

# CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

TENTH MONTH OCTOBER 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 October 2**

**World Quaker Day**

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

Contact Bob Ward [bobward1948@gmail.com](mailto:bobward1948@gmail.com)

**10 am Meeting for Worship** via Zoom and at the Meetinghouse

**Sunday October 9**

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

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

**11:40 am Hybrid/Blended Meeting for Business**

**Sunday October 16**

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

**10 am Meeting for Worship – Riverbend Park**, 750 SE Rivergreen Ave Corvallis.

**10 am Meeting for Worship** at Meetinghouse and via Zoom

**Monday October 17**

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

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

**Sunday October 23**

**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**

**Sunday October 30**

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

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**10 am Meeting for Worship** via Zoom and at the Meetinghouse

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## Corvallis Friends Meeting for Worship for Business

September 11, 2022

Clerk: Susan Easton

Recording Clerk: Esther Schiedel

**Friends present:** Bob Henderson, Bob Burton, Jay Thatcher, Wendy Robinson, Carmen Brummet, John Selker, Laurie Childers, Deb Luper, Jeff Kline, Donna Gerry, Nina Joy Lawrence

**Meeting began in Expectant quiet worship.**

Friends read the following:

### ***How do Quakers live in community?***

*Community is implicit in our very name—the Religious Society of Friends. Though each of us has our own personal understanding of, and relationship with, God or Spirit or the divine, it's important for us to come together in worship, to share messages and insights with each other. Being a community is more than just everyone showing up in the same space at the same time, though; it's about learning to set aside personal differences and act as a unified force for good.*

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**No Meeting for Business was held in August, Friends approved the Minutes from July's Meeting for Business with a correction of a detail (change the name Jay to Jeff in section on referring to questions about use of Meetinghouse)**

**Treasurer's Report: was approved.** Wendy thanked Bob Ward for managing the finances in her absence

**Spiritual Care Committee met on Saturday, September 10.**

**1. The next SCC Meeting will be Wednesday, October 5, 3:30-5:30 at the Meeting House and via Zoom.**

**2. SCC wants the Meeting to decide whether the Meeting should buy a HEPA Air Filter for the Meeting Room.** This would be both to improve the air quality due to Covid and due to bad air quality from fires. If the Meeting approves this purchase, SCC recommends a small committee be appointed to investigate, purchase and install the filter. **Friends also suggested they look into a heat exchange system that would bring in more fresh air. Meeting approved a committee to investigate and report next month. John, Donna and Bob Burton volunteered.**

**3. We need to have more people who are trained in how to do the technology for hybrid meetings.** If we had more volunteers, no one would have to run that many meetings. If you are interested in getting trained, please contact a member of the SCC.

**4. SCC is discussing ways to improve the accessibility of Meeting for Worship and Meeting for Business for people who have hearing problems.** A small group is already investigating the use of simultaneous transcription from zoom as a way of improving reception for the hearing impaired. Also the use of a hand held microphone that speakers would go to for vocal ministry might help. That this might be intimidating to people wavering about speaking in Meeting was considered. That passing a mic could pass pathogens was another idea to consider.

**5. Our last joint outdoor Meeting and Potluck will be Sunday, September 18 at Riverbend Park at 10 a.m.** Bring your own chair, a potluck contribution and your own plates, cutlery and drinks. Directions will be published in the Wednesday Digest.

### **Grounds Report**

**Welcoming Presence: Nina Joy and Laura would like a sign with the name of our Meeting and the usual meeting times located closer to the sidewalk. Under the new crepe myrtle tree we could have a**

bench where passers-by could linger in our front yard. Both ideas were approved. John Selker offered to use his own oak “slab” to make a bench and to produce an engraved sign with another piece of oak. Meeting gratefully approved.

Meeting Scheduler Jeff Kline reported that since we reopened Meeting House two of our former users have resumed use. Former users have been told that we were requiring masking and some have cited this as a reason that they wouldn't be coming back. Jeff requested clarification whether this is correct. An alternative rule might be that each user group might have that option so long as there was sufficient time allotted between groups to restore the safety of the meeting rooms before other groups, especially our Meeting Community, which has elderly and vulnerable members. Meeting approved that Jeff is free to leave this to individual groups with notification of the risk they might choose to assume.

