





# CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

EIGHTH MONTH AUGUST 2021

ALL ARE WELCOME

Sunday Worship: 10:00-11:00

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

<b>Clerk</b> Susan Easton		<h2>THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR</h2>
<b>Recording Clerk Team</b> Esther Schiedel John Selker		<b>See Wednesday Digest for Links to all events</b> For help or questions, contact Bob Burton, 541-231-3352 or <a href="mailto:bob11340@comcast.net">bob11340@comcast.net</a>
<b>Treasurer</b> Wendy Robinson <b>Spiritual Care Committee</b> Jay Thatcher Kathy Miller <b>Adult Religious Exploration</b> Laurie Childers	<b>SUNDAY</b> 8-1	<b>8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship</b> Willamette Park Contact Bob Ward <a href="mailto:bobward1948@gmail.com">bobward1948@gmail.com</a> <b>10:00 am Meeting for Worship</b> via Zoom <b>10:00 am Meeting for Worship</b> at the Meetinghouse
<b>Children &amp; Youth Program</b> Yalda Asmatey <b>Groundkeeping Coordinator</b> Laura Horsey	<b>THURS</b> 8-5	<b>7pm until dusk In Remembrance of Hiroshima and Nagasaki August 1945</b> <i>Details inside</i> Corvallis Riverfront Park--1st and Madison
<b>House &amp; Hospitality</b> Abigail Stoughton <b>Major Meetinghouse Maintenance</b> Bob Burton	<b>SUNDAY</b> 8-8	<b>8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship</b> <b>10:00 am Meeting for Worship</b> via Zoom and at the Meetinghouse <b>11:40 am Meeting for Business</b> via Zoom
<b>Meetinghouse Scheduling</b> Jeff Kline	<b>SUNDAY</b> 8/15	<b>8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship,</b> <b>10:00 am Meeting for Worship</b>
<b>Rides Coordinator</b> Donna Gerry <b>Corvallis Meeting:</b> <a href="http://corvallisfriends.org">corvallisfriends.org</a>	<b>WED</b> 8-18	<b>3:30-5:30 by Zoom. Third Age Circle group.</b> <b>All welcome.</b> Topic and links will appear in the Digest on 8/11.
<a href="https://www.facebook.com/CorvallisFriends">Facebook.com/CorvallisFriends</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/CorvallisFriends">Meeting</a> <a href="mailto:corvallisfriends@gmail.com">corvallisfriends@gmail.com</a>	<b>SUNDAY</b> 8-22	<b>8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship</b> <b>10:00 am Meeting for Worship</b>
<b>Willamette Quarterly Meeting:</b> <a href="http://www.willamettequarterly.org">www.willamettequarterly.org</a> <b>North Pacific Yearly Meeting:</b> <a href="http://www.npym.org">www.npym.org</a>	<b>SUNDAY</b> 8-29	<b>8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship</b> <b>10:00 am Meeting for Worship</b> <b>3:30 pm Memorial for Ruth McNeill</b> Starker Arts Park <i>Details inside</i>

3311 NW Polk Ave Corvallis Oregon 97330 541-829-0867

This newsletter comes out on the first Sunday of the month, and by email a few days earlier. To subscribe by mail or email or to submit items contact Esther Schiedel, editor: [corvallisfriends@gmail.com](mailto:corvallisfriends@gmail.com) Next deadline 8/27/21

## July 2021 MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES

### **Corvallis Friends Meeting for Worship for Business July 11, 2021**

*Conducted via Zoom videoconferencing*

**Clerk:** Susan Easton

**Recording Clerk:** Esther Schiedel

**Friends present:** Judy Hays-Eberts, Bob Henderson, Jay Thatcher, Bob Burton, Kathy Miller, Sid Rosen, Nancy Ewald, Bob Ward, John Selker, Donna Gerry, Jan Evans, Laurie Childers, Karuna Nunyara, Nina Joy Lawrence

**Meeting began in expectant quiet worship.**

**The minutes of the previous month were approved** as printed in the newsletter.

Bob Ward presented a brief **Treasurer's Report**. He estimated that our checking account balance increased by around \$500.00 this past month. **The report was accepted with gratitude.**

**Spiritual Care Committee's** new and outgoing members have met and provided a **written report which was approved.**

Judy Hays-Eberts is resigning after two years of gifted service with SCC. Meeting thanks her for her service. Nominating Committee will search for a replacement.

Kathy Miller and Jay Thatcher plan to co-clerk SCC. Jay will take the lead on email communications and building lists of agenda. Kathy will lead on personal communication to support individuals. Abigail will continue to schedule worship with individual Friends who are not able to attend.

Hosting of worship at the Meetinghouse is being coordinated by Jeff and Abigail. Hosting and greeting on Zoom will be coordinated by Judy.

