



Weekly Calendar

Friends Meeting at Cambridge

February 14 through February 23, 2025 (one week)

FMC will be open on Sunday, 2/16 for all on-site, off-site and hybrid events.
Travel to FMC only if you feel safe doing so.
Check [here](#) to see if Cambridge has declared a snow emergency.
Parking on Mount Auburn and Brattle Streets is not permitted during a snow emergency.

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

<i>DATE</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
Sun 16 9:15– 10:15am	Forum (Parlor / Zoom). "My Personal Journey with Continuing Revelation" with Caren Seagraves. 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 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 Erin Bumgarner 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
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
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). 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 Jim Hannon at afterthoughts@fmcquaker.org
Mon 17 8:00am– 5:00pm	FMC Staff Holiday . For urgent Facilities matters, please email maintenance@fmcquaker.org . For urgent scheduling matters, please email scheduling@fmcquaker.org

	1:30– 3:30pm	Blue Sky Group (Parlor / Zoom). Email Jennifer Hogue at blueskygroup@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.
Mon 17	6:00– 7:15pm	HEAlthy Reopening Team (HEART) (Zoom). Email Tom Sander at heart@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.
	6:15– 8:00pm	Poems We Love (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 Michael Shanahan at poetryhour@fmcquaker.org
	6:30– 8:00pm	Stone of Hope Drumming Circle (In-Person). Contact Minga Claggett-Borne / Dan Fitzmartin at stone-of-hope@fmcquaker.org
	7:00– 9:00pm	Avison Fund Committee (Zoom). Email Cynthia Knowles at avison@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.
	7:00– 8:30pm	Quaker Eldering Practice Group (Zoom). We will continue 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. 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
	7:00– 8:30pm	First Day School/Youth Programs (FDS/YP) Committee (Zoom). To participate, click this link or provide the meeting ID 871 8041 5100 and passcode 620115 (if requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Beth Fuller at fds-youthprograms@fmcquaker.org
Tue 18	11:00am – 12:00pm	Gaza Sub-Committee (Zoom). Email Skip Schiel / Don Gianniny / Dinah Starr / Sarah Allen at gaza@fmcquaker.org for event information.
	2:00– 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 .
	5:00– 6:30pm	Prayer Circle (Zoom). To participate, click this link or provide the meeting ID 827 6014 6070 and passcode 793260 (if requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Cornelia Parkes at prayers@fmcquaker.org

5:30–
7:00pm [Disability & Accessibility Awareness & Coordination Group](#) (Zoom). Email Ariel Maddocks at thedaac@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.

Wed 19 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 [Community, Ministry, and Technology Group](#) (Zoom). Email Leo Bray / Cornelia Parkes at cmt@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.

Thu 20 7:00–
9:00pm [Fundraising Committee](#) (Zoom). Email Tom Sander at fundraising@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.

Sun 22 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 23 9:15–
10:15am [Forum](#) (Parlor / Zoom). "Mindfulness and Self-Compassion as a Path to a Quaker Spiritual Home " with Sebastian and Katie Stockman. 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 Wendy Sanford at ministry@fmcquaker.org

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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 <https://fmcquaker.org/event/extended-simple-lunch/2025-02-23/> 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 Daria Casinelli at afterthoughts@fmcquaker.org

	12:15– 1:30pm	Extended 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
	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
	4:45– 5:45pm	Sunday Evening Meeting for Worship (Parlor). Contact Walker Bristol / MaryGrace Menner at yafs@fmcquaker.org
Sun 23	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
	6:00– 8:00pm	Young Adult Friends (YAF) Potluck (In-Person). NOTE: In February only, the YAF potluck is happening on this special 4 th Sunday instead of the regular 3 rd Sunday. All those 18-35ish are invited to this potluck dinner at FMC. Bring food to share if you would like, but please join us even if you do not bring a dish. Contact Walker Bristol / MaryGrace Menner at yafs@fmcquaker.org

