



# Weekly Calendar

## Friends Meeting at Cambridge

November 22 through December 8, 2024 (two weeks)

Go to our website at [fmcquaker.org](http://fmcquaker.org) for an online version of this Weekly Calendar and much, much more!

### WE ARE HIRING!

FMC is seeking a part-time Interim Maintenance Manager starting around April 1, 2025. [Click here](#) for more information.

DATE	EVENT
Sat 23 4:00–6:00pm	<a href="#">Poetry, Prison and Personal Reflection</a> (Parlor / Library). Poet Charles Coe will read from his newly published book of poetry <i>New and Selected Works</i> , which he will sell and sign at the event with proceeds being donated by FMC's Prison Fellowship Group. After Charles' presentation two returning citizens will speak from their personal reflection on their experience of re-entering society after many years of incarceration. There will be a time for questions and reflections as well as light refreshments and informal socializing. Contact Michael Carey / Sandy Sweetnam at <a href="mailto:prisons@fmcquaker.org">prisons@fmcquaker.org</a>
Sun 24 9:15–10:15am	<a href="#">Forum</a> (Parlor / Zoom). "Exploring Ways Pastoral Care Can Support Community" with Pastoral Care Team members. Childcare is provided. To participate using Zoom, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 873 2175 9327 and passcode 537370 (if requested) on <a href="https://zoom.com">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact George Campbell / Jan Nisenbaum at <a href="mailto:forum@fmcquaker.org">forum@fmcquaker.org</a>
10:30–11:30am	<a href="#">Sunday Morning Meetings for Worship</a> (Meetinghouse and Parlor / Open Zoom). To participate using Zoom, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 783 475 1861 and passcode 1652 (if requested) on <a href="https://zoom.com">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Betsy Roper / Jan Nisenbaum at <a href="mailto:careofworship@fmcquaker.org">careofworship@fmcquaker.org</a>
10:30–11:45am	<a href="#">First Day School</a> (FDS Rooms). Children join their families for the first 15 minutes of Meeting for Worship, and then go to their own program at 10:45am. Contact Zoe Zurad at <a href="mailto:youthministries@fmcquaker.org">youthministries@fmcquaker.org</a>
11:45am–12:15pm	<a href="#">Fellowship with Refreshments</a> (On-Site). Enjoy conversation with refreshments served either in the Friends Room (mask optional) or outdoors (weather permitting). Contact Holly Lapp / Amanda Marcus / Caren Seagraves at <a href="mailto:refreshments@fmcquaker.org">refreshments@fmcquaker.org</a>
12:00–12:30pm	<a href="#">Afterthoughts</a> (Parlor / Zoom). Childcare is provided. Most Sundays, there is an informal time for conversation on this Zoom link after the end of Afterthoughts. To participate using Zoom, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 873 2175 9327 and passcode 537370 (if requested) on <a href="https://zoom.com">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Daria Casinelli at <a href="mailto:afterthoughts@fmcquaker.org">afterthoughts@fmcquaker.org</a>
Sun 24 12:15–1:00pm	<a href="#">Opening Reception for Winter Potluck Art Show: "That for which we are Thankful"</a> (Friends Room). Read more <a href="#">here</a> . We will have refreshments and exhibitors will be available to talk about their work. The show will run through January 5, 2025. The submission deadline for this show is November 17, 2024. Contact George Campbell at <a href="mailto:exhibits@fmcquaker.org">exhibits@fmcquaker.org</a>