SCC is considering some changes in the process at the rise of worship. They would like to keep it simple and yet provide opportunities to get to know each other. Please contact any one on SCC with suggestions.

Friends noted that we have been gathering in different ways to worship together: walking meeting, online, in the Meetinghouse, and as individuals.

**The next SCC meeting is planned for 8/12/21 at 1:15pm.**

After a lengthy discussion, **meeting approved this policy** which will be posted outside and inside the doors of the Meetinghouse:

1. Each attendee over age twelve, by virtue of their presence at in-person meeting, affirms that they are fully vaccinated against Covid-19. If an individual who wishes to attend in-person Meeting for Worship is not fully vaccinated, they should contact the Spiritual Care Committee prior to attending in-person, so that the Committee can consider their situation.
2. Each attendee will attempt to allow distance between themselves and others in the Meetinghouse and while attending in-person Meeting for Worship. Seating in the Meetinghouse will be arranged in an attempt to facilitate distance.
3. While attending in-person Meeting for Worship, attendees will attempt to ventilate the Meetinghouse as much as is practically feasible given weather conditions.
4. Friends are welcome to wear a mask.

**House and Hospitality** reported that the new cleaning service will start regular cleaning of the Meetinghouse tomorrow.

**Sid and Sherry Rosen** will be moving out of Corvallis this summer. Meeting expressed great gratitude for their service and presence as part of our community.

**Nominating Committee** proposed and Meeting approved Jeff Kline as Meetinghouse Scheduler. We have not yet decided when to open the Meetinghouse to outside groups, but this will allow Jeff time to learn the procedures from Sid.

**Peace Justice and Environment:** Donna Gerry shared a petition that peace and environmental activists are hoping CFM and/or individuals within may want to sign.

" We ask COP26 to set strict greenhouse gas emissions limits that make no exception for militarism, include transparent reporting requirements and independent verification, and do not rely on schemes to "offset" emissions. Greenhouse gas emissions from a country's overseas military bases must be fully reported and charged to that country, not the country where the base is located."

## MINUTES CONTINUED & NOTES

Three local organizations are supporting this.

<https://www.actionnetwork.org/petitions/stop-excluding-military-pollution-from-climate-agreements-2>

**Friends approved our signing this as a Meeting.**

**Meeting approved** sending the obituary for **Ruth McNeill** to *Friends Journal* and paying for an obituary in the Gazette-Times. Her memorial service is scheduled for Sunday August 29, starting at 3:30 pm at the Peffer pavilion in Starker Arts Park, Corvallis. Friends will help arrange for sound amplification—renting a bull horn was suggested

**Jim Kimball memorial service** will be held July 24 12:30-1:30 at Adair County Park. Bob Ward shared the Memorial Minute for Jim Kimball. Due to timing, Meeting approved the Minute without seasoning or further editing and agreed that Jay Thatcher will submit it to NYPM before the Annual Session this week. Bob expressed gratitude to many Friends and to Jim's sister for their rich contributions.

**Meeting also approved paying for an obituary for Jim in the Gazette-Times.**

John Selker and Jay reported that they are exploring ways to provide technology for **hybrid meetings** and other activities at the Meetinghouse.

**Next Meeting for Business will be August 8<sup>th</sup>**



### CFM Directory Updates

It's time to update the Directory!

Hi! I'm new here since COVID started, and I've agreed to keep the Directory updated now that Sid is moving away. I look forward to putting more faces to these names as time goes on! Friends who are in the Directory will soon receive a copy to review.

Jan Evans [JanRandEvans@gmail.com](mailto:JanRandEvans@gmail.com) or call 541-753-0401 (h).

**Sunday August 29, 3:30 pm. Ruth McNeill's Memorial Meeting – Starker Arts Park Peffer Pavilion, Corvallis.**

A memorial meeting, in the manner of Friends, will be held at 3:30, Sunday afternoon, August 29, at the Peffer pavilion in Starker Arts Park, Corvallis. Ruth's family, from the East Coast and Canada, will be joining us.

Please bring a folding lawn chair for yourself, and if you have them, some extras for those who don't have one.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting, and afterwards those who would like can join Bart and the family in a hike up Bald Hill, where Ruth's ashes will be scattered.

**In Remembrance of Hiroshima & Nagasaki August 1945**

**Thursday, August 5th, 7pm until dusk**

Corvallis Riverfront Park--1st and Madison

### Program

Land Acknowledgement and Blessing

Mayor's Proclamation of Peace

Recognition of Hibakusha

Remarks- Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

Community Affirmation

Candlelight procession to the Van Buren St. bridge as the lantern-lit Peace Flotilla passes beneath us

You may prefer to bring a flashlight in a jar or an electric candle for the candlelight procession. These are a lot easier to handle than the conventional candles in jars that will be available.

