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## SPOKANEWORD

July Seventh Month 2018



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Sunday Schedule:

Doors Open at 9:00 a.m.
Worship begins in stillness
when first person sits down.
Worship continues with song
and messages 10:00 am
Fellowship 11:00 am

Second Sunday of the Month: After worship we gather for a Community Potluck Dinner.

Third Sunday of the Month:

Monthly Meeting for
Business begins at rise of
worship.

[Last month the editor attended the Pacific Northwest Quaker Women's Theology Conference in Canby, Oregon. The theme of the Conference was "Answering That of God in Everyone" and it gathered eighty-plus Quaker women of different traditions. This poem was one of the offerings in that Conference that I wanted to share more widely.]

#### SEARCH

And she said

Seek the divine in each other

And he said Where is the divine in me?

And she said *Seek it* 

And he said Where shall I find it?

And she said

Ask the right question

And he said

Is it in the country where I live?

And she said

Thy land may feel its breath, but it is not there

And he said

Is it in the house I live in?

And she said

Thy house may reflect its style, but it is not there

And he said

Is it in my secret chamber?

And she said

Thy chamber may protect its softness, but it is not there

And he said

Is it in my hand-wrought urn?

And she said

Thy urn may pour forth its freshness, but it is not there

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And he said

Is it in the juice of my grape?

And she said

Thy wine may fill you with its spirit, but it is not there

And he said

But if it is not my land

nor my house

nor my chamber

nor my um

nor my wine

where shall I find it?

And she said

You cannot find what is not

And he thought a while, and finally said How shall I be it?

And she said

You have finally asked the right question

And he said again

How shall I be it?

And she said

Any way you can

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# The gideons are Coming! The gideons Are Coming!

On Tuesday, July 3, we will be serving wraps to the Gideons. The donation will go to Faith Action Network, our Christian lobbying group (in which we join with an almost 150 faith communities across the



state as an Advocating Member) that tries to influence the State Legislature to follow Christian values. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Area if you want to help.



Amber Joplin And

Howard Martinson

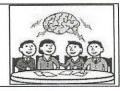
invite friends to share in the celebration of their marriage on Sunday, July 22. Their wedding will take place during the 11 am service at 1st Presbyterian Church in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Please let Amber know if you are planning to drive over.

### MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES

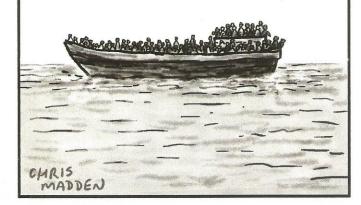
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are not yet available and will be included in the August Newsletter



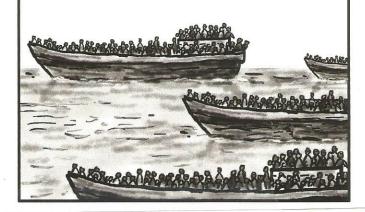
## TODAY

THE CONSEQUENCES OF WAR



## TOMORROW

THE CONSEQUENCES OF CLIMATE CHANGE





## Alternatives to Violence Project

Who We Are \_\_\_\_ A grassroots, worldwide movement dedicated to building peace in ourselves and in our homes, schools, institutions and communities. We seek to release everyone's innate power to positively transform ourselves, and in so doing, transform the world.

What We Do Our workshops use the shared experience of both participants and facilitators to examine how injustice, prejudice, frustration and anger can lead to aggressive behavior and violence. We explore our innate power to respond in new and creative ways.

How AVP Helps — An AVP Workshop facilitator's view: "AVP is about people from all different backgrounds coming together to be in community. When I see participants making themselves vulnerable by sharing and being open to change, I am inspired to manage my own conflict better. We are all transformed, and that transformation ripples outward throughout our communities."

Friends, we have been invited to cooperate with a newly forming Alternatives to Violence Project here in Spokane. Alternatives to Violence (AVP) began in 1975 when inmates at Green Haven Prison in New York State asked local Quakers to help them teach incarcerated youth how to resolve conflicts nonviolently. The success of the workshops quickly spread by word of mouth, and the program took root in many State and Federal prisons throughout the country. Workshops are now offered in communities, businesses, churches, neighborhood centers, community associations, women's shelters and other locales Although the original workshops were designed and facilitated with Quaker oversight, the project is a non-profit, non-denominational organization. Here is a bit of information about the project.

Experiencing an AVP workshop yourself is the best way to really get to know the power of these experiential workshops. Many have said their first workshop was a life-changing experience.

AVP is active in 33 states. Venues have been diverse: Prisons and jails, churches and businesses, homeless and family shelters, youth clubs and alternative schools.



### SPOKANE FRIENDS GHURGH

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15 June 2018

Northwest Yearly Meeting 200 N. Meridian Newberg, OR 97132

Attention: Retha McCutchen

Dear Retha:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of our decision regarding affiliation with Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends. We have educated ourselves on our options, sought a leading from God and have reached consensus in our decision.

In an effort to fully understand our options, we invited a representative from Reedwood to discuss going independent, a representative from Sierra-Cascades to explore possible affiliation with the newly formed Yearly Meeting and a representative from Entiat Monthly Meeting to discuss their decision to remain in NWYM. As Clerk I led the meetings and the first question we worked to discern was, "Do we feel called to remain in NWYM?"

