

# Friday with Friends

A Newsletter of Klamath Falls Friends Church

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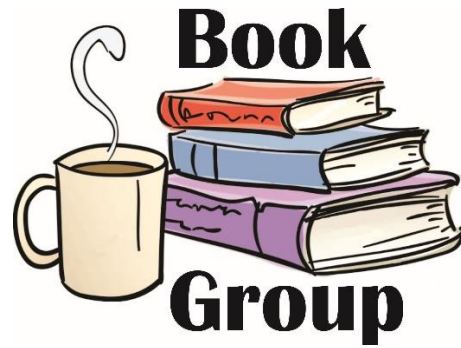
**This Sunday, May 26, after church**

**Please come and enjoy the fellowship and food.**

**Zoom Link for worship and other worship meetings  
including the Wednesday night vigils:**

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



**June 2 from 11:15-12:15**



## **Study Questions**

Living Buddha, Living Christ

Discussion Questions for Chapters 5-6

1. How are monasteries and convents different than churches in the outside world? What can we learn from them?
2. Buddhists cite three refuges Buddha, dharma, and sangha. What would it mean for us as Christians take refuge in Christ, the Christian way, and our local church?
3. In what way can you transform yourself to improve your local church?
4. How can you make Jesus' presence real in our world today?
5. How can we heal the collective consciousness (pg 75-76)?
6. How can we pray for others whose needs are different from our own?
7. What can we do to heal the situation so everyone can get what they need?
8. How do you take action in the world without anger?
9. In what ways can you increase your love for your enemies? Who are your enemies?
10. How do you move beyond righteous anger against those who have wronged you?



### Your committees, their members, and the clerks for each committee

Peace and Social Concerns: Joe Tolton, Clerk Members: Wendy Williams, Griffin Toffler, Mark Kane, Maryann Kane, Margo McCullough, Sarah Watson, Carl Andrews, Linda Warner, Leigh and Joe Tolton (ex officio)

Ministry and Care: Tony Swan, Clerk Members: Wendy Williams, Bernadette Kero, Jeanette Rutherford, Leigh and Joe Tolton (ex officio)

Stewardship: Mike Moore, Clerk, Members: Maureen Somers, Linda Warner (Leigh and Joe Tolton (ex officio)

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Here is the link to a petition to stop the trash dump slated for the marsh and Native Land. <https://www.change.org/p/oppose-the-proposed-landfill-endangering-klamath-marsh>



### FACT SHEET on PROPOSED LANDFILL SITE ADJACENT to KLAMATH MARSH

-This landfill would occupy 806 acres south of Lenz Siding Rd. between Highway 97 and Klamath Marsh.

-Klamath Marsh has a high water table (water close to soil) and is vulnerable to landfill leachate, liquid formed when rainwater filters through places in a landfill.

-The site of the proposed landfill is designated as Exclusive Farm Use (EFU), which falls under Article 54 of the Klamath County Land Development Code: "The purpose of the EDU Zone is to protect and maintain agricultural lands for farm use . . . and to protect forests, scenic resources, and fish and wildlife habitat, and to maintain and improve the quality of air, water, and land resources of the county."

-Klamath County Planning Director Erik Nobel believes the landfill can be allowed through a conditional use permit, whereby the landfill is built so it will not affect the wildlife or the land around it.

-The Klamath Tribes strongly oppose this proposed landfill. According to the Tribal Chairman Clayton Dumont, extensive research shows that a landfill close to Klamath Marsh would damage irrevocably the marsh's unique and important ecological function.

-The Klamath Marsh is already in decline; in fact, "the Klamath Tribes recently secured \$2 million to begin restoring the entire marsh system and expect to secure another \$3 million by spring 2025."

-Leachate would also negatively affect the Williamson River, Upper Klamath Lake, and the Klamath Marsh National Wildlife Refuge

-Developer Don Jensen from Salem Oregon has little experience in the landfill business. He once served on the board of Simco Road Regional Landfill in Elmore County, Idaho, a privately owned landfill that now faces a lawsuit from the county due to numerous violations of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality regulations.

**-A public hearing is scheduled to be held at the Klamath County Government building, 305 Main Street, Tuesday, June 25 from 6-8 pm where testimonies are taken from those both for and against the landfill.**

**-Following the public hearing, the Klamath County Planning Commission will consider the landfill proposal and make a decision, which will be final if no one appeals it.**

-The above information taken from the article “Proposed landfill site adjacent to Klamath Marsh draws sharp rebuke from Klamath Tribes” by Paul Chamless published in *Klamath Tribes News*, Vol. 27. No. 4, April/May 2024.

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# MEETING MINUTES

Klamath Falls Friends Church  
Meeting for Worship and Business  
Sunday, May 19, 2024  
Presiding Clerk: Jeanette Rutherford

Attending: Bernie Kero, Sarah Watson, Kate Murphey, Annette Henderson, Wendy Williams, Griffin Toffler, Tony Swan, Mike Moore, Jay Wong, Sue Graves, Joe Tolton, Leigh Tolton, Jeanette Rutherford, and Linda Warner (no one on Zoom)

Gathering/Teaching Moment: A reminder to say “Clerk, please” when led to speak and to be patient, you will have your time to speak.

