalition: Bias Response Problem Statement and Advocacy for Solutions*. This is an effort create an official citywide system to track and respond to bias incidents. Friends can email corvallisaction@gmail.com for more information. Jon will submit the proposal to the Wednesday Digest and suggest a discussion for a

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Second Hour in June.

North Pacific Yearly Meeting gathers in McMinnville for our Annual Session, JULY 17-21. Registration information is available online at <https://as.npym.org/registration> Since McMinnville is relatively nearby some Friends may wish to commute. More information on this will be shared through the Wednesday Digest.

The annual meeting for Corvallis Friends Meeting is planned for 7/14/2019. At least two of our Meetings Corporation Officers (Esther Schiedel, Nina Joy Lawrence, and Wendy Robinson) need to be present to fulfill our legal requirement as a corporation in Oregon. This takes place during our scheduled Meeting for Business.



North Pacific Yearly Meeting

July 17-21

Linfield College, McMinnville (an hour from Corvallis)

Details and registration at <https://as.npym.org>

In coming together we form our beloved community. To make us whole we need you.

Our Friend in Residence, Jay O'Hara, reminds us that the time of hope may be over. The world is in a catastrophic place with all scientific knowledge showing us that Climate Change is here. How then shall we live at the edge of this abyss? Jay is a member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting on Cape Cod, and is a co-founder of the Climate Disobedience Center. He was part of the 2016 team that shut down five pipelines carrying crude oil from Canada's tar-sands. A visionary climate activist, Jay works to deepen the spiritual underpinnings of powerful action in the world.

Through Abundant Financing, our Annual Session can continue to be accessible for Friends of all levels of financial means. We will continue working to make our place welcoming for Friends of color by following the suggestions made by last year's Friend in Residence, Vanessa Julye.

At the heart of our time together is the business meeting. We will consider a minute on undoing racism as we seek new ways to live more fully and with greater integrity.

Free workshop "Healthy Home, Healthy You"

Fitness over Fifty.

Tuesday July 9, 1:00-2:00.

Deb Merchant introduces three important aspects of aging well in an aging home: air quality, water quality and safe movement. Opportunity for informal talk after. Contact Bob Ward





Advices and Queries on 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?

~ North Pacific Yearly Meeting, *Faith and Practice*, 2017

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