



Announcements

Friends Meeting at Cambridge

March 17, 2019

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
Fri 15 - Sun 17	5:00pm <i>All-Meeting Retreat in Alfred, ME (3/15-3/17).</i>	Holly Lapp fellowship@fmcquaker.org
Sat 16	12:00am <i>Registration Opens for Women's Silent Retreat. The retreat will be at Miramar Retreat Center in Duxbury, MA from Sunday, April 28 - Tuesday, April 30. Registration starts March 16 with a deadline of April 14. Registration forms will be available on the lobby cart in the Friends Center, on the FMC website, and from the registrar. The retreat is very popular so please register early since the space is limited. Once the retreat is full we will start a waiting list. All rooms at Miramar Center have double beds and they have their own bathroom. The rooms can be shared at the lower cost of \$160. Fee for a single occupancy is \$210 for two nights and six meals. Unfortunately this time we have very limited scholarship monies. For more information and scholarships please contact registrar Marina Rothman at womens-retreat@fmcquaker.org.</i>	Marina Rothman womens-retreat@fmcquaker.org
Sun 17	9:30am <i>Forum. "Our Role in the Quaker Movement," with Hilary Burgin (Quaker Voluntary Service) and Nils Klinkenberg (Beacon Hill Friends House).</i>	Patricia Wild forum@fmcquaker.org
	10:30am Sunday Morning Meeting for Worship.	Jessie Brown ministry@fmcquaker.org
	10:45am Meeting for Worship Near Raytheon. <i>On the third Sunday of every month, a group of Quakers from FMC will conduct a Meeting for Worship in front of one of the many Raytheon offices and laboratories in the Boston area. We stress that this is not a demonstration or protest, and we are not politicizing our spirituality, but rather bringing our Light to a barbaric assault on human dignity and life. Raytheon ("Light of the Gods") is the nation's and the world's fourth largest defense contractor, and the leading manufacturer of guided missiles including the Tomahawk cruise missile used recently in Syria and the weapons dropped by Saudi Arabia on Yemen. The facility on Concord Avenue is one of their premier research and development sites. We will gather in front of Raytheon on Concord Avenue, Cambridge (intersection at 10 Moulton Street) from 10:45 to 11:45. Carpools will leave FMC at 10:30. Parking can be found on Moulton Street, on the next block.</i>	John Bach bolder@fmcquaker.org
	11:45am <i>Afterthoughts.</i>	Alexander Levering Kern ministry@fmcquaker.org

On Sundays, please reserve the parking spaces behind the Meetinghouse for those with limited mobility.

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Sun	17	12:15pm <i>Sunday Simple Lunch.</i>	David L Myers lunch@fmcquaker.org
		1:15pm <i>Finding Palestine Within Israel. Linda Dittmar, a Jewish Israeli, will speak about her experience growing up in Israel during the Nakba, the expulsion of 750,000 Palestinians by Israel as it established a state and what she's learned and felt subsequently.</i>	Skip Schiel peace@fmcquaker.org
		5:00pm Sunday Evening Meeting for Worship.	Michael Shanahan ministry@fmcquaker.org
Mon	18	7:00pm <i>Membership Committee.</i>	Wendy Sanford membership@fmcquaker.org
Tue	19	5:00pm <i>White Privilege Book Group. Please consider joining this small group that has started meeting monthly to discuss books about white privilege and issues of race. We hope to help each other build the skills, courage, and stamina to pick away at the walls that go up between cultures and races. At the March meeting we will begin to discuss "Say the Wrong Thing" by Quaker Dr. Amanda Kemp. It is available for \$5.00 in a Kindle version.</i>	Cynthia Knowles white-privilege@fmcquaker.org
		7:00pm <i>Ministry & Counsel Committee.</i>	Gail Rogers ministry@fmcquaker.org
Wed	20	8:30am Midweek Meeting for Worship.	Nancy Cirillo midweek@fmcquaker.org
		6:30pm <i>Friends for Racial Justice Committee.</i>	Nancy Frost forj@fmcquaker.org
Thu	21	6:30pm <i>Stone of Hope Drumming Circle. Toussaint Liberator leads this weekly program focused on learning to play rhythms on the djembe drums and discussing racial relations in today's United States culture. Everyone welcome. Donations gratefully accepted.</i>	Ian Harrington stone-of-hope@fmcquaker.org
		7:00pm <i>Marriage, Family & Relationships Committee.</i>	Patti Muldoon mfr@fmcquaker.org
		7:00pm <i>Midnight Voices. Members of Veterans for Peace gather monthly to share poetry and other works. There is a featured performer most months and then time for open mike presentations. All welcome.</i>	Homer Franck veterans@fmcquaker.org

