



Weekly Calendar

Friends Meeting at Cambridge

January 24 through February 2, 2025 (one week)

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

DATE	EVENT
Sat 25 10:00– 11:30am	Conversation with the Treasurer (Zoom—not Open Zoom). See the description above on Thursday 1/23 from 7-8:30pm for more information. To participate, click this link or provide the meeting ID 851 0042 3947 and passcode 524192 (if requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact TylaAnn Burger at treasurer@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 26 9:15– 10:15am	Forum (Parlor / Zoom). A Conversation with Jennifer Newman and Brent Walsh from Beacon Hill Friends House . Childcare is 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
10:30– 11:30am	Sunday Morning Meetings for Worship (Meetinghouse and Parlor / Open Zoom). There will be a fire in the fireplace in the Meetinghouse. 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 Jan Nisenbaum (Meetinghouse) / Christel Jorgenson (Parlor) at careofworship@fmcquaker.org
10:30– 11:45am	First Day School (In-Person). 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 youthministries@fmcquaker.org
11:45am– 12:15pm	Fellowship with Refreshments (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 refreshments@fmcquaker.org
12:00– 12:30pm	Afterthoughts (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, 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 Jessica Ronalds at afterthoughts@fmcquaker.org
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 26	1:15– 3:30pm	Threshing Session on Worship (Friends Room / Open Zoom). This threshing session will continue deep discernment on how to provide worship that meets the needs of our spiritual community. 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
	4:30– 5:45pm	Prison Fellowship (Zoom). 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 / Michael Carey at prisons@fmcquaker.org
	5:00– 6:45pm	Family Pizza and Play (On-Site). 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 familyengagement@fmcquaker.org
	Midnight	Deadline to submit FMC Library Survey . The Library Committee is seeking community guidance to help plan their future projects and acquisitions. Fill out the survey here .
Mon 27	1:30– 3:30pm	Blue Sky Group (Parlor / Zoom). Email Jennifer Hogue at blueskygroup@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.
	4:00– 5:30pm	Nominating Committee (Parlor / Zoom). Email Gail Rogers at nominating@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.
	6:30– 8:00pm	Stone of Hope Drumming Circle (Meetinghouse). Toussaint Liberator leads this weekly program focused on learning to play West African rhythms on the djembe drums. All levels of drumming experience are welcome. Drums are available to borrow but bring your own if you have one. Contact Minga Claggett-Borne / Dan Fitzmartin at stone-of-hope@fmcquaker.org
	7:00– 9:00pm	New Story Group (Zoom). Come at 6:30pm for fellowship. First timers are always welcome! The topic for this month is “Living and Learning the New Story from the Arts: Insights from recent outdoor field experiences.” 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 28	11:00am– 12:00pm	Gaza Sub-Committee (Zoom). Email Skip Schiel / Don Gianniny / Dinah Starr / Sarah Allen at gaza@fmcquaker.org for event information.
	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 / Skip Schiel at peace@fmcquaker.org
Wed 29	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 the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Jonathan Vogel-Borne / Sara Sue Pennell at midweek@fmcquaker.org
Thu 30	6:30–	Building A Welcoming Community (Open Zoom). We’d like to hear from seasoned Friends as well as newer attenders in our community, or anyone in between. Do

	7:30pm	you feel led to welcome newcomers into our community? Are you a newcomer with ideas? How do you share your Quaker practice and learn from others to deepen your spiritual growth? Come join us to discuss how we can build and improve our programs for introducing newcomers to Quakerism and becoming a more welcoming community. 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 / Daniel Fitzmartin at newcomers@fmcquaker.org
Fri 1/31	5:30pm—	Women's Winter Silent Retreat at Longfellow Park (On-Site). Registration is open. Click here for the registration form and here for the retreat schedule. 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. Some of the 15 spaces will be held for those who cannot get to the off-site women's retreats in Hingham, MA. Contact Sandy Sweetnam at womens-retreat@fmcquaker.org
Sat 2/1	8:30pm	
Sat 1	7:00— 9:00pm	Midwinter Concert for Massachusetts Peace Action (Meetinghouse). Charlie King and Ben Grosscup will perform at this fundraiser. Click here to learn more about Massachusetts Peace Action. Click here to see the event flyer. There will be information tables and light refreshments. Tickets: Regular Admission \$20, Student/Low Income \$10, Supporter Admission \$35, Online/Livestream option \$15. Register here to help with planning but it is fine to come without registering in advance. Sponsored by Peace & Social Justice Committee. Contact John Bach at bolder@fmcquaker.org
Sun 2	9:15— 10:15am	Forum (Parlor / Zoom). "Turning, Turning 'Til I Came Down Right' with Cornelia Parkes. We will try to provide childcare, if you make a request in advance to childcarerequest@fmcquaker.org . 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— 11:45am	Family Worship for All Ages (Friends Room / Zoom). Theme: Old Befana Visits Family Worship. Join Old Befana in giving gifts this February 2. Bring food pantry donations (non-perishable, unexpired food). 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 To Be Announced at family-worship@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 Davi Anick at ministry@fmcquaker.org
	11:45am— 12:45pm	Fellowship with Refreshments (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 refreshments@fmcquaker.org
	12:00— 12:30pm	Afterthoughts (Parlor / Zoom). We will try to provide childcare, if you make a request in advance to childcarerequest@fmcquaker.org . Most Sundays, there is an informal time for conversation on this Zoom link after the end of Afterthoughts.