	4:30– 6:00pm	<a href="#">Prison Fellowship</a> (Zoom). To participate, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 836 6893 0642 and passcode 245444 (if requested) on <a href="#">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Sandy Sweetnam / Michael Carey at <a href="mailto:prisons@fmcquaker.org">prisons@fmcquaker.org</a>
	5:00– 6:45pm	<a href="#">Family Pizza and Play</a> (In-Person). Join Quaker families with children for pizza, connection, and play. RSVP to Katie Stockman or on the Quaker Families WhatsApp. Need to join the WhatsApp? Contact Katie Stockman at <a href="mailto:familyengagement@fmcquaker.org">familyengagement@fmcquaker.org</a>
	7:30– 8:30pm	<a href="#">Transgender Day of Remembrance Called Memorial Meeting for Worship</a> (Open Zoom). Join us as we gather on Zoom to name the transgender victims of violence in the last year, remember them and hold them in the Light. If you plan to attend the event, please have a candle or fake candle on camera with you, if possible. <b>Sign up <a href="#">here</a> by noon on Saturday, November 23 to volunteer to read some of the names of this year's victims.</b> To participate using Zoom, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 783 475 1861 and passcode 1652 (if requested) on <a href="#">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Leo Bray / Holly Lapp at <a href="mailto:tdor@fmcquaker.org">tdor@fmcquaker.org</a>
<b>Mon 25</b>	4:00– 5:30pm	<a href="#">Nominating Committee</a> (Parlor / Zoom). Email Gail Rogers at <a href="mailto:nominating@fmcquaker.org">nominating@fmcquaker.org</a> for meeting information.
	7:00– 9:00pm	<a href="#">New Story Group</a> (Zoom). Discussion of <a href="#">“Draft Summary for comment: New Story Group’s Intent &amp; Direction”</a> with Dave Damm-Luhr convening. We will also continue to share personal experiences of living in community. Come at 6:30 for fellowship. First timers are always welcome! To participate, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 875 6881 1869 and passcode 101225 (if requested) on <a href="#">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Cornelia Parkes at <a href="mailto:new-story@fmcquaker.org">new-story@fmcquaker.org</a>
<b>Tue 26</b>	7:00– 9:00pm	<a href="#">Peace &amp; Social Justice Committee (P&amp;SJ)</a> (Zoom). To participate, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 844 5489 3271 and passcode 021679 (if requested) on <a href="#">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Michael Carey / Don Gianniny / Skip Schiel at <a href="mailto:peace@fmcquaker.org">peace@fmcquaker.org</a>
<b>Wed 27</b>	8:30– 10:00am	<a href="#">Wednesday Morning Meeting for Worship</a> (Parlor / Open Zoom). To participate using Zoom, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 783 475 1861 and passcode 1652 (if requested) on <a href="#">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Jonathan Vogel-Borne / Sara Sue Pennell at <a href="mailto:midweek@fmcquaker.org">midweek@fmcquaker.org</a>
	7:00– 8:30pm	<a href="#">Community, Ministry, and Technology Group</a> (Zoom). Email Leo Bray / Cornelia Parkes at <a href="mailto:cmt@fmcquaker.org">cmt@fmcquaker.org</a> for meeting information.
	7:00– 9:00pm	<a href="#">Fundraising Committee</a> (Zoom). Email Tom Sander at <a href="mailto:fundraising@fmcquaker.org">fundraising@fmcquaker.org</a> for meeting information.
<b>Thu 28</b>	8:00am– 5:00pm	<a href="#">FMC Staff Holiday</a> . For urgent facilities matters, please email <a href="mailto:maintenance@fmcquaker.org">maintenance@fmcquaker.org</a> . For urgent scheduling matters please email <a href="mailto:scheduling@fmcquaker.org">scheduling@fmcquaker.org</a> .
<b>Thu 28</b>	10:30– 11:30am	<a href="#">Day of Gratitude and Mourning Meeting for Worship</a> (Parlor / Open Zoom). Childcare might be able upon request. To participate using Zoom, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 783 475 1861 and passcode 1652 (if requested) on <a href="#">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Daria Casinelli at <a href="mailto:careofworship@fmcquaker.org">careofworship@fmcquaker.org</a>
	12:00–	<a href="#">Day of Gratitude and Mourning Potluck Midday Meal</a> (Friends Room). Look for the <a href="#">signup poster in the Friends Room</a> or <a href="#">sign up online <a href="#">here</a></a> . Tell us how many are coming

