

## Weekly Calendar

## Friends Meeting at Cambridge

January 19 through January 28, 2024 (one week)

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Fri 19 5:00— 600pm		
Forum (Parlor / Zoom.com, the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Cornelia Parkes at conversationpit@fmcquaker.org  Sat 20 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 sciffiantasy@fmcquaker.org  Sun 21 9:15— 10:15am  Forum (Parlor / Zoom). "How well does the List-Serve serve us? Reflections of a manager and current challenges" with Davi Anick. 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  10:45— 10:45am  10:45am  11:45am  Fellowship with Refreshments (On-Site). Enjoy conversation with simple refreshments served either in the Friends Room (mask optional) or outdoors (weather permitting). More volunteers and subs needed. Contact Holly Lapp / Amanda Marcus / Caren Seagraves at refreshments@fmcquaker.org  Get Your Community ID Photo Taken. (On-Site). Get your photo taken on the landing between the first and second floor in the Friends Center or in the Friends	DATE	EVENT
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	12:15- 1:15pm	Simple Lunch (Friends Room). A \$6-7 donation is requested to cover the cost of the vegan soup, salad and bread provided. Pay as led. Contact Tom Sander / Alasdair Post-Quinn at simplelunch@fmcquaker.org
	1:15- 2:45pm	Action on Gaza (Parlor / Open Zoom). At this gathering, we will hear an update about the current situation in Gaza and the Middle East and take action doing facilitated federal lobbying about an immediate ceasefire and the provision of humanitarian aid and learn about other action opportunities. Click <a href="here">here</a> for our Gaza resource guide. To participate using Zoom, <a href="click this link">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 783 475 1861 and passcode 1652 (if requested) on <a href="Zoom.com">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Skip Schiel at <a href="peace@fmcquaker.org">peace@fmcquaker.org</a>
	4:30- 6:00pm	"Prison MinistryAre You Curious?" (Zoom). The reconstituted Prison Ministry group will meet and review what individuals are doingwriting or visiting incarcerated people, the Alternatives to Violence project, worship at Norfolk, political actionand how to get involved. 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 at prisons@fmcquaker.org.
	6:00- 8:00pm	Fellowship & Outreach Committee (F&O) (On-Site / Zoom). All are welcome to join us for a drop-in, brown bag supper at FMC starting at 5:00pm. Please plan to join the hybrid committee meeting at 6:00pm as we discuss initiatives and projects for the coming months. To participate, click this link or provide the meeting ID 837 8011 9360 and passcode 071398 (if requested) on Zoom.com, the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Holly Lapp at fellowship@fmcquaker.org
Mon 22	1:30- 3:30pm	.Blue Sky Group (Parlor). Contact Jennifer Hogue at blueskygroup@fmcquaker.org
	6:30- 8:00pm	Stone of Hope Drumming Circle (Meetinghouse). Contact Minga Claggett-Borne / Daniel Fitzmartin at stone-of-hope@fmcquaker.org
	7:00— 9:00pm	New Story Group (Zoom). January theme: "How Connection to Nature Can Support the Dismantling of Oppression." Come at 6:30pm for fellowship. Newcomers are always welcome. To participate, click this link or provide the Meeting ID 875 6881 1869 and passcode 101225 (if requested) on Zoom.com, the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Cornelia Parkes at new-story@fmcquaker.org.
Tue 23	5:00- 6:30pm	<u>Prayer Circle</u> (Zoom). Send your requests for praise or praise to <u>prayers@fmcquaker.org</u> or join us. To participate, <u>click this link</u> or provide the meeting ID 882 9275 5483 and passcode 207316 (if requested) on <u>Zoom.com</u> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Cornelia Parkes at <u>prayers@fmcquaker.org</u>
	7:00— 9:00pm	Peace & Social Justice Committee (P&SJ) (Zoom). To participate, click this link or provide the meeting ID 844 5489 3271 and passcode 021679 (if requested) on Zoom.com, the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Michael Carey / Don Gianniny at peace@fmcquaker.org

