

Weekly Calendar

Friends Meeting at Cambridge

May 3 through May 12, 2024 (one week)

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

DATE EVENT		
		EVENT
Fri 3	5:30— 8:00pm	Material Aid and Advocacy Program (MAAP) Tag Sale (Friends Room). The sale will take place on Friday, May 3, (5:30-8:00pm) and Saturday, May 4, (9:00am-2:00pm) in the Friends Room. The Tag Sale Fundraiser features affordably priced designer, vintage & contemporary clothing, shoes, accessories, jewelry, antiques, china, collectibles, linens, and fabric. 100% of the proceeds of the sale support MAAP's work of providing direct support to and organizing alongside unhoused community members. For more information, go to MAAP's website <a "what="" (5="" 02138),="" 2023="" 2023.="" a="" about="" all="" by="" cambridge,="" can="" canvases"="" click="" co-create="" do="" dropping="" emailing="" for="" health?".="" here="" href="mailto:mail</th></tr><tr><th></th><th></th><th>Deadline to submit " in="" is="" it="" longfellow="" ma,="" mailing="" main="" meeting's="" meeting-wide="" mosaic="" mural="" of="" off="" office,="" on="" or="" our="" park,="" photo="" project="" read="" report="" society="" spiritual="" state="" stateofsociety@fmcquaker.org<="" submission="" th="" the="" this="" to="" you="" your="">
Sat 4	9:00— 2:00pm	<u>Material Aid and Advocacy Program (MAAP) Tag Sale</u> (Friends Room). See the entry on 5/3 for more details.
	10:00- 11:30am	Pondering Prayer, Meditation, and Meeting for Worship (Open Zoom). Do you pray? Do you meditate? How do you spend your time in Meeting for Worship? Come whether you were able to attend the session on 4/20. 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. If you have questions, please contact spiritualed@fmcquaker.org
Sun 5	9:15- 10:15am	Forum (Parlor / Open Zoom). "The State of Society: Putting the Pieces Together facilitated by Betsy Roper. During Forum we will together assemble the State of Society canvases into a collective mosaic for the State of Society Report for 2023. Later in the day during Meeting for Business in Worship, 1:15-3:30pm, we will have worship sharing about the mosaic, notes will be taken, and these notes will be our "Artists' Statement" to accompany the State of Society Report.
	10:30- 11:30am	<u>Sunday Morning Meeting for Worship</u> (Meetinghouse / Open Zoom). To participate using Zoom, <u>click this link</u> or provide the meeting ID 783 475 1861 and passcode 1652 (if requested) on <u>Zoom.com</u> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Cynthia Knowles at <u>careofworship@fmcquaker.org</u>
	10:30– 11:45am	Family Worship for All Ages (Friends Room / Zoom). Our theme in May is "Children Have Good Ideas" with the book <i>Kamala and Maya's Big Idea</i> by Meena Harris. Hosted by the Bumgarner-Harris family (Erin and Zoe). To participate using Zoom, <u>click this link</u> or provide the meeting ID 836 6770 9699 and passcode 794870 (if requested) on <u>Zoom.com</u> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Jan Nisenbaum at <u>family-worship@fmcquaker.org</u>

Sun 5	11:45am- 12:15pm	<u>Fellowship with Refreshments</u> (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 <u>refreshments@fmcquaker.org</u>
	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 Jan Nisenbaum at afterthoughts@fmcquaker.org
	12:15- 1:00pm	<u>Simple Lunch</u> (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
	1:15- 3:30pm	Meeting for Business in Worship (Friends Room / 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 Blue Sky Group at blueskygroup@fmcquaker.org
Mon 6	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 7	3:30- 5:00pm	Membership Committee (Zoom). Email Yani Bray / Daniel Fitzmartin at membership@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.
	6:45— 9:00pm	.Ministry & Counsel Committee (M&C) (Zoom). Email Sandy Sweetnam / Katy Cullinan at ministry@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.
Wed 8	8:30- 10:00am	Wednesday Morning Meeting for Worship (Parlor / 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
	7:00— 8:30pm	Friends for Racial Justice Committee (FORJ) (Parlor / Zoom). Email Minga Claggett-Borne at forj@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.
	7:00- 9:00pm	<u>Artists and Writers</u> (Zoom). Email George Campbell at <u>artists@fmcquaker.org</u> for meeting information.
Thu 9	4:00— 6:00pm	Nominating Committee (Parlor / Zoom). Email Gail Rogers at nominating@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.
	7:00- 9:00pm	<u>Pastoral Care Team</u> (Zoom). Email Jan Nisenbaum / Lili Schwan-Rosenwald at <u>pastoralcare@fmcquaker.org</u> for meeting information.
Fri 10	7:00— 9:00pm	Community Gatherings to Watch Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin (Off-Site). You are invited to gather to watch the documentary Brother Outsider which recounts the life of Bayard Rustin, the Quaker African American civil rights activist in the 1950-1970s. The film shows stunning real footage of the March on Washington and

