

CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

FIRST MONTH JANUARY 2022

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 January 2

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship Willamette Park

Contact Bob Ward bobward1948@gmail.com

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

Sunday January 9

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship

10:00 am Hybrid/Blended Meeting for Worship Zoom and Meetinghouse together

11:40 am Meeting for Business Hybrid/Blended

Sunday January 16

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

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

Monday January 17

5:00 pm *Fit For Freedom* Book Group by Zoom

fitforfreedomnotforfriendship@gmail.com

Wednesday, January 19

3:30-5:30 pm. Third Age Circle group by Zoom

Sunday January 23

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

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

Sunday January 30

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

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

Sunday February 6

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

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

Corvallis Friends Meeting for Worship for Business December 12, 2021

Clerk: Susan Easton

Recording Clerk: Esther Schiedel

Friends present: Donna Gerry, Judy Hays-Eberts, Bob Burton, Wendy Robinson, Karuna Nunyara, Jay Thatcher, Susan Schaller, Jan Evans, Kathy Miller, Nina Joy Lawrence, Bob Henderson, Nancy Ewald

Meeting began in Expectant quiet. Friends reflected on the following quotation

“While the Quaker faith is founded on the principle that every person can have a direct relationship with God, an equally central tenet lies in the power of the “gathered community.” When Friends gather in silence to worship, they are *collectively seeking the will of God*, rather than meditating individually. Shared worship signifies unity and trust”. – Living in Fellowship, AFSC

The minutes of November 14 2021 were approved

A written Treasurer’s Report was submitted and accepted. There were several notes that were explained by Wendy and discussed:

- (1) The \$125 for repair of Meeting Room heating was for the service call to diagnose the problem. We received a bid of approximately \$1,500 to make the repairs. I am still awaiting that bill.
- (2) I set up the separate checking account for the “Propane is our Project” donations. \$550 has been deposited in that account in the form of checks. There is a GoFundMe Account, we were having difficulties in having the donations flow into this checking account, but this has been remedied.
Friends (and others) can donate to the project through the Meeting: please note that the donation is for the Propane Project
- (3) This is the month that I make the annual contributions from the Meeting. Due to the

threshing process over what activity the Meeting wants to undertake to help draw the disparate meetings together and the possible costs attached, we have not had a threshing session to decide how to spend the additional \$10,000 that we want to disburse in order to reduce our cash on hand. I propose to make the traditional donations we have made in the past totaling \$11,398. These are set out below (and include a 5% inflationary increase from 2020):

Friends approved making these contributions: FWCC - \$850; FCNL = \$1,216, AFSC - \$1,216, We Care - \$3,039, Linn-Benton Food Share - \$3,000, Corvallis Housing First - \$183, Corvallis Daytime Drop-In-Center - \$1,458.50, OADP - \$443, In lieu of taxes - \$1,219, Quaker Earthcare Witness - \$365, CARDV - \$608
Wendy will first use most of the money in the checking account and then get the rest from Friends Fiduciary.

The expenses for the Hybrid Meeting technology have exceeded the amount budgeted. Friends approved increasing the budget to improve the technology Friends approved adding Bob Ward as a third signatory to the Meetings bank account.

Spiritual Care Committee Report: We have had one hybrid Meeting for Worship on 11/28. We are gathering responses from attenders regarding their experiences, suggestions and ideas. **Was hybrid worship what you expected it might be? Did it meet your needs for worship?**

We recommend scheduling one or two more blended Meetings for Worship in the next month before coming to a decision about ongoing blended worship times.

The next Spiritual Care Committee meeting is planned for Thursday, 1/6/22.

Friends approved holding hybrid/blended Meetings for Worship on Sunday December 19 and Sunday January 9

A potluck for Walking Worshipers and Meetinghouse Worshipers will be held December 26 at 9:30am at the Meetinghouse—outside and in.

The Meeting received an offer for **replacing the lights in the Meetinghouse with more energy efficient ones. Bob Burton, John Selker, and Jay Thatcher will investigate this idea further.**

Bob observed that the meetinghouse refrigerator possibly should be replaced—this will also be looked into.

