



Announcements

Friends Meeting at Cambridge

September 8, 2019

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
Sun 8	<p><i>First Day School and Teen Worship Begin Again. This year First Day School will focus on the theme of Quaker Testimonies. Each month we will explore a Friends Testimony and will have a Godly Play/Faith and Play story lesson, a lesson centered around a book, and having people visiting from the meeting and beyond.</i></p> <p><i>The core teachers this year will be Beth Fuller, David Smith, Patti Conty, and Paul Dobler. Teen Worship will begin on September 9th too. The format of the time together is going to be similar to last year. Time for worship around a query and/or reading a short piece from Spirit Rising followed by time for check in. The teachers this year are Andrea Condit, Elise Springuel, and Nancy Bloom.</i></p> <p><i>Parents of First Day School youth and Teen Worship are invited to meet during the Meeting for Worship on September 8th. FDS parents will meet with Greg in the Friends Room for questions and talk about the new year. Teen Worship parents will meet in the Parlor with Andrea and go through a similar format of Teen Worship and talk about what they hope for during the coming year.</i></p>	<p>Greg Woods youthministries@fmcquaker.org</p>
9:00am	<p><i>Community Breakfast Open to All! Newcomers are especially welcome. Come hear about education opportunities at meeting from wee ones to adults this fall.</i></p>	<p>Holly Lapp fellowship@fmcquaker.org</p>
9:30am	<p><i>No Forum—Community Breakfast.</i></p>	
10:30am	<p>Sunday Morning Meeting for Worship.</p>	<p>Alexander Levering Kern ministry@fmcquaker.org</p>
11:45am	<p><i>Afterthoughts. Afterthoughts is a small group gathering that meets in the parlor immediately following Meeting for Worship which offers the opportunity for anyone to ask questions or discuss their experiences in Meeting For Worship. Somewhere between 2 to 10 people attend this half-hour gathering and it is generally a mix of new and seasoned Friends.</i></p>	<p>Richard Ristow afterthoughts@fmcquaker.org</p>
12:00pm	<p>Sunday Simple Lunch.</p>	<p>David L Myers lunch@fmcquaker.org</p>
1:15pm	<p>Meeting for Business in Worship. Please join us in the Meetinghouse for the initial Meeting for Business in Worship in the new fiscal year. We plan to hear reports from Nominating Committee and our Resident Friend. We will review a change in the approved signatures for our bank accounts and our budget for the new fiscal year. In addition, we will hear reports about this year's New England Yearly Meeting Sessions from our official representatives and others who wish to share their experiences.</p>	<p>Ian Harrington & Jan Nisenbaum clerk@fmcquaker.org</p>