Tue 23	7:30- 8:45pm	HEAlthy Reopening Team (HEART) (Zoom). Email Tom Sander at heart@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.
Wed 24	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
	5:00- 6:00pm	Let's Talk! The Conversation Pit (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 Cornelia Parkes at conversationpit@fmcquaker.org
	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
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Sun 28	9:15— 10:15am	Forum (Parlor / Zoom). "Spiritual Engagement Through Committees and Other Roles at FMC" with Nominating Committee. 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 WorshipFirst Visioning Exploration of Worship (Meetinghouse / Open Zoom and Parlor) There will be both a hybrid Meeting for Worship in Meetinghouse as usual at 10:30am, and an in-person, tech-free Meeting for Worship in the Parlor. 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. We encourage feedbackcontact the Visioning Group at visioning@fmcquaker.org. Contact Kim West / Jessica Ronalds at careofworship@fmcquaker.org
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Sun 28	12:15— 1:00pm	Reception for SaraSue Pennell Art Show. (Friends Room). Enjoy refreshments provided by the Exhibits Committee, view Sara Sue's art and talk with her about her work and the creative process. She has entitled the show "friends and Friends." Contact George Campbell at <a href="mailto:exhibits@fmcquaker.org">exhibits@fmcquaker.org</a>
	5:45- 6:45pm	<u>Sunday Evening Meeting for Worship</u> (Parlor). You are invited to attend this meeting for worship before the Young Adult Friends monthly on-site potluck in January. Contact Walker Bristol / MaryGrace Menner at <u>yafs@fmcquaker.org</u>
	7:00- 9:00pm	Young Adult Friends (YAF) Potluck (Friends Room). All those 18-35ish are invited to this potluck dinner at FMC. 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 <a href="mailto:yafs@fmcquaker.org">yafs@fmcquaker.org</a> with your questions and/or your ideas for future events and/or to be added to the Young Adult Friends Google Group.

		SAVE THE DATE
Sun, 2/4	10:30— 11:40am	.Family Worship for All Ages (Friends Room / Zoom). Theme: Let Your Light Shine. We will read Ghanda DiFiglia's book <i>Home from Bethlehem</i> and exploring themes from the book. To participate using Zoom, click this link or provide the meeting ID 836 6770 9699 and passcode 794870 (if requested) on Zoom.com, the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Jessica Ronalds at family-worship@fmcquaker.org
Sun, 2/4	11:45– 1:15pm	Bequest Proposals Event (Friends Room 11:45am-1:00pm / Zoom 12:30-1:15pm). Come join the Bequest Process Discernment Group during fellowship with refreshments time. Click <a href="https://exemption.org/nc/here">here</a> to see the list of Bequest Proposals. This is an opportunity to share discussion and thoughts. We will meet in the Friends Room from 11:45am-1:00pm and on Zoom only on the Afterthoughts link from 12:30-1:15pm. To participate using Zoom, <a href="mailto:click this link">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 873 2175 9327 and passcode 537370 (if requested) on <a href="mailto:Zoom.com">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Bequest Process Discernment Group at <a href="mailto:bequest@fmcquaker.org">bequest@fmcquaker.org</a> .
Sun, 2/4	11:45— 1:00pm	Fellowship with Refreshments downstairs in the First Day School classrooms (On-Site). Enjoy fellowship with simple refreshments and come check out the newly painted and updated First Day School classrooms and learn more about our programming for youth and families. Zoe Zurad, our Youth Ministries and Education Coordinator would love to answer questions. More volunteers are needed. Contact Holly Lapp / Amanda Marcus / Caren Seagraves at refreshments@fmcquaker.org

	WIDER QUAKER WORLD
Thu, 1/18 through Sun, 1/21	<u>In These Changing Times, How is Spirit Rising Among Us?</u> (Zoom). The program includes four main components (1) Connection to Spirit, (2) Becoming an Actively Antiracist Faith Community, (3) Changing Structures for Changing Times and (4) The Future of the Religious Society of Friends. Click <a href="here">here</a> for schedule and registration information. Sponsored by <a href="Friends General Conference">Friends General Conference</a> .

