

# Friday with Friends

A Newsletter of Klamath Falls Friends Church

1918 Oregon Ave,  
Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601  
Friday, August 30, 2024

## Xeriscaping Peace Supper

Xeriscaping lecture by Nicole Sanchez of Oregon State University to be held with dinner provided

September 14, 2024 at 6pm

Free, appropriate for all ages, food provided

Nicole Sanchez of Oregon State University will be speaking on the practice of xeriscaping at a Peace Supper at Klamath Falls Friends Church. Klamath Falls Friends Church has held many of these Peace Suppers over the years on a variety of topics. A Peace Supper includes both a speaker and a meal free for all. Xeriscaping is a landscaping technique that uses extremely low levels of water. With xeriscaping you can reduce or even eliminate the need for irrigation. Knowledge of local plants and plants that require little water offer great advantages in terms of reduced labor and expenses. With xeriscaping you will not need to be constantly watering, mowing, fertilizing, and reseeding a lawn. While you may be using different plants than you are used to in gardening, a variety of beautiful and hardy plants are available.

Further resources:

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/gallery/waterwise-plant-profiles>

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/science/how-xeriscaping-offers-a-water-efficient-environmentally-friendly-alternative-to-lawns>

<https://www.marthastewart.com/8336571/xeriscaping-ideas>

<https://www.bhg.com/gardening/landscaping-projects/landscape-basics/xeriscaping/>





*In August The Klamath Interfaith Food pantry served 78 households, a total of 234 people. The 30 volunteers this month gave 139 hours of their time in support of the pantry. A total of 297 pounds of additional food was donated by individuals and groups. This doesn't include non-food items which were generously donated this month too!*

*Pantry clients are still in need of men and women's toiletries and toilet paper, since the Food Bank does not supply non-food items. The need for these items will continue, no doubt.*

*The blanket/sleeping bag drive begins today. Please leave your new or used (laundered) donations at your place of worship, and we will make arrangements to have those donations delivered to the pantry.*

*Our Open House is scheduled for Friday, October 18 from 5:30 until 7:00. All congregations are invited to attend. We would love donations of refreshments for the event. Contact your church's pantry volunteers if you can help.*

*Election Violence Prevention workshop,  
Saturday August 31 noon, Eastern Time,  
to register: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpd-iurDIrHdJ\\_gFrdRiFzKg8\\_idvSuqj5](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpd-iurDIrHdJ_gFrdRiFzKg8_idvSuqj5)*

*Another election violence prevention workshop will be provided online, Oct 3, 6:00 PM PT with details available through Sierra Cascades Yearly Meeting.*

*These events are very informative workshops, and she works overtime to make them well worth your time. For more information go to this page and scroll to the second page: <https://mailchi.mp/scymf.org/bulletin-of-sierra-cascades-ymf-20354904?e=79d7a55503>*

*To attend workshop, use the zoom link below*  
*Meeting*

*link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81115948179>*

*Quaker pastors:*

*Quaker pastors are released ministers, paid so that they are free to do the will of the meeting and help the meeting members become their best spiritual selves or reach their spiritual leadings. Quaker pastors listen to the need of the group or, individually, and with permission, bring back ideas to the meeting to get on the business meeting agenda or however to help implement the persons leading in or through the meeting (church). Quakers believe that all Quakers are ministers and that we each have different gifts. In some meetings, people are recorded as having musical gifts or the ability to speak well. But in pastored meetings (churches) it is a much bigger process to be a recorded minister who is free to pastor. In general, a Master of Divinity is necessary, but most importantly the support of the church they represent to the Yearly Meeting. A minister in good standing is a minister who has left voluntarily her/his former church or is on good terms with them or was an*

*asset to the work of the meeting (church) while there. Most ministers who accept a position as a recorded minister or are trying to become recorded on the yearly meeting level, go through several clearness committee meetings before agreeing to be considered by a meeting or before accepting the call to a meeting. Quaker pastors are different from pastors of other denominations and religions because they work for the whole church and not a board of elders. Some Quaker pastors see themselves as there just to help make leadings come to fruition --- that is to help all of the members from the oldest to the youngest to do what that person is called to do by Divine in their lives. It has little to do with Sunday worship, unlike protestant and catholic church systems. Some Quaker pastors are only able to help when there is a group within the meeting who desires to make something successful as a leading from the Divine. It depends on both the church's belief and the pastor's belief since we do not tell people how to believe.*

## MINUTES

Klamath Falls Friends Church

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

August 25, 2024

Presiding Clerk - Jeanette

Gathering/Teaching Moment -

Jeanette R. led us in a re-gathering/centering moment. She provided teaching and direction on when to speak in KFFC meetings. Members are encouraged to speak only when feeling led to speak, after taking time to go within for guidance. When inspired to speak, raise your hand and say, "Clerk, please." This practice, and speaking slowly, keeps the tempo of the meeting slow and intentional, and allows everyone time to speak.

Ministry and Care – Tony S., Clerk

Informational:

Today's meeting is the last time that Tony will be the Clerk for Ministry and Care. Wendy W. will become the new M& C Clerk, working with Bernie K. and our two Pastors. Tony met with Wendy W. for a "soft handoff" of M& C Clerk information. Joe and Leigh (as well as Jay) are both in the process of transferring their Monthly Meeting membership from West Elkton Friends to KFFC. They are also in conversation with the Sierra Cascades Yearly Meeting of Friends (SCYMF) regarding Recording Status: Leigh is already a Recorded Pastor at a different

meeting, and Joe is in the process of becoming a newly Recorded Pastor. They will update their progress in their Pastors' Report. "Recording Status" is the term Quakers use to recognize a person as a Pastor (similar to Ordination in other Churches).