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

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Sun 8	<i>Finally, we will consider how we as a Meeting want to address the issues raised at Sessions. Ian Harrington will be the presiding co-clerk, and Jan Nisenbaum is serving as the other co-clerk in September and October. Beginning with this meeting, there will be a Simple Lunch on Meeting for Business in Worship Sundays. Potluck meals will not disappear; they will be scheduled for this year soon. Childcare will be provided.</i>	
	5:00pm Sunday Evening Meeting for Worship. <i>We meet together in the Meetinghouse for quiet worship in order to experience Spirit directly. This silent communion is the heart of our hour together. Spoken ministry may also arise from the gathered group.</i>	Susan Davies ministry@fmcquaker.org
Mon 9	6:30pm <i>Friends for Racial Justice Committee.</i>	Nancy Frost forj@fmcquaker.org
	7:00pm <i>Fellowship & Outreach Committee.</i>	Holly Lapp fellowship@fmcquaker.org
	7:00pm <i>Cambridge Quaker Earthcare Witness. The Earthcare interest group will plan for the Extinction Rebellion presentation at FMC on 10/27 and will focus on figuring out how to 'get the word out' about ER digitally and otherwise.</i>	Gwen Noyes earthcare@fmcquaker.org
	7:15pm <i>QVS Local Support Committee.</i>	Katy Cullinan qvs@fmcquaker.org
Wed 11	8:30am Midweek Meeting for Worship. <i>We meet together in a small gathered group in the parlor of the Friends Center for quiet worship. This silent communion is the heart of our hour together. Spoken ministry may also arise from the gathered group on occasion.</i>	Nancy Cirillo midweek@fmcquaker.org
	10:45am <i>Small Group – Tea & Worship Sharing on Aging. All who regard themselves as elders, seniors or old Friends are welcome. We will be worship sharing on the topic(s) of aging. Tea and cookies provided.</i>	Kitty Rush aging@fmcquaker.org
	7:00pm <i>Artists and Writers. This group gathers monthly for mutual support in our respective artistic endeavors. We share, discuss and respond to each other's work, and often touch on ways that creative work draws us deeper into life.</i>	George Campbell artists@fmcquaker.org
Thu 12	7:00pm <i>Communities of Hope Meeting.</i>	Jan Nisenbaum coh@fmcquaker.org
	7:00pm <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 US culture. All welcome. Donations gratefully accepted.</i>	Ian Harrington stone-of-hope@fmcquaker.org
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<p>Presiding Co-Clerks: Elizabeth Claggett-Borne, Deborah Colgan, Ian Harrington, Ariel Maddocks, Liz Moore, Jan Nisenbaum, Patricia Wild clerk@fmcquaker.org Assistant Clerk: Jonathan Vogel-Borne Recording Clerk: David Myers Treasurer: Jane Jackson</p>		
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Sat 14 6:00pm	<i>Science Fiction and Fantasy Read Aloud Book Group. Seeking readers to chart an adventure in connection in a recently formed monthly group. We read aloud and discuss science fiction and fantasy short stories. Come with your stories and a munchie to share. Familiars/daemons/sprites optional.</i>	Betsy Roper or Jonathan Gilbert sciffantasy@fmcquaker.org
Sun 15 9:30am	<i>Forum. Theme for the Year: What does Love look like in challenging times? This week's forum: "Visioning Beloved Community through Collage": Mary Spitzer.</i>	Patricia Wild forum@fmcquaker.org
10:30am	Sunday Morning Meeting for Worship.	Patricia Wild 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/ laboratories in the area.</i>	John Bach bolder@fmcquaker.org
	<i>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 is the nation's and the world's fourth largest defense contractor. 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>	
11:45am	<i>Afterthoughts.</i>	Richard Ristow afterthoughts@fmcquaker.org
12:15pm	<i>Reception for George Campbell Nature Photos. George Campbell Photos From Nature. FMC Show September 3-October 31, 2019. George Campbell. Patterns, Colors & Manifestations: Recent photographs from nature</i>	George Campbell artists@fmcquaker.org
1:15pm	<i>Threshing Session #2 on Staffing Discernment. Join as we gather to continue our discernment on FMC staffing. This session is a continuation of our efforts over the past year to deepen our understanding of FMC finances and to explore ways of reducing expenditures and increasing revenue.</i>	Jan Nisenbaum fin-discernment@fmcquaker.org
	<i>At this session we will continue our conversations on our continuing budget deficit and its impact on our staffing model. We need your prayerful presence, your creative thoughts and your voice at this important conversation. Please come as we continue our discernment to ensure FMC has a stable and sustainable financial future. Childcare will be provided.</i>	
5:00pm	Sunday Evening Meeting for Worship.	Jonathan Vogel-Borne ministry@fmcquaker.org
Mon 16 6:00pm potluck	<i>Prison Fellowship. We welcome all who are interested in any aspect of prison work, whether visiting, corresponding, volunteering, advocating change, driving visitors, participating in reentry facilitating. We have taken some corporate action before: establishing the Wed. Sharing Circle, setting up the Bail and Legal Defense Fund,</i>	Michael Carey prison@fmcquaker.org
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	<i>presenting Forums and other information sessions, but our primary role has been sharing our varied experiences and the information we have gained that maybe helpful to others. This is a time when there is increasing awareness of the harm that has been done by "mass incarceration" and searching for how we are led in this work.</i>	
7:00pm	Membership Committee.	Wendy Sanford membership@fmcquaker.org
7:00pm	Nominating Committee.	Lili Schwan-Rosenwald nominating@fmcquaker.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friends Center Elevator Working Again

Thank you for your patience!

LOOKING AHEAD

**2019 United Nations International Day of Peace
Sunday, September 22 from 2:00pm-4:00pm
Boston Common near Park Street MBTA Station**

We will celebrate this year on the Boston Common (near the Park Street MBTA station with free music, song, dance, and presentations by local peacemakers. Face painting and activities for children. A special musical prelude will start at 1:45. Followed by an optional walk to the nearby Garden of Peace where local victims of violence are memorialized by engravings on stones. For more information please visit the event website (idpboston.org) or e-mail the planning committee at InternationalDayofPeaceBoston@gmail.com.

**Exploring the Quaker Way
Consecutive Sunday Nights from October 6 through November 3 from 6:30pm-9:30pm**

Register by emailing office@fmcquaker.org or calling 617-876-6883

This 5 week course will delve into Quaker practice, history and prophecy. This series will offer sculpted discussions on worship, decision-making and testimonies. We will explore how the Quaker spark ignites us to transform our lives. We will consider early Friends such as Mary Fisher, the first Quaker to arrive in the US colonies (1658) and Bayard Rustin, a famous Quaker gay civil rights organizer (1968). We look forward to seeing you—full participation is encouraged but not required. Everyone's ideas are important whether you are new to the Quaker Way or whether you've practiced it for 50 years.

For those who register we will order a Quaker pamphlet called the Gathered Meeting, as a reading for the course. Please prepare by reflecting on these queries:

What moved Friends to testify even during persecution? How do worship, personal decisions, and spiritual life interact in our lives? What ways does community witness for justice in these turbulent times?

Facilitators—Minga Claggett-Borne and Veronica Barron; Elders—Jan Nisenbaum, Jonathan Vogel-Borne, and Patricia Wild.

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