

CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

FIRST MONTH January 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 January 1

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 January 8

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 January 15

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 January 22

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 January 29

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

10 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom and at the Meetinghouse

11:30 am-Second Hour (see note page 2)

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 2/1/23. 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 (Tacoma)

Corvallis Friends Meeting for Worship for Business

December 11, 2022

Friends present Susan Easton (clerk), Kathy Miller, Esther Schiedel, Wendy Robinson, Nina Joy Lawrence, Bob Burton (acting recording clerk), Nancy Ewald.

Silent worship and the spoken word are both parts of Quaker ministry. The ministry of silence demands the faithful activity of every member in the meeting. As, together, we enter the depths of a living silence, the stillness of God, we find one another in 'the things that are eternal', upholding and strengthening one another.

From Britain Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice 1967; 1994

Expectant quiet

Previous minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Discussion followed about the distribution of giving to a set of organizations in amounts all approved tentatively in the February Budget decisions. One friend, not present, had a detailed critique that suggested that we should redirect our giving to local and cause-oriented organizations such as ones promoting more equitable and universal healthcare. Meeting approved giving funds according to last year's budget formula, but to encourage a threshing session on budget priorities for early next years budget process.

Wendy Robinson gave the Spiritual Care Committee Report. We met past Wed. Next meeting Jan 4th. We still need more volunteers to act as greeters. SCC is preparing a written guide to this work. There is an active care committee working with Roger Weaver, and his son Kevin Weaver. Friends are encouraged to visit Roger. Especially to

have a lunch or dinner with him in his room at 12:45. A support committee has been formed to work with Hunter Keller. A committee has been formed to work with members especially with attenders at the zoom meeting to understand their wishes regarding hybrid meetings. There will be a meeting-wide hybrid threshing session after that first meeting. Abigail is organizing intergenerational music to coincide with the potluck scheduled for 9:40 next week.

Prenomination Committee (no report yet)

Children's /SEEK Nina Joy continues to be in contact with the Meeting's children and they look to doing some kind of activities on hybrid Sundays to follow meeting for worship.

Next Meeting for Business –

January 8, 2023 **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

Wendy Robinson, robburton@comcast.net

Kathy Miller, (541) 207-7304

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

Carmen Brummet, brummetc@peak.org

Second Hour: A Gathering for Getting to Know Each Other. Nina Joy Lawrence and Bob Burton invite everyone to get together on Jan 29 after Meeting, at about 11:30. We especially welcome people who have found our Meeting recently during Covid, since we haven't had much chance to get to know each other. We would like to continue once or twice a month for a while. You can participate in

person or via zoom on Jan 29 on the usual Meeting zoom link.

To Corvallis Friends Meeting, **from Pat Shermer**: There is a resident here (Stoneybrooke Lodge) where I live who was a child in an Internment camp for Japanese-Americans during WWII. She does not talk about it but I am happy to tell you she recently turned 100 years old!

Advices & Queries: Community

"Let your life speak" is traditional advice for Friends. The life of a Quaker meeting also speaks: by giving practical support for members and attenders in need; cherishing the children and young people finding their spiritual paths; encouraging, guiding, and eldering Friends with love in discernment or in following leadings; welcoming new seekers; and stepping forth in Spirit-led witness in the wider world.

Being part of a community requires us to practice compassion and patience. As members of a community, we pay attention to each other and rely on each other; we consciously nurture our interdependence. It's not always easy. It's nevertheless vital to our shared spiritual journey.

- How do we foster love, truth, and harmony within our meeting community?
- Is our community a shelter where we can grow in the Spirit? How can our community provide the best combination of safety and challenge to encourage spiritual growth?
- How do we as individuals share our gifts with the meeting?
How do we as a community help individual Friends find their own gifts and share them with others?
- How do we as individuals support the spiritual health of the meeting? How do we as a community support the spiritual health of individual members and attenders?
- How do we make our meeting a beloved community and a living testimony - for all

members and attenders, wherever they are in their own spiritual journeys?

- How do we create a radically inclusive culture in our Quaker community?
- How does our meeting community reflect the Spirit and Truth at the center of our lives?

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



December 18 potluck at meeting house.



The tree.

On December 18th, there was live music at the meeting house at the end of the potluck and before silent worship in the meeting room. Christmas carols were played by Zeke Watson on violin, Moses Watson on cello, Wendy Robinson at the piano, Abigail Stoughton on viola, and Craig Sanders on violin. Various friends sang along.

