

Friday with Friends

A Newsletter of Klamath Falls Friends Church

1918 Oregon Ave., Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601

October 11, 2024

It's Fall, and what better way to celebrate fall fellowship but to come to a potluck. Our potlucks always have good camaraderie and are places of fun and sharing. So we look forward to the potluck this week after Meeting for Worship at 11:00 AM downstairs in the basement. ALL ARE WELCOME. Whether you bring a dish or not, come and enjoy what others share and share in the good times and sense of connection. It will be a great community building while we enjoy ourselves.



Sunday, October 13, 2024

Thanksgiving Box Giveaway Time!



We are participating in the Interfaith Food Pantry's Thanksgiving Box giveaway. Our church has been given ten names (out of 70 collected by the Food Pantry) to help build a box for each. Each

box can have items from the list that is attached to your person's name. We still have seven names for seven boxes and need to get them given out THIS WEEK. Please open your heart by committing to helping someone's family have a wonderful Thanksgiving. You will have until November 15 to get your box to the church filled with the various items that are on the list. Please, this Sunday, take a form that includes the name, number of individuals and a list of items needed for the Thanksgiving boxes, and work with us to help others have a good holiday season. You can call Leigh at 541-363-6885 for more information.



Come to the

New Klamath Interfaith Food Pantry Open House

October 18, 2024

5:30 – 7:00 PM

1175 Crescent Ave (Downstairs at Klamath Lutheran Church)

Come see the New Pantry and meet the new director.

Klamath Unitarian Universalist Church, Klamath Falls Friends Church, Klamath Lutheran Church and Hope Lutheran Church have combined efforts to form an interfaith food pantry using the facilities at Klamath Lutheran Church and volunteers from all four churches.

Tune in to the spiritual presence and touch the transcendental soul. Dive into guided meditations and holy mantras that awaken deeper realization. Bask in soul-stirring music, explore profound states of consciousness, and look into the Essential Nature of Life.

Brian Lottman, a wandering monk, has held hundreds of these “satsangs” at yoga studios, churches, and spiritual centers across the US and Canada.

Satsang is an immersion into higher states of consciousness through energy healing, mystical mantra, sweet harmonium music and guided meditation.

October 18 & 19 -- Brian Lottman, Wandering Monk will be offering teaching sessions including harmonium music, guided meditations, and mantras. He will teach techniques for clearing the heart chakra and achieving other levels of consciousness. There will be two sessions available while he is in town.

1) Asana Yoga Friday, October 18 at 7pm Fee: \$30

Downtown Klamath Falls across from Klamath Commons Park
1205 Klamath Ave
Suite A

Klamath Falls, OR
(541)348-3888

2) Bliss Yoga and Wellness Saturday, October 19 at 6pm
Fee: \$30

2245 Crest St. #4 Klamath Falls, OR
(541)851-9537

Peace and Social Concerns

Meets Sunday October 20 at 9:00 AM

Peace and Social Concerns is a Quaker initiative that promotes peace, justice, and equality in local and global communities. Committees for Peace and Social Concerns work to:

- Raise awareness: Educate the community about Quaker concerns and social issues
 - Promote peace: Support peace activities and discussions
 - Collaborate: Work with other Quaker organizations and local programs
- Initiate action: Take action on issues like racism, affordable housing, and conflict resolution
- Support local groups: Recommend local groups to the Business Meeting for financial support

Some issues that Peace and Social Concerns committees address include: Racial justice and inequity, Reparations, Climate change, and LGBTQ and trans rights.



Peace and Social Concerns

| A faithful life requires engagement with the world



Circle of Friends

October 20 after worship

- How do you see yourself as part of the meeting?
- What does it mean to be a part of the meeting?
- What are the ways the meeting can be of support to you?
- What gifts do we see in others that provide support for community?
 - What are your feelings about membership and the membership covenant?
- If you become a member, what would you want to agree to?



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Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

September 29, 2024

Presiding Clerk - Bernie K.

Bernie provided a prayer that led the group into centering down.

Gathering/Teaching Moment:

“Discernment” is not the same as voting or consensus. It is based on each person’s inner guidance and teaching that leads the group to reach unity.

Ministry and Care - Clerk Wendy W.

Joe and Leigh continue to be in conversation with SCYMF regarding their Recording status. They will provide updates in their Pastors’ Reports.

M&C has been given feedback about the Membership Process and Covenant which leads them to consider amending the Membership Covenant. There will be a Circle of Friends on October 20 to discuss membership and what it means to be a part of KFFC. Joe and Leigh are encouraged to share Quaker history regarding the difference between being a Member compared to being an Attendee. The input from our Fellowship will assist M&C in rewording the Membership Covenant, if it is to be amended.

There will be a book group in January: Sarah will lead attendees in reviewing Quaker Ecology. More information will be provided.

