

CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

ELEVENTH MONTH NOVEMBER 2021

ALL ARE WELCOME

Sunday Worship: 10:00-11:00

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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

See Wednesday Digest for Links to all events For help or questions, contact Bob Burton, 541-231-3352 or bob11340@comcast.net

Sunday November 7

8:30-9:30 am (standard time!) **Silent Walking Worship** Willamette Park

Contact Bob Ward bobward1948@gmail.com

10:00 am (standard time!) **Meeting for Worship** via Zoom and at the Meetinghouse

Saturday November 13

3:00 pm Truth & Military Recruitment (details inside)

Sunday November 14

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship

10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom and at the Meetinghouse

11:40 am Meeting for Business via Zoom

Monday November 15

7-8:30 pm Conversations about Race Culture & Equity (details inside)

Wednesday November 17, 3:30-5:30 pm. Third Age Circle group by Zoom

6 pm Truth & Military Recruitment (details inside)

Sunday November 21

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship,

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

Sunday November 28

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship,

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

Monday November 29

7-8:30 pm Conversations about Race Culture & Equity (details inside)

Sunday December 5

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship,

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

Corvallis Friends Meeting for Worship for Business October 10, 2021

Clerk: Susan Easton

Recording Clerk: John Selker

Friends present: Karuna Nunyara, Donna Gerry, Bob Henderson, Jay Thatcher, Wendy Robinson, Nancy Ewald, Laurie Childers, Bob Burton, Deb Luper, Kathy Miller, Laura Horsey, Jan Evans.

Clerk Susan Easton read from Osborn Cresson *On Quaker Unity*:

Unity during meeting for worship for attention to business is familiar to Quakers. It is a commitment to move forward together and, significantly, it does not mean we have to hold the same views.

To my surprise, the approach also applies to another kind of unity—that of the meeting community. Unity of the meeting community is a commitment to each other and to our lives together.

Expectant silence followed.

Minutes of last month's Meeting for Business were approved with the following addition "The meeting united on simplifying the closing of the in-person meeting for worship."

Treasurer's Report: Wendy separated out contributions for an Afghani Family to clarify this in relation to our usual income and budget. Despite some special expenses this month, the income received and payments made are basically in balance.

A second point is a confirmation that there will not be any WQM assessment this year. Next year the \$6 per member per meeting charge will be reinstated. **Meeting approved the suggestion from WQM to give this year's already budgeted money to COVAX for vaccine distribution in poorer countries. Meeting accepted the Treasurer's report.**

Report from the Spiritual Care Committee:

It is apparent that communication between the four different meetings for worship is a critical part of their integration. We are working on several ways to address this. Members of our committee plan to attend virtual worship regularly. The meeting now has a computer in the Meeting House, and a wireless network with internet access. Small hybrid meetings are within our capabilities. **Meeting approved having November Meeting for Business in a hybrid style.**

On 10/17, walking worship will start and end at the Meeting House. Morning potluck arrangements are being coordinated by Abigail. Abigail Stoughton is finding volunteers to host meeting for worship at the Meeting House. If you'd like to help, please speak with her.

Copies of Faith & Practice are now available for attenders and members who would like one. Please speak with any Friend on the committee.

We (SCC) plan to meet next on November 4.

Meeting approved having two threshing Sessions to come to a decision for a Meeting social action Project.

The hope is that such a project would bring us together out of our separateness. They were scheduled for 7 p.m. on Oct 26th and Nov 9th. John Selker will coordinate these meetings.

Laura Horsey, volunteer coordinator for Groundskeeping reported:The visioning process has been deferred in view of the Covid pandemic. Gratitude is expressed to the volunteers who have managed to care for the grounds and make them beautiful throughout our time of separation from the meetinghouse and to Laura Horsey who has coordinated this work.

Announcements: Next Sunday Oct 17th, there will be another Potluck outside Meetinghouse, between the times of Walking Meeting's return around 9:30 am and MfW inside at 10:15 am.

Next Meeting for Business – November 14

Military Recruitment? Registration? Draft? Not young women!...actually, yes it is all coming. Most of it is already here.

Join Kate Connell and the Board of Western Friend in a conversation about Truth and Military Recruitment Saturday, November 13, 2021 90 minutes beginning at 3:00 PM Wednesday, November 17, 2021 beginning at 6:00 PM

A Friend from California, Kate Connell is the Founding Director of Truth in Recruitment. She will share the history and current reality of military recruitment practices among young people in the United States.

