

CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

EIGHTH MONTH AUGUST 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

Sunday August 7

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

11:40 am Meeting for Business Hybrid/Blended

Sunday August 14

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship

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

12:00 noon to 4:00 pm Open Streets Activities at the Meetinghouse front yard
(details inside)

Sunday August 21

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship

10 am Meeting for Worship Zoom

10:00 am Meeting for Worship in Avery Park at the circle of picnic tables just west of Lions' Kitchen. This is near a playground and the locomotive via Zoom and at the Meetinghouse

Monday August 27

5:00 pm Reading Group - *Fit for Freedom Not for Friendship* (details inside)

Sunday August 28

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

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Corvallis Friends Meeting for Worship for Business

July 10, 2022

Clerk: Susan Easton

Recording Clerk: Esther Schiedel

Friends present: **Bob Ward (for first part of Meeting), Donna Gerry, Jay Thatcher**

Meeting began in Expectant quiet. Susan shared this quotation:

All of us in the meeting have needs. Sometimes the need will be for patient understanding, sometimes for practical help, sometimes for challenge and encouragement; but we cannot be aware of each other's needs unless we know each other. Every conversation with another Friend, every business meeting, every discussion group, and every meeting for worship can increase our loving and caring and our knowledge of each other.

Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
(Quakers) in Britain 5th Edition

The minutes of the June Meeting for Business were approved as printed in the Newsletter. Donna noted that the Nominating Report printed in the Newsletter was incomplete. Esther will share the corrected version in the Wednesday Digest and in the next Newsletter

A printed tentative Treasurer's Report was shared by Bob Ward. He explained that the report may be lacking some unscheduled automatic transactions July 1-9 as he could not access the account online. Omissions will be added and noted in the August report.

The quarterly statement for April-June will be reflected in the August report.

Other business. The 2022-2023 budget that was approved by the Meeting allowed for housecleaning 6 times per year. The Treasurer and House Committee are persuaded that monthly cleaning is

required. Friends approved increasing the budget from \$1,080.00 to \$2,160.00.

Spiritual Care Committee: We have found our committee limited in bringing unifying experiences to the Meeting as a whole. We're finding zoom fatigue, pandemic precautions, a lack of hosts for hybrid meetings, responsibilities to families and the small size of our committee. **We ask Friends now in Meeting for Business to thresh and brainstorm what things Friends are interested in doing together that may increase our unity and sense of togetherness. Activities may occur once or a few times or involve more of the Meeting over longer periods of time.**

Open Streets Corvallis will take place on the afternoon of August 14 when Polk and Lincoln Avenues will be open to walking, skating and biking. This presents an opportunity for outreach to our neighbors. We discussed possible ideas and suggested these:

- Asking neighbors what service work they'd like to help on & what they need (perhaps a whiteboard or suggestion box)
- Our Land Acknowledgement statement
- Providing baked goods and lemonade

These are the ideas we discussed today. The effort needs a coordinating Friend. There's more info about Open Streets Activities at

<https://openstreetscorvallis.org/activities/>

On 7/17, North Pacific Yearly Meeting will be concluding with a Meeting for Worship in Monmouth, OR and online. Corvallis Friends are invited to join from our meeting room at the rise of our weekly worship. Perhaps some local Friends may want to arrive closer to 11:00 am. Our series of outdoor worships continues on 7/31 near the

gazebo in Philomath's City Park, followed by potluck. Motor vehicle storage, a playground and flush toilets are all quite nearby. **We meet 8/21 in Avery Park** at the circle of picnic tables just west of Lions' Kitchen. This is near a playground and the locomotive. **On 9/18 we plan to meet at Riverbend Park in Corvallis.**

We are drafting a letter to send to selected inactive members of our Meeting to see if they wish to become active in our Meeting again, transfer their memberships or be released.

Our next committee meeting is planned for the afternoon of 8/12. Two Friends will be attending from eastern time zones.

Nominating Committee Report: The Wednesday Digest Editor Bob Ward and Digest backups, Bob Burton and Nina Joy Lawrence were not included in the list published in the newsletter. Esther will note this in the next edition.

