



Weekly Calendar

Friends Meeting at Cambridge

May 17 through May 26, 2024 (one week)

Go to our website at fmcquaker.org for an online version of this Weekly Calendar and much, much more!

DATE	EVENT
Sat 18 2:00pm– 3:00pm	David Bonner Memorial Meeting for Worship (Meetinghouse) followed by an on-site reception. Long-time FMC attender David Bonner died November 10, 2023. Read David’s obituary here . Those attending the memorial are invited to bring savory and sweet finger foods for the reception and these food donations can be dropped off in the kitchen before the memorial. To volunteer for cleanup duty after the reception or help with tasks before the memorial, please contact Toni Lydecker / Sara Sue Pennell at memorials@fmcquaker.org
Sun 19 9:15– 10:15am	Forum (Parlor / Zoom). “Exploring Blue Sky Recommendations” with Blue Sky Group. Click here to read the recommendations presented at Meeting for Business in Worship on 5/5 and click here to hear those same recommendations read aloud. To participate using Zoom, click this link or provide the meeting ID 873 2175 9327 and passcode 537370 (if requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact George Campbell / Jan Nisenbaum at forum@fmcquaker.org
10:30– 11:30am	Sunday Morning Meeting for Worship (Meetinghouse / Open Zoom). To participate using Zoom, click this link or provide the meeting ID 783 475 1861 and passcode 1652 (if requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Jan Nisenbaum at careofworship@fmcquaker.org
10:30– 11:45am	First Day School (FDS Rooms). Children join their families for the first 15 minutes of Meeting for Worship, and then follow the First Day School banner to their own program at 10:45am. Contact Zoe Zurad at youthministries@fmcquaker.org
10:45– 11:45am	Meeting for Worship Outside Raytheon (In-Person, Off Site). Limited carpools leave FMC at 10:30 am. Contact John Bach at peace@fmcquaker.org
11:45am– 12:15pm	Fellowship with Refreshments (On-Site). Enjoy conversation with simple refreshments served either in the Friends Room (mask optional) or outdoors (weather permitting). Contact Holly Lapp / Amanda Marcus / Caren Seagraves at refreshments@fmcquaker.org
12:00– 12:30pm	Afterthoughts (Parlor / Zoom). Most Sundays there is an informal time for conversation on this Zoom link after the end of Afterthoughts. To participate using Zoom, click this link or provide the meeting ID 873 2175 9327 and passcode 537370 (if requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Katy Cullinan at ministry@fmcquaker.org
12:15– 1:15pm	FMC hosts Salem Quarter: Simple Lunch (Friends Room). At this lunch, we will welcome visitors from other Quaker meetings in Salem Quarter. Feel free to bring fruit or baked goods if you like for dessert. A \$6-7 donation is requested to cover the cost of the vegan soup, salad and bread provided, but you are invited regardless of whether you can contribute money. Contact Tom Sander / David Smith / Alasdair Post-Quinn at simplelunch@fmcquaker.org

