

Financial Information and Encouragement

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.

Average Monthly Income -- \$4091
Average Monthly Expenses -- \$5490
YTD Expenses: \$54,902

YTD Income from offerings and a portion of the
proceeds from the house: \$67,632



Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85381127592?pwd=Z01JTjHFXNldzeTZqTUpwS1dmSFVxZz09>

Klamath Falls Friends Church
Semi-programmed Worship
Sunday, December 22, 2024

10:00 am

All Are Welcome

Because we believe each person represents an image of the Divine and welcome the light that each individual brings, we open our doors to everyone. We encourage full participation by all in the life of our meeting. We recognize one another as equal travelers on the journey, seeking always to celebrate our joys and share our struggles together. May we create and tend an ethic of respect, reverence, safety, and listening. May we delight in our differences!

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Joys and Concerns

Meeting for Worship December 22, 2024 10:00 AM Semi-programmed worship

Reading from Matthew 1:20-23

.²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

Lighting the four Advent candles

Song: The First Noel

Reading: From Thanking and Blessing by Jay Marshall

Message: God with Us

Open Worship

Queries:

How has having a role model like Jesus been helpful to you in thinking about a relationship with God?

Announcements:

- December 24 – 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Services
- January 14 – M&C 5:30
- January 19 – Peace and Social Concerns
- January 20 – 5:30 Administrative Meeting
- January 19 – First Book Group of Quaker Ecology (will meet after worship on the third Sunday of each month until April and end with an Earth Day celebration) A Sign Up sheet for the books is on the entryway table.
- January 26 – Monthly Meeting for Business
- January 29, 3:00 PM The OSHU Street Nursing Program explained

Interfaith Food Pantry update for December: The Interfaith Food Pantry served 56 households, 124 people total (83 adults and 41 children). 35 volunteers (with 6 new volunteers) gave 184 hours of their time during a very busy time of year.

The sponsoring congregations donated 537 pounds of food, 258 pounds came from Hope Lutheran thanks to grants and donations totaling \$290. However, the pantry is now nearly depleted. They need donations of both food and cash to purchase food, especially since our January pantry is almost five weeks away.

The Pantry also served many new Hispanic families which made the bilingual talents of Joe Tolton and Jeff Newman appreciated. If anyone is interested in volunteering as a translator, please text or call Linda at 541-281-5535. Our Welcome Table greeter, Kathleen, is putting together a "cheat sheet" for those who don't speak Spanish. We need more laundered blankets, comforters and quilts as we are running out. Also, the Food Pantry could use toiletries, socks, and used clean warm clothing like coats, hats, and gloves as those were almost depleted on Tuesday as well.

Closing Song: Go Tell It on the Mountain

The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In the fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel; Born is the King of Israel

They looked up and saw a star, Shining in the
east beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light, and so it
continued both day and night
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel; Born is the King of Israel

And by the light of the same star, three wisemen
came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel; Born is the King of Israel

The star drew nigh to the northwest,
Over Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel; Born is the King of Israel

Then entered in those wisemen three,
Full reverently on bended knee,
And offered there in his presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel; Born is the King of Israel

Got Tell It on the Mountain

Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born

While shepherds kept their watching over silent flocks by
night,
behold throughout the heaven there shone a holy light
Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo above the
earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed the baby's birth
Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born

Down in a lowly manger the humble babe was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.
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