Meeting Scheduler Report: Jeff Kline submitted a written report noting that he has contacted the pre-pandemic renters of the Meetinghouse to inform them that they are welcome to resume their use of the house. **At the time of his report he had heard back from only two, with only one of those electing to resume their use on their pre-pandemic schedule.** A second group that responded normally doesn't meet in the summer, but they indicated that the current masking requirement probably would not work for them if it were still being enforced in September. So far, he hasn't heard back from other groups. **We noted that there is currently no information about renting the Meetinghouse on our website. Donna will contact Jay further about our posting there about use of the facility.**

Since we will be involved in Open Streets on August 14, **we scheduled our next Meeting for Business for August 7.**

Call for illustrations from artists and photographers: I would love to receive artwork and photographs to enhance our newsletter. Email to corvallisfriends@gmail.com with the subject line "artwork for newsletter" Thanks!

Advices & Queries – Simplicity

Simplicity is one of the fruits of a faithful life centered on a commitment to the Spirit of God.

Friends strive for simplicity in the use of our earnings and property, in our speech, and in our manner of living, choosing that which is clear and useful.

All that leads to fullness of life and aids in the service of Truth is to be accepted with thanksgiving. We each determine by the Light we are given what helps and what hinders our search for inner peace.

- *Do we center our lives in the awareness of God so that all things take their rightful place?*
- *Do we clutter our lives with things and activities? What are the ways out? What helps us avoid commitments beyond our strength and light?*
- *How does our meeting help us simplify our lives? How do we order our individual lives to nourish our spiritual growth?*
- *Do we keep to simplicity, moderation, and honesty in our speech, our manner of living, and our daily work?*

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



Corvallis Friends Meeting Responsibilities July 2022 - June 2023

Clerk Susan Easton

Recording Clerk Team

Esther Schiedel, John Selker, Bob Burton

Treasurer Wendy Robinson

Treasurer Assist Team

Bob Ward: treasurer backup 2024, Esther Schiedel, check signer

Corporation Officers

Nina Joy Lawrence, Wendy Robinson, Esther Schiedel, Lorena Reynolds

Spiritual Care Committee

Kathy Miller 2023, Abigail Stoughton 2023, Jay Thatcher 2024, Wendy Robinson 2024, Carmen Brummet 2025

Spiritual Exploring and Engagement Kommittee SEEK

Laurie Childers, Karuna Nunyara,
Nina Joy Lawrence, Deb Luper in October

Nominating Committee

Donna Gerry 12/2022, Carmen Brummet 12/2023,
Nina Joy Lawrence, 12/2024

Children and Youth Program Coordinator Nina Joy Lawrence

Volunteers Jay Thatcher, Scott Smith

House and Hospitality Coordinator

Abigail Stoughton **Volunteer** Marybetts Sinclair starting in October

Groundskeeping Coordinator

Laura Horsey

Volunteers Mark Boyd, Marybetts Sinclair, Bob Henderson, Gary Graupensperger, James Cox

Major Meeting House Maintenance

Coordinator Bob Burton

Volunteer John Selker

Meeting Room Heating Charles Kettenring,
backup: John Selker

Meeting House Scheduler Jeff Kline

Peace Justice & Environment Coordinator

John Selker **Volunteer** Nina Joy Lawrence

Outreach Team John Selker, Jon Stoll

Rides Coordinator Donna Gerry

Library Committee on hold

Nancy Ewald

Communications:

Wednesday Digest Bob Ward, editor

Wednesday Digest Backup Bob Burton, Nina Joy Lawrence

Directory Jan Evans

Mail Sorting Wendy Robinson, Jay Thatcher,
Susan Easton

Meeting Phone Keeper Nancy Ewald

Meeting Statistics Recorder

Craig Sanders

Facebook Administrator

Laurie Childers

Website Pat Omidian

Newsletter Editor Esther Schiedel

Newsletter Backup Bob Burton, Craig Sanders
June - Sept

Newsletter Printing Mark Boyd, backup Scott Smith

Representation:

We Care Donna Gerry

Western Friend Jay Thatcher

Corvallis Interfaith Group Laurie Childers

Sustainability Coalition Kathy Miller, Donna Gerry

Friends Committee on National Legislation

Bob Burton

American Friends Service Committee

Pat Omidian

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