Sun 19	1:15– 2:30pm	FMC hosts Salem Quarter: Worship Sharing on “How is Spirit is moving through our communities?” (On-Site / Open Zoom). After almost two years of Salem Quarter’s Sabbath time, this space of Holy experimentation. What is giving life? What do we feel led to share with other Friends beyond our individual Meetings? During this time there will also be a creative fun project and structured play for children. Registrations requested to help with planning but not required here . To participate using Zoom, click this link or provide the meeting ID 783 475 1861 and passcode 1652 (if requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Sarah Allen / Leo Bray / Holly Lapp at sgmevent@fmcquaker.org
	2:30– 4:00pm	FMC hosts Salem Quarter: All-Ages Gospel Singing (On-Site / Open Zoom). Singers and listeners of all ages are welcome to join us in this special opportunity to be taught and led by professional musician Toussaint Liberator in gospel singing with West African drumming accompaniment. Click here to learn about some of the songs that are planned. Registration is requested to help with planning but not required here . To participate using Zoom, click this link or provide the meeting ID 783 475 1861 and passcode 1652 (if requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Sponsored by the Friends for Racial Justice Committee and Stone of Hope Drummers. Contact Minga Claggett-Borne / Dan Fitzmartin / Toussaint Liberator at stone-of-hope@fmcquaker.org
	4:30– 5:45pm	Prison Fellowship (Zoom). To participate, click this link or provide the meeting ID 836 6893 0642 and passcode 245444 (if requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Sandy Sweetnam / Michael Carey at prisons@fmcquaker.org
	5:45– 6:45pm	Sunday Evening Meeting for Worship (Parlor). All are invited to attend this meeting for worship before the Young Adult Friends monthly on-site potluck. Contact Walker Bristol / MaryGrace Menner at yafs@fmcquaker.org
	5:45– 6:45pm	Sunday Evening Meeting for Worship (Open Zoom). All, including those from Salem Quarter, are invited to attend this special Zoom Sunday evening worship. To participate using Zoom, click this link or provide the meeting ID 783 475 1861 and passcode 1652 (if requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Sarah Allen at ministry@fmcquaker.org
	7:00– 9:00pm	Young Adult Friends Potluck Supper (Friends Room). All those 18-35ish are invited to this potluck dinner at FMC, especially those from other meetings that are part of Salem Quarter (around the Boston area). Bring food to share if you would like, but please join us even if you do not bring a dish. After dinner we will spend time getting to know each other and talking about things we would like to do together. Contact MaryGrace Menner / Walker Bristol at yafs@fmcquaker.org with your questions and/or your ideas for future events and/or to be added to the Young Adult Friends Google Group.
Mon 20	6:30– 8:00pm	Stone of Hope Drumming Circle (Meetinghouse). Contact Minga Claggett-Borne / Daniel Fitzmartin at stone-of-hope@fmcquaker.org
	7:00– 8:30pm	Read Aloud Book Group on Quaker Eldering (Zoom). To participate, click this link or provide the meeting ID 890 9875 0878 and passcode 732166 (if requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Sarah Allen / Cornelia Parkes at elderingbook@fmcquaker.org
Tue 21	5:30– 7:00pm	Disability & Accessibility Awareness & Coordination Group (Zoom). Email Ariel Maddocks at thedaac@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.