Click here to join the conversation at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/288711054?pwd=NlQvQzUvZmwyT2hQbWZaUVFLaDVMQT09>

Meeting ID: 288 711 054

Passcode: 593327

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SEEK (Spiritual Exploring and Engagement Committee) Sessions continue. If you haven't registered before, you may still be able to join. Email Laurie Childers childers@peak.org with "Dr Lake" in the subject line.

"SIX CONVERSATIONS About Race, Culture, and Equity" on Zoom, Monday evenings, from 7-8:30 pm. November 15 & 29 and December 13th.

Registration link for the Six Conversations with Dr Johnny Lake: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwpdO6gpzMsH9fqWB6slmIESUFyl76ilJ8e>

I Cannot Be Fully Human, Alone by Susan Schaller [excerpted from an essay in NPYM Newsletter <https://npym.org/newsletters/2021-11/>]

I have been studying and practicing nonviolence for a dozen years and learned what Dr. Johnny Lake told us (Quakers and the Oregon Fellowship of Reconciliation) in the first of a series of workshops looking at racism: *Before we can unlearn and relearn, we need to see what we have learned.* I have also learned I cannot do that alone. I cannot see the water I have always swam in.

I need you to point out my blind spots, and warn me of the pits I am about to fall into. Fellowship is not casual or peripheral social life. Fellowship is a spiritual practice, to be practiced as often as possible. I need another person to practice language skills. I need another person to remind me or motivate me to keep exercising, and I need spiritual dance partners to learn and keep my balance, keep centered, grounded.

It could be called fellowship. It could be called the Friends of Truth, the original name for Quakers. The truth is we are the same blob of protoplasm. Life is life

I cannot commune by myself. I cannot commune with people who believe the illusion that we are all separate individuals, and must compete, hoard, own and defend territory, and consume as if eating the entire planet only makes me happy (another illusion), and affects no one else.

Daily I am flooded with messages of separateness (violence is separation). In any attempt to unify, to share, to commune (nonviolence is unity), not to be a separate individual greedy for every new toy, I almost immediately look weird, crazy or alien.

To find that of God within I must move from the artificial separate **I** to **we**. There is no I without

you, you without I. The great reality is that we are one. I love the Hindu story of the Source of all, the One without a second, is like a great brilliantly colored glass that shattered. Every bit of life has a shard of that divine brilliance. Communal stained glass is so much more colorful, varied and enchanting than a tiny sliver of one hue.

“All, everything I understand, I understand only because I love.” — Leo Tolstoy

Peace, light, love, life, and that of One-in-all is beyond all understanding intellectually. I only experience understanding of eternal gifts in and through love when I practice learning to love. I cannot do that by myself. Love is found between us and in our daily living. I need to learn to love better. I can't do that alone in my room. I need to unlearn lessons of violence, and practice the creative, positive, constructive programming of nonviolence, MLK's "the beloved community", I need you to point out my blind spots, to see me whom you see better than I, and tell me what you see. Write or meet with me and explore CommUnity, one-ing with each other, fellowship, inspired by that which makes us feel alive and connected to life. I cannot resist violence and the separation around me alone. Alone, I fail daily to resist the violent culture all around me.

There is so much we could share, instead of owning and consuming separately. I could practice living more simply, learn to be a peacemaker, practice nonviolent confrontation in the face of injustice, and journey further inward to face fears and heal, with mutual fellowship.

I cannot be Susan, alone. I can't even see my own face. You can. Tell me when I need to brush off a crumb or a mosquito.

Write me, susan.schaller@gmail.com, and share something with me, starting with your

response on how we can be a we together, and resist the destructive "me-me-me"



Advices & Queries – Mutual Care

Our needs for love and care, and our response to these needs in others, make up a rich part of our lives. In an exchange truly grounded in love, each of us is both giver and receiver, ready to help and accept help. Neither pride nor fear keeps us from the unconditional love and care of God manifested through others. Let neither comfort nor self-centeredness blind us to our need for others.

We listen to one another with openness of heart and in good faith, aware that greater wisdom than our own is required to meet our human needs. We lift up our hearts to the Source of all wisdom and power.

- In what ways do we bring together members and attenders, young and old, in love and community?
- Are we sensitive to each other's personal needs and difficulties? How do we assist in useful ways?
- Do we visit one another in our homes and keep in touch with distant members?
- How do we listen to one another, even beyond words?
- How do we provide mutual care while acknowledging our own limitations?
- How well are we able to love each other unconditionally?

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