	2:00pm	in your group and what you plan to bring. Or let us know you are flexible about what you are willing to bring, and we will tell you what we need. Also, please sign up to help with cleanup after the meal. Contact Holly Lapp / Tom O'Connor / Daria Casinelli at <a href="mailto:holidaymeal@fmcquaker.org">holidaymeal@fmcquaker.org</a>
<b>Sat 30</b>	6:00– 8:00pm	<b>SciFi-Fantasy Reading Aloud</b> (Zoom). To participate, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 335 209 895 and passcode 398431 (if requested) on <a href="https://zoom.com">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Jonathan Gilbert / Betsy Roper at <a href="mailto:scififantasy@fmcquaker.org">scififantasy@fmcquaker.org</a>
<b>Sun 1</b>	9:15– 10:15am	<b>Forum</b> (Parlor / Zoom). Theme/Presenters: To Be Announced. Childcare is provided. To participate using Zoom, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 873 2175 9327 and passcode 537370 (if requested) on <a href="https://zoom.com">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact George Campbell / Jan Nisenbaum at <a href="mailto:forum@fmcquaker.org">forum@fmcquaker.org</a>
	10:30– 11:30am	<b>Sunday Morning Meeting for Worship</b> (Meetinghouse / Open Zoom). To participate using Zoom, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 783 475 1861 and passcode 1652 (if requested) on <a href="https://zoom.com">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Michael Shanahan at <a href="mailto:careofworship@fmcquaker.org">careofworship@fmcquaker.org</a>
	10:30– 11:45am	<b>Family Worship for All Ages</b> (Friends Room / Zoom). Theme: Count Your Blessings: Name Them One by One. To participate using Zoom, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 836 6770 9699 and passcode 794870 (if requested) on <a href="https://zoom.com">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Jan Nisenbaum at <a href="mailto:family-worship@fmcquaker.org">family-worship@fmcquaker.org</a>
	11:45am– 12:45pm	<b>Fellowship with Refreshments</b> (On-Site). Enjoy conversation with refreshments served either in the Friends Room (mask optional) or outdoors (weather permitting). Contact Holly Lapp / Amanda Marcus / Caren Seagraves at <a href="mailto:refreshments@fmcquaker.org">refreshments@fmcquaker.org</a>
	12:00– 12:30pm	<b>Afterthoughts</b> (Parlor / Zoom). Childcare is provided. Most Sundays, there is an informal time for conversation on this Zoom link after the end of Afterthoughts. To participate using Zoom, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 873 2175 9327 and passcode 537370 (if requested) on <a href="https://zoom.com">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Michael Shanahan at <a href="mailto:afterthoughts@fmcquaker.org">afterthoughts@fmcquaker.org</a>
<b>Mon 2</b>	1:30– 3:30pm	<b>Blue Sky Group</b> (Parlor / Zoom). Email Jennifer Hogue at <a href="mailto:blueskygroup@fmcquaker.org">blueskygroup@fmcquaker.org</a> for meeting information.
	7:00– 8:30pm	<b>Quaker Eldering Practice Group</b> (Zoom). On 12/2, we plan to read aloud and discuss the queries in "Advices and Queries on Corporate Discernment" from <i>Interim Faith and Practice 2014, NEYM</i> except where noted, which can be found <a href="#">here</a> . This compilation was shared with the community by the Blue Sky Group as part of our discernment about Community Agreements. To participate, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 890 9875 0878 and passcode 732166 (if requested) on <a href="https://zoom.com">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Sarah Allen / Cornelia Parkes at <a href="mailto:eldering@fmcquaker.org">eldering@fmcquaker.org</a>
<b>Tue 3</b>	11:00am– 12:00pm	<b>Gaza Sub-Committee</b> (Zoom). Email Skip Schiel / Don Gianniny / Dinah Starr / Sarah Allen at <a href="mailto:gaza@fmcquaker.org">gaza@fmcquaker.org</a> for event information.
	3:30– 5:00pm	<b>Membership Committee</b> (Zoom). Email Yani Bray / Daniel Fitzmartin at <a href="mailto:membership@fmcquaker.org">membership@fmcquaker.org</a> for meeting information.
	6:45– 9:00pm	<b>Ministry &amp; Counsel Committee (M&amp;C)</b> (Zoom). Email Erin Bumgarner / Betsy Roper at <a href="mailto:ministry@fmcquaker.org">ministry@fmcquaker.org</a> for meeting information.