Tue 21	6:45– 9:00pm	Ministry & Counsel Committee (M&C) (Zoom). Email Sandy Sweetnam / Katy Cullinan at ministry@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.
	7:00– 8:30pm	FMC Budget Input/Q&A Drop In . (Zoom). Jane Jackson, Treasurer, will be available on Zoom to answer questions about the draft FY25 budget and to field suggestions/objections to line item amounts. An additional session will be held on Wednesday, May 22, 1:00-2:30pm . Drop in at a time that works for you. To participate, click this link or provide the meeting ID 890 9228 2245 and passcode 030992 (if requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Jane Jackson at treasurer@fmcquaker.org
Wed 22	8:30– 10:00am	Wednesday Morning Meeting for Worship (Meetinghouse / Open Zoom). To participate using Zoom, click this link or provide the meeting ID 783 475 1861 and passcode 1652 (if requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Jonathan Vogel-Borne / Sara Sue Pennell at midweek@fmcquaker.org
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	6:30– 7:30pm	Climate Action Meeting (Open Zoom). To participate, click this link or provide the meeting ID 783 475 1861 and passcode 1652 (if requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Sarah Allen / John Dickson / Daniel Fitzmartin at climateaction@fmcquaker.org
Sat 25	6:00– 8:00pm	SciFi-Fantasy Reading Aloud (Zoom). To participate, click this link or provide the meeting ID 335 209 895 and passcode 398431 (if requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Jonathan Gilbert / Betsy Roper at scififantasy@fmcquaker.org
Sun 26	9:15– 10:15am	Forum (Parlor / Zoom). Topic to be announced. To participate using Zoom, click this link or provide the meeting ID 873 2175 9327 and passcode 537370 (if requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact George Campbell / Jan Nisenbaum at forum@fmcquaker.org
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Sun 26	12:15– 1:30pm	Opening Art Reception for the Betsy Damian & Pam Smith Collage Art Show . (Friends Room). Check out the collages and enjoy refreshments provided by the Exhibits Committee. Pam Smith and Betsy Damain are both faithful volunteers with the Material Aid and Advocacy Program. Contact George Campbell at exhibits@fmcquaker.org
SAVE THE DATE		
Fri 5/31	6:30– 8:00pm	Quaker Trivia Night – QVS Fundraiser (Friends Room). Come join us for a fun Quaker Trivia event designed by Marty Grundy (a longtime Quaker from Wellesley Friends Meeting) hosted by our Fellows. This is a Quaker Voluntary Service (QVS) Boston fundraiser with a suggested donation of \$10-25. Have some fun, eat some snacks, win some prizes. Contact the QVS Local Support Committee at qvs@fmcquaker.org
Sun 6/2	12:30– 1:30pm	FMC Juneteenth Commemoration (Meetinghouse / Grounds / possibly Open Zoom). The Stone of Hope Drummers who are under the care of the Friends for Racial Justice (FORJ) Committee cordially invite you to FMC's Juneteenth commemoration. Touissant Liberator will lead the program which will include West African Drumming and a commemorative reading of the names of the forcibly enslaved people who lived on the Longfellow House property in the 1770s. Everyone will also be invited to join Touissant in singing several gospel spiritual songs. This event may be hybrid if technical details can be worked out. Check back later. Contact Dan Fitzmartin / Minga Claggett-Borne at stone-of-hope@fmcquaker.org
Thu 6/6	7:00– 9:00pm	An Introduction to the Foundations of Reconciliation Leadership with Virginia Swain (Zoom). In this two-hour workshop, participants will be introduced to a methodology to reconcile relationships and build trusting communities. Please bring paper and colored markers for the exercise. Click here for more info. Register here to get the Zoom link. Sponsored by Peace & Social Justice Committee. Contact Virginia Swain at reconciliationleadership@fmcquaker.org
Fri 6/7	2:00– 3:00pm	Harry Gracey Memorial Meeting for Worship (Meetinghouse) followed by an on-site reception. Long-time FMC member Dr. Harry Lewis Gracey died April 19, 2024. To volunteer for cleanup duty after the reception or help with tasks before the memorial, please contact Toni Lydecker / Sara Sue Pennell at memorials@fmcquaker.org
Sundays 6/9 and 6/23	12:15– 1:00pm	Simple Lunch (Friends Room). A \$6-7 donation is requested to cover the cost of the vegan soup, salad and bread provided, but you are invited regardless of whether you can contribute money. Contact Tom Sander / David Smith / Alasdair Post-Quinn at simplelunch@fmcquaker.org
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Sun 6/16	12:00– 4:00pm	Summer Fest with Potluck (Grounds, weather permitting). Summer Fest is a chance for our community to come together and have some good clean fun in the sun! Outdoor games, water play, and meaningful activities are being planned. An outdoor potluck will be happening concurrently on the Meetinghouse lawn beginning around 12:15-12:30pm. We are hosting a Play Street on the stretch of Longfellow Park street right outside the Meetinghouse. Parking will be limited to street residents from 12:00-4:00pm, so plan accordingly. (If the weather is bad, we'll move the potluck indoors into the Friends Room and we will sort out whether other activities need to be postponed or can move indoors.) We need your help to make Summer Fest a success! If you love family programming and would like to get involved, please contact Zoe Zurad at youthministries@fmcquaker.org .

