

FRIDAY WITH *Friends*

**Klamath Falls
Friends Church**

December 1, 2023

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**Klamath Falls Friends Church
Unprogrammed Worship
Sunday, December 3, 2023**

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!

Announcements:

Book Group will meet this Sunday December 3 following worship. We are discussing “Living the Quaker Way” by Phil Gulley, the last two chapters on Community and Equality, Tony to lead – You do not have had to of read the book or participated in any of the other discussions to come and be with us as we discuss these wonderful Quaker Testimonies



There will be an art project in the foyer of the church to work on this Sunday and next at your leisure, thanks to Sue Graves

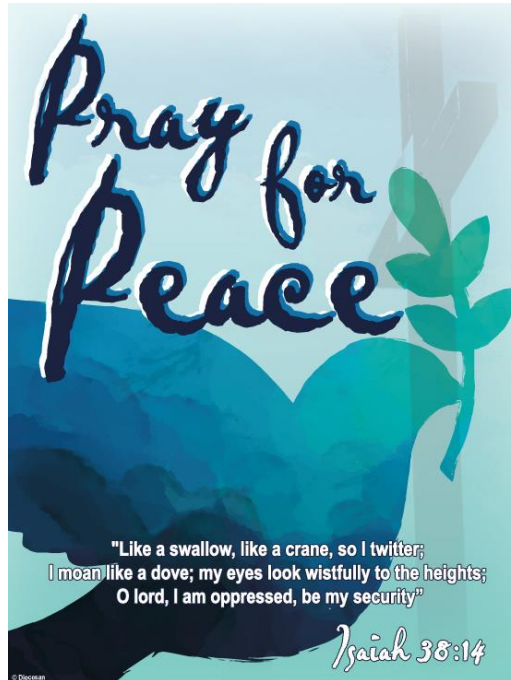


Please bring a large container or two of laundry detergent to give to the food pantry – We are aiming for 25 to 30 containers by December 19ths Food Pantry Day.



We are taking up a collection for a family with four children to purchase the children's Christmas presents. There is a basket for donations for this by the tithing box.

There is a prayer vigil each Wednesday at 6:30 here at the church –
It's focus is a ceasefire in the wars, particularly in Israel/Gaza ---
Prayers as suggestions for praying along with others will be made
available next Sunday and in the Friday with Friends.



Below is a copy of one of the prayers used each week at the vigil.

Expanding Circles Prayer

This prayer was inspired by the Buddhist practice of building compassion by focusing one's compassion on people who present more and more of a challenge beginning with those who are easy such as a spouse or close friend and working one's way to enemies. In times of war, it is easy to pray for the innocent or bless our own soldiers. Jesus challenges us to go farther and pray for our enemies. This prayer works its way from the innocent to the guilty.

O God, we raise up our prayers today for children hurt or killed by war and their families. Heal the injured. Bring peace within to those who mourn while the war rages on. We remember their communities and the scars they bear. Make them whole.

We raise up the innocent adults killed—named by that cold phrase collateral damage. Hold them close to your heart.

We ask for your mercy on those we, ourselves, cannot forgive. How can those who kill the innocent receive no punishment?

God, we ask your protection and guidance for the soldiers on all sides who believe they are doing what is right. Help them to act so that they are just in their own eyes and consciences may remain clean. Let them discern the path that is right.

God, we pray for those who know what they are doing is wrong. Turn them to the path of righteousness. Offer them a way out from moral injury. Make them protectors of the innocent and not punishers of the guilty. Give them the bravery to refuse to hurt the innocent. Help them to chart a course out of the path of violence.

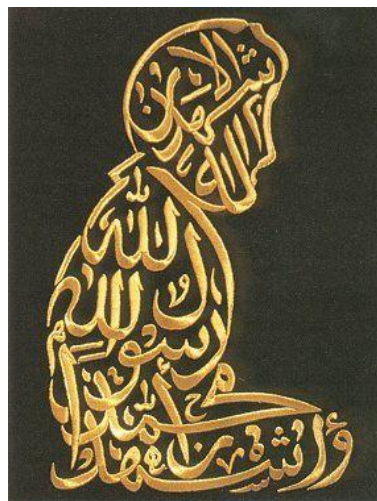
Bless and protect your children for we are all your children. Teach us the path of peace. Turn us away from the way of war and violence. Bring your justice here on earth.

Amen.

December 10 after worship. Please plan to stay briefly for your part in the church's decisions.



Meditation will be on December 11th at 6:00.
Doug will be leading.



December 17, we will be bringing pot luck dishes to share with each other as we celebrate Christmas at Joe and Leigh's home after worship at 1865 Sunset Beach Rd. Please carpool from the church parking lot and only take cars that can handle old unpaved roads. But come and have some Merry Christmas cheer.



December's Food Pantry dates are December 19 & 26 from 5:30-7:30 – Let Maureen know if you want to volunteer