		compliments the popular 2023 film, <i>Rustin</i> . See more uses of the film here . Join with other Friends to watch this dynamic documentary in the home of Debby Colgan in West Newton or in the home of Minga Claggett-Borne/Jonathan Vogel-Borne in Central Square, Cambridge. RSVPs encouraged by emailing forj@fmcquaker.org
Sat 11	9:00am- 12:00pm	Community Silent Retreat (On Site or Open Zoom). All are welcome to attend a silent retreat in the Meetinghouse, the Committee Room, or on Zoom. Pray, meditate, read, write in your journal, walk outside, lie down on a bench and nap This is a time for you to nourish your spirit with silence, stillness, and peace. We hope you can come for the full 3 hours, though you are free to attend for a shorter time if this is what works best for you. 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. Hosted by Gail Rogers, Sandy Sweetnam, and Wendy Sanford, with the support of FMC Ministry and Counsel. For questions, please contact the hosts at ministry@fmcquaker.org.
	9:00- 10:00am	<u>First Day School/Youth Programs Committee (FDS/YP)</u> (Zoom). To participate, <u>click</u> <u>this link</u> or provide the meeting ID 891 2511 1693 and passcode 504232 (if requested) on <u>Zoom.com</u> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Beth Fuller at <u>fds-youthprograms@fmcquaker.org</u>
	12:00— 12:30pm	.Community Silent Retreat (On Site / Open Zoom). Hybrid opportunity from 12:00pm to 12:30pm to share reflections on the retreat.
	12:15– 2:15pm	.Malaya Movement Massachusetts (Parlor / Zoom). Register here for the recurring Zoom link. Email Lilia Mundelius at peace@fmcquaker.org for event information.
	6:00- 8:00pm	<u>SciFi-Fantasy Reading Aloud</u> (Zoom). To participate, <u>click this link</u> or provide the meeting ID 335 209 895 and passcode 398431 (if requested) on <u>Zoom.com</u> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Jonathan Gilbert / Betsy Roper at <u>scififantasy@fmcquaker.org</u>
Sun 12	8:30- 10:30am	.Mother's Day Walk for Peace (Off Site starting/ending at Fields Corner in Dorchester). Friends Meeting at Cambridge is again forming a team for this annual event to raise money for the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute. Register with our "Friends Meeting at Cambridge" team at https://www.mothersdaywalk4peace.org/ . Our goal is to raise \$1500 this year, but walkers and donors of any amount welcome. Read more about the route and plans for the day of the event here . Sponsored by Friends for Racial Justice and Peace & Social Justice Committees. Contact forj@fmcquaker.org or peace@fmcquaker.org .
	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
	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 Kim West at careofworship@fmcquaker.org
	10:30- 11:45am	<u>First Day School</u> (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 <u>youthministries@fmcquaker.org</u>

Sun 12 11:45am— 1:00pm	<u>Fellowship with Refreshments</u> (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 <u>refreshments@fmcquaker.org</u>
12:00– 12:30pm	<u>Afterthoughts</u> (Parlor / Zoom). Most Sundays there is an informal time for conversation on this Zoom link after the end of Afterthoughts. To participate using Zoom, <u>click this link</u> or provide the meeting ID 873 2175 9327 and passcode 537370 (if requested) on <u>Zoom.com</u> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Jessica Ronalds at <u>afterthoughts@fmcquaker.org</u>
6:00- 8:00pm	<u>Fellowship & Outreach Committee (F&O)</u> (Zoom). To participate, <u>click this link</u> or provide the meeting ID 837 8011 9360 and passcode 071398 (if requested) on <u>Zoom.com</u> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Holly Lapp at <u>fellowship@fmcquaker.org</u>

