

Friday with Friends

November 10, 2023

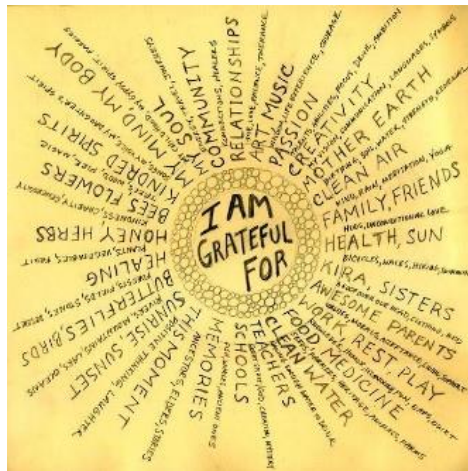


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Zoom Link for Sunday:

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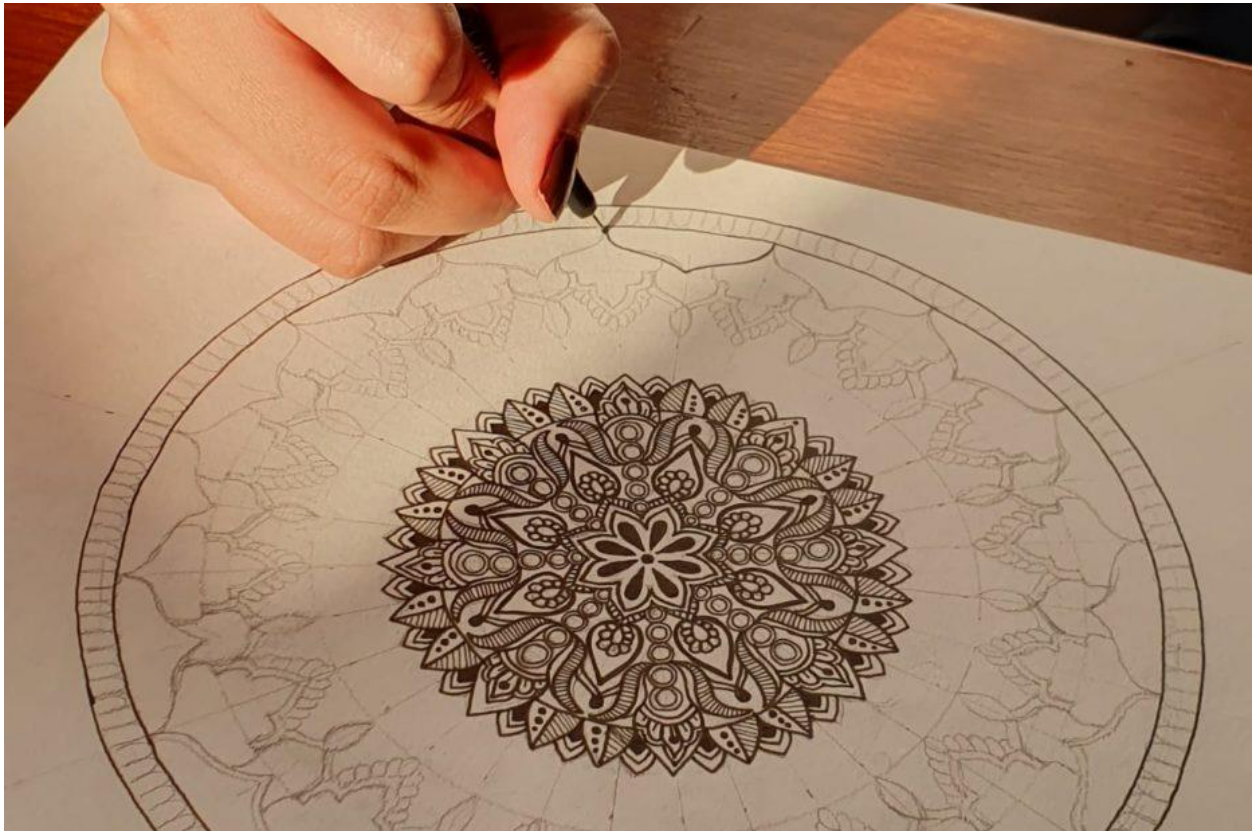
Great art invokes wonder, awe and a heightened feeling of spirituality, not necessarily in the religious sense, but in the sense of becoming connected to a reality greater than ourselves and a transcendent understanding of life. Larry Bisirico, Art as Spiritual Experience



“The goal of life is rapture. Art is the way we experience it. Art is the transforming experience.” —Joseph Campbell, *Reflections on the Art of Living*

Sunday, November 12 we will be staying after worship to make mandala together. You will receive all of the art supplies you will need. The paper will have some guides on it, and no one is going to be judged on artwork. This is about centering down and finding another way to have meditative worship.

