

Friday with Friends

A newsletter of Klamath Falls Friends Church

1918 Oregon Ave., Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601

October 18, 2024



News from Klamath Interfaith

Tonight, October 18 is the Open House from 5:30-7:00. Please come and enjoy

- Please let Linda Warner (541-281-5535) know if you'd like to "adopt a family" and prepare a Thanksgiving Meal Box for them. Klamath Lutheran will provide the turkey.
- We are collecting new and used (laundered) blankets and sleeping bags for our December/January Warm Up Drive.
- December pantry nights have been moved to December 10th and 17th, 5:30 until 7:30. (Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve fall on regular pantry nights.)
- We're collecting good used toys for our client waiting rooms--simple toys, not stuffed animals, that can be disinfected and are not choking hazards.
- If you'd like to support Klamath Interfaith Food Pantry but can't work at the pantry, you can give your financial support directly to the pantry. Simply mail a check to Klamath Lutheran Church, indicate "pantry" on the memo line and mail it to Klamath Lutheran

Church Pantry, 1175 Crescent St. KF, OR 97601. The pantry is a designated non-profit so your donation is tax deductible.

- We need volunteers for our Thanksgiving Meal Box distribution on Tuesday, November 19th from 3:30 until 6:30 or as long as you can stay and help.

Peace and Social Concerns

Meets this Sunday

October 20, 2024

9:00 AM

Circle of Friends is this Sunday

11:00-12:00

October 20, 2024

What Does Being a Part of This Church Mean to You?

- How do you see yourself as part of the meeting?
- What does it mean to be a part of the meeting?
- What are the ways the meeting can be of support to you?
- What gifts do we see in others that provide support for community?
- What are your feelings about membership and the membership covenant?
- If you become a member, what would you want to agree to?



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Worship Service on Sunday is about Spiritual Fellowship 10:00-11:00

October 21 – 5:30 ADMIN Meeting

October 27 – Business meeting after meeting for worship



Klamath Interfaith Food Pantry

Board Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2024

Present: Margo McCullough, Lou Schneider, Brion Pinkerton, Mary Prange, Phyllis Olson, Leigh Tolton, Alicia Pinkerton, Lee Curran, Linda Warner

The minutes from the September 10, 2024, meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Old Business

- 1. The KLC basement was cleaned in preparation for Friday's Open House. Cleaners were Sue Graves, Kate Murphey, Phyllis Olson, Mary Prange, Alicia and Brion Pinkerton, Lee Curran, Faith Leigh and Linda Warner. (Sue Graves took the children's chairs home to clean them up and returned them looking brand new. Thank you, Sue!)**
- 2. The Open House is Friday, October 15, which also happens to be KU's homecoming. There may be a parking issue. We will also extend an invitation to the AA group that meets upstairs on Friday nights. In addition to cake and finger foods, we'll have water and coffee available. We'll meet around 4 pm to get everything set up.**
- 3. All of the Thanksgiving meal box sign up sheets have been returned except Hope Lutheran's. (Per phone conversation with Linda, Kerry will bring those to the Open House and/or Pantry night.) Churches need to bring the meal boxes to KLC by 1:30 on Sunday, November 17 th , or by 3:30 on the 19 th . We will need extra volunteers on the 19 th to help distribute Thanksgiving Meal boxes. There may be more sign ups coming in from October pantries.**
- 4. We are getting lots of donations of blankets/sleeping bags for our December and January "Warm-Up" Drive. (Now we have to figure out how to distribute to clients.)**
- 5. December pantry nights have been moved to the 10 th and the 17 th . Food Bank knows about the date change and signs are posted at the pantry entrance and in the various rooms.**

New Business

- 1. We have a new pantry position—Traffic Control (for want of a more creative title). One person will be in the shopping waiting room and another in the hallway to help people move through in a more efficient and expedited manner and to help with questions.**

2. We're collecting used toys to put in both waiting areas. We could also use another child-sized table for the first waiting area.

3. Other

a. Creating a shopping list for every pantry night seems to be a waste of paper and ink. Also sometimes the foods clients choose requested aren't available by the time they began shopping. The group decided that we are going to give clients a much smaller form to fill out which will have their first name, number of adults and children in their household and if anyone in their household has a food allergy. As always, we're trying to make the process simpler and more efficient, but if this change doesn't work, we'll try something else or go back to the original shopping list.

b. Thanks to Michele for bringing in adults' and children's clothing. The group decided that we want to offer clients food and toiletries, but we really don't have the space to carry clothing too. We expect this clothing will all be given away at the next pantry.

c. Alicia is going to create an Instagram account for Klamath Interfaith Pantry. KLC will link its website to the account.

d. We will urge churches to let their congregations know that they may donate directly to the Klamath Interfaith Pantry. Linda will write up a blurb and send it to those in charge of bulletins/newsletters.

e. The group decided that it could meeting less frequently (once a quarter) beginning in December. Our next regular meeting is on Tuesday, November 12, at noon before pantry stocking.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Warner

S -implicity

P - eace

I - ntegrity

C - ommunity

E - quality

S - Sustainability

Have you noticed how the SPICES are values to live by, but they are all interconnected, just like we are? You can't have equality or peace unless you also dedicate yourself to simplicity, and so forth. Integrity means different things to different people, but here it means being transparent, pure, living a life of honesty and life-long ethics. We know about sustainability as we try to at least respond to the climate change issues with accountability and responsibility. When we live in this self-reflective way, living in community with others becomes natural and safe. We all have to work daily on our SPICES, and in that way we become improved Quakers and improved people. As the kids say, "When you know better, do better." Which one are you focusing on today?

Leigh