		SAVE THE DATE
Mon 5/13	6:00- 8:30pm	Potluck and Reception for Veterans for Peace Walkers (Friends Room). Members of Veterans for Peace are in the midst of a walk for Peace and Planet Justice and Democracy from Maine to D.C. They will be staying at FMC the night of May 13th. Details can be found at https://peacewalk2024.org/ . The Peace and Social Justice Committee hopes that the FMC community will generously share dishes for the potluck and stay for meal and evening program. Potluck begins at 6:00pm and the program starts around 7:00pm. If you can contribute to the potluck or have any questions, contact John Bach at bolder@fmcquaker.org
Thu 5/16	6:30— 7:30pm	Newcomers and Seekers (Open Zoom). Join us for an evening virtual gathering with long-time Friends from our community as well as others newer to the meeting who are exploring Quakerism and finding out more about our community. Stay until 8:00 pm if you want to dive deeper into the topics discussed or ask additional questions. 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 / Daniel Fitzmartin at newcomers@fmcquaker.org
Thu 5/16	7:30— 8:30pm	Reflect on the Role of Staff & Administrative Manager: Alternative Session (Zoom). Join Lauren Mawe and her Supervisory Committee as they discuss the Staff & Administrative Manager role. Lauren will join for the first 30 minutes, then the committee will continue the conversation. This Zoom meeting is a second offering following the hybrid conversation on May 28. All are welcome to attend this session whether you attended the earlier session. To participate, click this link or provide the meeting ID 831 2249 7433 and passcode 618764 (if requested) on Zoom.com, the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. You are also welcome to share your thoughts with the committee: Jo Ellen Hillyer, Chris Maddocks and Jonathan Vogel-Borne at supervisory@fmcquaker.org
Sat 5/18	2:00— 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 . His memorial will be recorded (audio only) for the benefit of his family. Food donations are requested for the reception that follows in the Friends Room. 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 5/19		FMC hosts Salem Quarterly Meeting (On-Site / Open Zoom). In addition to regular Sunday activities there will be a Simple Lunch, adult program, children's program, and some intergenerational gospel singing led by Touissant Liberator. If you would like to help

		with hosting the event, contact Sarah Allen / Leo Bray / Holly Lapp at sqmevent@fmcquaker.org
Sun 5/19	5:45- 6:45pm	<u>Sunday Evening Meeting for Worship</u> (Parlor). All are invited to attend this meeting for worship before the Young Adult Friends monthly on-site potluck in April. Contact Walker Bristol / MaryGrace Menner at <u>yafs@fmcquaker.org</u>
Sun 5/19	7:00— 9:00pm	Young Adult Friends Potluck Supper (Friends Room). All those 18-35ish are invited to this potluck dinner at FMC. Young Adults from Salem Quarterly Meeting meetings in the Boston area are being especially welcomed. 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.
Sun 6/2	12:30— 1:30pm	<u>FMC Juneteenth Commemoration</u> (Meetinghouse / 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 Toussaint 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

	WIDER QUAKER WORLD
. Tuesdays .8:30-9:00am	<u>Prayer for Peace sponsored by the Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) Europe and Middle East Section</u> (Zoom). Free. Register <u>here</u> . Sponsored by <u>FWCC</u> .
.Thursdays .5:30-6:30pm	<u>Meeting for Worship with Attention to Peace in Palestine and Israel</u> (Zoom). Free. Register <u>here</u> . Sponsored by <u>American Friends Service Committee</u> .
. Fridays .12:00-1:00pm	Action Hour for a Cease-fire Now (Zoom). Free. Register here. Sponsored by American Friends Service Committee.
. Tue 5/7 2:30-3:30pm	Information Session about Quaker Connect (Zoom). This upcoming 2-year long laboratory is intended to help Quaker congregations thrive. It involves trying new experiments and learning from each other how to connect the depths of our Quaker tradition and the breadth of our Quaker community with the living reality of our local context under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Learn more here and view the curriculum here for the free information session. Sponsored by Friends World Committee for Consultation Section of the Americas .
.Thu 5/9 .10:00-11:30am	End of Life Drop-In Reflection Group (Zoom). This month the group will have a time of open sharing. 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. Register here . Sponsored by NEYM ARCH.

