



Weekly Calendar

Friends Meeting at Cambridge

January 26 through February 4, 2024 (one week)

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

Check for weather-related cancellations of on-site FMC activities at fmcquaker.org or by listening to the recorded message at 617-876-6883.

DATE	EVENT
Fri 26 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
Sat 27 11:30am–1:00pm	drum. yoga. SWEAT! (Meetinghouse). This class is a combination of drum and medicine with the medicine of breath and movement to create a healing experience for all participants. Bring your own yoga mat and water bottle, if possible. Some mats will be available to borrow. Cost is \$25 or a sliding scale donation. Contact Friends for Racial Justice Committee at forj@fmcquaker.org
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 Worship—First 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 feedback--contact the Visioning Group at visioning@fmcquaker.org . Contact Kim West / Jessica Ronalds at careofworship@fmcquaker.org
10:30–11:45am	First Day School (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 youthministries@fmcquaker.org
11:45am–12:15pm	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

Sun 28	11:45am– 12:15pm	Get Your Community ID Photo Taken. (On-Site). Get your photo taken by Richard Woods on the landing between the first and second floor in the Friends Center or in the Friends Room. Contact Holly Lapp at fellowship@fmcquaker.org
	12:00– 12:30pm	Afterthoughts (Parlor / Zoom). 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 Wendy Sanford at afterthoughts@fmcquaker.org
	12:15– 1:00pm	Reception for Sara Sue 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 exhibits@fmcquaker.org
	5:45– 6:45pm	Sunday Evening Meeting for Worship (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 yafs@fmcquaker.org
	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 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.
Mon 29	6:30– 8:00pm	Stone of Hope Drumming Circle (Meetinghouse). Contact Minga Claggett-Borne / Daniel Fitzmartin at stone-of-hope@fmcquaker.org
Wed 31	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
Fri 2	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
Sat 3	11:30am– 1:00pm	drum. yoga. SWEAT! (Meetinghouse). See the event on 1/27 for more information. Cost is \$25 or a sliding scale donation. Contact Friends for Racial Justice Committee at forj@fmcquaker.org
	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 scififantasy@fmcquaker.org
Sun 4	9:15– 10:15am	Forum (Parlor / Zoom). Topic/presenters: 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

Sun 4	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– 11:40am	<u>Family Worship for All Ages</u> (Friends Room / Zoom). Theme: Let Your Light Shine. We will read Ghandi DiFiglia's book <i>Home from Bethlehem</i> and exploring themes from the book. 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 Jessica Ronalds at <u>family-worship@fmcquaker.org</u>
	11:45– 1:00pm	<u>First Day School Open House</u> (FDS Rooms). Please join us downstairs in the Friends Center to tour our newly updated First Day School classrooms while enjoying casual kid-friendly refreshments and conversation. Learn more about our programming for youth and families. Learn about volunteering opportunities for adults. Masks are optional. Please contact Zoe Zurad at <u>youthministries@fmcquaker.org</u> with questions.
	11:45am– 1:15pm	<u>Bequest Proposals Event</u> (Friends Room 11:45am-1:00pm / Zoom 12:30-1:15pm). Come join the Bequest Process Discernment Group during fellowship with refreshments time with coffee and tea and savory/sweet snacks. Click <u>here</u> 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, <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 Bequest Process Discernment Group at <u>bequest@fmcquaker.org</u>
	12:00– 12:30pm	<u>Afterthoughts</u> (Parlor / Zoom). 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 Sandy Sweetnam at <u>afterthoughts@fmcquaker.org</u>

SAVE THE DATE

Sun 11	12:15– 1:15pm	<u>Simple Lunch</u> (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 <u>simplelunch@fmcquaker.org</u>
Sun 11	1:15– 2:45pm	<u>All about the Proposed New HVAC system for the Meetinghouse</u> (Parlor / Open Zoom). The oil-fired furnace in the Meetinghouse has reached the end of its life. Learn about the electrified replacement system that is being considered. The purpose of this meeting is to share info and to allow time for questions/answers, discernment, and conversation. Click <u>here</u> to see slides from an earlier presentation about the proposal. 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 David White / Mark Webster at <u>trustees@fmcquaker.org</u>

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> Register <u>here</u> . Sponsored by <u>FWCC</u> .
Fridays 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> .
Sun, 1/28 10:00am-1:00pm (Snow date 2/11)	<u>Salem Quarter Winter Gathering 2024 Gathering</u> (Off-Site at Amesbury Friends Meeting House, 120 Friends St., Amesbury, MA). North Shore Friends Meeting organized this event 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 <u>here</u> .
Wed, 1/31 7:30-8:30pm	<u>Midweek Experiment in Faithfulness: Expectantly Waiting for Guidance with Joann Neuroth</u> (Off Site at Beacon Hill Friends House / Zoom). Free. Register <u>here</u> . Sponsored by <u>Beacon Hill Friends House</u> .
Thursdays, 2/1-2/29 7:30-9:00pm	<u>Nonviolent Direct Action Online Study Group with Earth Quaker Action Team</u> (Zoom) Free. Anyone interested in pursuing nonviolent direct action or collective action on any issue of their choosing could benefit from various sessions in the series. Learn more about the topics for each remaining individual session and register for one or more sessions <u>here</u> . Sponsored by <u>Earth Quaker Action Team</u> .
Mon, 2/5 7:30-9:00pm	<u>"Truth & Justice: The Black Quaker Project Challenges Quakerism in the 21st Century"</u> with Nozizwe Madlala-Routledge joining Harold D. Weaver, Jr. (Zoom). Free. Register <u>here</u> . Sponsored by <u>Pendle Hill</u>
Thu, 2/8 10:00-11:30am	<u>End of Life Drop-In Reflection Group</u> (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 nd Thursdays to give participants a chance to explore spiritual, emotional, and practical aspects of facing our final days. Free. Register <u>here</u> . Sponsored by <u>NEYM ARCH</u> .
Three Wednesdays, 2/14, 2/28 and 3/13 7:00-8:30 pm	<u>A Gift of Love for Valentine's Day: Advance Planning Workshop</u> (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 <u>here</u> . Sponsored by <u>NEYM ARCH</u> .
Fri, 2/16 6:00pm to Mon, 2/19 12:00pm Register ASAP but before 2/8. Limited spots remain.	<u>Young Adult Friends (18-35ish) Midwinter Retreat</u> (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 <u>here</u> . Sponsored by <u>New England Yearly Meeting</u> .

Reminders

To see the up-to-date calendar of FMC events with full descriptions go to our website [calendar](#).

The deadline for the next FMC Weekly Calendar is Monday, January 29 at 11:59pm. This next issue will cover events taking place from **Friday, February 2 through Sunday, February 11 (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

Longtime FMC attender [David Bonner](#) died November 10, 2023.

FMC member [Lawrence \(Larry\) Dudley](#) 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 [Ian 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 eldaring. 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: <https://signup.com/go/xZRnNH>. We look forward to your presence! Learn more about the Blue Sky Group [here](#) and/or contact them at any time with your ideas, feedback, and concerns at blueskygroup@fmcquaker.org

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: prayers@fmcquaker.org

We gratefully accept donations [on-line here](#).

[Click this link](#) to see additional community announcements. **Scroll** down the right-hand column.

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