M&C received feedback about the Membership Process and Covenant: concerns have been expressed about the Membership process and the Covenant, and the required paperwork. This leads MC to consider amending the Membership Covenant. A Circle of Friends will meet over the next few months to discuss Membership. Leigh and Joe will be asked to share Quaker history regarding Membership vs. Attending. Current Members will also be asked to share their experiences as members, what it means to them, and their likes and concerns. Initial information about the consideration of amending the Covenant was included in this weeks' Friday With Friends (FWF).

#### Discussion/Discernment:

Jeanette R. is stepping down as Presiding Clerk.; she has held the position for 15 years. No one has felt led to replace her thus far. She has provided a summary and basic information about the role. Books in the KFFC library, the Friends Conference, online information and paid training are all available to those who are led to fill this role. The role of Presiding Clerk is to create an agenda and run the Meeting for Business, and to support the Pastor. They will need formal training, as well as in-house training and mentoring with Jeanette.

M&C recommends rotating the Presiding Clerk role until/if someone is led to take on the role in a more permanent manner. This is the current schedule:

Sept Monthly Meeting for Business – Bernie

Oct Monthly Meeting for Business – Wendy

Nov Monthly Meeting for Business – Sarah

Dec – No Business Meeting

Jeanette" "I sense that we are in unity around this Recommendation?" Yes- there were none that disagreed. The Meeting approved the Recommendation as written in the agenda.

#### Pastors' Reports –

Leigh and Joe shared copies of their reports. Included is an update of Recording/Membership status, a Flow Chart of different committees and Clerks, and a calendar on our website. Joe introduced members to the website and is open to ideas, questions and comments.

Leigh is committed to building a bonding relationship between KFFC and the Klamath Tribes. She asked them if there's anything KFFC can do to support their concerns about the proposed landfill on the Klamath Marsh.

Tony suggested that the Flow Chart created by Leigh be posted on the lobby bulletin board and also included in Friday with Friends.

Traveling Minute for Jeanette and Tony

Jeanette and Tony were gifted a variety of snacks for the trip they are taking, and given a letter of introduction to share when visiting other Quaker Fellowships.

#### Stewardship Committee–

##### Informational:

Linda Warner is no longer Co-Treasurer and her name must be removed from the KFFC bank account. Maureen has been Co-Treasurer with Mike Moore. Mike Moore is now Clerk of the KFFC Steering Committee. Maureen will continue as Co-Treasurer and Margo McCullough will join her as a new Co-Treasurer. Maureen will take this KFFC Minute to the bank.

Treasurer's Report was distributed and reviewed.

Work on the side stairs has been completed.

We are getting bids for possible repair of our asphalt parking lot.

We are beginning work on the 2025 budget; pledge letters will be sent soon.

Peace and Social Concerns – Joe T. – Clerk

##### Informational:

Food pantry update: Leigh and Margo attended the Board Meeting. More volunteers are still needed. Food Pantry will have an Open House in October. A blanket and sleeping bag drive is being planned. Sacred Heart Church is no longer providing Thanksgiving boxes; Food Pantry will provide food for Thanksgiving meals.

##### Discussion/Discernment:

Kate M. stood aside during the discussion.

Proposed landfill – the public meeting is postponed indefinitely. Leigh met and spoke with Tribal representatives. P&SC is recommending that a letter be sent to Klamath County Planning Division per request of Klamath Tribes. Leigh submitted the letter to the Business Meeting and it was read. The Meeting approved that the letter be sent to the Klamath County Commissioners and Planning Office, to show our support of the Klamath Tribes.

Wendy stated that the landfill applicant has until April 2025 to provide documentation; taking a stand is valuable and will let the Tribes know that they can rely on us. Carla suggested that we can all use the letter- personalize it, and send it to the Klamath County representatives on our own.

#### Upcoming Peace Supper – September 14, 2024:

Speaker Nicole Sanchez from OSU Extension will discuss Xeriscape Landscaping. PS&C will determine if an honorarium is appropriate or if this event is part of her job. Leigh will talk with her.

Public will be invited – invite your family and friends! The question was raised: How do we advertise and draw people to the KFFC Meeting without pressuring them? Ideas were discussed.

Recommendation to pay for advertising via FB and the local radio station in order to increase our potential audience. It was agreed by the Meeting that the radio station PSA will be paid for from the Community Building portion of the P&SC budget. If Members want to assist with costs, they can make a donation to the

PS&C budget.

Mom's Rising Get Out the Vote (GOTV) action:

The Meeting approved our involvement in the mailing of personalized postcards to infrequent Mom voters; this is a non-partisan organization. 100 cards have been ordered and wording is provided. This action can prevent election violence and focuses on getting out the vote.

KFCC Banner:

The design is in process; the previous one will be simplified: "Love More-Fear Less"

Closing Prayer led by Jeanette.

True Godliness doesn't turn men out of the world, but enables them to live better in it, and excites their endeavors to mend it. (William Penn, 1692)