WIDER QUAKER WORLD

Tuesdays 8:30-9:00am	Prayer for Peace sponsored by the Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) Europe and Middle East Section (Zoom). Free. Register here . Sponsored by FWCC .
Thursdays 5:30-6:30pm	Meeting for Worship with Attention to Peace in Palestine and Israel (Zoom). Free. Register here . Sponsored by American Friends Service Committee .
Fridays 12:00-1:00pm	Action Hour for a Cease-fire Now (Zoom). Free. Register here . Sponsored by American Friends Service Committee .
Fri 5/17— Sun 5/19	Friends Camp Work Weekend (Off-Site in South China, ME). Help get Friends Camp ready for summer campers! Come prepared for physical labor, although work can be adapted to different abilities. Click this link to register, and to find some more details. Free. Basic meals provided. Overnight stays welcome. Bring warm clothes, bedding and gardening tools/rakes. Part-time ok—many help only on Saturday. Free. Sponsored by Friends Camp .
Sun 5/18 4:00-6:00pm	Roots of Injustice, Seeds of Change: Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples (Zoom). \$20-\$50 requested, \$5 minimum. Register here . Sponsored by Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples as part of Friends Peace Teams
Wed 5/22 7:30-8:30pm	Midweek Experiments in Faithfulness: Living our Quaker Faith in a Tense Election Year with Getry Agizah . (Off Site at Beacon Hill Friends House / Zoom). Getry Agizah Anguva works with Friends United Meeting as Programme Coordinator in the Africa Ministries Office Getry's will and heart are in peace work. Free. Register here . Sponsored by Beacon Hill Friends House .
Fri 5/24— Sun 5/26	United Society of Friends Women's Northeast Region Spring Gathering (Off Site at Poughkeepsie, NY, a few parts Zoom). The keynote speaker will be Kenyan Peacemaker Getry Agizah. Register here ASAP. Cost: \$100 for onsite double room accommodation at Oakwood Friends School. Sponsored by United Society of Friends Women International .
Wednesdays 5/29-6/26 6:00pm-7:30pm	Weaving a Wider Welcome eRetreat (Zoom). In this eRetreat you will learn: (1) Why people don't come back and why people choose to engage (2) Ways meetings can shift their culture to become more newcomer-friendly (3) Effective ways to better reach newcomers, with a special focus on seekers of Color, LGBTQ folks, and families with young children. Spoiler alert: what is enriching for newcomers also benefits longtimers! Facilitated by Zenaida Peterson and Rachael Carter. \$45 pay-as-led. Register here . Sponsored by Friends General Conference .
Sat 6/1 9:00am-3:00pm	Meeting for Listening: The Spiritual Life of Our Local Meetings (Off-Site at Concord Monthly Meeting in Canterbury, NH / Zoom). Join us for a day of worship, prayer, celebration, and discovery. Come together to explore the gifts and paths that our meeting's challenges have offered us the past year. Let us see where Spirit is alive in our communities. Free. Register here . Sponsored by New England Yearly Meeting Ministry & Counsel .
Thu 6/6 7:00-8:30pm	Eco-Justice Webinar: Climate and Money (Zoom). We'll hear from a panel and together explore the role of finance in the climate crisis: how our money currently flows to support fossil fuel projects, and a variety of campaigns that Friends across the country are engaged in to change that "plumbing" system, stop that flow, and redirect those resources toward supporting the future of life on earth. Free. Register here . Sponsored by the Eco-Justice Collaborative of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting .

<p>Fri 6/7— Sun 6/10</p>	<p>Continuing Revolution: Restorative Justice as Spiritual Practice (Off Site at Beacon Hill Friends House in Boston, MA / Zoom). For young adults 18-35ish. This gathering organized by Pendle Hill is being hosted in three locations and on Zoom. Learn more here. \$15-30 sliding registration. Register here. MaryGrace Menner from FMC is involved in hosting this event. Sponsored by Pendle Hill.</p>
<p>Fri 6/7 8:00-9:30pm</p>	<p>Film Screening of "Native Women and Allies Speak: What you weren't taught in school" (Zoom). Watch the film trailer here. \$20-\$50 requested, \$5 minimum. Register here. Sponsored by Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples as part of Friends Peace Teams</p>
<p>Thu 6/13 10:00-11:30am</p>	<p>End of Life Drop-In Reflection Group (Zoom). This New England Yearly Meeting (NEYM) group, facilitated by Patti Muldoon (NEYM's Aging Resources Consultation and Help (ARCH) Coordinator), meets monthly on 2nd Thursdays to give participants a chance to explore spiritual, emotional, and practical aspects of facing our final days. Free. Sponsored by NEYM ARCH.</p>
<p>Sun 6/30 – Sat 7/6</p>	<p>Friends General Conference Gathering 2024 (Off-site at Haverford College, Haverford, PA). Theme: Rooted in Story. Learn more here. Fees vary. Spaces are filling fast. Sponsored by Friends General Conference.</p>