	7:30— 8:30pm	<a href="#">Meeting for Worship for Cambridge Friends School</a> (Zoom). To participate, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 860 4031 9969 and passcode 580135 (if requested) on <a href="#">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656.
<b>Wed 4</b>	8:30— 10:00am	<a href="#">Wednesday Morning Meeting for Worship</a> (Parlor / Open Zoom). To participate using Zoom, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 783 475 1861 and passcode 1652 (if requested) on <a href="#">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Jonathan Vogel-Borne / Sara Sue Pennell at <a href="mailto:midweek@fmcquaker.org">midweek@fmcquaker.org</a>
	12:00— 1:00pm	<a href="#">Tech Team Meeting</a> (Open Zoom). To participate, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 783 475 1861 and passcode 1652 (if requested) on <a href="#">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Holly Lapp at <a href="mailto:techteam@fmcquaker.org">techteam@fmcquaker.org</a>
<b>Sun 8</b>	9:15— 10:15am	<a href="#">Forum</a> (Parlor / Zoom). Theme/Presenters: To Be Announced. Childcare is provided. To participate using Zoom, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 873 2175 9327 and passcode 537370 (if requested) on <a href="#">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact George Campbell / Jan Nisenbaum at <a href="mailto:forum@fmcquaker.org">forum@fmcquaker.org</a>
	10:30— 11:30am	<a href="#">Sunday Morning Meeting for Worship</a> (Meetinghouse / Open Zoom). To participate using Zoom, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 783 475 1861 and passcode 1652 (if requested) on <a href="#">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Christel Jorgenson at <a href="mailto:careofworship@fmcquaker.org">careofworship@fmcquaker.org</a>
	10:30— 11:45am	<a href="#">First Day School</a> (In-Person). Contact Zoe Zurad at <a href="mailto:youthministries@fmcquakeristel.org">youthministries@fmcquakeristel.org</a> Children join their families for the first 15 minutes of Meeting for Worship, and then go to their own program at 10:45am. Contact Zoe Zurad at <a href="mailto:youthministries@fmcquaker.org">youthministries@fmcquaker.org</a>
	11:45am— 12:15pm	<a href="#">Fellowship with Refreshments</a> (On-Site). Enjoy conversation with refreshments served either in the Friends Room (mask optional) or outdoors (weather permitting). Contact Holly Lapp / Amanda Marcus / Caren Seagraves at <a href="mailto:refreshments@fmcquaker.org">refreshments@fmcquaker.org</a>
	12:00— 12:30pm	<a href="#">Afterthoughts</a> (Parlor / Zoom). Childcare is provided. Most Sundays, there is an informal time for conversation on this Zoom link after the end of Afterthoughts. To participate using Zoom, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 873 2175 9327 and passcode 537370 (if requested) on <a href="#">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Wendy Sanford at <a href="mailto:afterthoughts@fmcquaker.org">afterthoughts@fmcquaker.org</a>
	12:15— 1:00pm	<a href="#">Simple Lunch</a> (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 <a href="mailto:simplelunch@fmcquaker.org">simplelunch@fmcquaker.org</a>
	1:15— 3:30pm	<a href="#">Meeting for Business in Worship</a> (Friends Room / Open Zoom). To participate using Zoom, <a href="#">click this link</a> (if requested) on <a href="#">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Blue Sky Group at <a href="mailto:blueskygroup@fmcquaker.org">blueskygroup@fmcquaker.org</a>

---

**SAVE THE DATE**

---

<b>Sat</b>	11:30am— <b>12/14</b> 2:30pm	<a href="#">Christmas Cookie Baking Extravaganza</a> (Friends Room / Kitchen). Join us at this fun, intergenerational community event to bake holiday cookies to share after the Christmas Pageant. RSVP to Daria Casinelli to let her know you're coming and what kind of cookies you hope we'll make in addition to sugar cookies. Ingredients will be provided. Bring a brown bag lunch. Contact Daria Casinelli at <a href="mailto:holidayevent@fmcquaker.org">holidayevent@fmcquaker.org</a>
<b>Sun</b>	Before the	<b>Rehearsals for pageant musicians and pageant participants (On-Site).</b> Watch for info in the next Weekly Calendar and on the website about the musician rehearsal and pageant

