

Friday with Friends

A Newsletter of Klamath Falls Friends Church
1918 Oregon Ave.
Klamath Falls, OR 97601
3/22/24

Zoom Link for Sunday: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85381127592?pwd=Z01JTHFXNVdzeTZqTUUpwS1dmSFVxZz09>

**Business Meeting on Where to Move the Food
Pantry**
This Sunday after worship -- 3-24-24
Pros and Cons Regarding Pantry Move
(See full attachment for more information
and Stewardship Recommendations on this and
other matters)

Pros for moving pantry into KFFC basement:

- Pantry will continue to be identified with Friends
- Possibility of introducing interested people to Quakerism (make flyers available)
- Possibility of food pantry clients coming to Sunday meeting for worship
- Not as far to move remaining food and equipment from Friends House pantry

Cons for moving pantry into KFFC basement:

- Accessibility difficulties (food in and food boxes out)
- Icy sidewalks in the winter months
- We'll need to upgrade our insurance liability policy
- Electrical upgrade expense (and dumb waiter if we decide to do that) \$2000
- Accordion doors an additional expense (ex 48"W x 96"H \$80)
- Food not adequately "secure" when pantry is closed
- Volunteers from KLC or Hope unlikely
- Disruption to anyone moving into Friends House

More space

Pros for partnering with KLC

- More space
- Everything set up and ready for pantry
- More volunteers available
- Help from Henley Key Club and possibility of KU Key Club and Honor Society
- Ecumenical partnership sends a good message to the Klamath Falls Community
- Free utilities
- Additional funds available for pantry use (signage, toiletries, diapers, feminine products)

Cons for partnering with KLC

- Loss of "ownership" of Friends Pantry (it will be KLC, Hope Lutheran and Friends)
- Some oversight from board members from other churches could be restrictive

Please bring the following items to church for donations

**Dish Detergent
Bar Soap
Shampoo
Animal Food
Feminine Hygiene Products**

**Please Don't Water the Plants in the Meetinghouse
They are being overwatered! We got it!**

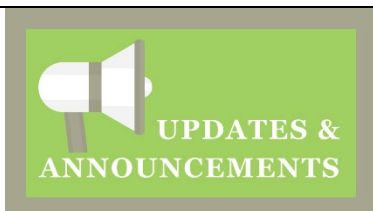
April 7, 2024 after worship

Book Study for *Living Buddha, Living Christ*

Study Questions for that day

Chapter 1-2 Questions for Discussion

- 1. Do you see yourself as enjoying a fruit salad? How does being a “fruit salad” Christian pose challenges?**
 - 2. How can we avoid being “bound to present views”? How does that fit with “living deeply in our own tradition”?**
 - 3. How do you interpret what Jesus did when he went off alone away from everyone else?**
 - 4. How is being full of the Holy Spirit like being mindful?**
 - 5. What does it mean to you that the Spirit is in your every breath?**
 - 6. What breath prayers/breath meditations do you use?**
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- **Peace Prayer for a Ceasefire**
Every Wednesday at 6:30
- **March 25, 6:00 Meditation**
- **March 29, 6:30 P – seeing the movie *Chocolat*, bring chocolate food items to share, let's have a time of fun and reflection. *Chocolat* is a 2000 romance film, based on the 1999 novel *Chocolat* by the English author Joanne Harris, directed by Lasse Hallström. It has a religious lesson about Lent and celebrating a joyful life.**
- **March 31, Easter**
- **April 7, Book Group on Living Buddha, Living Christ**
- **April 14, 2024 --- Important business meeting**

A Movie and Chocolate Party for Good Friday?

(Yes, but let's First Let's Look at Chocolate --- the industry)

The Movie *Chocolat* is about a town's experience of Lent during a time when a magical chocolatier comes to town to sell delicious chocolate that magically change people's lives. The mayor is in charge of writing the Easter service and the new pastor is at a loss as to why this can't be different. So now you see about the movie and why bringing something chocolate included is important as a celebration.

But how are most of the chocolate industries doing this week as they are being encouraged to comply better with child labor practices in the industry in West Africa? In England there is a scoreboard that is as up to date as recently as last year on the chocolate industry that supplies England. Several American brands are on scoreboard with many making some strides towards reducing the use of child labor in the cocoa fields. Here is the link to the scoreboard --
<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/6163feba1181ba25a2aa2541/t/642bbb2ff8f9992dfef240bd/1680587587488/FINAL%2BChocolate%2BScorecard%2B2023%2BA4.pdf>

It is good to see that some American industries are trying to make policy and adhere to it, but there are several that not only don't comply but who will not reveal their sources of chocolate beans. Source your chocolate --- we don't want to be part of the child labor problem.

Quakers and Easter? It's all across the board

Here are two links to an excellent article on Early Quakers and Easter and an article on how more progressive Quakers view holidays: <https://www.friendsjournal.org/what-did-easter-mean-to-early-quakers/>

<https://quaker.org/christmas-and-easter/#:~:text=From%20a%20theological%20standpoint%2C%20Quakers,working%20from%20a%20Christian%20mindset.>