Friends Meeting at Cambridge

March 29, 2020

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<td>Open Zoom link <a href="https://zoom.us/j/7834751861">https://zoom.us/j/7834751861</a> or call 1-646-558-8656 and enter 783 475 1861. We are experimenting with this idea. On Fridays, we will send out a separate Zoom calendar for the week with daily worship times as well as some other scheduled activities. If nothing is scheduled, the line is open for you to socialize or create an impromptu event. The open time is a no-host space, please honor it and each other. If you’re enjoying fellowship together, please be sure to check the calendar so that you know when events are scheduled and honor the transitions from open to programmed. In the weeks to come, please let us know if you’d like to host an online event (what’s your talent or passion you’d like to share? Maybe you’d like to create a children’s hour?) Contact LJ at <a href="mailto:resident@fmcquaker.org">resident@fmcquaker.org</a> for any feedback, issues or ideas. Contact Amy at <a href="mailto:office@fmcquaker.org">office@fmcquaker.org</a> to put something on the calendar.</td>
<td>Lj Boswell <a href="mailto:resident@fmcquaker.org">resident@fmcquaker.org</a></td>
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<td>Sat 28</td>
<td>6:00 pm</td>
<td>Science Fiction &amp; Fantasy Read Aloud Book Group. Join us via Zoom as we virtually gather to read aloud science fiction and fantasy short stories and discuss. The Zoom link is <a href="https://zoom.us/j/356526526">https://zoom.us/j/356526526</a> or participate by phone at 1-646-558-8656 and meeting ID number 356 526 526.</td>
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Sunday, March 29

Please join us via Zoom to participate in:

Extended Meeting for Worship at 9:30am – 11:30am (No Forum)
Afterthoughts at 11:45am – 12:15 pm
Post-Afterthoughts Fellowship until 1:00pm
Evening Meeting for Worship at 5:00 – 6:00pm

For help and resources in using Zoom, email [zoomhelp@fmcquaker.org](mailto:zoomhelp@fmcquaker.org). To participate using the internet, go to [https://zoom.us/j/7834751861](https://zoom.us/j/7834751861). If you’d like to attend by phone, dial 1-646-558-8656 and enter Meeting ID number 783 475 1861. A smart phone is not required, and you do not need to download any program or app if you want to participate by phone.

10:30 am | Virtual First Day School Service. To participate online via Zoom go to [https://zoom.us/j/667546636](https://zoom.us/j/667546636) or to participate by phone call 1-646-558-8656 and enter ID number 667 546 636. | Greg Woods [yafcoordinator@fmcquaker.org](mailto:yafcoordinator@fmcquaker.org) |

Sun 29 | 3:30 pm | FCNL Legislative Priorities Workshop. Each Congressional election year the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), the Quaker lobby in Washington, DC, seeks input from US Quaker meetings and churches on what issues FCNL should prioritize in their legislative lobbying work. We will prepare the list FMC will send to | Ian Harrington [fcnl@fmcquaker.org](mailto:fcnl@fmcquaker.org) |
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<td>FCNL. Advance reading for this discussion includes <a href="https://zoom.us/j/695304397">FCNL’s current legislative priorities</a>, an overview of the FCNL legislative priorities process, and <a href="https://zoom.us/j/695304397">FCNL’s legislative policy statement</a>. Contact me if you would like notes from our first workshop. Please send me your proposal for seven priorities (each in 30 words or less). Go to <a href="https://zoom.us/j/695304397">https://zoom.us/j/695304397</a>. To participate by phone call 1-929-205-6099 and enter Meeting ID number 695 304 397.</td>
<td>Greg Woods</td>
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<td>6:30 pm</td>
<td>Young Adult Friends Weekly Virtual Potluck. Weekly virtual potluck for Young Adult Friends (18-35ish) to gather for fellowship. Join us via Zoom online at <a href="https://zoom.us/j/481839282">https://zoom.us/j/481839282</a> or join us via telephone at 1-646-558-8656 and meeting ID number 481 839 282.</td>
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<td>Tues 31</td>
<td>Guided Meditation for Relaxation Online. Jessica Ronalds, a volunteer on the Pastoral Care Team, has graciously invited anyone interested to participate in a time of Guided Meditation for Relaxation. These online sessions will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30-2:30 pm. We will have the opportunity for brief check-ins, share in a guided meditation followed by a time of sharing. Please join us via Zoom at <a href="https://zoom.us/j/7834751861">https://zoom.us/j/7834751861</a> or call 1 646-558-8656 and enter meeting ID number 783 475 1861.</td>
<td>Jessica Ronalds</td>
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<td>Wed 1</td>
<td>Midweek Meeting for Worship. Please join us via Zoom online at <a href="https://zoom.us/j/7834751861">https://zoom.us/j/7834751861</a>. If you’d like to attend by phone, dial 1-646-558-8656 and enter Meeting ID number 783 475 1861.</td>
<td>Nancy Cirillo</td>
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<td>Forum. “Blessing in Words: Poems to Carry On” with Gayle Roby. Please join us via Zoom online at <a href="https://zoom.us/j/7834751861">https://zoom.us/j/7834751861</a> or call 1 646-558-8656 and enter meeting ID number 783 475 1861.</td>
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<td>10:30am</td>
<td>Sunday Morning Meeting for Worship. Please join us via Zoom online at <a href="https://zoom.us/j/7834751861">https://zoom.us/j/7834751861</a> or call 1 646-558-8656 and enter meeting ID number 783 475 1861.</td>
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<td>10:30am</td>
<td>Family Worship. Sing! Play! Worship! Join us as we build community among Friends of all ages. All are welcome whether you come with child or not. Please join us via Zoom online on <a href="https://zoom.us/j/487156341">https://zoom.us/j/487156341</a> or call 1 646-558-8656 and enter meeting ID number 487 156 341.</td>
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<td>11:45am</td>
<td>Afterthoughts. Please join us via Zoom online at <a href="https://zoom.us/j/7834751861">https://zoom.us/j/7834751861</a> or call 1 646-558-8656 and enter meeting ID number 783 475 1861.</td>
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Friends –