<b>12/15</b>	pageant	participant rehearsal that are going to be scheduled on Sunday morning 12/15 before the pageant. Contact Zoe Zurad at <a href="mailto:youthministries@fmcquaker.org">youthministries@fmcquaker.org</a> for pageant participant info and Davi Anick at <a href="mailto:pageantmusic@fmcquaker.org">pageantmusic@fmcquaker.org</a> for musician info.
<b>Sun</b> <b>12/15</b>	11:30— 11:45am	<b>First Day School Christmas Pageant</b> (Meetinghouse / Open Zoom). At the rise of Meeting for Worship, First Day School students, families, and friends will bring a dramatization of the Christmas story into the Meetinghouse with musical accompaniment and audience participation. To participate using Zoom, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 783 475 1861 and passcode 1652 (if requested) on <a href="https://zoom.com">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Zoe Zurad at <a href="mailto:youthministries@fmcquaker.org">youthministries@fmcquaker.org</a>
<b>Sun</b> <b>12/15</b>	12:15— 1:00pm	<b>Simple Lunch</b> (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 <a href="mailto:simplelunch@fmcquaker.org">simplelunch@fmcquaker.org</a>
<b>Sun</b> <b>12/15</b>	1:15— 3:00pm	<b>Threshing Session</b> (Friends Room / Open Zoom). Childcare is available upon request. To participate using Zoom, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 783 475 1861 and passcode 1652 (if requested) on <a href="https://zoom.com">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Blue Sky Group at <a href="mailto:blueskygroup@fmcquaker.org">blueskygroup@fmcquaker.org</a>
<b>Tue</b> <b>12/31</b>	10:00— 10:45pm	<b>New Year's Eve Cider and Conversation</b> (On-Site). You are invited to gather for hot mulled cider, sweets, and conversation before the Meeting for Worship to close out 2024. Bring a dessert (potluck style) to share or just bring yourself. Masks optional. Contact Amanda Marcus / Holly Lapp at <a href="mailto:fellowship@fmcquaker.org">fellowship@fmcquaker.org</a>
<b>Tue</b> <b>12/31</b>	11:00pm— 11:59pm	<b>New Year's Eve Candlelight Meeting for Worship</b> (Meetinghouse / Open Zoom). Say farewell to 2024 with this hybrid Meeting for Worship in the Meetinghouse with a fire in the fireplace and candles around the room for those attending on-site. We will only be using a laptop, speaker, and microphone not the full complement of AV equipment used on Sunday mornings. There will be the same mask-required and mask-optional areas as on Sunday mornings. Welcome 2025 with Friends and a cup of mulled cider on the way out. To participate on Zoom, <a href="#">click this link</a> 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 <a href="mailto:careofworship@fmcquaker.org">careofworship@fmcquaker.org</a>
<b>Fri</b> <b>1/30/25</b> — <b>Sat</b> <b>2/1/25</b>		<b>Women's Winter Silent Retreat at Longfellow Park</b> (On-Site). This will be a Friday evening through Saturday evening retreat at Longfellow Park, with potluck and brown-bag meals and sleeping at home. (Distant folks can be hosted locally. Adventurous people can sleep on the floor in the Friends Center, which might be fun.) Free. We will have opening and closing circles, and silence, as usual. Half of the fifteen spaces will be held for those who cannot get to the off-site women's retreats in Hingham, MA. More information to come after Christmas. Contact Sandy Sweetnam at <a href="mailto:womens-retreat@fmcquaker.org">womens-retreat@fmcquaker.org</a>