Sat 5/11 .9:00-3:00pm	Quaker Faith and Practice in a Time of Divisiveness Retreat (Off Site at Framingham Friends Meeting, 841 Edmands Rd, Framingham, MA). In challenging times, what resources does our Quaker faith offer us? How do we live into our testimonies in divisive times? Gather at 9am for coffee, breakfast breads and fellowship followed by small and large group activities. There will be ample time for worship and worship sharing. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Beverages provided. RSVP requested to ffmquakerquestions@gmail.com . Sponsored by Framingham Friends Meeting .
.Fri 5/17—Sun 5/19	<u>Friends Camp Work Weekend</u> (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. <u>Click this link</u> 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 <u>Friends Camp</u> .
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
June 30 – July 6	<u>Friends General Conference Gathering 2024</u> (Off-site at Haverford College, Haverford, PA). Theme: Rooted in Story. Learn more <u>here</u> . Fees vary. Spaces are filling fast. Sponsored by <u>Friends General Conference</u> .

	To see the up-to-date calendar of FMC events with full descriptions go to our website <u>calendar</u> .
Reminders	The deadline for the next FMC Weekly Calendar is Monday, May 6 at 11:59pm. This next issue will cover events taking place from Friday, May 10 through Sunday, May 19 (one week). Please send your announcement to publications@fmcquaker.org.
	To request an event (Zoom, on-site or hybrid), email scheduling@fmcquaker.org . To request an FMC meeting on your Zoom account, please include the Zoom link.

PERSONAL NEWS

Skip Schiel will exhibit 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) from May 2 thru May 30. The library will host a reception on Thursday May 9th from 6:30-8pm. If for some reason the reception cannot be held at the library, Skip will host a reception at the Friends Center on that same night, same time. Click here for more information about the exhibit.

<u>Blue Sky Bits – Issue 4 (4/21/24)</u>. Read bits about **Alasdair Post-Quinn** and the three Center Residents (who are all musicians)—**River Pfaff, Emery Spooner, and Anna Reidister**. Click <u>here</u> to read past issues featuring bits about other community members and check out cartoons and other miscellaneous bits.

Longtime FMC member <u>Harry Gracey died on April 19, 2024</u>, at age 91. A memorial meeting for worship at FMC is being planned for later this spring.

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. <u>Click here</u> to read her article and see lots of pictures of their house, Yani and their dog Brady.

Longtime FMC attender David Bonner died November 10, 2023. His memorial will be Saturday, May 18, at 2:00pm at FMC followed by an on-site reception.

Longtime FMC member lan Harrington died December 24, 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The lawn in front of the Meetinghouse will be re-seeded soon. Please stay off it from May 7 to June 7 while it grows.

Family Group Chat on WhatsApp. Contact Zoe Zurad at youthministries@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.

<u>Click this link</u> to see additional community announcements. **Scroll** down the right-hand column.

Friends Meeting at Cambridge **Blue Sky Group Staff and Administrative Manager** 5 Longfellow Park Lauren Mawe 617-876-1868 TylaAnn Burger Jennifer Hogue Cambridge MA 02138-4816 MaryGrace Menner David L. Myers adminmanager@fmcquaker.org www.fmcquaker.org **Youth Ministries and Education Coordinator** Tanzania Roach **Gail Rogers**

617-876-6883 Zoe Zurad 413-251-6512 **Betsy Roper** Tom Sander youthministries@fmcquaker.org

Eva Whittaker

Office Manager: blueskygroup@fmcquaker.org

Treasurer: Jane Jackson **Amy Mercure** office@fmcquaker.org **Assistant Treasurers:**

617-876-6883 TylaAnn Burger Mark Webster

treasurer@fmcquaker.org

Maintenance Manager Alasdair Post-Quinn 617-354-3383

maintenance@fmcquaker.org

To publish an announcement, email: publications@fmcquaker.org

To contact the Pastoral Care Team, use: pastoralcare@fmcquaker.org

To request the Weekly Calendar by email or to join the FMC community listserve, use: office@fmcquaker.org

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.