

CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

SECOND MONTH FEBRUARY 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

Saturday February 5

5:00 am. Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC)

Quaker Conversations 2.3 Creating a community of peace (details inside)

Sunday February 6

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

Tuesday February 8

7 pm to 8 pm SEEK: FCNL Priorities (details inside)

Sunday February 13

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

Tuesday February 15

7:00 pm Invitation to a welcoming conversation (details inside)

Sunday February 20

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship (start and end at Meetinghouse)

9:30 am Joint outdoor potluck at Meetinghouse

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

Monday February 21

5:00 pm Reading Group - *Fit for Freedom Not for Friendship*

Tuesday February 22

7 pm to 8 pm SEEK: Spiritual Gifts from Meeting (details inside)

Sunday February 27

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

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

11:45 am Virtual Potluck

Corvallis Friends Meeting for Worship for Business - January 9, 2022

Clerk: Susan Easton

Recording Clerk: John Selker

Friends present: Bob Burton, Wendy Robinson, Donna Gerry, Bob Henderson, Jay Thatcher, Nancy Ewald, Judy Hays-Eberts, Jan Evans, Nina Joy Lawrence, Laura Horsey

Expectant quiet

The word testimony describes the way that Friends *testify* or *bear witness* to their beliefs in their everyday life. A testimony is therefore not a belief, but is committed action arising out of Friends' religious experience.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Testimony_of_simplicity

Approval previous minutes – Donna wanted to correct the minutes: where it said Nina Joy mentioned a podcast, but actually this was contributed by Donna. With this amendment the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report - The quantitative monthly report was accepted by the meeting.

Regarding tax receipts, which are soon to go out, the **treasurer noted that we have received about \$21,000 in donations versus our budgeted projection of \$25,000.** The 2022 budget does not reflect the reality of the fact that we really collected only \$17,000 for the purpose of the CFM (other donations were dedicated to Ruth McNeill's memory and other proscribed uses). **We need to address this deficit, which could be covered by our Friends fiduciary funds.** The treasurer suggests that it would be helpful for the meeting to review its commitments for the coming year to determine how to close this gap. This could take the form of a special called meeting, or a topic of a business meeting. The meeting decided to set a threshing session on the budget for January 30th. Wendy is willing to facilitate the threshing session. A key point was that this deficit was in part due to the sense that the meeting was flush with funds, and so donations may have been reduced from what would be possible to

receive if Friends saw that we were not meeting our budget objectives.

Spiritual Care Committee Report - The report was communicated by Wendy Robinson. They met Friday January 7. The next meeting will be Feb 3 at 1 PM. The SCC decided that the meeting would continue to allow for in-person meeting on Sundays, and N95 masks will be available for those people who do not have masks. UpToDate vaccination and wearing of an N95 mask, or equivalent, will be required to take part in the in-person meeting. This policy was approved.

The SCC wishes to regularize the calendar for meeting events. **SCC suggests that hybrid meeting be 2nd and 4th Sundays. The joint potluck between walking meeting and in-person meeting can be 3rd Sunday, and virtual lunch potluck on the 4th Sunday. Zoom meetings will continue every week. This schedule will be posted on the CFM door. Friends entering the Meeting House will be notified regarding video recording and telemetry of the events that take place. The meeting approved.**

House and Hospitality - Abigail was not present to provide a report.

Pre-nominating Committee - Nina Joy, clerk of the pre-nominating committee, reports that following several calls, people were not able to commit to this effort. Nina Joy has offered to join the nominating committee. **The meeting approves of this offer, and puts Nina-Joy on the nominating committee thorough 12-31-2024.**

Other business - The meeting wishes to have another threshing session on seeking our leading toward social action that will unite the whole meeting. We will find a time in February which will follow small-team synthesis of the progress and ideas put forward to this point.

Next Meeting for Business – February 13

Invitation to a Welcoming Conversation Tuesday, 2/15 at 7:00 pm

You are welcome to Corvallis Friends Meeting --so we're having a whole conversation to be sure all know it.

This will be your chance to get answers to questions you've not had a chance or the guts to ask, such as:

- ▶ When does one talk in worship? How can I know it's right?
- ▶ Why don't we vote in meeting for business?
- ▶ What does a volunteer coordinator do?
- ▶ Who or what are the queries? queries?
- ▶ Are Quakers Christian?
- ▶ Is it OK to invite my friends to come?
- ▶ What kind of work, action and service do other Friends do?
- ▶ Can I be a Methodist, cigarette smoker, Muslim, Republican or Buddhist and also a Quaker?

