
Our worship is silent, broken by often soulful and thoughtful vocal ministry. The children join us five minutes before the close of Meeting. We invite sharing from those who have joys or concerns or additional messages that didn’t quite rise to the level of speaking. After shaking hands we’re invited to say our name and add a response to a simple prompt from the host, such as, “when did you first attend a Friends Meeting?”

Corvallis Friends Meeting continues moderate growth. We welcomed three new members of our Meeting this year. We consider Friendly sevens an important part of getting to know each other now, especially as we have ten or more relatively recently arrived (last 3 years) attenders. We are grateful many of these are serving important roles supporting the life of the Meeting. Second hour on Sundays is devoted to Adult Religious Exploration. We ‘ve been sharing our different approaches to worship and spirituality.

The Meeting welcomes two to seven or more children ages 4 to 10 years old. They currently have a curriculum that stresses the spiritual roots of our Quaker testimonies and how we can live them in the world. The children of the Meeting participate in social action activities such as helping with our collection and distribution of food and hygiene products to local food banks. We are enlivened by their presence and the short plays they present to the “adult Meeting”.

We have an active Third Age group that meets monthly and explores issues surrounding our transition from workplace routines to the freedom and uncertainties of retirement and aging. Aging is a concern of the Meeting as a whole as we deal with the increasing frailty of some of our members, their need for transportation, and for making moves from independent life to gradually needing more assistance.

The social concerns of many of us continue to permeate the life of the Meeting through vocal ministry, announcements, and lives lived.

Meeting held memorial services this year for three of its members: Brigid Bonner, David Meade, and Henry Van Dyke.
Other Activities of the Meeting:

- Peace, Justice and Environment Volunteer Coordinator
- Men’s cold weather shelter volunteers
- Habitat for Humanity volunteers
- Antiracism work with city
- Medical teams to Guatemala support
- Restorative Justice work
- FCNL lobby team
- Sustainability Coalition volunteers
- Soup kitchen volunteers
- Ecumenical emergency aid volunteer
- Food bank collection volunteers