In this unprecedented era, we are hoping the Friends Meeting at Cambridge community can remain socially and spiritually engaged while physically separated. In fact, we already have had the joy of having five far-flung members or past members of our community join us for one of our meetings for worship.

In order to make this possible, we will be relying mostly on using Zoom for our group meetings. That makes it important to make information about the Zoom meeting links and instructions on how to use Zoom available to all who need it.

**Requesting a Zoom Meeting from an FMC Account**

Individuals planning an event that will be using one of FMC’s Zoom accounts should submit their request as early as possible to zoom@fmcquaker.org. Please identify the title, starting and ending time, and host of the meeting and their email. An estimate of the number of participants and whether you want the Zoom link included in the weekly announcement sheet and on the FMC website would also be helpful. Also, please include the text for any announcement you would like to be included on the weekly announcement sheet and website. Some of the weekly announcement sheet may be posted on the New England Yearly Meeting website ([https://neym.org/attend-event](https://neym.org/attend-event)). Meeting hosts are responsible for notifying the members of their groups of the Zoom link for their meeting (except for the meeting-wide meetings included in the weekly Announcement Sheet).

**Notifying FMC of Zoom Meeting links**

Some individuals choose to set up their FMC meetings using their own Zoom accounts. They are expected to notify their groups of the Zoom links, but we are hoping they will also notify the Meeting of the Zoom links by sending that information to zoom@fmcquaker.org. This would make the information more available if people are unable to find the meeting and provide information about the Meeting’s need for Zoom meetings. The information would not be included in the weekly Announcement Sheet unless requested.

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Instructions on Using Zoom

Basic instructions on setting up Zoom on your computer, tablet, or smartphone are available at [https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/categories/200101697-Getting-Started](https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/categories/200101697-Getting-Started). Those using Zoom software to access a Zoom meeting just need to go to the Zoom link for the meeting and follow the prompts to the meeting. Those wishing to just use a phone call to join a Zoom meeting should select from the list of Zoom phone numbers and then enter the meeting ID when asked. Due to increased demand, these phone numbers are currently often busy.

Requests for help in setting up Zoom or accessing a Zoom meeting should be made by emails to [zoomhelp@fmcquaker.org](mailto:zoomhelp@fmcquaker.org), and someone will try to help. Any Friends willing to provide this assistance are encouraged to send an email to the email address.

Open Zoom Link

If you have ideas for community events to share on the open Zoom link, please email LJ Boswell at [resident@fmcquaker.org](mailto:resident@fmcquaker.org). The open zoom link is a great way to reach out to folks we haven’t seen for a while and to engage the FMC community in interesting new ways. If you have interests, talents, or just feel like chatting, the open zoom link is a great resource. For questions or for someone to think your ideas through with, please contact LJ.

Upcoming Meetings for Business in Worship and Adjourned Meetings for Worship

To avoid Easter, the April Meeting for Business in Worship will be held on **April 5**. This meeting will be held via Zoom. Please also be aware that in May, there will be a Meeting for Business in Worship on **May 3** and an Adjourned Meeting for Business in Worship on **May 17**. In June, there will be a Meeting for Business in Worship on **June 14** and an Adjourned Meeting for Business in Worship on **June 28**.

New Email Address for Submitting Materials for FMC Publications

Please email [publications@fmcquaker.org](mailto:publications@fmcquaker.org) with requests for announcements to be published in the Announcement Sheet, Newsletter, and/or on the FMC website. A one-stop shop! The deadline for the next weekly Announcement Sheet is Monday, March 23rd at 11:59 pm.

Staff Evaluations

**Deadline: Sunday, April 12**

Your feedback is needed to help evaluate our staff. For principal staff (David Dunphy, Facilities Manager; Amy Mercure, Office Manager, and Greg Woods, Youth Ministries and Education Coordinator), nursery workers and Center Residents, please email your comments to LJ Boswell at [resident@fmcquaker.org](mailto:resident@fmcquaker.org) or fill out one of the forms in the Friends Center. For the Resident Friend only, please email your comments to Liz Moore at [rfevaluation@fmcquaker.org](mailto:rfevaluation@fmcquaker.org). Please note that our practice is to include the author’s name with the comment when it goes to the staff member unless you request otherwise. Thanks for your feedback!

Women’s Silent Retreat at Glastonbury Abbey Canceled

Please note that the Women’s Silent Retreat scheduled for 4/22-4/24 has been canceled. We apologize for any inconvenience. Please be on the lookout in FMC publications for future retreat dates!