We sat with the question over several months before it became clear. In the May 20th, 2018 Monthly Meeting for Business for worship, we reached consensus that we are no longer called to be a part of our former Yearly Meeting.

We do not yet know where or if we are called to affiliate, but the shift in power from the local meeting discernment process to a central hierarchical power of Yearly Meeting Elders is not something we are comfortable with. We understand that after June 30th we will be risking our assets if we remain in NWYM, so we ask that you release us from our affiliation with NWYM.

This decision was difficult for many in our congregation, and we are very sorry that the Yearly Meeting has decided to move in this direction, but it is clear to our Monthly Meeting that affiliation with Northwest Yearly Meeting is no longer in our best interest.

for Worship.

Please let me know if you have questions about our decision or our process.

Sincerely,

Jonas A. Cox, Clerk,

Spokane Friends Church

Sunday Morning Worship Leadership Schedule July 8 Nationalism, Patriotism and Pacifism July 15 Monthly Business Meeting

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July 29 Elizabeth Todd visit

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Is God giving you a message for Spokane Friends? If so, please contact an Elder or the Meeting Office and we will put you on the schedule for a Sunday morning Meeting



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Q	Been attending Spokane Friends for long enough to become curious about Quakers? Think you might be a Quaker? If so, please talk to Jonas Cox, Pam Emery, Lois Kieffaber, Anya Lawrence, or Bob Wiese, who will be able to answer questions and help you begin the process of becoming recorded as a	(
Q	please talk to Jonas Cox, Pam Emery, Lois Kieffaber, Anya	(
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Q	member of Spokane Friends.	(
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God plucks the world out of our hearts, loosening the chains of attachment. And God hurls the world into our hearts, where we and God together carry it in infinitely tender love.

Thomas Kelly



Now that Spokane Friends has officially left Northwest Yearly Meeting, the Office will no longer forward NWYM information or Sierra Cascades YM

information. If you want to get on either mailing list, go to nwfriends.org for NWYM or www.scymfriends.org for Sierra-Cascades Yearly Meeting.

## FAITI-ACTION

A Partnership for the Common Good

### SOME GOOD NEWS ON THE FARM BILL

Our advocacy has paid off! With the Washington State Anti-Hunger and Nutrition Coalition, we celebrate that yesterday, the Senate passed a bipartisan Farm Bill 86-11! It protects the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), continues critical support for other federal nutrition programs, AND provides help to farmers and farms. A large bipartisan group of senators beat back bad amendments for hungry people, and were part of the 86 senators to vote "yes" for a Farm Bill that helps ALL of Washington!

### **News from Caritas**

During the month of May 2018, Caritas Outreach Ministries served 747 individuals from 334 households:

		Last Month
Children (0-18)	282	228
Adults (18-54)	435	327
Seniors (55 & over)	218	192



We distributed 17,701 lbs of food (11,477 lbs. last month) through the Table of Plenty and Food Pantry.

We helped 10 families with emergency utility assistance for a total of \$1854.51.

We connected families with \$385 worth of hygiene and cleaning supplies.

We gave out \$90 in fuel vouchers for transportation assistance.

We had 54 volunteers putting in 542 hours.

The 2018 Summer Meal Kits for Kids program (see poster below) begins distribution Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup> and will run through August 30<sup>th</sup>. Each school age child who cannot access the public school summer meal sites, is given a weekly meal kit that includes 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 5 snacks; all shelf stable and kid friendly to prepare. These can be picked up every week with the household's regular gift of fresh produce and bread from our Table of Plenty. Past years:

	2016	2017
Participating Households	13	33
Individual Children	29	71
Kits Distributed	112	282

Our clients have expressed how HUGE this program has been in their lives. Kids do so much growing and playing during the summer that they need the extra calories from nutritious meals for healthy bodies and minds. Donations of shelf stable, child-friendly foods are welcome all summer. Caritas spends \$100-200 per week to help supplement this program and your designated financial gifts are appreciated.

Kelsie Rowland

Operations Manager, Caritas Outreach Ministries

### Family Promise News

Our three families are making strides. We were excited that three parents in our program got new jobs this month. We also got word that one of our families is moving out next weekend!



We have added two new churches to our rotations: St. Stephens Episcopal and Emmaus Church.



The theme, Crossing Cultures, Sharing Stories draws us into our shared experience of worship, celebrating our wonderful diversity of expression. Church to church, meeting to meeting, country to country, and section to section, we feel the power of God collecting us into a faithful family. We welcome all expressions of Quaker worship!

How will Spokane Friends celebrate World Quaker Day?



### meal kits for kids

### Breakfast

- single serve cereal boxes
- wrapped breakfast pastries
- breakfast bars
- shelf stable boxed milks
- instant oatmeal packets

- single serve trail mix

#### Lunch

- microwave soups
- microwave mac n cheese
- peanut butter pods
- tuna pouches

### Snack Time

- fruit snacks
- granola bars
- crackers

- dried fruit
- boxed juices
- shelf stable fruit cups

#### Caritas Outreach Ministries

Phone: 509-326-2249 ¥ 1612 W. Dalka, Spokane, WA 99235 Open for donations Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday 10:30am-1:30bm