.Sat, 1/20 .9:00am-3:00pm	<u>Friends Decision-Making Workshop</u> (On-Site at Monadnock Meeting in Jaffrey, NH). Join Friends to develop skills in Quaker active participation in group discernment and decision-making processes used in our meetings, organizations, and committees including the functions of clerk and recording clerk. Sponsored by <u>New England Yearly Meeting</u> .
<b>Sun, 1/21</b> 4:00-6:00 pm	Roots of Injustice, Seeds of Change: Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples (Zoom). \$20-50 requested, \$5 minimum. Register <a here"="" href="https://example.com/here/be/here/be/here/be/here/be/here/be/here/be/here/be/here/be/here/her&lt;/td&gt;&lt;/tr&gt;&lt;tr&gt;&lt;th&gt;.Six Thursdays,&lt;br&gt;1/25-2/29&lt;br&gt;.7:30-9:00pm&lt;/th&gt;&lt;td&gt;Nonviolent Direct Action Online Study Group with Earth Quaker Action Team (Zoom). This six-week training will focus on building skills, relationships, and connections with partner organizations. Anyone interested in pursuing nonviolent direct action or collective action on any issue of their choosing could benefit from the series. Sessions can be taken as stand-along workshops or in sequence. Learn more about each individual session and register &lt;a href=">here</a> . Sponsored by <a href="Earth Quaker Action Team">Earth Quaker Action Team</a> .
Sun, 1/28 .10:00am-1:00pm .(Snow date 2/11)	Salem Quarter Winter Gathering 2024 Gathering (Off-Site at Amesbury Friends Meeting House, 120 Friends St., Amesbury, MA). This event is organized by North Shore Friends Meeting for meetings in Salem Quarter (including Friends Meeting at Cambridge). Schedule: Meeting for Worship at 10 am, followed by potluck (with soup and bread provided) and social time, followed by a brief (approximately one hour, including discussion) program: "Lucy Stone: Make the World a Better Place" presented by storyteller and historian Merrill Kohlhofer, with small group discussion around the question "How can Lucy Stone's life shape our living today?" Free. Register <a href="here">here</a> .
.7:30-9:00pm	"Truth & Justice: The Black Quaker Project Challenges Quakerism in the 21st Century" with Nozizwe Madlala-Routledge joining Harold D. Weaver, Jr. (Zoom). Free. Register <a href="here">here</a> . Sponsored by <a href="Pendle Hill">Pendle Hill</a>
. <b>Thu, 2/8</b> 10:00-11:30am	End of Life Drop-In Reflection Group (Zoom). This month the group will be discussing Pendle Hill Pamphlet #385 entitled "In God We Die". You do not need to read the pamphlet in advance to attend. This New England Yearly Meeting group, facilitated by Patti Muldoon [NEYM's Aging Resources Consultation and Help (ARCH) Coordinator], meets monthly on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursdays to give participants a chance to explore spiritual, emotional, and practical aspects of facing our final days. Free. Register <a href="here">here</a> . Sponsored by <a href="here">NEYM ARCH</a> .
Three Wednesdays, 2/14, 2/28 and 3/13 .7:00-8:30 pm	A Gift of Love for Valentine's Day: Advance Planning Workshop (Zoom). Everyone over the age of 18 needs to do some measure of advance planning, yet two out of three adults have not put together an advance care and death plan. In this three-part workshop, we will discuss various aspects of advance planning. This New England Yearly Meeting group, facilitated by Patti Muldoon [NEYM's Aging Resources Consultation and Help (ARCH) Coordinator]. Register by February 4th to ensure you receive the Advance Planning workbook in time for the first session. Pay-as-led (sliding scale) with a suggested fee of \$30 which includes the Advance Planning workbook. Register <a href="here">here</a> . Sponsored by <a href="MEYM ARCH">NEYM ARCH</a> .
Fri, 2/16 6:00pm to Mon, 2/19 12:00pm Register ASAP but before 2/8. Limited spots remain.	Young Adult Friends (18-35ish) Midwinter Retreat (Off-Site at Woolman Hill Retreat Center in Deerfield, MA). Young Adult Friends (YAF) retreats are an opportunity to "try on" Quaker spiritual practices, connect with peers in a similar life phase and/or in a similar stage in their spiritual journey, enjoy time spent in joy and worshipful togetherness, bring a spiritual lens to the decisions in our lives, and cultivate friendships and spiritual connections with one another. Pay-as-led, \$230 suggested, \$35 minimum. Register <a href="here">here</a> . Sponsored by <a href="New England Yearly Meeting">New England Yearly Meeting</a> .

