

Friday with Friends

A Newsletter of Klamath Falls Friends Church

July 26, 2024

Zoom link:

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

Who are we?

What do we want to be?

These are important questions for any organization to address, but particularly Klamath Falls Friends Church currently. Please participate in the discussions about these two questions in the upcoming Circle of Friends, this Sunday July 28 from 11AM -12 and August 11 from 11AM -12. These will be two important hours for this church's determination of how we want to interact and be in this world, as we assess the present and think about the future. Both circles are important for members to participate. Zoom will be included. Use the same link as for service. The Circle of Friends on August 11 will also hear a report from the administrative oversight committee on your pastors.



Final Book Group Meeting

August 4, 2024 after worship

The questions for that book group about the book

Living Buddha, Living Christ are

Discussion Questions Chapters 9-10

- 1. What do you believe about the afterlife?*
 - 2. Do you believe in an immortal soul separate from the body? What does this mean to you?*
 - 3. What would it mean for you to concentrate on Jesus' teaching rather than his divinity?*
 - 4. How does speaking about God limit our understanding of God?*
 - 5. What is the difference between the Kingdom of God and the afterlife?*
 - 6. How does repeating prayers from our Jewish and Christian tradition enhance your prayer life?*
 - 7. How can you pray while living your life instead of only when you pause?*
 - 8. How does simplicity lead to spiritual growth?*
 - 9. What does it mean for you to rest in God?*
 - 10. How does knowing yourself lead to connection with God?*
 - 11. How has learning about Buddhism helped you connect more deeply with Christianity?*
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August 25, 2024

After worship

11AM -12

September 14, 2024

6:00 PM

Nicole Sanchez from OSU extension master gardener program will talk with us about xeriscaping (landscaping in a water-less way)





August 27, 2024

6-8 PM

Klamath County Fairgrounds

One of the “S” in SPICES for Quakers is for stewardship, particularly stewardship of the earth. Klamath County will have a meeting at 6 PM – 8PM on August 27 at the Fairgrounds to discuss renaming Exclusive Farm Use Land for a garbage dump. This dump is planned for the marshlands which are sensitive and necessary wetlands for aquifers, rivers, lakes, and drinking water, not to mention home to many kinds of wildlife. Exclusive Farm Use means the land is protected for agricultural purposes including to protect forests, scenic resources, fish and wildlife habitats, and to maintain and improve the quality of air, water, and land resources of that area. The Klamath Tribes strongly oppose this landfill being placed where they have garnered \$2 million to begin to restore the marsh and are looking to gain another \$3 million in the spring for restoration of this marsh. Extensive research has shown that placing a landfill close to Klamath Marsh would irrevocably damage it and its ecological functions. It has a high water table and is vulnerable to leachate, liquid run off after rains. This marsh is important to the Williamson River, Upper Klamath Lake, and Klamath Marsh National Wildlife Refuge.



Would you like to be a part of countering violence around the upcoming election in November? Would you like to learn nonpartisan ways to promote peace? If so, please contact Kate Murphey at meyemurp@hotmail.com or Joseph Tolton at josephtolton@gmail.com

Quaker Community

Please go to the links below and read and listen to other Quakers speak on what it means to live in community with one another as Quakers, and how we are to interact and support one another's leadings and callings in this world.

<https://quaker.org/living-in-community/>

https://www.friendsjournal.org/marcelle-martin-community/?utm_source=FJ&utm_medium=website&utm_campaign=related&gl=1*s3pacv*_ga*MTMwOTAxNTQ2LjE3MTEzMzA1NDM.*_ga_55MQY2EKW4*MTcyMjAxNjk2OS4xLjAuMTcyMjAxNjk2OS42MC4wLjA

North Seattle Friends has invited us to pray with them daily for a peaceful election as a way to stop election violence. Please read the letter below:

Dear friends!

Sunday, before worship, an attender wondered if all the Quakers across the country could pray at a designated time for political peace and election violence prevention? She could see the spiritual power that would flow from a gathered, focused channel of Divine Presence across our country. And as she wondered

aloud, she was sure that if her friends of other denominations and faiths knew that Quakers were praying, they would also want to join in.

As this vision was shared, it was suggested that we begin immediately. Every noon we, at North Seattle Friends, will pray to interrupt the spirit/energy of violence with whatever mode of Spirit is natural to us — prayer, imagery, meditation, silence, etc. We will seek to replace the energy of violence with the energy of Love, Goodness, and Holy Illumination. Our focused time will be as short or long as we are Led and have space for, whether it is a moment between chores or the spaciousness of a dedicated time. We will know that these are not just our singular prayers, but the kindling of a greater, gathered community.

And so it is our joy to invite you and your Meeting/Church to join us in prayer at noon each day. We encourage you to send on this invitation to anyone and everyone, across denominations and faiths. We are not alone in our yearning for peace and hope you and many others will join us. We invite you to take up the challenge not with fear for the future, but with joyous expectation and hope!

With visions of compassion and peace dancing in our hearts, we look forward to hearing from you!

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A Call for Workshop Proposals for the Quarterly Meeting

Friends: We are soliciting new workshop ideas for our hybrid Quarterly Gathering on October 5, 2024 at Eugene Friends Church. If you are interested in providing a workshop, please send the following information to me before August 31, 2024: *Your name, email address, phone number,*

church/meeting affiliation, a title for your workshop, a 2-3 sentence description of the workshop and a one sentence description of the workshop provider. Also indicate if you would like the workshop to be in person or on zoom or both. If there are more workshops than space allows, the Gathering Committee will choose which workshops to have from those submitted by September 6th.

Rachel Hampton, Gathering Committee

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