

# Friday with Friends

A Newsletter of Klamath Falls Friends Church  
1918 Oregon Ave.  
Klamath Falls, OR 97601



## Xeriscaping Peace Supper

Xeriscaping lecture by Nicole Sanchez of Oregon State University to be held with dinner provided  
September 14, 2024 at 6pm

Free, appropriate for all ages, food provided

Nicole Sanchez of Oregon State University will be speaking on the practice of xeriscaping at a Peace Supper at Klamath Falls Friends Church. Klamath Falls Friends Church has held many of these Peace Suppers over the years on a variety of topics. A Peace Supper includes both a speaker and a meal free for all. Xeriscaping is a landscaping technique that uses extremely low levels of water. With xeriscaping you can reduce or even eliminate the need for irrigation. Knowledge of local plants and plants that require little water offer great advantages in terms of reduced labor and expenses. With xeriscaping you will not need to be constantly watering, mowing, fertilizing, and reseeding a lawn. While you may be using different plants than you are used to in gardening, a variety of beautiful and hardy plants are available.

Further resources:

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/gallery/waterwise-plant-profiles>

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/science/how-xeriscaping-offers-a-water-efficient-environmentally-friendly-alternative-to-lawns>

<https://www.marthastewart.com/8336571/xeriscaping-ideas>



**August 11, 2024, 11AM – 12PM**

**Who are we?**

What do we want to be?

Minutes from the last Circle of Friends on this topic are toward the end of the newsletter. Thank you, Sue Graves, for taking notes!

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Peace and Social Concerns

| A faithful life requires engagement with the world

9 AM

August 18, 2024

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**August 25**

**11-12**

**After meeting for  
worship**

**The hearing for the landfill that was slated for August 27  
has been postponed indefinitely**



The Interfaith Food Pantry is August 20 & 27; there is a need for more volunteers. If you are interested, please call Linda Warner at 541-281-5535. The board meeting for the pantry is this Tuesday, August 13 at noon followed by stocking of the pantry.

The July Food Bank was a great success. The July two Tuesday food pantries served 76 households, a total of 180 people (128 adults and 52 children). Forty volunteers gave 150 hours. We also collected 31 pounds of extra food and dozens of non-food items to share with clients. The pantry needs toiletries for women and men (bath wash/soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste) as well as feminine hygiene products.

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***Financial Information and Encouragement***  
***The Venmo Account is now closed.***

*We appreciate and need 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 near the entry table.*

July Month Pledged: \$2618  
Month Donated: \$5430

YTD Pledged: \$18,326  
YTD Given: \$30,585

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### Resources for Election Violence Prevention

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL7m41Bpxv0fOpxsPz8B7RW5BvHjoAlg79>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y8-M090hgGQ&pp=ygUdcGVuZGxllGhpbGwgZWxly3Rpb24gdmlvbGVuY2U%3D>

<https://quakeremily.wordpress.com/election-violence-prevention/>

<https://adfontesmedia.com/interactive-media-bias-chart/>

[powerthepolls.org](http://powerthepolls.org) is a place you can go to learn how to become a poll worker in your local area.

The Braver Angels Trustworthy Elections report can be found here: <https://braverangels.org/trustworthy-elections/>

And you can take an online course on preventing election violence from the Gandhi-King Global Academy here: <https://www.usip.org/academy/catalog/preventing-election-violence-0>

If you have not registered for the rest of the series yet, you can do that here: <https://quakeremily.wordpress.com/election-violence-prevention/>

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## Notes from the June 28 Circle of Friends

Klamath Falls Friends: Circle of Friends July 28, 2024

Jeanette R.- How do we move forward as a Fellowship? What actions can we take?

Jeanette invited us to “center down” and provided a guided imagery, encouraging us to think of positive feelings that we have associated with KFF; what has made us feel good about KFF, and what have we valued in the past??

Also important to consider: What has made us feel unwelcome, when have we we found KFF unappealing?

Comments about positive experiences from the Circle: joyful weddings, free flowing conversation, feeling understood, the feeling of communion with others, experiences with KFF like being with family, interacting with new people that normally don't attend.

Appreciating how we nurture children: through Godly play, Christmas services, children's programming, parenting with other parents to instill goodness and provide quiet moments.

Wendy W. shared that during pandemic, KFF offered a meal outside together; it was joyous to be together, savoring the friendliness of the Fellowship vs the isolation of social distancing

Leigh T. marveled at the Fellowship's response to providing Christmas to a family with 6 children: a response was needed within an hour: who will go out and buy everything? The experience of a gift wrapping party- the joy of doing for others and the giving spirit of people coming together

Bernie- Appreciates the Food Pantry sampling events, how it provides a connection between us and community

Kate M. reminded us of past Quaker Bakes tables at 3 rd Thursday, raising money for Burundi. We made and sold bags, and felt a connection with other Quakers. This activity showed what we believed.

Robert- Emphasized the importance of action in the community through the food pantry. He stated that the joyfulness of snacks and food for the hungry made a difference

Joe T. enjoyed the mandala group, how with creating there was no right or wrong, just an openness to learning, and feeling happy and calm while creating

Sue G. appreciated feeling valued for what she had to offer to the group with creative activities

Jeanette: How do we move forward? Restart, implement new ideas?

Margo M. encouraged the window shades being open for more light, getting together to share meals with scheduled monthly potlucks. She likes the idea of interacting with our community, doing something for the neighborhood, possibly providing budgeting and yoga classes.

Ways to become involved in the neighborhood: Trunk or Treats at Halloween, community events, invite neighbors to activities at KFF, fellowship provide



education and guidance on other social concerns, climate change, perhaps discuss what makes them/us feel passionate?

Sue shared that years ago the KFF Youth Group provided hot cocoa on cold mornings at the nearby school bus stop

The subject of affordable housing came up: someone said that there's a group bringing tiny houses in Klamath Falls, and was informed that it's for Tribal members

KFF could meet and collaborate with the UU members, and other groups- provide neighbors in the Mills Addition with info about insulation, benefits, services, grants, etc. We could work with UU/community on a project.

Jeanette- What is DOABLE? How do we narrow it down? If we take on too many things, we'll get overwhelmed, then do nothing- we need to focus.

What has been effective in the past? Partnering with other Quaker organizations, Right Resources, Friendly Water 4 the World, and with other churches and through our Food Pantry.

Robert stated that HUNGER in the community is our biggest calling, the greatest need, that there are MANY who are hungry

It was mentioned that the Produce Connection is now open, through October.

Kate suggested that we learn more about it and share all food resource information at the Food Pantry.

PALM dinners have started again- can we help with this? This idea is something that is structured and tangible. We could share a meal with attendees, interact with rather than serving them

We could offer budgeting classes at the dinners and Food Pantry, provide info about initiatives, hand out voter registration cards, and assist with applying for SNAP

What will be effective in the future??

The Interfaith Food Pantry Open House is on October 18(?) Inviting all entities involved, learning and helping. KFF members could attend, contribute something for the event

We could become consistently involved with political/social activities (like the NAMI Walk), walk in Parades with banners (Snowflake, 4 th of July) while carrying a banner: Peace is Patriotic

Joe T. suggested we have T shirts to identify ourselves as Quakers when providing service/interaction in the community. We could get designs and choose one; it's important to have the word Quaker on it

Leigh T. could we collaborate with/help the Tribe? Let them know that we're supportive and/or interested. Ask them to come and talk to us to provide information.

The next KFF Circle of Friends is August 11, 2024.