



Weekly Calendar

Friends Meeting at Cambridge

August 30 through September 15, 2024 (two weeks)

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DATE	EVENT
Sun 1 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 Betsy Roper at careofworship@fmcquaker.org
10:30–11:45am	Summer Childcare (FDS Rooms / Outside, weather permitting). Children join their families for the first 15 minutes of Meeting for Worship, and then follow the First Day School banner to their own childcare activities at 10:45am. Contact Zoe Zurad at youthministries@fmcquaker.org
11:45am–12:45pm	Fellowship with Refreshments (On-Site). Enjoy conversation with simple refreshments served either in the Friends Room (mask optional) or outdoors (weather permitting). Contact Holly Lapp / Amanda Marcus / Caren Seagraves at refreshments@fmcquaker.org
12:00–12:30pm	Afterthoughts (Parlor / Zoom). Childcare provided. Most Sundays, there is an informal time for conversation on this Zoom link after the end of Afterthoughts. 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 Jim Hannon at afterthoughts@fmcquaker.org
7:00–9:00pm	Library Committee (Zoom). Email Jim Hannon at library@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.
Mon 2 8:00am–5:00pm	FMC Staff Holiday . For urgent facilities matters, email maintenance@fmcquaker.org . For urgent scheduling matters, email scheduling@fmcquaker.org .
6:30–8:00pm	Drumming Circle (In-Person, Off Site). Contact Minga Claggett-Borne / Daniel Fitzmartin at stone-of-hope@fmcquaker.org for new location.
7:00–8:30pm	Read Aloud Book Group on Quaker Eldering (Zoom). To participate, click this link or provide the meeting ID 890 9875 0878 and passcode 732166 (if requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Sarah Allen / Cornelia Parkes at elderingbook@fmcquaker.org
Tue 3 11:00am–12:00pm	Gaza Sub-Committee (Zoom). Email Skip Schiel / Don Gianniny / Dinah Starr / Sarah Allen at gaza@fmcquaker.org for event information.
3:30–5:00pm	Membership Committee (Zoom). Email Yani Bray / Daniel Fitzmartin at membership@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.

Wed 4	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
	12:00– 1:00pm	Tech Team 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 Holly Lapp at techteam@fmcquaker.org
Sat 7	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 8	9:15– 10:15am	Forum (Parlor / Zoom). "Exploring Gratitude" with Susan Davies and Jan Nisenbaum. What is gratitude? How to do incorporate gratitude into our daily lives? Childcare provided. 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
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	12:15– 1:00pm	Simple Lunch (Friends Room). A \$6-7 donation is requested to cover the cost of the vegan soup, salad and bread provided, but you are invited regardless of whether you can contribute money. Contact Tom Sander / David Smith / Alasdair Post-Quinn at simplelunch@fmcquaker.org
	1:15– 3:30pm	Meeting for Business in 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 Blue Sky Group at blueskygroup@fmcquaker.org
Mon 9	11:00am– 1:00pm	Ad Hoc Adult Spiritual Education Working Group (Zoom). Email Jennifer Hogue at spiritualed@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.
	1:30– 3:30pm	Blue Sky Group (Parlor/Zoom). If you would like to attend one or more Blue Sky Group meetings to provide a grounding presence, please contact Jennifer Hogue. Contact Jennifer Hogue at blueskygroup@fmcquaker.org