This is a general invitation to those who might be described as new. If you don't know, you probably ought to come.

Several Friends who've been around a while will come, too. They will make some initial remarks to explain Quakerism, Corvallis Friends Meeting or their personal experience of being a Friend.

In small groups, all will be asked to complete a few of these:

- One thing I'd like to know about Corvallis Friends or Quakers generally is _____.
- One thing I'd like Friends to know about me is _____.
- I'd like Corvallis Friends to do _____.
- A thing that drew me to the CFM is _____.
- One thing I admire about the Friends I have met is _____.
- I found Corvallis Friends Meeting through _____.

If you've questions about this event, ask Deb Luper, Jan Evans, Jay Thatcher or Wendy Robinson.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3420790198?pwd=UVpPaHpHa2xwbng2T1ZHRGJKbjFEUT09>

Friends World Committee for Consultation Saturday 2/5 5am

How important is the inner work for peace?

When it comes to working for peace, the challenges are many and the task can seem overwhelming. Many organisations and individuals are becoming more aware of the challenges for the people delivering peace and humanitarian work. The personal toll can be huge, leading to burn out, mental illness and trauma. How do we, as a community of Friends dedicated to peace, support those on the ground? How do we uphold their work and support them to do the inner work necessary to sustain themselves and the causes they work for?

<https://fwcc.world/event/quaker-conversations-creating-a-community-of-peace-how-do-quakers-support-those-working-in-peace/?fbclid=IwAR1UJE06UAcEp5caFKc-h7l8hv5JZMEzbvPKGZIIT1DcXfbHX3ymVzQDjQ>

SEEK (Spiritual Exploring and Engagement Kommittee)

Feb 8: we will generate and share interests, concerns and priorities for FCNL.

FCNL stands for Friends Committee on National Legislation. It is a 100+ year old Quaker lobby organization, with a wonderful "green" building across the street from the Senate. FCNL employees each focus on particular policy areas. They meet with experts, congressional aides, and members of congress. They are lobbyists that work to get Quaker values of simplicity, peace, integrity, community, equality, and earth care into the bills that become the laws of our country. They are respected for their ability to bring wisdom to the table. They often help draft the bills themselves. FCNL periodically asks Quaker Meetings and Churches to give considered input on what the legislative priorities should be. As we did in 2018, we will devote 2 meetings (February 8 and March 8) to this concern.

Feb 22: Spiritual gifts we have received in this Meeting. We are invited to share specific moments, messages, actions, ways of being by Friends in this Meeting, that have spiritually nourished or touched us. Worship Sharing format. Nina Joy facilitating



Advices & Queries

The Meeting and Friends of all Ages

The meeting community is the seedbed of our spiritual lives.

Meetings heed the needs of their members and attenders as they move along their life journeys.

As Friends we place a high value on intergenerational activities to nurture life in the Spirit.

- *How do we recognize and cherish the contributions that Friends of all ages make to our Quaker community?*
- *How does our meeting stay tender to those who may be discomfited by children?*
- *How do we value each other as children of God without prejudice based on age?*
- *How does our meeting walk alongside members and attenders at all stages of their lives?*
- *How does living in Quaker community nurture a meaningful life?*

From North Pacific Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice. Copies are available from the Meeting and online at nypm.org

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 corvallisfriends@gmail.com

Next deadline 2/28/22



Monday February 21 5:00 pm *Fit for Freedom Not for Friendship* Book Group by Zoom

<https://westernfriend.org/fit-freedom-not-friendship-reading-group>

News of Friends

Tom Scroggins and **Mary Jane Gray** both long time members of Corvallis Friends Meeting died this past month. Memorial services are being planned and information regarding them will be shared later.

Save the Date and pre-register now. March 20-22, 2022. Friends General Conference (FGC) of the Quakers: White Privilege Conference 2022 – online. You must pre-register to receive the reduced fee for the conference.

<https://www.fgcquaker.org/deepen/enrichment/help-your-meeting-challenge-racism/fgc-white-privilege-conference>

FGC has supported Friends to attend this conference for over ten years and we are excited to gather Friends once again for this conference. The conference is open to both Friends of Color and white Friends

We will send out our regular discount registration code via email upon receipt of registration. Please know that we only provide discount codes to Quakers or Quaker organization affiliated attendees.

Remember that the pre-registration form does not automatically register you for the retreat. Please register for the White Privilege Conference on their website.

<https://www.theprivilegeinstitute.com/>