





CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

THIRD MONTH MARCH 2021

ALL ARE WELCOME

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

Wednesday Evening Worship: contact Esther 541-602-2254

Clerk Susan Easton		<h2>THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR</h2>
Recording Clerk Team Nina Joy Lawrence Esther Schiedel John Selker		See Wednesday Digest for Links to all events For help or questions, contact Bob Burton, 541-231-3352 or bob11340@comcast.net
Treasurer Wendy Robinson Spiritual Care Committee Judy Hays-Eberts	SUNDAY 3-7	8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship, Willamette Park contact Wendy 541-753-6101 10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom
Adult Religious Exploration Laurie Childers Children & Youth Program Yalda Asmatey	TUES 3-9	7:00-8:30 pm Adult Religious Exploration via Zoom Part 2: Decolonizing Religion, presentation by Tom Kunesh <i>Details inside</i>
Groundkeeping Coordinators Mark Boyd, Nancy Roberts	WED 2-10	4:00-6:00 pm Third Age Listening Circle via Zoom Considering Home. All are welcome <i>Details inside</i>
House & Hospitality Abigail Stoughton Major Meetinghouse Maintenance Bob Burton	SUNDAY 3-14	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
Meetinghouse Scheduling Sid Rosen Rides Coordinator Donna Gerry	SAT-TUES 3-20 - 3-23	FCNL Spring Lobby Weekend for Young Adults. <i>Details inside</i>
Corvallis Meeting: Corvallisfriends.org Facebook.com/CorvallisFriends Meeting corvallisfriends@gmail.com	SUNDAY 3-21	8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship, 10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom
Willamette Quarterly Meeting: www.willamettequarterly.org North Pacific Yearly Meeting: www.npym.org	SAT 3-27	10:00 am Awakening the Spirit: Public Health thru DEI. Online workshop with Jon Stoll <i>Details inside</i>
	SUNDAY 3-28	8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship 10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom 11:45 POTLUCK via Zoom

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FEBRUARY 2021 MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES

Corvallis Friends Meeting for Worship for Business Sunday February 14, 2021

Conducted via Zoom videoconferencing

Clerk: Susan Easton

Recording Clerk: Esther Schiedel

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

Meeting began in expectant quiet worship and the Clerk read the following quote:

The Quaker Meeting for Business is as simple—and as difficult—as the Quaker Meeting for Worship. It is not a collection of methods or techniques, it is a mood, an atmosphere, a spirit. It is a quest for the Divine Will in reaching decisions. It is a Meeting for Worship to do business. -- Leonard Kenworthy.

The minutes of the previous Meeting for Business were approved as published in the newsletter.

The **Treasurer's Report** was presented and accepted with thanks.

A proposed budget for this year was presented and discussed. Revenue from rent was lower due to the pandemic, but utility expenditures were also less because of it. We also increased our donations as a Meeting to local organizations. We noted that committee expenses for Spiritual Care and Adult Religious Exploration from the past year were met by designated donations from Friends.

Adult Religious Exploration is requesting more funds this year in order to compensate presenters. Meeting approved.

Spiritual Care Committee Report. Ruth McNeill died this past week. Her husband, Bart, has many needs at this time.

There may be some information on last wishes of Friends in the Meetinghouse files.

The Committee has been focused on maintaining contact with Friends and trying to

help with various needs. They noted that we are not doing a good job of serving the needs of younger people and families in the meeting.

There is some interest in setting up a hybrid Meeting for Worship in the future, combining in-person worship at the Meetinghouse and Zoom for those who cannot attend in person. Others are uncertain or opposed to doing such a thing. After some discussion we decided to hold a threshing session on this subject. Susan will set this up.

Adult Religious Exploration's programs have been well attended. Laurie encouraged Friends to look at the resources on decolonization in advance of the program scheduled Feb 23.

Nominating Committee has been contacting Friends about how they are doing and what their needs and interests are.

Peace Justice and Environment Committee of the Whole. Jay noted that Friends are engaged in conversation about being a light in the world. He noted the Quaker Religious Education Collaborative as a resource he recently explored.

State of Society Report is due April 30 to Willamette Quarterly Meeting. Laurie has written a draft for Spiritual Care Committee to edit and send.

