



CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

TWELFTH MONTH DECEMBER 2020

ALL ARE WELCOME

Sunday Worship: 10:00-11:00 via ZOOM

Wednesday Evening Worship: contact Esther 541-602-2254

<p>Clerk Susan Easton</p> <p>Recording Clerk Team Nina Joy Lawrence Esther Schiedel John Selker</p> <p>Treasurer Wendy Robinson</p> <p>Spiritual Care Committee Judy Hays-Eberts</p> <p>Adult Religious Exploration Laurie Childers</p> <p>Children & Youth Program Yalda Asmatey</p> <p>Groundkeeping Coordinators Mark Boyd, Nancy Roberts</p> <p>House & Hospitality Abigail Stoughton</p> <p>Major Meetinghouse Maintenance Bob Burton</p> <p>Meetinghouse Scheduling Sid Rosen</p> <p>Rides Coordinator Donna Gerry</p> <p>Corvallis Meeting: Corvallisfriends.org Facebook.com/CorvallisFriends Meeting corvallisfriends@gmail.com</p> <p>Willamette Quarterly Meeting: www.willamettequarterly.org</p> <p>North Pacific Yearly Meeting: www.npym.org</p>	↓	THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR
	→	<p>See Wednesday Digest for Links to all events For help or questions, contact Bob Burton, 541-231-3352 or bob11340@comcast.net</p>
	SUNDAY 12-6	<p>8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship, Willamette Park contact Wendy 541-753-6101 10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom</p>
	TUES 12-8	<p>7:00 pm Adult Religious Exploration: Worship sharing to explore the questions raised by Ann Mbacke's de-escalation training last month. Via Zoom</p>
	WED 12-9	<p>4:00-6:00 pm Third Age Listening Circle via Zoom</p>
	SUNDAY 12-13	<p>8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship Willamette Park 10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom 11:40 am Meeting for Business via Zoom</p>
	SUNDAY 12-20	<p>8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship, 10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom 1:00-2:30 Holiday Giving Drive-by Meetinghouse—see inside for details</p>
	SUNDAY 12-27	<p>8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship 10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom 11:45 POTLUCK via Zoom</p>
	SUNDAY 1-3	<p>8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship 10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom</p>

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NOVEMBER 2020 MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES

Corvallis Friends Meeting for Worship for Business November 8, 2020

Conducted via Zoom videoconferencing

Clerk: Susan Easton

Recording Clerk: Esther Schiedel

Friends present: Nancy Ewald, Donna Gerry, Nina Joy Lawrence, Bob Burton, Wendy Robinson, Judy Hays Eberts, John Selker, Laurie Childers, Jay Thatcher, Bob Henderson

Meeting began in expectant quiet, and this quote:

“Now, Friends, deal plainly with yourselves, and let the eternal Light search you, and try you, for the good of your souls. For this will deal plainly with you. It will rip you up, and lay you open, and make all manifest which lodges in you.” - *Margaret Fell*

The minutes of October 11 were approved with the following corrections and

additions: “Additional trainings on preventing an election-related power grab and de-escalating situations high strife and potential violence were noted in his report.” under

Peace Justice and Environment.

Completing the sentence “These will be *Zoom meetings*” under **Second Threshing session dates.**

The written Treasurer’s Report was

accepted with thanks. Wendy is not sure where the \$200 credit came from but will report back later. The Threshing Session on Meeting donations will be held on Sunday November 15 at 6 pm via Zoom.

Spiritual Care Committee continues to meet via Zoom on the first Thursday of the month. Friends are invited to share what is or isn’t working about the quality of our worship, at any time. Contact info for the Committee is regularly included in the Wednesday Digest.

Virtual Potluck follows Worship on Zoom on the fourth Sunday of the month. Besides Meeting for Business, potluck is an opportunity for Friends

to share and listen, whether or not one attends Meeting for Worship.

As COVID cases are rising, the possibility of in-person meetings at the Meetinghouse is postponed.

Spiritual Care Committee has discussed how to keep the Zoom and Walking Meetings connected. For instance, Friends can contact Kathy Miller with announcements for Walking Worship, and/or someone from Walking Worship can join the Zoom Meeting later to share what came up there. Perhaps Kathy can share the monthly query at Walking Meeting. And, Kathy will ask Walking participants for their input concerning how we can stay connected. The Committee welcomes discernment from Meeting for Business, as well, regarding this important question.