**Next Meeting for Business – October 9, 2022**



#### **Names and contact information for the Spiritual Care Committee 2022-2023**

CFM Spiritual Care Committee members are available to receive comments, concerns, and requests in regard to the spiritual life of the Meeting, in all its current forms, and the care of members and attenders. A private meeting may be arranged via Zoom, phone, or email if so desired. Contact any of the following:

**Jay Thatcher**, [jthatch@peak.org](mailto:jthatch@peak.org)

**Wendy Robinson**, [robburton@comcast.net](mailto:robburton@comcast.net)

**Kathy Miller**, (541) 207-7304

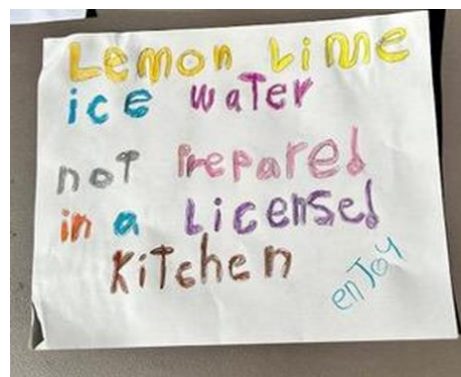
**Abigail Stoughton** [sabigail@comcast.net](mailto:sabigail@comcast.net) or 541-758-5057 (home and cell)

**Carmen Brummet**, [brummetc@peak.org](mailto:brummetc@peak.org)

**“Open Streets is happening in front of the Meeting House! Let's get ourselves together to do something as a Meeting!”**

This realization hit several of us only 4-5 days before August 14, the day of the event! **Jay** was already prepared to put up a helmet booth for **Corvallis Bicycle Collective** in front of the Meeting House. It didn't seem that the Meeting was going to manage to participate. However, at the last minute, energy was found to set up next to **Jay's** wonderful booth. Meeting provided lemon-lime ice water, and coloring sheets and crayons on shady tables under the spruce tree. We organized hopscotch in the street, a Quaker information booth, and meeting house tours. There was even a dog water station!

**Abigail, Bob Henderson, Bob Ward** and **Nina Joy** cleaned up our much appreciated grounds a bit. **Moses, Aayenda,** and **Satori** broke up the ice to cool the water, while **Dagmar** cut up the lemons and limes. **Scott** fixed the leaking jug spigots and carried the dripping jugs. **Roosevelt** made the ice water sign. **Marisol, Aayenda, Satori,** and **Moses** drew hopscotch grids on the street. **Lorena, Jon, Yalda, Annaliese, Scott, Zeke, James, Bob Ward, Susan,** and **Charlie** all helped set up canopies and tables for the Quaker booth.



Several of us stayed around all afternoon for the whole event, while others mixed with the crowd and enjoyed the Open Streets. Annaliese took pictures while the parade passed us. The energy was delightful! We had many people stop to ask questions as well

as appreciate the chance to sit down, and rehydrate. We really enjoyed connecting with neighborhood people. Also working together boosted our meeting feeling of togetherness.



**SEEK (Spiritual Exploring and Engagement Kommittee)** seeks suggestions for times & topics-- Donna <[thisphase301@gmail.com](mailto:thisphase301@gmail.com)>

### **Advices & Queries – Equality**

We treat every person with respect and love, based on our belief in the fundamental equality of all of humankind. We examine ourselves as individuals and in our meeting communities to be sure that we are practicing the testimony of equality in reality and not just paying lip service to it. We cherish those parts of the history of the Religious Society of Friends that show us opposing slavery and refusing to doff our hats to superiors. We also acknowledge that Friends are not perfect in treating all human beings with equal respect and that there is work yet to do, both among Friends and in the world, to achieve the vision of a social order based on the testimony of equality.

- *Do we regularly examine ourselves for evidence of privilege and prejudice?*
- *What are we, as individuals and as a meeting community, doing to overcome the contemporary effects of past and present oppression?*

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• *How do we avoid being drawn into violent reactions against those who are destructive of human dignity? Do we reach out to the violator as well as the violated with courage and love?*

• *How do we make our meeting open to all, regardless of ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation and identity, or class?*

• *Is our meeting place physically accessible and welcoming to all?*

*From North Pacific Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice. Copies are available from the Meeting and online at [nypm.org](http://nypm.org)*

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**QuakerQuaker**

As summer winds down, here are some summer discussions on QuakerQuaker that you might have missed:

**Cyber Meeting ; Rut, Rot or Revival**

**Loneliness in the Church; What is a Quaker?**

**Gifts of ministry; Friendly Leadership**

**Early Abolitionists, Racial Justice, & Black History**

**In the Spirit of Christ; Earlham Scrap Book**

If you haven't come to the site lately, take a look and jump into the discourse!

QuakerQuaker has no budget but there are monthly expenses, of course, and we rely on our members pitching in funds. If you're in a position to help support the site this month, please consider sending in a donation (our donation page has more information).

And as always, feel free to drop me a line telling me how the site is continuing to help you connect with other Friends. --In Friendship,

Martin Kelley, for [QuakerQuaker.org](http://QuakerQuaker.org)

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