

# Friday with Friends

A Newsletter of Klamath Falls Friends Church  
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Klamath Falls, OR 97601  
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## 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>

<https://www.bhg.com/gardening/landscaping-projects/landscape-basics/xeriscaping/>

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**August 25, 2024**



**This Sunday**

**11-12**

**After meeting for  
Worship**



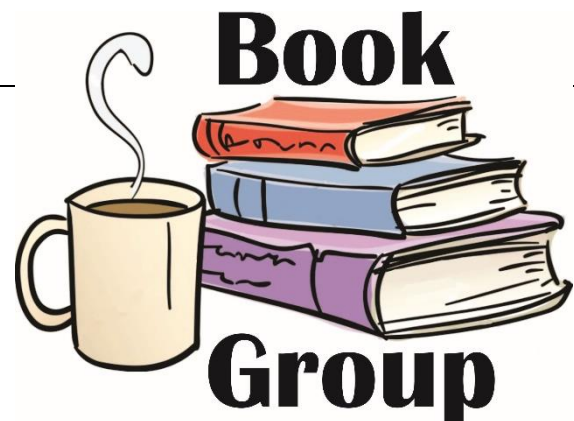
The Interfaith Food Pantry is August 27; there is a need for more volunteers. If you are interested, please call Linda Warner at 541-281-5535.

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Friends Council on National Legislation hopes that you can join them for their first virtual FCNL Book Club!

The virtual discussion on Light in Gaza will be on Thursday, Aug. 29 at 6 p.m. ET. Written by 11 Palestinian writers and poets, this anthology centers the voices of Palestinians in the conversation about a just future for Gaza.

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You can purchase or download a (free!) copy of [Light in Gaza here](https://www.haymarketbooks.org/books/1885-light-in-gaza).

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It does not matter if you don't have time to read the entire book. They will provide excerpts to support our discussion.

If you only have limited time to read the book, please focus on the following chapters: "Introduction" by Jihad Abusalim, "Gaza Asks When Shall This Pass?" by Rafaat Alareer, "Exporting Oranges and Short Stories..." by Mosab Abu Tohab, and "Gaza 2050..." by Basman Aldirawi.

**Date:** August 29, 2024

**Time:** 6 – 7:30 p.m. ET

**Location:** Online via Zoom

To register go to

[https://act.fcni.org/survey/light-gaza-fp/?t=19&utm\\_campaign=&utm\\_source=ak&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=72960.143419.kao2uQ&referring\\_akid=72960.143419.kao2uQ](https://act.fcni.org/survey/light-gaza-fp/?t=19&utm_campaign=&utm_source=ak&utm_medium=email&utm_term=72960.143419.kao2uQ&referring_akid=72960.143419.kao2uQ)

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## MINUTES

August Minutes for Peace and Social Concerns

Election Violence Prevention

- Handout about what people can do (see attached ACTION STEPS)
- Links from Emily Provence
- o a series of videos covering all of the election violence prevention content (definitions, risk factors, action steps, resources, conversation guides, and more) on her YouTube channel <https://youtube.com/@turningturning-rm1qt?si=pYfAwWMEjdCL8AXs>

o an occasional election violence prevention newsletter

<https://wordpress.us20.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=ac9b19856013e523350d2559f&id=1465742946>

o Pendle Hill lecture

§ Recording <https://www.youtube.com/live/Y8-M090hgGQ>

§ Transcript <https://quakeremily.wordpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/pendle-hill-monday-lecture.pdf>

o the Braver Angels Trustworthy Elections report is here: <https://braverangels.org/trustworthy-elections/>

o a more general weekly newsletter from her, which is not about election violence prevention but about spiritual reflections on the road from a traveling minister, you can sign up for that

here: <https://wordpress.us20.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=ac9b19856013e523350d2559f&id=f542607faa>

· First Election Violence Prevention affinity group met on Monday, August 5

· Recommend upcoming Zoom sessions from Emily Provence

o Thursday, August 22nd, 8pm Eastern, register

here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlIf-isrTIsE9VBfvfLGARxw3lmAJJMGJkP>

o Saturday, August 31st, noon Eastern, register

here: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpd-iurDlrHdJ\\_gFrdRiFzKg8\\_idvSuqj5](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpd-iurDlrHdJ_gFrdRiFzKg8_idvSuqj5)

o Election Violence Prevention Workshop on Thursday, October 3rd, 6:00 pm online check with SCYMF for details

· Safety Committee

o Attended by Leigh Tolton and Kate Murphey

§ Presentation on nursing program where nurses wash the feet of the houseless—humbling and profound

§ Could we get on the schedule to present in advance of the 2028 election cycle?