Mon 9	6:30– 8:00pm	Drumming Circle (In person, Off Site). Contact Minga Claggett-Borne / Daniel Fitzmartin at stone-of-hope@fmquaker.org for new location.
Tue 10	6:45– 9:00pm	Ministry & Counsel Committee (M&C) (Zoom). Email Erin Bumgarner / Betsy Roper at ministry@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.
	7:00– 9:00pm	Trustees Committee (Zoom). Email Mark Webster / David White at trustees@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.
Wed 11	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
	7:00– 9:00pm	Artists and Writers (Zoom). Email George Campbell at artists@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.
	7:00– 8:30pm	Friends for Racial Justice Committee (FORJ) (Friends Room / Zoom). Newcomers are especially welcome but please let us know in advance if you are coming for the first time. To participate using Zoom, click this link or provide the meeting ID 858 7150 7841 and passcode 868626 (if requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Minga Claggett-Borne at forj@fmcquaker.org .
Thu 12	7:00– 9:00pm	Pastoral Care Team (Zoom). Email Jan Nisenbaum / Lili Schwan-Rosenwald at pastoralcare@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.
Sun 15	9:15– 10:15am	Forum (Parlor / Zoom). "Reflections on New England Yearly Meeting Sessions" with Patti Muldoon. Patti will share her thoughts (and an activity) on Sessions. Others who attended will be invited to share their reflections and experiences. Childcare provided. 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@fmcquakeorg
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	10:30– 11:45am	Welcome Back to First Day School (FDS Rooms). First Day School classes for the new school year begin today. Children join their families for the first 15 minutes of Meeting for Worship, and then go to their own program at 10:45am. After classes end at 11:45am, all are invited to share in kid-friendly refreshments in the FDS rooms until 12:15pm. Contact Zoe Zurad at youthministries@fmcquaker.org
	10:45– 11:45am	Meeting for Worship Outside Raytheon (In-Person, Off Site). Limited carpools leave FMC at 10:30am. Contact John Bach at bolder@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). Contact Holly Lapp / Amanda Marcus / Caren Seagraves at refreshments@fmcquaker.org
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Sun 15	12:15– 1:30pm	Poetry Book Launch Celebration/Reading with Alexander Levering Kern (Friends Room / Open Zoom). Alex will be sharing from his debut book of poems <i>What an Island Knows</i> tracing twenty years on an island in Maine. Enjoy some refreshments and stay to listen to Alex and a couple of other FMC poets share their work. Copies of the book will be available for sale at the event or can be ordered here . 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 Holly Lapp/Gail Rogers at fellowship@fmcquaker.org
	1:30pm	Deadline to submit children's art for Show Theme: Living Things or “Anything You Want.” Click here for submission details. We also welcome picture frames. They can be dropped in the Office by September 15. Please label the frames on the back if you want them returned. Contact George Campbell at exhibits@fmcquaker.org or Zoe Zurad / Mary Lydecker at youthministries@fmcquaker.org with questions or concerns.

SAVE THE DATE

Sun 9/22	12:15– 1:00pm	Opening Reception for First Day School Art Show (Friends Room). Enjoy refreshments and check out the works of art created by our youngest community members. Some of these young artists will join us to share about the art pieces they created in First Day School and elsewhere. Contact George Campbell at exhibits@fmcquaker.org
Sun 9/22	2:00– 4:00pm	UN International Day of Peace (Off-Site in the sanctuary of The Cathedral Church of Saint Paul, 138 Tremont Street, Boston). This year’s theme is "Building a Culture of Peace". Musical performers will include cellist Miranda Henne and Lena Marcela Sarmiento Tellez, a Columbian singer and graduate of the Longy School of Music. After finishing in the sanctuary at around 3:30pm, we will walk to the nearby Garden of Peace for the closing. Members of the FMC community participate in the organizing of the event and will be part of the program. Additional information is available at www.idpboston.org . This year's program is dedicated to the memory of Ian Harrington and his countless years of dedication to the cause of peace. Free. Contact Don Gianniny at peace@fmcquaker.org
Sun 9/29	9:30– 10:15am	Make a Joyful Noise! Alleluia! – Singing Together (Friends Room / Zoom). We will not have a forum on 6/30. Instead, you are invited to a sing rounds in the Friends Room, using Worship in Song (the green Quaker hymnal). On Zoom you will need to stay muted. Bring a hymnal if you have one. To participate in singing 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. NOTE: You are also welcome to worship informally in the Meetinghouse or on the regular Meeting for Worship Open Zoom channel. Contact Debby Colgan / Susan Davies / Sandy Sweetnam at singing@fmcquaker.org .
Sun 9/29	12:15– 1:00pm	Simple Lunch (Friends Room). A \$6-7 donation is requested to cover the cost of the vegan soup, salad and bread provided, but you are invited regardless of whether you can contribute money. Contact Tom Sander / David Smith / Alasdair Post-Quinn at simplelunch@fmcquaker.org
Sun 9/29	1:15– 2:45pm	Threshing Session (Friends Room / 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 . Childcare provided. Contact Blue Sky Group at blueskygroup@fmcquaker.org

