

CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

SECOND MONTH (February) 2023

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 February 5

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

Contact Wendy Robinson: robburton@comcast.net

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

Sunday February 12

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

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

11:40 am Hybrid/Blended Meeting for Business

Sunday February 19

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship Starting at Meetinghouse

9:40 -10 am Potluck at Meetinghouse

10:15 am Meeting for Worship at Meetinghouse and via Zoom

Sunday February 26

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

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

11:45 am Virtual Potluck

Sunday March 5

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

10 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom and at the Meetinghouse

This newsletter comes out on the first Sunday of the month. To subscribe by mail or email contact corvallisfriends@gmail.com Next deadline or to submit items 3/1/23. Send to bob11340@comcast.net

*Join Zoom Meetings: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86417666994?pwd=anAwZU04a0J0TWQvaVRSSkptNmlyUT09>
Meeting ID: 864 1766 6994 Passcode: 959966 or phone (253) 215 8782

Corvallis Friends Meeting for Business

January 8th, 2023

Meeting began with Expectant Silence after reading:

Friends expect unity as the outcome, not as the starting point of communal discernment. We proceed in the peaceable spirit of the light of Truth, with forbearance and warm affection for one another. Light will be shed on matters from many angles. We trust that as Truth is spoken, its power cannot be resisted.

~Faith and Practice NPYM

Friends Present: Hunter Keller, Nina Joy Lawrence, Loreen Olufson, Wendy Robinson, Donna Gerry, Jay Thatcher, Karuna Nunyara, Susan Easton (clerk), Bob Burton (recording), Kathy Miller, Esther Schiedel.

Treasurer's Report: The "usual boost in giving at year's end" was noted. Year's end contributions to outside organizations were made as budgeted. The amount now on hand in checking account is sufficient for year's usual expenses, excluding next year's contributions to be made in December. We have an account at Friend's Fiduciary as a "rainy day fund" if we should need it.

Spiritual Care Committee

Meets 1st or 2nd Wednesday each month. Hunter Keller gave a description of her Art Club that employs focusing and silent meditation. With recommendation by her support committee and the Spiritual Care Committee, she would like the Meeting to allow meetings at the Meetinghouse without usual charge for outside groups. **Meeting expressed support for this outreach work by approving this request.** Meetings are currently on Monday nights at 6 PM twice a month. Participants are encouraged to exhibit their art at the Meetinghouse. Hunter was encouraged to send an announcement to the

Meeting Newsletter editors. Hunter will contact Jeff Kline about scheduling.

Visits to Roger Weaver are welcome and timely. He is now on hospice with uncertain time left.

Donna expressed a need for help as zoom host. She plans to coordinate finding a Zoom group host each week. The current needs are for someone on the third Sunday of each month, and someone to fill in, plus those fifth Sundays. Guidance and encouragement are available.

SCC has proposed some activities that might bridge across different meeting groups, such as walks, hikes, bikes, and skiing. They might be small groups. Friends are also encouraged to propose their own ideas and use the Wednesday Digest to publicize their search for companions.

Every year we draft a **State of Society Report**. Query for Meeting: What did we do last year that is worth noting and how are we feeling about it? SCC has proposed some activities that might be included:

Working on zoom meeting, and continuing to improve.

People gathering together with shared meal. Helps to feel that we're still a meeting.

We have different forms of worship but we continue to be connected partly through helping each other.

We made a 'connection chart' that was quite impressive.

We might include this with SoS report.

A major beautifying low maintenance redo of front garden,

Made grape juice from our own grapes.

SEEK, FOR joint meetings, Racism, Native Amer. Issues,

Mary Jane Grey, and Tom Scroggins died in 2022.

Nina Joy Lawrence and someone yet to volunteer will expand and refine this document for approval by the Meeting and sharing with Quarterly and Yearly Meeting.



(Minutes cont'd) **SEEK** Report: Let's just start with getting to know each other by having an in person Second Hour meeting. Bob Burton and Nina Joy Lawrence will lead this worship-sharing. Friends at a distance may join via zoom.

Prenominating Committee consisting of Susan Easton and Jay Thatcher. proposed **Marybetts Sinclair and Craig Sanders who were approved to serve on Nominating Committee until 12/31/2025.**

Meeting ended with gathered silence.
Next Meeting for Business: February 12th.

Friend Pat Shermer died January 11, 2023 after a two week illness. According to her daughter Julia Moore, Pat was on hospice and received comfort care at this time.

Second Hour Meeting

Some eighteen or so people gathered after Meeting for Worship in-person or via Zoom, Sunday January 29 for a “get to know each other” worship-sharing experience. We decided to have another 2nd hour meeting in about a month, so watch the Wednesday Digest for the date. If you have suggestions for a helpful worship-sharing query, please send email to: 9ajoy@comcast.net or

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

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Abigail Stoughton sabigail@comcast.net or 541-758-5057 (home and cell)

Carmen Brummet, brummetc@peak.org

Advices & Queries: "Unity"

Unity is found in God's will. If we are divided, when we listen in the Spirit together the way forward will become clear.

Each of us has particular transcendent experiences, and each must find ways to be true to them. When an expression of that experience is strange or disturbing, we try to sense where it comes from and how it might nourish the lives of others.

People understand the Divine in many different ways.

Listen patiently and seek the truth which other people's opinions may contain for you. Avoid using hurtful criticism or language chosen to provoke anger or fear.

Do not allow the strength of your convictions to betray you into making statements or allegations that are unfair or untrue.

Think it possible that you may be mistaken.

Cultivate affectionate regard and mutual care for each other. Look for times and occasions in addition to meeting on first days to gather together affirming a common life that leads to a deeper unity.

- When problems and conflicts arise, how do we work to resolve them in a spirit of love and humility?
- How do we let go of our individual desires and let the Holy Spirit lead us to unity?
- How do we open ourselves to the diversity of culture, language, and expressions of faith in our yearly meeting and in the world community of Friends?
- How do we respect the reputations of others? Do we avoid gossip? Do we protect necessary confidentiality?
- How careful are we to avoid manipulating and exploiting one another?

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