· Community/Police Advisory Team (CPAT) meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 3pm every other month

o Check Facebook page for further details

o Opportunity to share our concerns with police

o Bring concerns about election violence

· Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST)

- o Has advanced de-escalation training available (this year's was in May)
- o Police academy includes basic de-escalation training

#### Xeriscaping Peace Supper

- Flyer (see attached)
- o Put up around town (Wendy to develop list of potential locations)
- o Recommend hand out flyer to friends
- o Recommend to Monthly Meeting
- Public Service Announcement (see attached)—Leigh will walk to office and hand in to Wynne Broadcasting in-person
- o Recommend to Monthly Meeting
- Press Release (see attached)—Leigh will send to Molly O'Brien
- o Recommend to Monthly Meeting
- Need sign-up for church
- o Setup
- o Cleanup
- o Food

#### Landfill Update

- Letter from the meeting (see attached)
- o To be sent to
  - § County Planning Commission
  - § Newspaper
- o Recommend to Monthly Meeting
- Connecting with the tribes
- o Tribal chair William Gray
- § Asks us to write to Eric Noble
- § Asks us to be at hearing on August 27<sup>th</sup>
- o Happy to hear about our support

- Postponed meeting
- o August 27<sup>th</sup> hearing indefinitely postponed
- o Cannot be postponed beyond April
- o Before hearing can happen easements required
- § Easement from neighbors for access road
- § Easement from railroad to cross tracks

#### Food Pantry

- Who represents us?
- o Margo represents church as a whole
- o Leigh represents Peace and Social Concerns
- Open house on Friday, October 18 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm
- o Clean facility
- o Needed: finger foods and beverages
- Lee Curran fundraising jewelry sale at Mystic Market
- Blanket/sleeping bag drive
- Thanksgiving boxes

#### Banner

- Use same wording as before “Love more. Fear less.”
- Smaller font for Bible verse “1 John 4:18”
- Large block print for text
- Leigh will ask Jill to do mock-up of 3 versions with color options (copy paper size)
- Kate will find size of “Love your neighbor. No exceptions” banner
- Open discussion with meeting of options for a new banner

#### Moms Rising–Moms Vote

- Easy action
- Postcards available
- o Mom-to-Mom

- o 100 to be delivered to Kate's house
  - o Suggested script for writing
  - o Addresses for voters included
  - o Jeanette will buy stamps & order postcards
  - o Not necessarily voters in Oregon—probably people in swing states
  - Get out the vote effort
  - o Nonpartisan
  - Set out table after meeting
  - Recommend to Monthly Meeting
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## Food Pantry Minutes for August 2024

### Klamath Interfaith Food Pantry

### Board Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2024

Present: Lee Curran, Dan Curran, Jay Wang, Leigh Tolton, Brion Pinkerton, Alicia Pinkerton, Phyllis Olson, Margo McCullough, Linda Warner

1. The minutes from the July 16 meeting were approved as written.
2. The group welcomed new board member Margo McCullough who is representing Klamath Falls Friends Church.
3. The group discussed how pantry nights are going. Everyone thinks the new process is working and having two computers speeds up intake enormously.
4. The group put together an invitation list for the Open House scheduled for Friday, October 18, from 5:30 until 7 pm. Linda will work on an invitation, get board input, then send it out in September. She will also send a request for cleaning and food/beverage prep to churches to share with congregations. Cleaning date is TBD but will probably be the week of the Open House.

5. The group decided to distribute the prize-winning seven turkeys and seven large chickens donated by OSU Extension and 4H/FFA at the upcoming August 20 food pantry rather than store them for Thanksgiving boxes. Preference will be given to larger families.
6. Phyllis reported that Sacred Heart is no longer involved in Thanksgiving food distribution so Interfaith will distribute Thanksgiving food as part of the November 19 pantry. The group will ask for special traditional Thanksgiving food donations from the congregations and food cards from Sherm's will be purchased.
7. Alicia suggested that the carry out kids wait in the pantry office and we could also provide snacks for them.
8. The group decided to not do a school supply drive since most schools provide school supplies to classroom teachers for their students.
9. Linda will send an announcement to the churches about the blanket/sleeping bag drive. We also still need toiletries, feminine hygiene products and infant diapers and toddler pullups.
10. Linda will contact KUHS Key Club and DECA to see if they would like to volunteer as carry out staff. Volunteers from OIT might also be an option.
11. Lee will be selling her unique jewelry and talismans at the Mystic Market on Sunday, August 18 from 10 until 4 pm. She is donating all the proceeds to the Food Bank.
12. Phyllis will contact a potato farmer she knows to ask about donating potatoes to the pantry.

Next meeting will probably be on September 10 the before pantry stocking. Linda will confirm time of food delivery with Marc Kane.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Warner

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Minutes from the Circle of Friends 8-11-24

~ KFF Circle of Friends August 11 th , 2024

Attending: Jeanette R., Tony S., Wendy W., Bernie, Margo M., Annette H., Kate M., Sarah, Carl, Leigh T., Joe T.

Jeanette led us all in a centering practice, then we reviewed notes from the July 28 th Circle of Friends.

Suggestions and ideas:

Wendy reminded us that Margo had suggested that we open the blinds during services; this led to the question of who decides this type of thing and how does it- and other suggestions- get addressed and resolved?