Two phone triangles currently have openings to be filled: Nancy and Susan, and Esther and Roger. Would someone like to

join? These phone contact pods are another opportunity to stay connected as a community, for emergency purposes as well as social and spiritual relationships. There is no set time commitment. Each group finds what works best for them.

Handwritten notes are another way to keep connected, appreciated by Friends of all ages.

Ruth McNeill and Bart are in their new apartment. Permanent housing for James Cox is being arranged.

Holidays are here. Traditionally, we use this time to collect goods for the north and south Corvallis food banks. Friends discussed ideas for doing this in a celebratory way. Judy, John, Nancy, and Bob Burton will work on this.

Adult Religious Exploration has scheduled two sessions: Tuesday November 10, 7:00 pm John Haroldson, Benton Co. District Attorney, will speak on *Revisiting Demographic Conversion: Are We Ready?*

MINUTES CONTINUED & NOTES

Tuesday November 17, 7:00-8:30+ pm A workshop with Ann Mbacke on non-violence/de-escalation training. Friends need to pre-register for this by emailing corvallisfriends@gmail.com. Put "Ann Mbacke" in the subject line.

Peace Justice and Environment Jay Thatcher recommended the Count Every Vote website.

The Men's Cold Weather Shelter is operating at reduced capacity. Bob Burton will find out more information about SafePlace Transitional Housing Program and share this with Friends.

Pre-Nominating Committee. Laurie Childers is coming off Nominating Committee in January. Meeting approved Jay Thatcher and Susan Easton to serve as a pre-nominating committee.

Next Meeting for Business – December 13.

Meeting closed with worship

Food Banks Wish List

Everything has to be new and unopened. No home-made food items can be accepted

- Dry beans
- Condiments and spices, esp. mustard and mayo
- Chips/crackers
- Hearty soups
- Instant side dishes
- Jam, sugar, coffee
- Laundry and dish detergent, esp. small sizes

Personal care items: toilet paper, paper towels, feminine hygiene products, diapers (sizes newborn, 5, 6, and pull-ups), baby wipes toothpaste/toothbrushes, soap, shampoo

Also, they can use clean egg cartons for when they repackage eggs from the gleaners.

HOLIDAY GIVING DRIVE-BY

Sunday, Dec. 20, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Friends are invited to drive by the meetinghouse to drop off items, which will be loaded directly into vans to take to the two food banks.

Please consider getting everything in twos so we can easily divide them between the two food banks. And please, bring extra small/medium boxes and reusable shopping bags if you have any.

If you want to participate but can't make it to the drive-by, there are several options:

- If you have a key, you can bring your donations to the meetinghouse ahead of time and leave it in the social room. Nancy Ewald will arrive early on the day of the drive-by to sort and box it.

- Or, if you need someone to shop for you, you can call on

Judy Hays-Eberts (phone or text 541-230-8325, email < jhe@peak.org >) or

John Selker (phone or text 541-829-0137, email < selkerj@gmail.com >).

- Or, if you can do your own shopping but need a pickup to get it to the meetinghouse, you can call Judy or John or Nancy Ewald (phone or text 541-740-0594, email < pnewald@comcast.net >).

Cash is always appreciated. SVDP has outreach to provide assistance such as utility payments, gas, and laundry vouchers, as well. Donors who wish to specify may note Outreach on their check.

Also needed are masks, hats, and gloves, and nitrile gloves for the volunteers, medium and large.

ADVICES & QUERIES: PARTICIPATION IN THE LIFE OF THE MEETING (part 1)

North Pacific Yearly Meeting, *Faith and Practice* 2018

When meeting for worship holds a central place in our life, regular and punctual attendance follows. Friends hold in the Light those who are unable to participate fully in the life of the meeting.

We contribute to the life of the meeting in many ways: attending meeting for business, committee service, offering and accepting spiritual support, and praying for the spiritual strength and health of the meeting. Contributing our time and resources makes our love visible.

Friends are encouraged to consider what gifts of service we are led to provide and how we may grow through this service. We also uphold others in their service.

- Do we each take an active part in the life of our meeting? In what ways do we grow by participating in the life of the meeting?
- How has our group grown together through its activities? Do we bring together groups across generations in a loving community?
- Do we provide youth with responsible opportunities and encouragement to participate in meeting life and structure?
- Do we express our skills and gifts in service to the meeting and to the Spirit? Do we recognize and support others in doing so?

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