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7:00–
8:30pm [Library Committee](#) (In-Person). Contact Jim Hannon at library@fmcquaker.org

SAVE THE DATE

- Mon 2/3** 6:30–
7:30pm [Quaker Eldering Practice Group](#) (Zoom). At our February 3rd gathering, we will start reading *Waging Peace: Discipline and Practice* by Pamela Haines, Pendle Hill Pamphlet # 420. Bring your own copy or share with others on the screen. It is our practice to read a selection of the text aloud and pause for reflection. This is a great opportunity to join a small group for wide-ranging discussions of Quaker basics. You are most welcome to join us. 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 eldering@fmcquaker.org
- Sun 2/9 and
2/23** 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 2/9** 1:15–
3:30pm [Meeting for Business in Worship](#) (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. Contact Blue Sky Group at blueskygroup@fmcquaker.org
- Fri 3/28
–Sun 3/30** [All-Meeting Retreat](#) (Off-Site at Woolman Hill in Deerfield, MA). Six years after our last retreat at Alfred, ME we will gather at Woolman Hill for a weekend of questioning, sharing, worship, fellowship, and fun. Families welcome. The theme will be “Building Hope and Resilience.” The costs are to be determined. Contact Sandy Sweetnam / Jan Nisenbaum at allmeetingretreat@fmcquaker.org

WIDER QUAKER WORLD

- Tuesdays**
8:30-9:00am [Prayer for Peace sponsored by the Friends World Committee for Consultation \(FWCC\) Europe and Middle East Section](#) (Zoom). Free. Register [here](#). Sponsored by [FWCC](#).
- Thursdays**
5:30-6:30pm [Meeting for Worship with Attention to Peace in Palestine and Israel](#) (Zoom). Free. Register [here](#). Sponsored by [American Friends Service Committee](#).
- Fridays**
12:00-1:00pm [Action Hour for a Cease-Fire Now](#) (Zoom). Free. Register [here](#). Sponsored by [American Friends Service Committee](#).