Reminders	To see the up-to-date calendar of FMC events with full descriptions go to our website <u>calendar</u> .
	The deadline for the next FMC Weekly Calendar is Monday, January 22 at 11:59pm. This next issue will cover events taking place from Friday, January 26 through Sunday, February 4 (one week). Please send your announcement to publications@fmcquaker.org.
	To request an event (Zoom, on-site or hybrid), email <a href="mailto:scheduling@fmcquaker.org">scheduling@fmcquaker.org</a> . To request an FMC meeting on your Zoom account, please include the Zoom link.

## PERSONAL NEWS

Longtime FMC attender **David Bonner** died November 10. 2023.

FMC member <u>Lawrence</u> (<u>Larry</u>) <u>Dudley</u> died November 29, 2023. His hybrid memorial will be Saturday, March 2 at 2pm at FMC followed by an on-site reception and on Open Zoom.

Longtime FMC member lan Harrington died December 24, 2023.

Jim Hannon published two poems in Friends Journal—"Vermont Solstice" and "Waiting."

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please wear slippers at FMC (or shoes with clean, dry soles) on wet and salty/snowy days to protect our floors and rugs. Slippers are available to borrow.

FMC Green Initiatives and Meeting House Electrification Project Presentation 1/7/24.

Report from Trustees Committee December 2023 - Greening FMC

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. We would also welcome 1-2 other visitors at each meeting who are curious about eldering. We are reserving one of those spaces for a Young Adult Friend. If you would like to join us, please sign up using the following link: <a href="https://signup.com/go/xZRnNH">https://signup.com/go/xZRnNH</a>. We look forward to your presence! Contact the Blue Sky Group at any time with your ideas, feedback, and concerns at <a href="blueskygroup@fmcquaker.org">blueskygroup@fmcquaker.org</a>

New Meetinghouse storm windows have been installed. For safety reasons, please DO NOT adjust the partially open storm windows.

Invitation to Daily Prayer at 7:30pm. The Prayer Circle has set aside a time for daily prayer at 7:30pm ET. You are welcome to join us whenever you can. No need to sign up. We will pray where we are without Zoom or phone connection, but simply knowing that others are praying at the same time. There is a sense of strength in joining together. We each pray in our own way consistent with our own beliefs sharing compassion for the suffering in the world. Contact: <a href="mailto:prayers@fmcquaker.org">prayers@fmcquaker.org</a>

We gratefully accept donations on-line here.

.Click this link 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 Jennifer Hogue MaryGrace Menner Lauren Mawe 617-876-1868 Cambridge MA 02138-4816 David L. Myers Tanzania Roach adminmanager@fmcquaker.org **Youth Ministries and Education Coordinator** www.fmcquaker.org **Gail Rogers Betsy Roper** 617-876-6883 Zoe Zurad 413-251-6512 Tom Sander Eva Whittaker Office Manager: youthministries@fmcquaker.org blueskygroup@fmcquaker.org Amy Mercure Treasurer: Jane Jackson **Maintenance Manager** office@fmcquaker.org **Assistant Treasurers:** Alasdair Post-Quinn 617-354-3383 617-876-6883 maintenance@fmcquaker.org TylaAnn Burger Mark Webster treasurer@fmcquaker.org

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To contact the Pastoral Care Team, use: <a href="mailto:pastoralcare@fmcquaker.org">pastoralcare@fmcquaker.org</a>

To request the Weekly Calendar by email or to join the FMC community listserve, use: <a href="mailto:office@fmcquaker.org">office@fmcquaker.org</a>
To obtain a copy of the FMC Directory, go to <a href="mailto:https://community.fmcquaker.org/">https://community.fmcquaker.org/</a> or email <a href="mailto:publications@fmcquaker.org/">publications@fmcquaker.org</a>
We invite newcomers to introduce themselves and indicate their interests by filling out the <a href="mailto:newcomers Card here">Newcomers Card here</a>.