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Fri 22 7:00pm	<i>Iran, Iraq & Yemen: What We Can Do.</i> Kathy Kelly, director of Voices for Creative Nonviolence, will speak about Yemen, Iraq, and Iran and what action we can take to help stop the violence. Kathy Kelly was recently on a hunger fast to protest the Yemen war.	Ian Harrington peace@fmcquaker.org
Sat 23 1:30pm	<i>Charles Woodbury Memorial.</i> Join us for Meeting for Worship to celebrate the life of long-time member Charles (Chuck) Woodbury with a reception following. Friends are asked to bring sweet and savory contributions for the reception.	Nancy Cirillo memorials@fmcquaker.org
6:00pm	<i>Science Fiction and Fantasy Read Aloud Book Group.</i> Seeking readers to chart an adventure in connection in a recently formed monthly group. We've started gathering to read aloud science fiction and fantasy short stories, and discuss. We meet the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at 6:00pm here at FMC. Come with your stories and a munchie to share. Familiars/daemons/sprites optional. For more information and location, contact Betsy Roper or Jonathan Gilbert at scififantasy@fmcquaker.org . Sponsored by Fellowship & Outreach Committee.	Betsy Roper or Jonathan Gilbert scififantasy@fmcquaker.org
Sun 24 9:30am	<i>Forum. Our Life Is Love: "Leadings".</i>	Patricia Wild forum@fmcquaker.org
10:30am	Sunday Morning Meeting for Worship.	Susan Davies ministry@fmcquaker.org
10:30am	Teen Worship. Teen Worship meets every other week during the school year.	Greg Woods youthministries@fmcquaker.org
11:45am	<i>Afterthoughts.</i>	Michael Shanahan afterthoughts@fmcquaker.org
12:15pm	<i>Sunday Simple Lunch.</i>	David L Myers lunch@fmcquaker.org
12:30pm	<i>Prayer Circle.</i> What happens after you put a request in the "Prayers and Praise" box? A small group meets on the fourth Sunday of the month in the Selleck Room to hold these requests in the Light. We welcome anyone who is in need of prayers or who is moved to pray for others.	Cornelia Parkes prayers@fmcquaker.org
1:15pm	<i>Future Priority Discernment: Increase Revenue II.</i> Childcare provided.	Jan Nisenbaum fin-discernment@fmcquaker.org
5:00pm	Sunday Evening Meeting for Worship.	Ian Harrington clerk@fmcquaker.org
6:15pm	<i>Young Adult Friends Potluck.</i> Friends between 18 and 35(ish) years old are welcome for our monthly potluck. You are welcome whether or not you're able to bring a dish to share. The room we meet in is wheelchair accessible and in an alcohol-free space. Childcare provided.	Miranda Henne yafcoordinator@fmcquaker.org
Mon 25 6:00pm	Adoración Compartida en Español. Please join us for this opportunity to worship share and to practice Spanish.	Jonathan Vogel-Borne adoracion@fmcquaker.org

People with a basic understanding of the Spanish language will get the most out of this. If you are interested in receiving written information ahead of time in Spanish, please contact Jonathan Vogel-Borne.

Te invitamos a participar en la Adoracion Compartida en Español. Es necesario una comprension basica del idioma y las ganas de practicar poco a poco. Si estas interesado en recibir informacion por escrito para prepararte antes de venir por favor comunicate con Jonathan Vogel-Borne.

7:00pm New Story Group. "What is consciousness?" Join us at 6:30 for fellowship.

Cornelia Parkes
new-story@fmcquaker.org

Tue 26 6:00pm Prison Fellowship.

Michael Carey
prison@fmcquaker.org

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Reminder to Spare the Floors

This is a gentle reminder to bring slippers to Meeting to save the wear and tear on our floors and rugs, especially during wet and/or snowy days. Every little bit helps. Some slippers to borrow are available in the Meetinghouse and in the entryway to the Friends Center. Put your wet/salty/snowy footwear in the trays.

Attention Amateur Photographers!

Capture moments that are special to you at FMC—committee meetings, forums, lunch, seasonal changes in the gardens, and special events--and send them to fmcbulletin@hotmail.com for publication on Facebook and our website. Before you shoot, though, be sure to ask any subjects if they are comfortable being included in a publication photo. Children need their parents' written consent before being photographed.

Screened Youth Program Volunteers Needed

The FMC youth program always needs more screened volunteers to help with programs at the meetings and on trips like going snow tubing or visiting other congregations. Contact Greg Woods, youthministries@fmcquaker.org if you would like to be screened.

LOOKING AHEAD

Future Priority Discernment

FMC has had deficit operating budgets for the last several years by design; however, our financial reserves will not allow us to continue this practice. We are in the midst of a process to discern our priorities for a financially sound future. The Clerks Team appointed an Ad-hoc Committee to help identify the next steps in the discernment process. The Committee has scheduled sessions over five afternoons this Winter and Spring. We hope Friends will place them on their calendars and take part in this important process. The remaining

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dates (with the topics of the sessions subject to change as the process continues) are as follows:

- Sun April 28 from 1:15 – 3:15: Increasing Individual Contributions;
 - Sat May 18 from 12:00-3:00: FMC Staffing I;
 - Sun June 2 from 1:15 – 3:15: FMC Staffing II.

Childcare will be provided at all sessions. Lunch will be provided at Saturday session. Contact Jan Nisenbaum at fin-discernment@fmcquaker.org for more information.

