



Weekly Calendar

Friends Meeting at Cambridge

January 31 through February 9, 2025 (one week)

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

DATE	EVENT
Fri 1/31 5:30pm— Sat 2/1 8:30pm	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 is a Friday evening through Saturday evening retreat at FMC, 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 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— 11:30am	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
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 share just as Old Befana did. 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
11:45am— 12:45pm	Fellowship with Refreshments (On-Site). Enjoy conversation & refreshments served in the Friends Rm (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. 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 David Doms at ministry@fmcquaker.org
	7:00– 8:30pm	Library Committee (Parlor). Contact Jim Hannon at library@fmcquaker.org for meeting information
Mon 3	1:30– 3:30pm	Blue Sky Group (Parlor / Zoom). Email Jennifer Hogue at blueskygroup@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.
	6:30– 8:00pm	Stone of Hope Drumming Circle (Meetinghouse). Contact Minga Claggett-Borne / Dan Fitzmartin at stone-of-hope@fmcquaker.org
	7:30– 8:30pm	Quaker Eldering Practice Group (Zoom). At our February 3rd gathering, we will start reading <i>Waging Peace: Discipline and Practice</i> 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
Tue 4	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.
	6:45– 9:00pm	Ministry & Counsel Committee (M&C) (Zoom). Email Erin Bumgarner / Betsy Roper at ministry@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.
	7:30– 8:30pm	Meeting for Worship for Cambridge Friends School (Zoom). To participate, click this link or provide the meeting ID 885 5064 4591 and passcode 761870 (if requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656.
Wed 5	8:30– 10:00am	Wednesday 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 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 8	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 9	9:15– 10:15am	Forum (Parlor / Zoom). "Why Cooperatives Give Me Hope" with Chris Clamp. Childcare is provided. To participate using Zoom, click this link or provide the meeting ID 873 2175 9327 and passcode 537370 (if requested) on v, the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact George Campbell / Jan Nisenbaum at forum@fmcquaker.org
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	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
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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 (Friends Room / Open Zoom). Childcare is available upon request by emailing childcarerequest@fmcquaker.org . 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

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Sun 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 3/2	145– 3:45pm	New England Yearly Meeting Sessions Visioning Conversation (Open Zoom). Friends in New England have embarked on a year-long consultation and discernment process to re-envision our annual Sessions. Through dialogue, reflection, and worship we hope to re-align and "right size" Sessions to reflect current needs and resources. Many meetings and quarters across New England are taking this opportunity to reflect on the heart of our relationship as Friends in New England as well as the particular role of corporate discernment in the lives of Friends. Click here to download The Sessions Visioning Guide for Listening Groups . This packet includes the background info we hope all participants will review in advance of the conversation. Contact Virginia Swain and Lizzie Krontiras at neymvisioning@fmcquaker.org

**Fri 3/28 –
Sun 3/3**

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](#)

Wed, 2/5
7:30-8:30pm **[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](#).

Tuesdays,
2/11, 2/18 and 2/25
3:00-5:00pm **[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 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](#).

Wed 2/12
7:30-8:30pm **[Midweek Experiment in Faithfulness: Why We Clash, Why We Click: The Enneagram in Love and Friendship with Brent Walsh](#)** (Zoom). Free. Register [here](#). Sponsored by [Beacon Hill Friends House](#).

Thu 2/13
10:00-11:30am **[End of Life Drop-In Reflection Group](#)** (Zoom). 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 [here](#). Sponsored by [NEYM ARCH](#).

5 Thursdays
2/13 – 3/13
12:00—1:00pm with optional 30 min of additional disc **[Book Discussion—Church of the Wild](#)** (Zoom). The NEYM Earthcare Ministry Committee is hosting an online book discussion of **[Church of the Wild: How Nature Invites Us into the Sacred](#)** by [Victoria Looz](#). The main part of the discussion will be for the first hour and for those who wish to keep sharing, we’ll stay open for another half hour. We will discuss chapters 1 and 2 at the first session. Free. Register [here](#). Sponsored by New England Yearly Meeting.

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, February 3 at 11:59pm. This next issue will cover events taking place from **Friday, February 7 through Sunday, February 16 (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

[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

On Sunday 2/23/25, 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

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

One of **SaraSue Pennell's** pastels is part of the juried painting and sculpture show at the Concord Center for the Visual Arts, 37 Lexington Road, Concord, MA through February 16. Learn more [here](#).

Marina Rothman will have two of her tapestries in the Arlington Center for the Arts Show Welcome Home that will be on display from January 16th to March 19th at 20 Academy Street, Arlington, MA. Learn more [here](#). The exhibition highlights the stories of first generation and new Americans, capturing their unique journeys toward becoming part of the fabric of our culture.

Click [here](#) to read the **February 2 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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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](#).
