

Friday with Friends

A Newsletter of Klamath Falls Friends Church

April 12, 2024

Zoom Link For Sunday:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85381127592?pwd=Z01JTHFXNVdzeTZqTUpwS1dmSFVxZz09>

Narcan Training
April 21, 11:00 AM
Klamath Lutheran Church

Lunch will be provided

Call Judy Bales to RSVP

541-823-2397

Items Needed for Food Pantry!!!!

Toilet Paper

Toiletries in small and full-sized containers

(Soap, shampoo, deodorant)

This Sunday there will be a **Threshing Meeting** after meeting for worship -- focused on our pastors' yearly evaluations.

What's that?

Threshing Meetings/Sessions

Information compiled by Sue Glover Frykman

A threshing meeting or threshing session is defined as "a meeting at which a variety of different, and sometimes controversial, opinions can be openly, and sometimes forcefully, expressed, often in order to smooth the passage of business at a later meeting for worship for business. Originally the term was used to describe large and noisy meetings for convincement of 'the world's people' in order to 'thresh' them away from the world" (see Britain Yearly Meeting's Quaker Faith & Practice, §12.26).

A threshing meeting can be arranged in order to share factual information, air one's views about a controversial subject, express our preferences, or ask questions. Subjects that have been discussed at threshing meetings or sessions include whether to purchase or lease a Meeting House, the attendance of children at Meeting for Worship, whether or not to form smaller neighborhood meetings when one meeting has become so large that people no longer know each other, which organizations the Meeting should donate to etc.

No decisions are made at threshing meetings. The aim is simply to move towards clarity and a greater understanding of an issue and to separate the 'grain of truth from the chaff'. Such meetings can also provide an outlet for people to 'let off steam' about a subject before taking the matter to a meeting for worship for business. There is no restriction as to how many people can attend a threshing meeting/session.

A threshing meeting or session is usually moderated or facilitated by an experienced Friend, who is asked in advance to take on this role. The facilitator/moderator is responsible for making sure that everyone present has a chance to speak and air their views. Care should be taken to

ensure that Friends of differing opinions can and do attend the threshing meeting or session. Friends with specific knowledge about the subject under discussion should be asked to present factual or complex material and be available to answer questions. Someone should also be asked to take notes at the meeting for future reference.



- May 5, 2024 will be our book group. We will be discussing chapters 3 & 4 of Thich Nhat Khanh's *Living Buddha Living Christ* directly after meeting for worship
- Meditation April 22nd at 6:00.
- The Food Pantry will be at 1175 Crescent Ave at Klamath Lutheran Church at 5:30 on Tuesday the 23rd and Tuesday the 30th. Please bring. Toiletries for men and women (soap, shampoo, deodorant) full sized and travel sized and toilet paper. If you want to volunteer, please see Linda Warner
- Please go to <https://www.scymfriends.org/community-news> to sign up for the Sierra Cascades Yearly Meeting's newsletter.
- There is a prayer vigil each Wednesday at 6:30 here at the church – It's focus is a ceasefire in the wars, particularly in Israel/Gaza
- There is Threshing Meeting after meeting for worship this Sunday to discuss Joe and Leigh's pastorship with the meeting
- On April 20 at 1:00 PM Walter Naegle will be speaking via zoom. Walter was the life partner of Bayard Rustin. Bayard Rustin, a Quaker, was the architect of many of the marches and demonstrations for the civil rights movement of the 60's, including the 1963 March on Washington famous for Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech. Walter helped in the production of the latest movie, Rustin, that is available on Netflix and was produced in 2023. He will speak to us and answer questions after. There will be an opportunity to see the film at 10:30 that morning at the meetinghouse. Light snacks are requested.