<p>Reminders</p>	<p>To see the up-to-date calendar of FMC events with full descriptions go to our website calendar.</p> <p>The deadline for the next FMC Weekly Calendar is Monday, May 20 at 11:59pm. This next issue will cover events taking place from Friday, May 24 through Sunday, June 2 (one week). Please send your announcement to publications@fmcquaker.org.</p> <p>To request an event (Zoom, on-site or hybrid), email scheduling@fmcquaker.org.</p> <p>To request an FMC meeting on your Zoom account, please include the Zoom link.</p>
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PERSONAL NEWS

On Tuesday, May 21 at 7:30pm, **Davi Anick** and **Ben Warner** will be singing with over 150 other singers in the Mystic Chorale Spring "Seasons of Change" Concert. The concert will take place at Cary Hall, 1605 Mass Ave., Lexington, MA and will also be livestreamed. The program will mostly consist of popular songs including "Julian of Norwich" and "You've Got a Friend" and "Circle Game". David has a short solo in one of the songs. Click [here](#) for tickets and more information.

[Blue Sky Bits – Issue 6 \(5/19/24\)](#). Read bits about (1) Pastoral Care at FMC and the current team members (2) Lucie Jarkovska with sons Emil and Ota (3) TylaAnn and Freddie Burger and their move as well as (4) cartoon captions and the latest cartoon needing a caption. Click [here](#) to read past issues featuring bits about other community members and check out other cartoons and other miscellaneous bits as well as an index.

Skip Schiel is exhibiting his photographic series, "The Ongoing and Relentless Nakba: The Palestinian Catastrophe of 1948 to Today" at the main Newton Public Library (330 Homer St., Newton Center, MA 02459—617-796-1360) until May 30. Click [here](#) for more information about the exhibit.

John Bach, FMC member and Chaplain at Harvard University, was recently interviewed for a Harvard series entitled "To Serve Others and Be Well-Loved: Cultivating spiritual wellness during tumultuous times." [Click here](#) read the article about John and to watch a 2-minute video clip.

Longtime FMC member [Russell de Burlo Jr. died on February 24, 2024](#) at age 99.

John Bach spoke at the candlelight service for Aaron Bushnell on the Boston Common on March 9, 2024. [Click here](#) to read John's message or watch a video of the whole event.

Longtime FMC member [Bruce Steiner died February 8, 2024.](#)

Katy Cullinan recently visited **Yani and Leo Bray's** newly built thatched Mayan house in Cozumel, Mexico. [Click here](#) to read her article and see lots of pictures of their house, Yani and their dog Brady.

Longtime FMC member [Ian Harrington](#) died December 24, 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Click here](#) to see the **State of Society Report for 2023** which, this year, is a mosaic mural with submissions created by community members and attenders of all ages. The writeup includes a description of this year's process, photos of the entire mural and close ups of the "tiles" and our "Artists' Statement." This report will be submitted to New England Yearly Meeting.

[Click here](#) to see the **new Pride/Trans flag displayed on the Friends Center** (or come see it in person).

[The re-seeding project for the lawn in front of the Meetinghouse has been postponed and will be scheduled for a later date.](#) Individuals and groups are welcome to gather and play on the Meetinghouse lawn until then.'

Family Group Chat on WhatsApp. Contact Zoe Zurad at youthministries@fmcquaker.org to be added.

Young Adult Friends (18-35ish) Group Chat on WhatsApp. Contact Walker Bristol / MaryGrace Menner at yafs@fmcquaker.org to be added.

[Be a volunteer!](#) See some of the opportunities for service to the FMC community.

From the [Blue Sky Group](#): We Are Seeking Eldering Volunteers for Our Meetings and Events. Each time we meet, the Blue Sky Group would like to have at least one seasoned elder to join us to hold us and our work in prayer and help us to remain centered in Spirit. If you would like to join us, please sign up using the following link: <https://signup.com/go/xZRnNH>. We look forward to your presence! Contact us at any time with your ideas, feedback, and concerns at blueskygroup@fmcquaker.org

We gratefully accept donations [on-line here](#).

[Click this link](#) to see additional community announcements. **Scroll** down the right-hand column.

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To obtain a copy of the FMC Directory, go to <https://community.fmcquaker.org/> or email publications@fmcquaker.org

We invite newcomers to introduce themselves and indicate their interests by filling out the [Newcomers Card here](#).