

Friday with Friends



A Tribute to Earth Day 2024

April 19, 2024

A newsletter of Klamath Falls Friends Church

1918 Oregon AVE

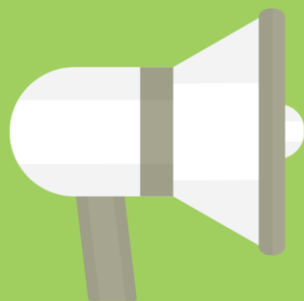
Klamath Falls, Oregon, 97601

Pastors Leigh and Joe Tolton

541-363-6885

**Zoom Link for both Walter Naegle at 1:00 Saturday
April 20 and 10:00 AM worship on Sunday April 21**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85381127592?pwd=Z01JTHFXNVdzeTZqTUUpwS1dmSFVxZz09>



**UPDATES &
ANNOUNCEMENTS**



Our "new" pantry, Klamath Interfaith Food Pantry, needs the following: toiletries for men and women (both regular and travel-size) and toilet paper. Our food supplies are very good, but items not provided by the Food Bank are always needed: feminine hygiene products, disposable diapers, cleaning products, paper products, toiletries, bath soap. We are also collecting used (but not worn out) bath/hand towels, bedding, blankets and sleeping bags. Please launder your items before you bring them in because we do not have laundry facilities. We currently do not have adequate storage for clothing--so please no used clothing.

Announcements:

- May 5, 2024 will be our book group. We will be discussing chapters 3 & 4 of Thich Nhat Khanh's *Living Buddha Living Christ* directly after meeting for worship
- Meditation April 22nd at 6:00.
- The Food Pantry will be at 1175 Crescent Ave at Klamath Lutheran Church at 5:30 on Tuesday the 23rd and Tuesday the 30th. Please bring toiletries for men and women (soap, shampoo, deodorant) full sized and travel sized and toilet paper. If you want to volunteer, please see Linda Warner
- Please go to <https://www.scymfriends.org/community-news> to sign up for the Sierra Cascades Yearly Meeting's newsletter.
- 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



On April 20 at 1:00 PM Walter Naegle will be speaking via zoom

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Walter was the life partner of Bayard Rustin. Bayard Rustin, a Quaker, was the architect of many of the marches and demonstrations for the civil rights movement of the 60's, including the 1963 March on Washington famous for Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech. Walter helped in the production of the latest movie, Rustin, that is available on Netflix and was produced in 2023. He will speak to us and answer questions after. There will be an opportunity to see the film at 10:30 that morning at the meetinghouse. Light snacks are requested (cookies, cheese, crackers, vegetables).

Earth Day Celebration

April 21, 2024 from 1-2:30

The Justice Action Team (JAT) of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Klamath County (UUFKC), located at 1201 Division St. is hosting an Earth Day Celebration. UUFKC is housed in a green building, formerly the Grocery Pub.

It will be informative, interactive and fun and.....there will be eco-friendly giveaways!





MEETING MINUTES

Klamath Falls Friends Church
Meeting for Worship and Business

April 14, 2024

Jeanette Rutherford, Presiding Clerk

Attending: Carl Andrews, Sarah Watson, Phyllis and Doug Fay, Bernadette Kero, Kate Murphey, Annette Henderson, Mike Moore, Sue Graves, Kathleen Adams, Tony Swan, Wendy Williams, Griffin Toffler, Linda Warner, Jeanette Rutherford, and on Zoom Jessamyn Birrer-Lindgren and ShaneRay

After a three-hour marathon threshing session, the meeting discerned the renewal of Leigh and Joe Tolton's contracts.

MINUTE: The meeting discerned to extend Leigh and Joe Tolton's contracts for 12 months.

☒ The admin team will develop a list of pastors' areas of strength and those needing improvement.

☒ The admin team will meet with Leigh and Joe monthly for accountability reviews which will include areas of strength and those needing improvement.

☒ The meeting will conduct another threshing session regarding Leigh and Joe Tolton's performance in four months or no later than the end of August.

☒ In conjunction, the meeting will be responsible for working on determining and defining "Who are we? Where are we going" etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Warner