Traditional Koto music by Masumi Timson ~ Paper Crane Making ~ Informational Displays

Sponsored by Women's League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) and Veterans For Peace (VFP), Linus Pauling Chapter

For more information contact: [leahbolger@comcast.net](mailto:leahbolger@comcast.net)

# James Anderson Kimball 1936-2021

## *Memorial Minute*

James Kimball was born in Michigan on November 16, 1936, the eldest of three siblings. He loved growing up in Detroit and Chicago. When Jim was 14 the family moved to New York. He returned to his roots to attend Purdue University and the University of Chicago, working happy summers on a dairy farm while earning a Master's degree in Physics.

He met Margreta Gerhart in New York in 1959, traveled by VW Beetle with her to California, married and settled in Berkeley where Jim studied linguistics. Daughter Sara and son Daniel were born in 1961 and 1965.

Amidst all these challenges and changes of life, Jim became an expert pilot and flight instructor. He also helped form a commune in Southern Oregon, built a cabin there and managed the farm. When it disbanded, he worked tirelessly as a chief flight instructor in New York until 1973. The family moved to Corvallis so that Jim could study Electrical Engineering. He and Greta divorced in 1976.

During the 1960's, Jim's strong pacifist values and opposition to the Vietnam war led him to the Quakers. He attended Meeting in Berkeley, then Corvallis in the mid-1970's, and Strawberry Creek (Berkeley) where he became a member.

From 1978-1995, Jim worked for electric utilities in Portland and Chicago. When he retired, he returned to Corvallis to stay, after 50-some peripatetic years. He transferred membership to Corvallis Friends Meeting.

Jim was the central figure in managing the renovation of the Corvallis Meeting House, comprising the Meeting room, expanded room for children, an entrance way and facilities. With Henry Van Dyke, Wayne Yarnall and Bob Burton, Jim led the realization of Laurie Childers' vision from design to details. As with the others involved in the initial construction, he always had a special feeling of belonging for that meeting room.

Sometime later, he found in Buddhist meditation a practice and discipline that evolved his consciousness and serenity. Meeting saw little of him for some years.

Friends were gratified when he returned to Quakers, and then joined the new Corvallis FCNL Advocacy team in 2019. He spoke passionately of his respect for and affinity with the Quaker path to peace, justice and equality. In later life, he sought to activate the Light in the world through advocacy, alongside inner illumination through meditation.

Jim continued to enjoy travelling, camping and hiking. He was an avid music lover with a collection ranging from opera and plainsong through instrumental classics to world music and even abstract modern works.

James Anderson Kimball died peacefully shortly after midnight on March 3, 2021.

He is remembered by Friends for the following attributes.

Jim was a private person, fiercely independent, steadfast in his convictions, forthright in his preferences, and faithful to simplicity in his life. He found it difficult to accept help, yet he was notably generous. He gave practical and emotional support to Friends and friends from Vancouver through the Bay Area and

## JIM KIMBALL MEMORIAL CONTINUED

even to Central America. Corvallis Friends recall frequent acts of kindness. People who shared private times with Jim found him warm, curious, attentive and interesting. More than one Friend admired Jim's ability to listen respectfully and patiently and to reflect before responding in a respectful and usually enlightening manner.

In recent years, medical and physical conditions limited and frustrated Jim's participation. He enjoyed walks with Friends as long as he could. He wanted to be with people, and deeply appreciated all who came to visit on his patio to eat, explore matters of substance, reminisce and laugh together. Because of his travels, Jim and visitors often found they had places and experiences in common. His dog Cory shared many of those.

Friends agree that Jim Kimball was a valuable asset to the Meeting, and through the legacy of our Meeting room itself, will be remembered for a long time. He is admired by many and missed by all who gained his friendship.

Jim is survived by daughter Sara Kimball, son Daniel Harris, and grandchildren Annamaria Kimball, Alexander Harris and Julian Harris.

*Be patterns, be examples in all countries, places, islands, nations, wherever you come; that your carriage and life may preach among all sorts of people, an to them. Then you will come to walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in everyone.*

*George Fox, Quaker 1624-1691*

## ADVICES & QUERIES: Community (part 2)

North Pacific Yearly Meeting, *Faith and Practice* 2018 <https://npym.org/?q=fandp/all-versions>

Being part of a community requires us to practice compassion and patience. As members of a community, we pay attention to each other and rely on each other; we consciously nurture our interdependence. It's not always easy. It's nevertheless vital to our shared spiritual journey.

- How do we as individuals support the spiritual health of the meeting? How do we as a community support the spiritual health of individual members and attenders?
- How do we make our meeting a beloved community and a living testimony – for all members and attenders, wherever they are in their own spiritual journeys?
- How do we create a radically inclusive culture in our Quaker community?
- How does our meeting community reflect the Spirit and Truth at the center of our lives?

CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING  
3311 NW POLK AVE  
CORVALLIS OR 97330-5057