Ministry and Care: Tony Swan, Clerk

Committee is expanding membership. Wendy Williams became a member last week. This week Bernadette Kero is being recommended for membership. Doug Fay is no longer a member of M&C. The meeting should have a designated person to attend yearly meeting. If anyone is interested,

Let Tony or Leigh know.

Committee encourages participating in potlucks.

Minute: The meeting unanimously approved Bernadette Kero as a member of KFFC, and she will serve as a member of Ministry and Care. Bernie spoke briefly.

M&C recommended the formation of an ad hoc committee to develop a process for continuing the visioning for “Who Are We? Where Are We Going” as a meeting and that either Leigh or Joe to be on that ad hoc committee.

Comments:

Why can't we just thresh? Why do we need an ad hoc committee? We stretched things out too long—why not just get together and talk about our future. M&C. Confusion as to what an ad hoc meeting would do? Determine how we're going to talk about it. Have circle of friends after meeting, for example. What's the format? Do we have a facilitator? Circle of Friends, Threshing?

Jeanette explained the difference between a circle of friends and threshing. Circle is more focused and threshing is more open-ended and free-flowing.

Minute: The meeting discerned that rather than have an ad hoc committee to recommend a process for visioning, we simply start meeting and have a series of Circle of Friends to determine “Who Are We? Where Are We Going?” These monthly meetings will begin on Sunday, June 16, 2024, after worship. Meetings will be limited to one hour, beginning at 11:15. Jeanette will facilitate and Linda will record, as needed.

Pastors' Report: Leigh and Joe Tolton

Stewardship Committee: Linda Warner, Clerk

Mike Moore will replace Linda Warner as Stewardship Clerk effective immediately. Linda will continue as co-treasurer and recording clerk.

The sale of Friends House closed on May 9. \$126,031.60 was deposited in our Umpqua Bank checking account.

Stewardship recommended that three, six, nine and twelve-month \$25,000 CDs be purchased and the remainder of the money be left in checking. (Someone asked why the money isn't in a money market account.)

Minute: The meeting released Stewardship to invest profits from the sale of the house in CDs and check into Money Market accounts.

Linda review brick stoop repair bids from Diversified Contractors (\$14,8634) and Dan Hazle (\$1228.72 wrought iron railing and \$599.98 wood railing).

Minute: The meeting approved repairing the brick stoop per Dan Hazle's \$1228.72 bid, and hire someone to repair water damage on the basement wall.

Minute: The meeting thanks Linda Warner and the Stewardship Committee for their many years of hard work and dedication to the meeting.

Peace and Social Concerns: Joe Tolton, Clerk

Minute: The meeting released P&SC to make decisions concerning speakers/topics for Peace Suppers.

Meeting adjourned at 12:43

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Warner

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## **Peace and Social Concerns Minutes for May 2024**

### **Landfill**

- Klamath Falls Friends Church has no official position on this matter
- Klamath County Planning Commission Meeting to be held on May 28<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Arrive at least 15 minutes early and sign-up for a slot to speak.
- Tribes
  - Tribes plan to appeal determination on conditional land use permit if the commission passes it
  - Sarah will contact the tribe to learn more
    - "Some members of Klamath Falls Friends Church want to stand with the tribes against the landfill."
    - "What's the best way to take a stand about the landfill?"
- Agenda for future Planning Commission Meetings should be available (Does anyone have a web address?)
- Sarah will contact the local Unitarian Universalists to share Wendy's Fact Sheet
- Wendy
  - will email the Fact Sheet to Sarah
  - will call County Planning Commission office to get agenda and meeting time and location
  - will call Eric Nobel for more information
- Griffin will look into background information on Don Jensen and the Simco Road Regional Landfill

### **Food Pantry**

- Up and running
- Good first month
- Many volunteer hours and clients served



- “Our first two pantries were April 23 and 30; we served 80 families, a total of 226 people—116 adults and 110 children. We had 34 volunteers who put in a total of 270 hours stocking food shelves, serving clients, and of course, setting up the pantry.”

## T-Shirts

- Logos from Jill to be sent out to everyone (see attachment)
  - Joe will create draft of T-Shirt design with one of Griffin’s preferred fonts
    - **SPICES ROCKWELL EXTRA BOLD**
    - **SPICES GEORGIA PRO BLACK**
    - **SPICES COOPER BLACK**
    - **SPICES AHARONI**
  - SPICES acrostic on back of T-shirt
    - Simplicity
    - Peace
    - Integrity
    - Community
    - Equality
    - Sustainability
      - Varying meanings for final S
        - “Sustainability”, “Stewardship of the Earth” (FWCC), “Stewardship” (Quaker Speak)
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## Quakers and Eucharist

<https://www.movement.org.uk/blog/what-eucharist-means-quaker>

<https://quakerpodcast.org/why-dont-quakers-do-communion/>

<https://quaker.org.uk/events/what-quakers-say-baptism-communion>

<https://quakertheology.org/quakers-and-the-eucharistic/>

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