<p>Fri 1/24 eve – Sun 1/26 aft</p>	<p>On the Threshold of Tomorrow: Lessons from 5 Years in the Covid Era with Holly Baldwin (Zoom). Click here to read more about plans for this weekend retreat, schedules, and fees. Register here. Sponsored by Beacon Hill Friends House.</p>
<p>4th Tuesdays beginning 1/28 7:00-8:30pm</p>	<p>Immigration Justice Mutual Support Check In (Zoom). If you are committed to assisting immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers among us, whether as part of a monthly meeting committee, a recognized ministry, or an individual leading, you are invited to join us for a monthly Zoom check in through the Yearly Meeting. We hope to offer mutual support and encouragement, and perhaps an exchange of knowledge and resources as well. Free. Register here. Sponsored by New England Yearly Meeting.</p>
<p>Tue, 1/28 8:00-9:00pm</p>	<p>Welcome the 119th Congress with Action (Zoom). Join FCNL’s team to learn about the top issues we’ll be mobilizing around in the coming months and how you can be an effective advocate, promote FCNL’s policy solutions, and build strong relationships. RSVP here. Sponsored by Friends Committee on National Legislation.</p>
<p>Four Wed 1/29-2/19 7:00-8:30pm</p>	<p>Grandparenting Creatively in a Quakerly Manner (Zoom). This workshop is an invitation to gather with other Friends to discuss the joys and challenges of grandparenting with Harriet Heath and Beth Collea. (Wednesday 2/26 will also be used to gather in case an earlier session has to be cancelled.) Free. Register here. Sponsored by Quaker Religious Education Collaborative.</p>
<p>Wed, 1/29 7:00-8:30pm</p>	<p>From COP29 to DC: Climate Action and the Future We Need with Daren Caughron (Zoom). Free. Register here. Sponsored by Quaker Earthcare Witness</p>
<p>Wed 1/29 7:30-8:30pm</p>	<p>Midweek Experiment in Faithfulness: The Power of Less with Desiree Adkins (Zoom). Free. Register here. Sponsored by Beacon Hill Friends House.</p>
<p>Fri 1/30 eve – Sun 2/2 aft</p>	<p>On the Threshold of Tomorrow: Lessons from 5 Years in the Covid Era with Holly Baldwin (Off-Site at Woolman Hill in Deerfield, MA). There is also an option to attend for Saturday only. Click here to read more about plans for this weekend retreat, schedules, and fees. Register here. Sponsored by Woolman Hill.</p>
<p>Feb 2/1— Feb 2/9</p>	<p>Friends General Conference Online Gathering (Zoom). Theme: A Spring Whose Waters Never Fail. Click here for lots of details. Register here. Sponsored by Friends General Conference.</p>
<p>Mon, 2/3 7:30—9:00pm</p>	<p>Pendle Hill Lecture: A Call to Action from Quakers of Color (Zoom). Nozizwe Madlala-Routledge and Dr. Harold D. Weaver, Jr. (from Wellesley Friends Meeting), will return to deliver a Pendle Hill First Monday Lecture in celebration of Black History Month. The two Quaker scholar-activists will examine major historical injustices committed by the Western world, the complicity of the Religious Society of Friends in these crimes, and solutions suggested by modern Quakers of color for atonement. Register here. Sponsored by Pendle Hill.</p>
<p>Tue, 2/4 8:00—9:30-pm</p>	<p>Implementing the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (Zoom). Kristen Carpenter, will lead the webinar. Kristen is co-director of The Implementation Project which seeks to implement the declaration in the US. Suggested donation \$20-50 (\$5 minimum). Register here. Sponsored by Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples as part of Friends Peace Teams</p>
<p>Wed, 2/5 7:30-8:30pm</p>	<p>Midweek Experiment in Faithfulness: Lectio Divina: On the Spiritual Dimension of Leadership with Jennifer Newman (Zoom). Free. Register here. Sponsored by Beacon Hill Friends House.</p>
<p>Tuesdays,</p>	<p>Advance Planning for Decline and Death (Zoom). This 3-part series focuses on planning for serious illness, deathcare, and remembrance. Friends of all ages are invited to join via</p>

2/11, 2/18 and 2/25

3:00-5:00pm

Zoom for this series focusing on the practical steps everyone should take, along with spiritual queries to take us deeper into our relationship with our own mortality and with how to care for ourselves and each other along the way. The workshop will be a mix of information sharing with some reflection time. Led by **Patti Muldoon**, NEYM Aging Resources Coordinator. Sliding scale (\$30 suggested). Register [here](#). Sponsored by [New England Yearly Meeting](#) and [Friends Foundation for the Aging](#).

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 27 at 11:59pm. This next issue will cover events taking place from **Friday, January 31 through Sunday, February 9 (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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fill out your [FMC Library Survey](#) by the new extended deadline of Sunday, 1/26/25. The Library Committee is seeking community guidance to help plan their future projects and acquisitions. Click [here](#) to go to the survey.

On Sunday 1/26/25, Trustees Committee will have a fire in the Meetinghouse fireplace during Meeting for Worship. Those wishing to worship on-site in a space with no fire are invited to worship in the Parlor with those on Open Zoom. Please send any comments and questions to Mark Webster / David White at trustees@fmcquaker.org

[Bring food pantry/toiletry/hygiene donations through February 2, 2025](#) (note the new extended deadline) . First Day School welcomes all to bring donations of non-perishable and unexpired food items as well as unused toiletries and hygiene products through 2/2/25. First Day School families will deliver our FMC donations locally. A donation box will be available in the Library throughout the month and in the Meetinghouse foyer on Sundays. Contact Zoe Zurad at youthministries@fmcquaker.org

Please help protect the Meetinghouse cork floor. When the pavement outside is snowy, salty, or wet, please remember to bring dry shoes or slippers to change into or borrow some FMC slippers. Boot trays for storing wet/salty footwear are available in the foyer of both the Meetinghouse and the Friends Center.

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. 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

Click [here](#) to read the **January 19 issue of Blue Sky Bits**. 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.

[Longtime FMC member Louise Bruyn died on December 1, 2024](#). Click [here](#) to read her obituary. Click [here](#) to read a remembrance of Louise by Green Newton, an organization she founded in 1990 and served as president of from 1990-2000.

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<p>To publish an announcement, email: publications@fmcquaker.org To contact the Pastoral Care Team, use: pastoralcare@fmcquaker.org To request the Weekly Calendar by email or to join the FMC community listserve, use: office@fmcquaker.org To obtain a copy of the FMC Directory, go to https://community.fmcquaker.org/ or email publications@fmcquaker.org We invite newcomers to introduce themselves and indicate their interests by filling out the Newcomers Card here.</p>		