---

**WIDER QUAKER WORLD**


---

<b>Tuesdays</b> 8:30-9:00am	<a href="#">Prayer for Peace sponsored by the Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) Europe and Middle East Section</a> (Zoom). Free. Register <a href="#">here</a> . Sponsored by <a href="#">FWCC</a> .
<b>Thursdays</b> 5:30-6:30pm	<a href="#">Meeting for Worship with Attention to Peace in Palestine and Israel</a> (Zoom). Free. Register <a href="#">here</a> . Sponsored by <a href="#">American Friends Service Committee</a> .
<b>Fridays</b> 12:00-1:00pm	<a href="#">Action Hour for a Cease-Fire Now</a> (Zoom). Free. Register <a href="#">here</a> . Sponsored by <a href="#">American Friends Service Committee</a> .
<b>Every other Mon from 11/18/24 to 1/13/25</b> 7:00-8:00pm	<a href="#">Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW) Book Group</a> . (Zoom). Join QEW in reading <i>Hospicing Modernity: Facing Humanity's Wrongs and the Implications for Social Activism</i> by Vanessa Machado de Oliveira. Together, we will explore ways to “hospice” outdated systems and nurture new paths that align with our values. Free. Register <a href="#">here</a> . Sponsored by <a href="#">Quaker Earthcare Witness</a> .
<b>Thu 11/28</b> 12:00-3:00pm	<a href="#">2024 National Day of Mourning</a> (Off-Site in Plymouth, MA). Join Friends at the 2024 National Day of Mourning on Thursday, November 28 at noon in Plymouth, MA. The latest info about the event appears <a href="#">here</a> . Click <a href="#">here</a> to see the livestream on the day of the event. Email <a href="mailto:rightrelationship@neym.org">rightrelationship@neym.org</a> to let us know that you are coming. Contact Minga Claggett-Borne at <a href="mailto:forj@fmcquaker.org">forj@fmcquaker.org</a> for more details about how to participate with others from FMC and for carpooling. Sponsored by the <a href="#">United American Indians of New England (UAINE)</a> .
<b>Wed 12/4</b> 7:30-8:30pm	<a href="#">Midweek Experiment in Faithfulness: You're Not in Traffic, You Are Traffic with Susan Loucks</a> (Off-Site at Beacon Hill Friends House in Boston / Zoom). Free. Register <a href="#">here</a> . Sponsored by <a href="#">Beacon Hill Friends House</a> .
<b>Wed 12/11</b> 3:00-5:00pm	<a href="#">Befriending Grief Workshop</a> (Zoom). Please come to an interactive gathering online to acknowledge and embrace our personal grief in its many forms. The workshop will be led by <b>Patti Muldoon</b> and Glenna McKitterick. Pay-as-led with a suggested fee of \$10. Register <a href="#">here</a> . Sponsored by <a href="#">New England Yearly Meeting</a> and <a href="#">Friends Foundation for the Aging</a> .
<b>Wed 12/11</b> 6:30-7:30pm	<a href="#">So You've Written a Minute on Gaza, What Now?</a> (Zoom). Come learn about how Quaker communities are continuing their advocacy in support of peace in Israel, Palestine, and across the Middle East. Free. Register <a href="#">here</a> . Sponsored by <a href="#">Friends Committee on National Legislation</a> .
<b>Thu 12/12</b> 10:00-11:30am	<a href="#">End of Life Drop-In Reflection Group</a> (Zoom). This month the group will continue talking about the book <i>The Light of Evening – Meditations on Growing in Old Age</i> by group member Gunilla Norris. You do not have to have read the book to attend the meeting and participate in the discussion. This New England Yearly Meeting group, facilitated by Patti Muldoon [NEYM's Aging Resources Consultation and Help (ARCH) Coordinator], meets monthly on 2nd Thursdays to give participants a chance to explore spiritual, emotional, and practical aspects of facing our final days. Free. Register <a href="#">here</a> . Sponsored by <a href="#">NEYM ARCH</a> .
<b>Feb 2/1/25— Feb 2/9/25</b>	<a href="#">Friends General Conference Online Gathering</a> (Zoom). Theme: A Spring Whose Waters Never Fail. Registration will open in December. Sign up <a href="#">here</a> for Gathering email updates. Sponsored by <a href="#">Friends General Conference</a> .

---

**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, December 2 at 11:59pm. This next issue will cover events taking place from **Friday, December 6 through Sunday, December 15 (one week)**. Please send your announcement to [publications@fmcquaker.org](mailto:publications@fmcquaker.org).

To request an event (Zoom, on-site or hybrid), email [scheduling@fmcquaker.org](mailto:scheduling@fmcquaker.org).

To request an FMC meeting on your Zoom account, please include the Zoom link.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The installation of the new Meetinghouse heating and cooling electric heat-pump system is complete!**

Read more about it [here](#).

**The Avison Fund Committee is now accepting proposals for the 2025 grant cycle.** To learn more about these grants, please find electronic copies of the Request for Proposals (RFP) [here](#). Please tell your favorite child-centered organizations! Proposals are due by 5:00pm on Tuesday, January 7, 2025. The committee has found agreement with current trust-based giving. This year they will not require that applications be tied to a one-time project. Questions? Email [avisonfundapps@gmail.com](mailto:avisonfundapps@gmail.com)

**Thank you, Cornelia Parkes!** Cornelia recently stepped back from her longstanding work heading the FMC Publications Team. Our community has benefited enormously from her faithful work on our publications and keeping our website up to date. All of us on the Publications Team send our deepest thanks and gratitude to her for her guiding light. We will work hard to make you proud, Cornelia, and ask for patience from the FMC community while we do our best to continue Cornelia's efforts.