Willamette Quarterly Meeting will be held by Zoom on Saturday May 22. Schedule: 9:00-3:00 for meeting for worship, business, worship sharing, a writing and sharing Lamentations activity. A Community night for performances from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm.

Corvallis has been asked to provide a Recording Clerk and an Emcee (and performers) for Community Night. Please contact Esther with ideas and to volunteer.

Meeting closed with worship.

Next Meeting for Business – March 14

Adult Religious Exploration Tuesday March 9 7-8:30 pm: Part 2: Decolonizing Religion

Tom Kunesh. Decolonizing the world, much less the USA or Oregon or Corvallis is an impossible task as a whole. But we can start at places, with things, familiar to us, learning what's colonial, what's foreign, what's indigenous, and starting from there. One place we can start is religion. Our beliefs. How they are shaped & communicated in colonial language. And the challenge of decolonizing it, them, us. How does 'decolonizing religion' help me live more authentically?

Third Age Circle - Wednesday Mar 10 4-6 pm. What do we need to consider or change in our home, housing or living arrangements? Zoom links and more information will be posted in the Wed. Digest.

Ruth McNeill On Sunday, February 14, Ruth McNeill died at Evergreen Hospice House in Albany. Her health had been declining for over a year, and precipitously so in the previous weeks. She had fallen into a coma a few days before her death.

In the summer of 2019, after a fall which broke several vertebrae in Ruth's spine, she requested a clearness/care committee to help her and her husband, Bart, discern how they could cope with the difficulties inherent in her healing, and to help them identify and implement next steps.

Over the course of the following year, as both Ruth's and Bart's health became increasingly fragile, it became clear that they would have to move into a one-level apartment in a retirement community. They chose Stoneybrook, and in November 2020 moved in with the help of the care committee.

Ruth's health, unfortunately, continued to decline rapidly, and, on February 6, she lapsed into a coma and was taken to the hospital, and,

when treatment options failed, transferred to hospice.

Ruth's family, and Bart, wish to delay her memorial service till next summer or whenever the pandemic eases to the point that in-person meetings can again be held, and when they can safely fly to Corvallis from their homes in eastern U.S. and Canada.

A memorial committee has been appointed, consisting of Susan Easton, John Selker, and Nancy Ewald.

FCNL Training: "Learn to Lobby in 30 minutes" Online sessions offered on:

March 2, March 16 April 6, April 20
<https://www.fcnl.org/events/learn-to-lobby>

March 20-23: FCNL Spring Lobby Weekend for Young Adults. Registration is open. for virtual lobby training and visits to Congressional offices. The legislative focus for this work will be ending racism & militarization in policing. **Contact Jay Thatcher.**

March 27 10 am Soul Force Education

Public Health: the Environment and Education from a lens of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
 Host Jon Stoll

<https://coronaplaza.life/webinars/awakening-the-spirit-public-health-through-lens-of-diversity-equity-and-inclusivity/>

Save the Date: Saturday May 22, 2021 for Willamette Quarterly Meeting on Zoom. Join Friends from throughout Oregon for Worship, Business, Lamentation (details on that later), and Community Night- a time for sharing your talent or for no-talent-needed fun. I'm not sure how this will work on Zoom but I see it as a fun way to share and perhaps would be great opportunity for younger Friends to participate.

Contact Esther Schiedel ceelf@aol.com for more information and to volunteer!

ADVICES & QUERIES: CREATIVITY

North Pacific Yearly Meeting, *Faith and Practice* 2018

Friends exercise our creative gifts as spiritual disciplines that require time, focus, patience, trust, love, and openness to the Spirit. We are encouraged to develop and exercise them with awe and gratitude under the leading of that Spirit.

We acknowledge and cherish the creativity found in our meetings.

We remain aware of the spiritual danger of idolizing or belittling artistic gifts or accomplishments, whether our own or others'.

- Do we exercise our creativity in humility and gratitude to the Creator who makes our work possible? Do we recognize creation as a sacred act and creative ability as a gift from God?
- Do we use our creative gifts to bring beauty, healing, and joy into others' lives and to reflect the glory of creation?
- Within our meeting communities, do we recognize and encourage each other in the exercise of creative gifts?
- In a culture that glorifies individual achievements, do we hold our own creations lightly?

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