SEEK (Spiritual Exploring and Engagement Kommittee) *Conversations on Race, Culture & Equity* final session is December 13 7pm.

Peace Justice and Environment: A link will be in the Wednesday Digest with information about further threshing sessions on a Meeting project. Friends are encouraged to share ideas with Bob Ward and/or John Selker.

Nina recommended Friends listen to a recent *Think Out Loud* podcast on land acknowledgement.

Nominating Committee needs a new member. Nina and Susan will serve as a Pre-Nominating Committee.

Nina shared that she went shopping with each of the Meeting's children for gifts through **the Vina Moses Giving Tree Program**. Gifts and donations will be accepted by Vina Moses through December 16th

Meeting closed with worship.

Next Meeting for Business – January 9

Quaker Films for the Season: Access to eight acclaimed documentaries

Dear Friends,

Janet Gardner, the Quaker founder of the Gardner Documentary Group, has produced and directed a host of socially responsible, humanitarian focused documentary films over several decades which have been of great interest to Friends here and abroad. Examples include: plight of child soldiers; malformed victims of agent orange; abandoned mixed race Vietnam War orphans; North Vietnamese subterranean tunnel communities; near extermination of Cambodian classical dancers by the Khmer Rouge and, of course, Quakers: The Quiet Revolutionaries.

The Gardner Group has recently released its website which gives full description and access to the entire body of eight acclaimed documentaries. We hope you will share this message and we welcome your response.

<https://gardnerdocgroup.com>

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Corvallis Interfaith December 2021 slides and Greeting Card preview

Dear Friends

As we welcome in the New Year please enjoy our slide presentation from the December Cafe' with Abby Terris from the Sangha Jewel Center discussing 'How Opinions Block True Unity.'

We are also happy to announce that we will be selling Interfaith Greeting Cards starting mid-January. Please find them attached at the end of the slide show. More information on ordering will be forthcoming.

May 2022 be filled with health, joy and peace.

Namaste Lynn Walker **The Corvallis Interfaith Team** <https://www.facebook.com/Corvallis-Interfaith-Network-105748597567871/>

Fundraising for Afghan Evacuees coming to Corvallis:

WITO is the local group that once again is finding and coordinating support for people forced from their home and communities abroad. The current goal is to raise \$20,000 to support the immediate needs for housing and food for a handful of people coming from Afghanistan, whose arrival is anticipated soon. Some of them have connections with people already here, which is hopeful for their emotional support. WITO volunteers have been searching for affordable apartments with easy access to shopping and employment. Donations given via the Grace Lutheran Church are eligible for tax deduction. - Laurie Childers

Please make checks payable to: **Grace Lutheran Church**

Please add in the memo line: WITO Fund

Grace Lutheran Church

435 NW 21st St.

Corvallis, OR 97330

PLEASE INCLUDE THIS FORM WITH YOUR WITO CONTRIBUTION.

The enclosed contribution in the amount of \$_____00 is intended to support

WELCOMING IMMIGRANTS TO OREGON (WITO).

Contact Information (for use only if a contribution question needs attention):

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



Advices & Queries – Home & Family Part 2

The meeting can support, yet cannot replace, the family in the care of children. At the same time, every member of meeting is responsible in some measure for the care of families, including children.

Stay aware of the many ways the meeting can act as a family – and the ways it cannot.

Be both bold and tender in offering assistance to families that may be experiencing discord or domestic abuse.

- *Does our home life support our need for both a sense of personal identity and shared living?*
- *What supports do we offer to the aging, the widowed, the separated or divorced, and members of families affected by disruption or trauma?*
- *How does the meeting assist families to improve communication, family life, and the rearing of children in a context of love?*

Invitation to read and discuss “Fit for Freedom, Not for Friendship” by Donna McDaniel and Vanessa Julye. A myth-breaking history of and by Quakers of color.

Discussion continues once per month on the third Monday online 5 pm: Contact Laurie Childers childers@peak.org.



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