A Mandala (Sanskrit for “circle”) is an artistic representation of higher thought and deeper meaning given as a geometric symbol used in spiritual, emotional, or psychological work to focus one's attention. The image first appears in India via the Hindu text known as the Rig Veda c. 1500 - c. 500 BCE. But it is thought by some philosophers such as Carl Jung to be as old as humankind, showing up in artwork all over the world, in different culture and in different religions.



Johan Maurer and his spouse Judy
will bring the spoken messages on Sunday at the 10:00
service

Johan Maurer grew up in a rigidly atheist family, where the mere mention of religion was forbidden. He became a Christian at age 21, while he was attending Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada (a safe distance from his anti-church family!). Getting to know and trust Jesus has made all the difference in his life since then, but his family's total resistance to the religion industry probably influenced his decision to make his home with Quakers, who have opposed religious tradecraft and authoritarianism from the very beginning. His particular concern for Friends is the relationship between evangelism and the Quaker testimonies.

Johan began his Quaker journey with Ottawa Friends Meeting. His next stop was New England, where he and Judy Maurer met in 1977. They got married in 1980. During Judy's years at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, they attended Charlottesville Friends (Baltimore Yearly Meeting). After Judy finished her MBA program at UVA, they moved to Indiana, where Johan began working for Friends World Committee for Consultation in 1983. In 1988, he was recorded as a minister by Indiana Yearly Meeting. In 1993, Johan began serving Friends United Meeting as general secretary. During his FWCC and FUM years, he visited hundreds of local meetings and churches in the USA and elsewhere, observing Friends with many forms of creativity, faithfulness ... and dysfunction.

Johan and Judy moved from the Midwest to Oregon in 2000 when Johan was invited to join the pastoral team at Reedwood Friends Church. Since then he has been a visiting scholar at Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre in the UK, a marketing writer specializing in nonprofits and educational institutions, and a "Friend Serving Abroad" under Northwest Yearly Meeting in Russia (2007-2017).

Johan and Judy Maurer moved to Elektrostal, Russia, in July 2008, to begin teaching conversational English and serving as "citizen diplomats" in Russia's Moscow region where he still clerks a Friends Meeting, Moscow Friends. Judy and John were also in Russia as Northwest Yearly Meeting field staff. They are members of Moscow Friends.

The couple travels to meetings throughout Oregon supporting the membership and supporting the pastors. We are very blessed to have them with us this Sunday.

Every Wednesday
at 6:30 we will have
a prayer service at
the church for
peace in the Middle
East until there is a
ceasefire



November is Gratitude Month

Gratitude is the simplest way to change one's perspective of the world. It allows us to appreciate the positive, rather than focus on the negative aspects of our lives. Learning to be grateful helps us appreciate the little things in life that we tend to take for granted, which brings about a deep feeling of satisfaction that fulfills and nourishes us.

National Gratitude Month was an initiative started by Stacey Grewal, who believes gratitude to be an essential ingredient of a happy and fulfilling life. When one embraces gratitude, they immediately shift their focus from the negative to the positive things in their lives.

Being always grateful does not mean that one would deny the fact that negative things happen in life (that will be delusional); it means finding and focusing more on the good. It means finding something to be grateful for amid the preponderance of bitterness and hardship.

Announcements

- ***Peace and social concerns meets on November 19 at 9:00 AM***
 - ***Rumi Class, led by Doug Fay will be at 3:00 on the 19th.***
- ***Meditation classes in November are the 13th and 27th at 6:00***

Welcome Corps is part of the US State Department. Sustainable Klamath and Welcome Corps has raised \$15,000 to bring a refugee family to Klamath Falls. Your help is needed. It will take another \$2210 for the organizations to be able to send in their application. So they are asking for donations sent to Sustainable Klamath Welcome Corps, 1221 Main Street, Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601. They are also seeking contacts for affordable housing and household goods. If you know of anything in this area, please email them at WCKFalls@gmail.com.