Recording Clerk

Klamath Falls Friends Church

Stewardship Committee Meeting

April 18, 2024

Present: Maureen Somers, Mike Moore, Linda Warner

Absent: Sarah Watson

Note: Doug and Phyllis Fay have resigned from the committee

1. The minutes from the last meeting (January 31, 2024) were read and approved.
2. There was no treasurer's report.
3. The pastors' contracts for May 1, 2024, through April 30, 2025, were reviewed and approved.
4. The committee read Maryann Kane's email regarding purchase of a big screen television. (Linda included prices for 65" and 85".) However, purchase of a television was. Not budgeted, so if there is interest or need for either a television or a retractable screen, Stewardship recommended that M&C take up the matter and bring it to the meeting for discernment before work begins on the 2025 budget.
5. The committee selected the bid for \$600 to repair the brick porch and install a handrail, using composite rather than wood for the handrail. Mike will notify Don Hazle and ask him to get started as soon as possible since this poses a safety hazard.
6. The committee decided that instead of scheduling a grounds clean-up day for the meeting, Linda will call Klamath Works and schedule clean up and also check into a regular mowing schedule through them.
7. Now that Phyllis Fay is no longer cleaning, we will need to schedule regular cleaning or have volunteers sign up to clean. Linda will ask Kodi if she is still interested in cleaning both the meetinghouse and the pantry.
8. Linda will call Klamath Fire Extinguisher and schedule servicing of the extinguishers in the meetinghouse.
9. Other—Sale of 1910 Oregon Ave: This email from Allison York of Windermere. "Just received word that the inspector will be doing the home inspection on Monday (4/22) at 9:00 am. It also sounds like the buyer will be having a surveyor find the corner pins but probably not the full survey although he's still researching this. And escrow has been opened but it will likely be another week or two before we receive the preliminary title report for review."

Respectfully submitted—

Linda Warner

Stewardship Clerk



A scoreboard on Fossil Fuel Divestment

<https://global.insure-our-future.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/2021-IOF-Scorecard.pdf>

An evolving spiritual concern

Quaker concern for the Earth and the wellbeing of all who live in it is deeply rooted in our faith. Early Quakers knew that to damage the earth just for human 'outward greatness' would be an injustice on future generations.

Quakers reaffirmed our commitment to act as a faith community in 2011 with the 'Canterbury Commitment' (minute 36 of Britain Yearly Meeting). This called on Quakers to act in new ways – individually, as local communities, as a corporate body of faith, and politically.

The Canterbury Commitment recognized that the environmental crisis is enmeshed with global economic injustice and that tackling inequality is central to taking action on the climate emergency. It made clear that this is a spiritual task.

Climate breakdown is also a concern of Quakers around the world. International gatherings of Quakers in 2012 and 2015 concluded with strong calls for climate action across the globe.

Quakers are 'called to be patterns and examples in a 21st century campaign for peace and ecojustice, as difficult and decisive as the 18th and 19th century drive to abolish slavery'

– *The Kabarak Call for Peace and Ecojustice, 2012*

Valuing people and planet

The current economic system has provided humanity with many material benefits. However those benefits have been unequally shared. Many of them have been brought about through the over-exploitation of the Earth's natural resources.

Quakers have committed to work towards a different kind of economic system based on our belief in a fundamental human equality and respect for the Earth.

'The global economic system is posited on continued expansion and growth, and in its pursuit of growth it is often unjust, violent and destructive... We need to ask the question whether this system is so broken that we must urgently work with others of faith and good will to put in its place a different system in which our testimonies can flourish.' – *Minute 23, Britain Yearly Meeting 2011*

'The new economy' refers to an economic system that values human wellbeing, fairness and sustainability above profits.

For Quakers, the new economy makes possible 'a way of living that will free us from the bondage of material things and mere conventions, that will raise no barrier between man and man, and will put no excessive burden of labor upon any by reason of our superfluous demands.'

Take action!

A sustainable and prosperous economy is essential for everybody. On our [climate justice](#) and [building the new economy](#) pages we talk about actions everyone can take as individuals or in groups. Here we outline a few actions your Quaker community can take together to sustain fairer economic systems.

Divest from fossil fuels

We need to confront the powers that actively work against climate justice, namely the fossil fuel industry and economic systems reliant on fossil fuels, which put economic competitiveness ahead of ecological health.

1. **Host a discussion about divestment.** You could check out our [PDF guide to divesting from fossil fuels](#), share it with Friends and/or your community, and then discuss the practical and ethical implications together. <https://www.quaker.org.uk/documents/guide-to-fossil-fuel-divestment-oct-2018>
2. **Watch a divestment documentary as a group.** *Do the Math* by climate campaigner Bill McKibben explains why we need to keep fossil fuels underground and is [available to watch for free on YouTube](#).
3. **Withdraw fossil fuel investments.** We can take action by withdrawing any investments we have in fossil fuel companies, as individuals or as a

community. This is called divestment, and it fits into a long history of Quaker concern about the ethical use of money.

4. **Re-invest ethically.** Divestment also enables ethical re-investment. We can invest our money in the parts of the economy that we want to nurture. We can support community energy projects or sustainable housing. By reinvesting money into green, just alternatives we help to build the 'new economy' that Quakers also advocate for.
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Living Buddha, Living Christ by Thich Nhat Hanh

May 5 after meeting for worship

Questions for Book Study

Chapters 3-4

1. When has your faith been called into question? What aspect of your faith led others to think you were in the wrong?
2. What helps you to embrace the presence of food and the experience of eating it?
3. What does the Eucharist or Communion mean to you?
4. Why is it so hard for us to accept the non-duality of Jesus as both fully human and fully divine?
5. When have you felt a seed within you blossom into flower?
6. What would you like people to know of your dharmakaya (body of teachings) when you are gone?
7. How do we confuse the specific teachings of Jesus with his underlying message?
8. What dharma doors can we open for the people that follow (pg 39)? What in your life opens a path for those who come after you?
9. Who are your spiritual ancestors and how are they meaningful to you?
10. How can we embody Jesus?