Jeanette stated that a person would communicate suggestions with Ministry and Care. They are open to ideas that are of benefit to or of interest to the entire meeting, not just one person. She stated that the group is “OK if we don’t get our own way; we are a relaxed and open group”, and small things don’t need to go through the committee. Come to M&C meeting with written questions, or verbally, keeping it concise and simple.

Jeannette shared that one thing that came to fruition in the past was the Peace Supper. This was an idea of the Peace and Social concerns group, submitted to the Ministry and Care team.

Ministry and Care Committee:

Wendy and Bernie have agreed to be members of our new M&C group and that Wendy is our new Clerk! Other members are Joe, Leigh, Jeanette and Tony.

Tony noted that the next M&C meeting is August 26 th ; let them know

if you are interested in joining the group.

Jeanette shared that anyone can be a Clerk, that it mostly involves listening. Sarah stated that she would Clerk if Jeannette would provide training. Jeanette is stepping down from being Clerk and she and Tony are leaving August 28 th on an extended vacation.

Tony noted that the Clerk position is supposed to change every 3 years; it hasn't happened but this rule needs to be implemented from now on.

Leigh asked Kate if she would be a co-Clerk with Sarah- she will think about it and talk with Leigh later.

There is an opening for a Recording Clerk to take minute at meetings.

Tony noted that the next M&C meeting is August 26 th ; let them know if you are interested in joining the group.

Wendy stated that she feels it is important for the M&C group share information with the Fellowship, and that she would like Leigh and/or Joe provide monthly Pastoral Reports.

Treasurer:

It was announced that Margo is our new co-Treasurer, with Mike M.

Actionable ideas:

Tony recommended that today we focus on 2 or 3 actionable ideas....Sarah concurred.

Some ideas taken from the last meeting are for the future, when we have more attendees to the Fellowship. Attendance tends to wane in the summer and increase in the fall.

Leigh requested clarification on the Pastor's role in the process of events and activities; she will facilitate, and guide members to the

correct group to contact with ideas.

Those with suggestions/questions for the P&SC group will go directly to them. Sarah shared that Leigh asked her to lead a book group on Quaker Ecology, and that she is ready to do so.

Tony suggested that those intending to lead group/classes can announce it at the Sunday service.

Sue suggested that when it is announced, those attending can be invited to meet with the announcer after the service, and to also place a sign-up sheet on the table in the lobby, to determine the interest in the group.

Jeanette reminded us that Art & Spiritual Care activities are under the M&C group, and that the Peace Suppers and Book Groups are under the P&SC group. She stated that others have suggested KFF have a monthly calendar, for members and others to follow. Sue and Sarah supported this idea.

Hospitality:

Kate asked if we need a Hospitality Committee to manage cards, meals and visits for members who would benefit from this type of support. Jeanette shared that we used to have monthly members birthday celebrations.

KFF Potlucks were coordinated by others, with M&C overseeing them. Margo said that for Potlucks in the past, we had sign-up sheets for set up, take down, washing dishes, etc. Tony stated that he is reluctant to create another committee (Hospitality) and meeting. Sue concurred, stating that we can simplify the Potluck process; she agreed to help with them.

#### Bulletin Board:

Leigh stated that she recently removed outdated info. on the lobby bulletin board. Kate noted that P&SC have changed it in the past, will add new info., and requested more info. for it.

Water for the World: Kate shared that the Water for the World basket has money in it. Annette noted that this supportive effort has not been active recently and wondered if there is an interest in continuing it? The person who began this effort is no longer attending. Kate will send the money to the organization.

#### Klamath Tribes:

Leigh is interested in KFF developing a relationship with the Tribe and shared that some ideas were provided at the Quaker Yearly Meeting.

#### Global and Local needs:

Jeanette stated that is it time for us to decide what global and local needs we will pay attention to and take action on. She likes that we are partnering with other churches; there is value in getting to know them, promoting goodness and kindness together. How else can we work with others, combining our energy and action to address needs in our community? What ideas are we excited and passionate about?

We can share our suggestions and ideas with P&SC.

#### Actionable ideas from today's Circle of Friends:

Continue Food Pantry involvement

Peace Suppers

Art and Spirituality Groups

Book Groups

Potlucks (invite speakers, community members)

Monthly Calendar

Nurture a relationship with the Tribe

White Board in Lobby for future activities- to gauge interest

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Membership in a Quaker Meeting/church

Membership in the Religious Society of Friends, or Quakers, requires a commitment to Quaker values and practices, but there are no set requirements. Membership is a public statement of faith and a spiritual discipline that involves the individual and the Quaker community. It's a way to acknowledge an inward spiritual development and a sense of belonging to the Religious Society of Friends.

Regular attenders who are clear about their commitment to the Meeting and its significance in their lives are encouraged to consider becoming members. The period of acquaintance with the Meeting before requesting membership is usually at least one year or longer.

In our meeting there is a form to sign and a short one to fill out, and then you go before Ministry and Care and you talk about your spiritual journey, what the meeting means to you, and what being a member means to you. This is done in a spirit of discernment as we pray for your guidance as a new member. Then your name is brought before the Monthly Meeting for Business, and you are recognized as a new member in the church.