



Weekly Calendar

Friends Meeting at Cambridge

February 7 through February 16, 2025 (one week)

Due to the impending winter storm from Saturday night 2/8 into Sunday morning 2/9, on-site activities at FMC may be limited.

Check the website or call 617-876-6883 after 7pm on Saturday 2/8 to learn what on-site activities are planned. All events on Zoom will take place.

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

DATE	EVENT
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
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	First Day School (On-Site). 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 Jessie Brown 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 9	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
Mon 10	6:30– 8:00pm	Stone of Hope Drumming Circle (Meetinghouse). Contact Minga Claggett-Borne / Dan Fitzmartin at stone-of-hope@fmcquaker.org
Tue 11	7:00– 9:00pm	Trustees Committee (Zoom). Email Mark Webster / David White at trustees@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.
	7:00– 9:00pm	Fellowship & Outreach Committee (F&O) (Zoom). To participate, click this link or provide the meeting ID 891 5182 3153 and passcode 402129 (if requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Holly Lapp at fellowship@fmcquaker.org
Wed 12	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– 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 .
	7:00– 9:00pm	Artists and Writers (Zoom). Email George Campbell at artists@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.
Thu 13	7:00– 9:00pm	Pastoral Care Team (Zoom). Email Jan Nisenbaum / Lili Schwan-Rosenwald at pastoralcare@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.
Sun 16	9:15– 10:15am	Forum (Parlor / Zoom). "My Personal Journey with Continuing Revelation" with Caren Seagraves. 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
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	10:45– 11:45am	Meeting for Worship Outside Raytheon (Off Site). Limited carpools leave FMC at 10:30 am. Contact John Bach at bolder@fmcquaker.org

Sun 16	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
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SAVE THE DATE

Tues 2/18	2:00pm– 3:00pm	“Living with Dying” Small Group Organizational Meeting (Open Zoom). We are all dying, but for some of us old age or a medical diagnosis brings the prospect of our own death closer. We are forming a new mutual support group for members/attenders of our Meeting community who would welcome a zoom setting to discuss, for example, the experience of letting go, saying goodbye, and sharing ideas for what brings ease, fun, and a sense of being connected and supported. Participants will decide on a regular time and frequency for future gatherings. 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. If you can't make the initial meeting, but might want more information about this adventure, please send your contact information and questions to Alberta Guise at smallgroups@fmcquaker.org .
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 2/23	Afterlunch	Probable community event sponsored by Blue Sky Group (Friends Room / Open Zoom). Watch for details in an upcoming Weekly Calendar.
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. 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 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
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. Pay-as-led (\$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 month will be 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 2 nd 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.
Tue 2/18 7:00pm	Resetting the Doomsday Clock (Zoom). Dr. Herbert Lin (member of the Science and Security Board for the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists, which is responsible for setting the Doomsday Clock since 1947) will be joined by Dr. Peter Kuznick (Professor of History and Director of the Nuclear Studies Institute at American University) and Rishi Gurudevan (founding member of Students for Nuclear Disarmament, and student at Phillips Exeter Academy) will be part of a panel discussion. Free. Register here . Sponsored by the War and Militarism Working Group of the Baltimore Yearly Meeting .
Sat 2/22 4:00 – 5:30pm	What Can My State Do? A Quaker Roundtable on State-Level Climate Advocacy (Zoom). Join Quaker Earthcare Witness for a dynamic virtual roundtable exploring the critical role of state-level climate advocacy in advancing environmental and climate justice. As national policies falter and environmental protections erode, state-level action emerges as a vital arena for meaningful change. This gathering will bring together Quaker leaders, advocates, and organizations from across the country to share challenges, successes, and strategies for impactful advocacy. Free. Learn more and register here . Sponsored by Quaker Earthcare Witness .
Sat 2/22 4:00—6:00pm	Roots of Injustice, Seeds of Change: Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples (Zoom). \$20-50 requested, \$5 minimum. Register here . Sponsored by Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples as part of Friends Peace Teams

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 10 at 11:59pm. This next issue will cover events taking place from **Friday, February 14 through Sunday, February 23 (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

New small group forming on Zoom: Living with Dying. See the entry for 2/18 from 2:00-3:00pm in the Save the Date section for details about the organizational meeting and the group's purpose. If you can't make the initial meeting, but might want more information about this adventure, please send your contact information and questions to Alberta Guise at smallgroups@fmcquaker.org. Participants will decide on a regular time and frequency for future drop-in gatherings.

A new Spiritual Nurture group is forming which will meet monthly and follow a regular structure of silent worship and interactions in mutual support of deepening spiritual growth (on-site or hybrid). If you want more information to decide whether to join this fellowship, contact Alberta Guise at smallgroups@fmcquaker.org.

Click [here](#) to read the **Community Agreements Working Draft**. The **Blue Sky Group** has compiled this list of agreements from a combination of multiple Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice publications, from organizations that build "brave spaces" together, and from community feedback. We offer this document as a starting place and look forward to continuing the process to create something that works for FMC. This draft incorporates dozens of pages of community input, but we expect that it will continue to evolve. **If you have responses or feedback, Blue Sky Group would love to hear from you at blueskygroup@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

Patti Muldoon will be giving a presentation online entitled [“Green\(er\) DeathCare”](#) [co-sponsored by Death Cafe and the Andover (MA) Public Library] on Thursday, February 20th from 7:00-8:30pm. Free. Register [here](#).

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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