

Friday with Friends

A weekly newsletter of Klamath Falls Friends Church

1918 Oregon Ave., Klamath Falls, OR 97601

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

An Uplifting Quaker Podcast

Linda has shared with us a link to a wonderful podcast that has Carrie Newcomer, Quaker poet, songwriter and singer, and Parker Palmer, Quaker theologian and writer, interviewing Phillip Gulley who is a pastor, a Quaker, a humorist and a theologian. It is called The Growing Edge Podcast With Carrie Newcomer & Parker J. Palmer, Episode 55: A Conversation with Author Philip Gulley. I listened to it myself and found it very inspiring. It also helps with understanding different theological viewpoints that are held by other Quakers, particularly about dealing with a lot of today's social environment and political climate. Please take the time to listen if you can. It has an upbeat message. (https://carriewcomer.substack.com/p/the-growing-edge-podcast-with-parker?utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email)



A Very Special Guest

On April 20 at 1 PM Walter Naegle will be speaking via zoom at the Klamath Falls Friends Church at 1918 Oregon Ave. here in town. Walter was the life partner of Bayard Rustin. Bayard Rustin 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 about Bayard Rustin and answer questions after. This would be a good time to invite family and friends who may be interested in history, Quaker life dedication, or the social justice movement.

A few of us are gathering at 10:30 that morning to watch the movie together and have light snacks. But the movie is available at your discretion, to watch before the event, through Netflix and is entitled "Rustin."



Pastor Evaluations and Possible Contracts

It is the time of year when the church gets together to evaluate and consider their pastors and the jobs they are doing. Your time to do this is coming up on April 14, 2024 at the end of meeting for worship. The evaluation and future plans will happen during a specially called Business Meeting that is part Threshing Meeting. You will be discerning about another contract between them as a pastoral team and Klamath Falls Friends Church.

Church Financials

While the figures for the year look to be larger than normal, many contributions consist of someone giving their pledge for an entire year, and they may not contribute again this year.

*Pledged March--\$2618, Donated \$4180
Pledged YTD \$7854, Donated \$21,278*

*We appreciate your ongoing financial support!
The meeting asks every member and regular attendee to consider giving, according to one's ability, as a spiritual practice. It is not the size of the donation that matters, but the heart from which it is given. You may drop your tax-deductible gift in the box located at the back corner of our meeting room.*

Financial giving is a concrete way in which we ALL can share in the ministry and outreach of Friends. Thank you to all who faithfully contribute! May we continue to trust God to enable us to give with generous and open hearts!

Please pledge for 2024. Forms are the entry table.



The Klamath Food Pantry Collaboration

Four churches have partnered to manage the Friends Food Pantry:

Klamath Lutheran Church

Hope Lutheran Church

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Klamath County

Klamath Falls Friends Church

If you have a pantry key, please return it to Linda Warner. You may also drop it into the donation box.

The pantry will be held at the same time as before, 5:30-7:30 on the last two Tuesdays of the month. But it will be held at 1175 Crescent Ave, Klamath Falls at the Klamath Lutheran Church. Talk to Linda if you are a new volunteer. The little Friends House where Friends pantry was located is being sold. KLC/Hope closed their pantry in December. The timing was perfect, and we are so excited about continuing to provide food for those in our community in need. If you don't want to physically volunteer but want to donate, please bring laundry detergent to church (put it in the containers near the pastors' office) and we will make use of it at the pantry.



- This Sunday, April 7 will be our book group meeting after worship. We will be discussing the first two chapters of Thich Nhat Khanh's *Living Buddha Living Christ*
 - Meditation nights for April are April 8th and 22nd at 6:00.
 - The Food Pantry will be meeting at 1175 Crescent Ave at Klamath Lutheran Church at 5:30 on Tuesday the 23rd and Tuesday the 30th. Please bring laundry detergent to the church for a donation and leave it outside the pastors' office.
 - 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 will be a special Business Meeting/Threshing Meeting on April 14 after meeting for worship to discuss Joe and Leigh's pastorship at the meeting
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Did you know we have a new website? Well Take a Look!

<https://www.klamathfallsfriendschurch.org>

When do I speak when we are having open worship?

- **Not an announcement time**
- **Not a political time**
- **Not a time to push a belief on someone else**
- **Not a time to get attention**
- **A time to listen to and for God**
- **A time to speak if God gives you something special to share**

- **A time to listen to others and let what they have said or not said inspire you, process it, with deep listening**