FORJ Friday
March 29 from 6:00pm-8:30pm

FORJ Fridays are back! Relax, bring the family, and watch a thought provoking video suitable for middle schoolers on up. Pizza, salad, drinks, and childcare provided. (Let us know if you need a gluten-free option.) This month we will watch [Lisa Graustein on the Doctrine of Discovery](#) as part of her virtual plenary series. Learn about New England Yearly Meeting's repudiation of the doctrine, its present-day legacy of oppression in American culture and in the Society of Friends, and how Friends can respond creatively.

Extended Meeting for Worship
Sunday, March 31 from 9:30am (No Forum)

Extended Meeting for Worship takes place for two hours starting at 9:30am. During this time you can quietly leave, stretch and come back to the room mindful of others worshipping. Many Friends, attenders, and visitors choose to come for only an hour of worship at the regular time of 10:30am. When you arrive, please be mindful of worship already in progress and refrain from conversation or other noise in the Meetinghouse.

Cambridge Friends School All School Meeting for Worship
Tuesday, April 2 at 8:30am

All School Meeting for Worship in the gym. All are welcome to attend.

Godly Play Training for Quakers
Registration Deadline: Tuesday, April 2
Training: Friday, April 12 – Sunday, April 14

Times: Friday 7:00-9:00pm; Saturday 8:30am-7:30pm; Sunday 1:00pm-4:00pm. This powerful way of being with children can transform your First Day program for children, and nurture your own spiritual life. Learn and practice skills to help children explore the existential limits of their lives through wonder, play, and core stories from the Bible and Quaker faith and practice. Discussions include exploring the spirituality of children, considering the "unspoken" lessons of the teaching space and classroom structure, supporting the circle of children and working with multiage groups and diverse needs, using stories in multigenerational settings, and weaving Godly Play/Faith & Play stories into a children's program.

Cost: \$40 per person, payable to Friends Meeting at Cambridge. Includes fee for training and hospitality at FMC. Funding to make the training possible at this reduced cost to participants comes from Salem Quarter and Wellesley Meeting. Register [here](#) by April 2: <https://goo.gl/forms/d43UMsF8EHmqflfS2>.

Deepening Our Meeting Life: A One Day Retreat for Friends Meeting of Cambridge
Saturday, April 6 from 9:00am-5:00pm

This one day retreat led by Peter Blood-Patterson will provide a wonderful opportunity for Friends to explore together a number of issues relating to our shared life together in FMC. Topics will include: Talking about our faith with each other - exploring Quakerism as an adventure in direct, unmediated, ongoing guidance by Spirit;

Deepening worship - ways we can cultivate gathered meeting and spirit-led ministry;

Corporate discernment - deepening our capacity to be led by Spirit together during meeting for business in an open-hearted search for unity;

Meeting as "beloved community" - ways to increase our capacity to share with each other in mutual trust,

vulnerability, accountability, and love.

This retreat is open to all FMC members and attenders without cost. Sponsored by Ministry & Council and Beneficial Cycle. To register, email office@fmcquaker.org indicating attendee names and if childcare is needed. For more information contact Resident Friend Lorena Boswell at resident@fmcquaker.org.

Newcomers Dinner

Sunday, April 7 from 6:30pm-8:00pm

New to our Meeting? Come have dinner and share stories with old and new Quakers (aka Friends). Ask questions and find out more about the Quaker faith and our community and its activities. All are invited. Food and childcare provided. To learn more, please contact Holly Lapp at fellowship@fmcquaker.org.

Creating a Safe and Welcoming Community at FMC

Sunday, April 7 from 1:15pm-3:15pm

A learning opportunity sponsored by LGBTQ+ Working Group and presented by Greater Boston PFLAG, this informational presentation/speakers panel will provide the opportunity for questions and dialog about sexual orientation and gender identity. All are invited, especially those who have been unable to attend past sessions. Childcare will be provided. To learn more, please contact Jane Jackson at lgbtq@fmcquaker.org.

FMC Staff Evaluations

Deadline Sunday, April 14

As part of our annual review, we are requesting feedback from all of you who have had interactions with our staff this year. As staff, we would greatly appreciate it if you take the time to offer your perspectives. Please note: this year's process is different! There are forms for each of the primary staff (including myself). They include both 5 point scales and spaces for comments in different aspects of each person's job. They are easy, interesting and quick for you to fill out. If you don't have time to write comments, please just answer the 5 point scale questions! Of course comments help us understand with more depth what your experience and needs have been and would be greatly appreciated. Forms are available on the cart next to the kitchen in the Friends Center or via email from the Resident Friend by contacting Resident Friend, Lorena Boswell, at resident@fmcquaker.org. Annual staff evaluations are a great opportunity for us to hear directly from you about how we're doing, to celebrate where we are meeting your needs, and to learn about how we can improve our service to FMC.

Thank you for your time and perspective!

Reminders

To see the up-to-date calendar of FMC events with full descriptions go to our new website fmcquaker.org

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