Redwood Forest Friends Meeting Newsletter
March 2022
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Redwood Forest Friends Meeting invites you:

10 am  Meeting for Worship on First First Days
in person and on Zoom—see schedule next page

March Worship
Zoom link is always:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84554998509?pwd=aVNtaWVmdENsNUlRd3hvNkk1K3o5UT09

Friends House Worship Group
Friends House Worship Group is able to meet in person, with one group inside in the Library
and one outside on the patio behind the Lobby. Vaccinated and masked non-residents are
welcome to join. They will be screened by staff at the front door. Worship is 10 to 11 with
brief introductions, last thought, and announcement afterwards. For more information, call
707-576-6673.

Lake County Worship Group
Meets weekly on Tuesday evenings via Zoom. 7:10pm Singing; 7:30pm Worship; 8pm
Socializing  Zoom link is always:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85240624938?pwd=UDRUT1dWSUZyeVo0czQxVkJvcStFZz09

Quaker Center
Daily Worship 7:30 - 8:00 am
Wednesday Morning Worship Sharing 10:00 am
Find Zoom link on website: QuakerCenter.org  Password: Quaker
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March 2022 Calendar Items

Sunday, Mar 6
10am  Meeting for Worship, both in-person and on Zoom
Noon  Committee Meetings

Wednesday, Mar 9
7:15pm  Meal With a Theme on Zoom

Sunday, Mar 13
10am  Meeting for Worship on Zoom
Noon  Meeting for Worship for Business

Sunday, Mar 20
10am  Meeting for Worship, both in-person and on Zoom
12:15  Quaker Working Group on Racism, on Zoom

Sunday, Mar 27
10am  Meeting for Worship on Zoom
noon  Second Hour on Zoom, FCNL Legislative Priorities

Second Hour Program, March 27
Friend Steve Birdlebough will facilitate our reflection on these questions: What issues should be the priorities for Friends Committee on National Legislation’s advocacy efforts? How is Spirit leading us to influence our government today? As a reference, you can find FCNL’s current legislative priorities for the 117th Congress online.

Our participation helps focus FCNL’s work on issues that matter to Friends. Programs on climate, immigration, and gun violence prevention are just a few of the initiatives FCNL started out of the worship and leadings of Friends through the priorities process. Our worship and discernment holds FCNL in the Light, shepherds their alignment with the Spirit, and deepens their relationship with the Religious Society of Friends.

Drop-In Bible Study Series on Zoom
Our Come as You Are Bible Study Series on Welcoming the Stranger continues each Friday morning through April 29. Our Zoom sessions are from 9am-10am and all are welcome to join us.

Zoom Link (same for all sessions):
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83314892026?pwd=ay8xajd3Tm1BSnlpMGhPVkNoTndKQT09

Meeting ID: 833 1489 2026
Passcode: Bible
Dialing in by phone: +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

Care and Spiritual Growth Committee meets next on March 17, 2022, and would love to hear from you if you have questions or concerns. The contact person is Ann Boone: avboone@sonic.net
RFFM’s COVID Policy

The Care and Spiritual Growth Committee is aware of the change in Sonoma County guidelines for masking in public indoor spaces. However, in a concern for the overall health of our Friends community, which includes several individuals at higher risk of infection, we will keep our current policies in place with one exception. Snacks will once again be available to pick up inside the youth building and to consume outside. The only time to remove masks will be when having snacks outside.

The Care and Spiritual Growth Committee will monitor county and state data and guidelines and will review this policy at their March meeting. Your input is invited.

Land Stewardship Interest Group

An interest group is forming to consider how to steward the unimproved areas of the Meeting’s property. One focus may be to see if a collaborative use of the property might be a way to build relationship with the Pomo and/or Coast Miwok people who had historical stewardship of this land. The first meeting of the interest group is February 28 at 7pm on Zoom. Watch the announcement list for the Zoom link and for future meeting dates.

MEETING FOR WORSHIP

The heart of the Religious Society of Friends is the Meeting for Worship. In direct communion with God, we offer ourselves for God's will. Our daily lives are linked with the Meeting for Worship, the Meeting for Worship with our daily lives.

Come regularly to Meeting for Worship, even when you are angry, tired, or spiritually cold. Bring your joys and your hurts, and the needs of other people. Accept and support each other in the community where God dwells among us. As you do so, you may find the grace of prayer.

At times the Spirit may prompt you to speak in Meeting. Wait patiently to know that the sense and the time are right. When you are sure, have confidence that the words will be given to you. Listen to the ministry of others with an open spirit. If it is not God's word for you, it may be for others. After a message has been given, allow time to ponder its meaning and to let the Meeting return to silent worship. In speech and in silence, each person contributes to the Meeting.

Do I come to Meeting with heart and mind prepared for worship?

In both silent and vocal ministry, do I respond to the leadings of the Holy Spirit, without pre-arrangement and in simplicity and truth?

Am I careful not to speak at undue length or beyond personal spiritual experience?

Do we meet in expectant waiting for the promptings of the Divine Spirit?

Are we drawn together in a living silence by the power of God in our midst?
An update from the Interfaith Refugee Committee….

The Afghan family who fled from Kabul is now settled in a nice house in the SR Jr. college district. In early February 3 family members enjoyed a trip to Bodega Bay where they saw an ocean for the first time! Four sons of this family are enrolled in local schools. (elementary, high school and S.R.JC). When living in Kabul the 2 older sons were on the Jr.National Soccer team of Afghanistan and they are eager to join a local team.

Since work permits for 2 members of the family still have not arrived, our committee needs to continue to subsidize their rent. If anyone would like to help towards the rent or towards a soccer scholarship it would be greatly appreciated.

Checks can be made to "Interfaith Refugee Sponsors" and sent to the Interfaith Refugee Committee c/o Chula and Hubert Morel-Seytoux 684 Benicia Drive, Santa Rosa, Ca 95409

The word Christian means different things to different people. To one person it means a stiff, uptight, inflexible way of life, colorless and unbending. To another it means a risky, surprise-filled venture, lived tiptoe at the edge of expectation....

There are numberless illustrations for either position in congregations all over the world. But if we restrict ourselves to biblical evidence, only the second image can be supported: the image of the person living zestfully, exploring every experience--pain and joy, enigma and insight, fulfillment and frustration--as a dimension of human freedom, searching through each for sense and grace.

Eugene Peterson, Traveling Light
(quoted in God's Message for Each Day, p 364)
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Meeting for Worship for Business
Minutes 2/13/22

Barbara Babin, Interim Clerk
Paul Robbins, Recording Clerk

Minuted Items:

**Minute 2022-2-1:** The Meeting approved the Minutes of the previous meeting as written.

**Minute 2022-2-2:** The Meeting authorizes the Property Committee and Clerk of Meeting to submit applications for funding as needed to continue the Safe Parking Program for the Homeless.

**Minute 2022-2-3:** The Meeting approved the expenditure of $680 to prepare, prime, and paint the three metal exterior doors of the Meetinghouse, the outdoor restroom, and the railings of the Education Building. The funds will be paid from the Maintenance Reserve Account.

**Minute 2022-2-4:** The Meeting approved the names of Marcia Anderson and Barbara Moulton to serve on the Nominating Committee.

**Minute 2022-2-5:** The Meeting approved the transfer of membership of Paul Harris from Redwood Forest Meeting to Chico Meeting.

*The newsletter editor welcomes submissions of short verses, poems, prayers, etc., for possible use in the newsletter when there is space.*

Send submissions to rffmnewsletter@gmail.com.