Sundays 7:00— 10/6, 8:30pm 10/20 & 11/3	<p>Adult Spiritual Education Fall Series (Open Zoom). These three interactive sessions are appropriate for newcomers and old-timers. Attend as many sessions as you are able. Part-time attendance okay. Watch for more details in coming weeks.</p> <p>.10/6 – Foundations of Quakerism .10/20 – The Testimonies in Today’s World .11/3 – Relationship with the Divine.</p>
<i>WIDER QUAKER WORLD</i>	
Tuesdays 8:30-9:00am	<p>Prayer for Peace sponsored by the Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) Europe and Middle East Section (Zoom). Free. Register here. Sponsored by FWCC.</p>
Thursdays 5:30-6:30pm	<p>Meeting for Worship with Attention to Peace in Palestine and Israel (Zoom). Free. Register here. Sponsored by American Friends Service Committee.</p>
Fridays 12:00-1:00pm	<p>Action Hour for a Cease-Fire Now (Zoom). Free. Register here. Sponsored by American Friends Service Committee.</p>
Eight Tuesdays 9/3-10/27 7:30-9:00pm	<p>Making Quaker Queer History (Off-Site at Beacon Hill Friends House, 6 Chestnut St., Boston / Zoom). The primary lecturer and workshop leader is Brian Blackmore. Click here to learn more about each of the eight weekly events planned which include lectures and workshops. On 9/3, there will be a lecture entitled: “The Evolution of Quaker Inclusion of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual People”. On 9/10, there will be a workshop entitled: “Toward a more inclusive Religious Society of Friends for LGBTQ+ people”. \$150 suggested donation for the entire series. \$25 suggested donation for a particular event. Register here. Sponsored by Beacon Hill Friends House.</p>
Three Wednesdays 9/4, 9/11 and 9/18 7:00-8:30pm	<p>Hand in Hand: Aging Together in the Spirit (Zoom). This three-part online series offers live and interactive engagement with Baltimore Yearly Meeting’s End of Life Working Group’s new resource, A Tender Time: Quaker Voices on the End of Life. This resource is a unique collection of Quaker voices, historical and contemporary, that explores practical, emotional, and spiritual aspects of aging, dying well, and making end-of-life decisions guided by the Spirit and Quaker values. It moves in widening circles, from aging to dying, and from primary caregivers, to friends, to the whole faith community. \$10-40 donation requested. Financial assistance available. More info and register here. Sponsored by Pendle Hill.</p>
Thu 9/5 7:00-8:30pm	<p>Building a Just & Lasting Peace: Perspectives & Experiences of Palestinian Quakers (Zoom). Friends United Meeting invites you to join Quakers for Peace on Zoom to hear Ramallah Friends School’s own graduates, Palestinian Quakers Joyce Ajlouny, and Walid Mosarsaa, speak about experiences with systemic oppression, paths of nonviolent resistance, and a vision for a just and peaceful future. Free. Register here. Sponsored by Friends United Meeting.</p>
Fri 9/6 5:00pm to Mon 9/9 12:00pm	<p>Art Church: Spring Forth the Creative Well! (Off-Site at Woolman Hill, Deerfield, MA). Art Church is where we explore how our spiritual and creative practices intersect and depend on one another. This is an invitation to make art, worship, and build solidarity in a multidisciplinary, spiritually diverse space, led by three young queer Quakers from New England. \$425 (sliding scale \$275-\$525). Register here. Sponsored by Woolman Hill.</p>