**Lauren Mawe** (FMC's Staff and Administrative Manager) had a baby boy Jaden Micah Jeremy weighing eight pounds and six ounces on Saturday, September 14th. Lauren's parental leave will end on March 5, 2025. During her leave, send Programmatic/Staffing Inquiries to [supervisory@fmcquaker.org](mailto:supervisory@fmcquaker.org)

From Minga Claggett-Borne – "A huge thank you to the many people like Ariel, Daria, Susan, Katy, Chris, and Betsy (and others) who sent food and love to Laura Mawe after the delivery of baby Jaden. The family is adjusting well, with lots of support. Although unsolicited, several Quakers donated over \$600 to use for the new family. Thanks for the upwelling of love in this time of shifting uncertainty."

**Are you seeking to form deeper connections with others at FMC?** How about gathering in a small group to focus on a topic or activity/hobby of special interest? I want to help facilitate bringing your group together. Please contact me with a focus or activity that you want to gather around. I will help facilitate connecting you like-spirited folks to decide on the details (time, place, frequency, virtual, hybrid, etc.) Contact me, Alberta Guise, at [smallgroups@fmcquaker.org](mailto:smallgroups@fmcquaker.org). Sponsored by the Adult Spiritual Education Working Group.

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

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

**PERSONAL NEWS**

[Longtime FMC member Patricia Huff died on October 23, 2024.](#)

[Longtime FMC member Sarah Luhrs Barnett died October 3, 2024.](#) Click [here](#) to read her obituary. A Celebration of Life for her and her husband Guy (Octo) Barnett (who was also a longtime FMC member) who died in 2020 will take place on Sunday, November 24 at 4:00pm at First Unitarian Universalist Society, 1326 Washington St, Newton.

**Marina (Minna) Rothman** has written a Substack blog about her Murmuration tapestry. Click [here](#) to read the entry which talks about this tapestry in the context of her life experiences. There is no need to subscribe or to donate (although the donations to the project are always welcome) in order to read.

You can read the **November 17<sup>th</sup> issue of Blue Sky Bits** [here](#). 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. [Click here](#) to access back issues and see an index to help you find items of special interest to you.

**SaraSue Pennell** was interviewed by the LexLocal TV station about her exhibition of self-portraits (A Life in Images) at the Lexington Arts and Crafts Society (LexART) that closed on October 6, 2024. SaraSue is a nationally acclaimed pastel artist, and she has created a self-portrait annually since the age of 18. She is currently 93. SaraSue is featured at about minute 21 of [this video](#). Click [here](#) to see the LexART notice for the event.

<p><b>Friends Meeting at Cambridge</b>                  5 Longfellow Park                  Cambridge MA 02138-4816  <a href="http://www.fmcquaker.org">www.fmcquaker.org</a>                  617-876-6883</p>	<p><b>Blue Sky Group</b>                  TylaAnn Burger    Jennifer Hogue                  MaryGrace Menner    David L. Myers                  Gail Rogers    Betsy Roper                  Tom Sander    Sebastian Stockman                  Anne Thompson  <a href="mailto:blueskygroup@fmcquaker.org">blueskygroup@fmcquaker.org</a>  <b>Treasurer:</b> TylaAnn Burger  <b>Assistant Treasurer:</b>                  Jane Jackson  <a href="mailto:treasurer@fmcquaker.org">treasurer@fmcquaker.org</a></p>	<p><b>Send Programmatic/Staffing Inquiries to</b>  <a href="mailto:supervisory@fmcquaker.org">supervisory@fmcquaker.org</a></p> <p><b>Youth Ministries and Education Coordinator</b>                  Zoe Zurad 413-251-6512  <a href="mailto:youthministries@fmcquaker.org">youthministries@fmcquaker.org</a></p> <p><b>Maintenance Manager</b>                  Alasdair Post-Quinn 617-354-3383  <a href="mailto:maintenance@fmcquaker.org">maintenance@fmcquaker.org</a></p>
<p>To publish an announcement, email: <a href="mailto:publications@fmcquaker.org">publications@fmcquaker.org</a>                  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="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="#">Newcomers Card here</a>.</p>		