SAVE THE DATE

Mon 2/24	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 “The Earth Charter: A transformation at the species level” with Betty Kissalove. 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
Sun 3/2	1:45– 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 groups 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
Sun 3/2		Deadline to submit art for the Spring Potluck Art Show: Landscapes for Springtime --Call and Response ". Read more about the art show in the Announcements section of this Weekly Calendar.
Sun 3/9 and 3/23	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 3/9 1:15–3:30pm [Meeting for Business in Worship](#) (Friends Room / Open Zoom). Childcare is available 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](https://zoom.com), the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Blue Sky Group at blueskygroup@fmcquaker.org

Fri 3/28 – Sun 3/3 [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, 2/18 and 2/25 3:00-5:00pm [Advance Planning for Decline and Death](#) (Zoom). Come for the 2nd and 3rd meetings of this 3-part series focuses on planning for serious illness, deathcare, and remembrance. Friends of all ages are invited to join 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](#).

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](#).

Wed 2/19 6:30-7:30pm [Quaker Changemaker Event: Urgent Advocacy for Migration Rights](#) (Zoom). This event will feature FCNL staffers Anika Forrest and Linnea Halsten and will be moderated by FCNL’s Alicia McBride. Free. Register [here](#). Sponsored by [Friends Committee on National Legislation \(FCNL\)](#).

<p>Wed 2/19 with additional sessions on Wed 3/2 and 3/19 7:30-9:00pm</p>	<p>Organizing for the Time We Are In: How to form an affinity group (Zoom). This is the first in a 3-part biweekly series to build skills for generative resistance and to take action together based on an affinity group model. The series will be facilitated by Lisa Graustein, Jen Newman, and Brent Walsh. Attend all sessions if you can but feel free to attend only some if that's what works best for you. There will be additional events on 3/2 when the theme will be "Know Your Rights and Community Safety" and on 3/19. The 3/19 the topic is still to be announced. We encourage you to gather with your local group and Zoom in together (such as in someone's living room, at your Meetinghouse, etc.) If you don't yet have a small group to do this work with, you are still welcome and we'll share some ideas for how to invite others. The first hour will be information-sharing and small groups. Each one-hour session will be followed by an <i>optional</i> 30-minute action time where participants can take individual or collective action related to that day's topic. Free. Register here for 2/19, here for 3/5 and here for 3/19. Sponsored by Beacon Hill Friends House.</p>
<p>Sat 2/22 9:30am-12:00pm</p>	<p>United Society of Friends Women International Northeast Regional Meeting (Zoom). Join us for a panel of younger Quaker women with ministries, as we explore "Lifting Up Younger Quaker Women as They Live into Their Sense of Call". Click here for more info. Free. Register here. Sponsored by United Society of Friends Women International.</p>
<p>Sat 2/22 4:00 -5:30pm</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Sat 2/22 4:00-6:00pm</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Tue 2/25 7:00-8:30pm</p>	<p>Immigration Justice Mutual Support Check-In (Zoom). If you are among the New England Quakers who 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>Wed 2/26 7:30-8:30pm</p>	<p>Midweek Experiment in Faithfulness: Living by the Rules: Enneagram Type One with Brent Walsh (Zoom). Free. Register here. Sponsored by Beacon Hill Friends House.</p>

Reminders	<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, February 17 at 11:59pm. This next issue will cover events taking place from Friday, February 21 through Sunday, March 2 (one week). 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

[Spring Potluck Art Show](#). Please leave your ready-to-hang art submissions in the FMC Office by Sunday 3/2. The theme for this spring's March/April art and poetry potluck show is "*Landscapes for Springtime - Call and Response*".

This exhibit is a departure from our normal practice of standalone visual artwork. After we hang the visual artwork on the walls of the Friends Room on Monday March 3rd, we will invite the submission of short poems (through Sunday 3/23) such as haikus in response to those specific works of art. The poems don't need to literally be about the artwork. For example, how might you best honor the visual art? It could be in direct response or by being in synch, in alignment, or "rhyming." Note: visual artists can write poems to accompany their own work if so inclined. On 3/9, 3/16 and 3/23, the available members of the Exhibits Committee will affix submitted poetry to the walls on heavy cardstock. The best way to submit poetry is to use the Exhibits Committee email: exhibits@fmcquaker.org via attaching Word or PDF files.

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](#).

Click [here](#) to read the **February 16 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.

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.

[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>Office Manager Amy Mercure office@fmcquaker.org 617-876-6883</p> <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>		