

# Friday with

# Friends

A Newsletter of Klamath Falls Friends Church

1918 Oregon Ave

Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601

Friday September 13, 2024

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85381127592?pwd=Z01JTTFXNVdzeTZqTUpwS1dmSFVxZz09>

## Peace Supper

**Tomorrow evening at 6 PM**

**September 14, 2024**

Wonderful soups and fresh bread will be provided.

Our speaker for the evening is Nicole Sanchez, Associate Professor at OSU and horticulturalist over the small farm and the master gardener programs of the OSU Extension Service of Harney. Lake and Klamath Counties in southern Oregon.

She will be speaking to us about xeriscaping, how to plant yards and gardens that need very little water.

Come and have great fellowship while you hear about ways to improve the world one yard at a time.

**Peace and Social Concerns**

**Meets Sunday, September 15, morning at 9:00 AM**

Issues covered by Peace and Social Concerns include the environment, peace, justice, equality, poverty and dealing with poverty, peace suppers, government issues, the food pantry. Come and be a part of something bigger than yourself as we work in community to help make this a better world.

### **Ministry and Care**

**Meets Monday night, September 16 at 5:30 at the church house.**

Things covered by Ministry and Care include the worship services, the book groups, the Bible studies, spiritual art, potlucks, meditation, the pastors support, care of the meeting, congregational support, circle of friends, events at the church which are not about peace or social concerns and are not about the building or budget

### **Monthly Meeting for Business**

**September 29 after meeting for worship**

Business meetings are for all to participate in the life of the meeting, build community, serve others, worship together, to discern all major decisions of the meeting with the prayerful help of each other in a spirit of worship and to arrive at a clear sense of the meeting.

### **Potluck Luncheon**

**After meeting for worship**

**October 13, 2024**

### **Pantry Open House**

**October 18, 2024**

**5:30 @ 1175 Crescent Ave.**

**Coming up soon! Join your Friends from Sierra-Cascades Yearly Meeting of Friends at the Fall Quarterly Gathering on Saturday,**

**October 5. We will meet in-person at Eugene Friends Church, and also on Zoom.**

**There will be a program for kids during the day (except for lunchtime) with crafts and Quaker stories.**

**On Friday evening the youth will host a multi-generational game night at Eugene Friends. If you plan to attend, notify the registrar and fill out this Registry Form Link:**

**<https://forms.gle/44aRo7DyaK2848KZ9>**

**Schedule for Saturday, October 5:**

**9:00 to 10:30 a.m.      Workshops (four different workshops to choose from!)**

**10:30 to 10:45 a.m.      Break**

**10:45 to 11:30 a.m.      Worship and music led by Neil Isaacson, Eugene Friends**

**11:30 to 12:30 p.m.      Business session**

**12:30 to 1:30 p.m.      Lunch and book signing with Sarah Katreen Hoggatt**

**1:30 to 5:00 p.m.      Business session**

**Pre-registration is required. Please send the following information to [registrar@scymf.org](mailto:registrar@scymf.org) or reply to this email**

- Name(s) of those attending**
- Church or meeting affiliation**
- Age(s) if under 18**
- Are you attending in-person or on Zoom**
- Which workshop would you like to attend (you can change your mind, but this will help us plan).**

**Here are the workshop descriptions:**

### ***1. The FWCC World Plenary: Living the Spirit of Ubuntu***

This workshop will share about Gil George's experience with the FWCC World Plenary and host a discussion of the results of the Plenary held in South Africa in August. Gil George will relay the experience and provide a space to discuss the three thematic streams of Creation Care, Healing Historic and Current Injustices, and Living the Spirit of Ubuntu; and how these streams intersect to map the future of FWCC.

Gil George is the Operations Manager for FWCC Section of the Americas.-

### ***2. Foot-washing Fun with Derek (in-person only)***

To wash another person's feet, as Jesus did, and to allow another person to wash our own is to practice deep humility and can be powerfully transformative. This workshop is focused on facilitating a Christ-centered worship experience. In-person only. Dress appropriately.

Derek Lamson has been a worship leader and SCYMF activist since 2017, and currently serves on Faith and Practice Committee.

### ***3. Jesus, the Roman Empire, and the State of Israel***

This workshop will explore: (1) Jesus' harsh warning in Luke 13:1-5 when he was told about Rome's massacre of Jews in worship, "Unless you repent, you too will perish"; (2) the current situation in Palestine and Israel; and (3) if Jesus is still relevant, what might repentance look like for those who witness Israeli atrocities today?

Paul Parker is a professor emeritus of Elmhurst University where he taught in religious studies for 32 years. He has worked, studied, and volunteered in Palestine and Israel frequently since

2004, most recently as the principal of Ramallah Friends School's high school for the last two years.

#### 4. *Let's Talk About Death and Dying (no, really!)*

Baltimore Yearly Meeting has just published an important book (with a little help from a couple of SCYMF folks): "A Tender Time: Quaker Voices on the End of Life." Includes chapters on aging well, end-of-life planning, and how friends, caregivers, and meetings can respond, and lots of resources. This workshop will introduce the book and its benefits and encourage local meetings to explore it together. The book is available through Barclay Press prior to the workshop.