<p>Mon 9/9 7:30-9:00pm</p>	<p>Stephen G. Cary Memorial Lecture 2024: Light Within and Light Without ~ The Personal and Political in the Formation of a Palestinian-American Quaker Identity with Quaker Steve Tamari (Zoom). Free. Register here for the livestream. The talk will also be recorded and posted on Pendle Hill's YouTube channel. Sponsored by Pendle Hill.</p>
<p>2nd Tue including 9/10 7:00-8:30pm</p>	<p>Neurodivergent Friends Discussion Group (Zoom). We will worship together, build community, and share our experiences of the gifts and challenges of being neurodiverse folks among Friends. Over time we may explore what we need to fully engage in the life of our meetings; how to communicate our needs to our communities; ways that we experience the Divine; openings and blocks in meeting for worship; how to support Friends with other kinds of disabilities; and many other topics. Drop in when you are able. Free. Register here. Sponsored by Friends General Conference.</p>
<p>Thu 9/12 10:00-11:30am</p>	<p>End of Life Drop-In Reflection Group (Zoom). In October, the group has a time of open sharing. This New England Yearly Meeting group, facilitated by Patti Muldoon [NEYM's Aging Resources Consultation and Help (ARCH) Coordinator], meets monthly on 2nd Thursdays (except August) to give participants a chance to explore spiritual, emotional, and practical aspects of facing our final days. Free. Register here. Sponsored by NEYM ARCH</p>
<p>Thu 9/12 7:00--8:30pm</p>	<p>Food Security for Bolivian Families with Emma Condori Mamani (Zoom). Join us for a crucial event that highlights the Food Security Project, a vital initiative by the Friends International Bilingual Center (FIBC) aimed at supporting Indigenous families in the Bolivian highlands who are facing severe food insecurity due to climate change. Pay-as-led. Donations to the Food Security Project welcomed. Register here. Sponsored by Quaker Earthcare Witness</p>
<p>Three Mondays 9/16, 10/21 and 11/18 7:15-9:00pm</p>	<p>Walking in the World as a Friend: Community Practice Group (Zoom). Led by Nadine Hoover and Beth Collea. Participants are invited to commit to practicing for three months, Sept–Nov, to experiment with listening inwardly to love and conscience working within us, testing discernment, recording, and yielding — and keeping a journal of an experiment with Spirit in our lives. We encourage participants to find a companion that you can meet with every week or two between Sept – Nov 2024. It isn't necessary to attend each meeting. Free. Register here. Sponsored by Quaker Religious Education Collaborative and Friends Peace Teams.</p>

<p><i>Reminders</i></p>	<p>To see the up-to-date calendar of FMC events with full descriptions go to our website calendar.</p> <p>The deadline for the next FMC Weekly Calendar is Monday, September 9 at 11:59pm. This next issue will cover events taking place from Friday, September 13 through Sunday, September 29 (two weeks). Please send your announcement to publications@fmcquaker.org.</p> <p>To request an event (Zoom, on-site or hybrid), email scheduling@fmcquaker.org.</p> <p>To request an FMC meeting on your Zoom account, please include the Zoom link.</p>
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

You can read the August 25 issue of [Blue Sky Bits](#), as well as back issues on the Blue Sky post on the FMC website, fmcquaker.org. These short publications are a project of the Blue Sky Group. Each issue features info about community members, photos from recent events, short articles, and cartoons—including requests for captions and captions submitted. There is also an index to help you find items of special interest to you.

The Memorial Minutes Meeting for Worship that was postponed due to the June heatwave will be rescheduled in the fall but **you can read the memorial minutes for the Friends we will be remembering including Hugh Barbour, Elisabeth Cotten, Russ de Burlo, Joanie Griscom, Everett Mendelsohn, Will Watson, and Marilee Wheeler [here](#).**

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

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

PERSONAL NEWS

Sarah Allen shares about her leading to learn and prepare for creating a safe space for Friends to grapple with the realities of intergenerational abuse. She received a \$9000 grant from the New England Yearly Meeting Witness and Ministry Fund to support her effort. [Click here](#) to read Sarah's invitation to our community and reflections about her ministry.

Naren Roy has finished his year as a Quaker Voluntary Service (QVS) Boston Fellow. He will be staying in the Boston area and continuing to worship at FMC. He has also recently begun serving as one of our FMC AV hosts on Sunday mornings, making hybrid meetings possible. Read his testimonial "*From Learning about Quakerism to Living Quakerism*" [here](#).

Elise Springuel married Dylan Kirk under the care of Friends Meeting at Cambridge in a Meeting for Worship in the Meetinghouse on Saturday, August 17.

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We invite newcomers to introduce themselves and indicate their interests by filling out the [Newcomers Card here](#).