Discussion/Discernment

A potluck is scheduled for October 13. M&C checked in with meeting members regarding how often they want KFF to hold potlucks. Discussion included suggestions of monthly, every other month, or quarterly potlucks. It was noted that no one is required to attend every potluck and/or bring food to share. Group Discernment led to the Recommendation of holding the October Potluck, then a November Thanksgiving meal together, and reviewing the matter again after the first of the year.

The Recommendation will be discussed by M&C.

Recommendation that KFFC accept the membership of Joe, Leigh and Jay from West Elkton Friends and record their membership with KFFC.

Pastors' Reports: Leigh and Joe Tolten

Leigh and Joe Shared their Reports.

Klamath Falls Friend Church MINUTE:

KFFC accepts the Transfer of Membership of Leigh and Joe Tolten and Jay Wang from the West Elkton Friends Meeting, and the Recording of their status as Membership at KFFC.

After this acceptance from KFFC, Leigh and Joe and Jay will receive a Letter of Release from the West Elkton Friends Meeting.

Those attending this KFFC Board Meeting had no questions, comments or concerns about this change. _____

Barbara Chaplik's memorial was held at Plum Ridge with a small gathering of family and friends. Joe stated that he will miss his regular visits with Barbara, and that he is open to visits with other KFFC members after he becomes a Recorded Minister.

Stewardship: Mike Clerk, Maureen and Margo co-treasurers

Informational:

We have requested quotes for the repair of the KFCC asphalt parking lot.

Carl asked if piano tuning could be discussed at a future meeting.

We need to contact an electrician for lighting repairs.

Four businesses have been asked for quotes on gutter cleaning.

We have four \$25,000 CD accounts with Edward Jones; they mature gradually at the rate of one every three months.

Kate and Leigh attended a meeting about the OHSU Nursing Student Foot Care Project.

We have volunteers that will help with trimming our trees.

Mike is investigating monthly garbage pickup rather than weekly, and once per month janitorial services for the upstairs.

Klamath Falls Friends Church MINUTE:

Stewardship minute recommendation for Sept. 29, 2024 KFFC Business Meeting

*** Klamath Falls Friends Church approves the following changes to its registry for the Oregon Secretary of State Corporation Division and to its records at Umpqua Bank in order to add Margo McCullough as an Umpqua Bank account signer and to remove Linda Warner as an Umpqua Bank account signer:**

- 1. Remove Linda Warner as the Registered Agent for the Oregon Secretary of State Corporation Division and add Michael Moore as the Registered Agent for the Oregon Secretary of State Corporation Division.**
- 2. Add Margo McCullough as the Treasurer to the Oregon Secretary of State Corporation Division registry and to the records for Umpqua Bank.**
- 3. Remove Linda Warner as a signer and in any capacity at Umpqua Bank.**

*** Klamath Falls Friends Church (KFFC) approves removing Linda Warner as a signer and in any capacity at Edward Jones where KFFC holds certificates of deposit accounts.**

Recommendation from stewardship: Change signers at the bank account to : Jeanette Rutherford (president), Maureen Sommers (secretary), Margo McCullough (treasurer), Mike Moore (Registered agent)

Treasurer's Report – Maureen

Peace and Social Concerns – Clerk Joe T.

Informational:

The Food Pantry Open House will be held on October 18th. They are requesting assistance with cleaning the Pantry (October 7th at 10:00 a.m.....bring a lunch) and with providing finger foods for the event.

Thanksgiving food box forms were distributed to Pantry attendees; 70 families signed up. Sherm's grocery store is providing vouchers for turkeys, and a list of Thanksgiving food items will be distributed. Each of the four churches will be responsible for a percentage of the 70 food boxes, based on membership size.

The Food Pantry will be collecting donated sleeping bags and blankets during the months of October and November.

In December, the Food Pantry will be open earlier in the month, due to the Christmas holiday.

The Peace Supper and presentation by Nicole Sanchez was well-attended, with half KFFC members and half non-members, many from the UU church. Nicole (of the Extension Office) received a \$35.00 donation for their turf replacement program.

The Mom's Rising GOTV (Get Out The Vote) postcard mailing activity will be held after the KFFC October 6th service. We will write words of encouragement to those receiving the postcards.

Discussion/Discernment:

KFFC P&SC had recommended placing a banner on the side of our building that reads "Love More, Fear Less". The banner was ordered; it is an approximately 3' by 9' white on purple banner with the words "John 4:18 There is no Fear in Love".

The final Prayer Vigil led by Joe will be Wednesday, October 2nd at 5:30.

The Landfill Project is not going forward as of now; we will monitor the situation on a regular basis. A KFFC Position Letter was sent to the Klamath County Planning Commission and the Tribal Administration.

Closing Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Sue Graves, KFFC Recording Clerk