Laura Simmons spent two years as a hospice chaplain and has lost both her parents; she wishes others were more prepared for this eventuality.

### Intergenerational Game Night

Friday, October 4th beginning at 5:30 and running until approximately 9:30 will be the Intergenerational game night. All ages are invited to play games: board games as well as Dungeons and Dragons. Feel free to bring your favorite board game. The youth will be spending the night at Eugene Friends with Chaperones, Dave Cundiff and Willow Merrick. Bring snacks to share. Those who are spending the night should bring a sleeping bag, pillow and a change of clothing if desired. Please fill out the google form above and notify the registrar if you wish to attend.

Eugene Friends is located at 3495 W. 18th Avenue. Eugene, OR 97402.ierr

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**Minutes  
Klamath Interfaith Food Pantry  
Board Meeting Minutes  
August 13, 2024**

**Present: Lee Curran, Dan Curran, Jay Wang, Leigh Tolton, Brion Pinkerton, Alicia Pinkerton, Phyllis Olson, Margo McCullough, Linda Warner**

- 1. The minutes from the July 16 meeting were approved as written.**
- 2. The group welcomed new board member Margo McCullough who is representing Klamath Falls Friends Church.**
- 3. The group discussed how pantry nights are going. Everyone thinks the new process is working and having two computers speeds up intake enormously.**
- 4. The group put together an invitation list for the Open House scheduled for Friday, October 18, from 5:30 until 7 pm. Linda will work on an invitation, get board input, then send it out in September. She will also send a request for cleaning and food/beverage prep to churches to share with congregations. Cleaning date is TBD but will probably be the week of the Open House.**
- 5. The group decided to distribute the prize-winning seven turkeys and seven large chickens donated by OSU Extension and 4H/FFA at the upcoming August 20 food pantry rather than store them for Thanksgiving boxes. Preference will be given to larger families.**
- 6. Phyllis reported that Sacred Heart is no longer involved in Thanksgiving food distribution so Interfaith will distribute**

**Thanksgiving food as part of the November 19 pantry. The group will ask for special traditional Thanksgiving food donations from the congregations and food cards from Sherm's will be purchased.**

**7. Alicia suggested that the carry out kids wait in the pantry office and we could also provide snacks for them.**

**8. The group decided to not do a school supply drive since most schools provide school supplies to classroom teachers for their students.**

**9. Linda will send an announcement to the churches about the blanket/sleeping bag drive. We also still need toiletries, feminine hygiene products and infant diapers and toddler pullups.**

**10. Linda will contact KUHS Key Club and DECA to see if they would like to volunteer as carry out staff. Volunteers from OIT might also be an option.**

**11. Lee will be selling her unique jewelry and talismans at the Mystic Market on Sunday, August 18 from 10 until 4 pm. She is donating all the proceeds to the Food Bank.**

**12. Phyllis will contact a potato farmer she knows to ask about donating potatoes to the pantry.**

**Next meeting will probably be on September 10 the before pantry stocking. Linda will confirm time of food delivery with Marc Kane.**

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### **Clearness Committees:**

**A method invented by the Quakers, that protects individual identity and integrity while drawing on the wisdom of other people. The Clearness Committee is testimony to the fact that**

**there are no external authorities on life's deepest issues, not clergy or therapists or scholars; there is only the authority that lies within each of us waiting to be heard. Parker Palmer (nice article her wrote on clearness committees):**

**<https://couragerenewal.org/library/the-clearness-committee-a-communal-approach-to-discernment/>**

## **Wikipedia**

**A clearness committee is a process for discernment** within the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). It is often used when a member of the meeting seeks to reach clarity on how to respond to a concern or dilemma.

Like Quaker business meetings, meetings of clearness committees are considered a form of meeting for worship and are based on the principle that the inner light is present in all people. The process thus is one of aiding the person seeking clearness in finding the answer within, rather than offering outside advice or guidance. A clearness committee can be requested by anyone for any reason and will usually be appointed by one of the standing committees of a Monthly Meeting.

In addition to those requested by individuals, clearness committees are appointed by most meetings when a person applies for membership and when a couple seeks marriage under the care of the meeting. In these cases, the committee serves the dual purpose of helping the person or couple find clearness that this is the proper step and ensuring that the meeting is ready to take the member or couple under their care.

Clearness committees were frequently used by the Quaker-influenced Movement for a New Society and occasionally show up in other progressive organizations in the Philadelphia area, especially those with pacifist or nonviolence orientations.



**Please listen to the following three youtube spots about  
clearness committees**

<https://youtu.be/kvNO4-leFOg?si=HeynO87W1pnMNwNt>

[https://youtu.be/t\\_J6RE5\\_5R4?si=5TCah4cRvcwo294l](https://youtu.be/t_J6RE5_5R4?si=5TCah4cRvcwo294l)

<https://youtu.be/CTbdm3sLPYk?si=qFu1gbXPHjvFHFjw>