

Weekly Calendar

Friends Meeting at Cambridge

February 21 through March 2, 2025 (one week)

Go to our website at <u>fmcquaker.orq</u> for an online version of this Weekly Calendar and much, much more!

DATE	EVENT
Sat 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 (Parlor) / Liz Moore (Meetinghouse) at ministry@fmcquaker.org
10:30- 11:45am	<u>First Day School</u> (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 <u>youthministries@fmcquaker.org</u>
11:45am– 12:15pm	<u>Fellowship with Refreshments</u> (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 <u>refreshments@fmcquaker.org</u>
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 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

Sun 23	1:30- 2:30pm	Share, Pray and Wonder with Your Spiritual Community (Parlor and Open Zoom). Members of Ministry & Counsel yearn to meet with others in our spiritual community to share, pray and wonder together about unfolding developments in our country and the world – how all this is impacting us, our loved ones, and the world we care about. They welcome Friends to join in the first of what may be many opportunities to reflect and pray together, to tell our stories and listen in love. To best allow us to meet in small groups on 2/23, we invite the community to join on Open Zoom or in the Parlor after Extended Simple Lunch. 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 Jessica Ronalds and David Doms (Parlor) / Kim West (Zoom) at ministry@fmcquaker.org Prison Fellowship (Zoom). To participate, click this link or provide the meeting ID
	5:45pm	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	<u>Sunday Evening Meeting for Worship</u> (Parlor). Contact Walker Bristol / MaryGrace Menner at <u>yafs@fmcquaker.org</u>
	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
Mon 24	4:00- 5:30pm	Nominating Committee (Parlor / Zoom). Email Gail Rogers at nominating@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.
	6:30- 8:00pm	<u>Stone of Hope Drumming Circle</u> (In-Person). 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 "The Earth Charter: A transformation at the species level" with Betty Kissalove. To participate, <u>click this link</u> or provide the meeting ID 875 6881 1869 and passcode 101225 (if requested) on <u>Zoom.com</u> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Cornelia Parkes at <u>new-story@fmcquaker.org</u>
Tue 25	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 26	8:30- 10:00am	Wednesday Morning Meeting for Worship (Parlor / 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

Wed 26	6:30- 7:30pm	Climate Action 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 Sarah Allen / John Dickson / Daniel Fitzmartin at climateaction@fmcquaker.org
Thu 27	6:30– 7:30pm	Newcomers and Seekers (Open Zoom Join us for an evening virtual gathering with long-time Friends from our community as well as others newer to the meeting who are exploring Quakerism and finding out more about our community. This month we'll explore the Testimony of Equality and how that shapes our experience of Quaker ministry. Stay until 8:00 pm if you want to dive deeper into topics discussed or ask additional questions. 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
Sun 2		<u>Deadline for Submissions to Spring Potluck show: Landscapes for Springtime</u> - Call and Response. Contact George Campbell at exhibits@fmcquaker.org
	9:15— 10:15am	Forum (Parlor / Zoom). "Growing Up Quaker: A Diversity of Experience." with TylaAnn Burger, Debby Colgan, Suzanne Cooper. 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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	10:30– 11:45am	Family Worship for All Ages (Friends Room / Zoom). Theme: The Good Samaritan in Action. 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 Kim West at family-worship@fmcquaker.org
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	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 will review in advance of the conversation. (continued)

Sun 2	1:45— 3:45pm	New England Yearly Meeting Sessions Visioning Conversation (continued from previous page). 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-S558-8656. Contact Virginia Swain/Lizzie Krontiris at neymvisioning@fmcquaker.org
	7:00— 8:30pm	<u>Library Committee</u> (Library). Contact Jim Hannon at <u>library@fmcquaker.org</u>

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Sun 3/9 and 3/23	12:15– 1:00pm	<u>Simple Lunch</u> (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 3/9I	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 , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Blue Sky Group at blueskygroup@fmcquaker.org
Sat 3/22	5:00- 8:00pm	Intergenerational Pajama PowerPoint Presentation Party Extra Cozy Edition: Cozy+ (Friends Room). Come at 5pm and join us for socializing and pizza at this all-ages event. Presentations start at 6pm. This will be a chill space where we eat, drink and be merry. Wear your pjs! Bring your coziest pillows, fluffiest blankets, and biggest fuzzy socks! Extra points for animal slippers! We'll have pizza, tea, and cozy music vibes. Sign up at ppparty@fmcquaker.org for one of eight 7-minute PowerPoint presentation slots. RSVP here so we know if you are coming and want pizza. We can accommodate gluten-free and vegan pizza requests). Come when you can and stay for as long as you wish. One lucky winner will go home with a burrito blanket. Co-sponsored by Young Adult Friends and First Day School Families. Questions? Contact Glen Cote / Erin Bumgarner at ppparty@fmcquaker.org.
Fri 3/28 - Sun 3/30	6:00pm	All-Meeting Retreat. (Off-Site at Woolman Hill in Deerfield, MA). Please join us on March 28-30th at Woolman Hill (Deerfield, MA) to explore <i>Building Hope and Resilience</i> . There will be intergenerational activities and a children's program. Families are welcome! Cost is \$200 per adult (lodging
343,30	2.005	and six meals). Scholarships are available. Thanks to a generous donor, children are free. Carpools are available and volunteer drivers will be needed. Come for reflection, fellowship, and fun. Registration is open! Click here for the registration forms and more information. Register early to save a spot. Registration forms and payments are due by 3/16. 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
Sat 2/22 9:30am-12:00pm	<u>United Society of Friends Women International Northeast Regional Meeting</u> (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 <u>here</u> . Sponsored by <u>United Society of Friends Women International</u> .
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
Tue 2/25 7:00-8:30pm	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 .
Wed 2/26 7:30-8:30pm	Midweek Experiment in Faithfulness: Living by the Rules: Enneagram Type One with Brent Walsh (Zoom). Free. Register here . Sponsored by Beacon Hill Friends House.
Sun 3/2 8:30am	Global Online Worship (Zoom). There will be prepared ministry from Friends about the experience of being a Quaker in their country, a brief period of unprogrammed worship, and an opportunity to meet and get to know Friends from around the globe in small groups. Join Friends from around the world for semi-programmed worship hosted by the Europe and Middle East Section of the Friends World Committee for Consultation. All are welcome. There will be prepared Ministry from Friends. Three more sessions hosted by a different FWCC section are planned later 2005. Free. Click here to register Sponsored by Friends World Committee for Consultation.
Wednesday 3/5 and 3/19 7:30-9:00pm	Organizing for the Time We Are In: How to form an affinity group (Zoom). Join the 2 nd and 3 rd part of 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 Lica Graustein, Jon Newman, and Brent Walsh. Attend as many sessions as you

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by Lisa Graustein, Jen Newman, and Brent Walsh. Attend as many sessions as you

are able even if you missed the first. On 3/2 the theme will be "Know Your Rights and Community Safety". 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 *optional* 30-minute action time where participants can take individual or collective action related to that day's topic. Free. Register here for 3/5 and here for 3/19. Sponsored by Beacon Hill Friends House.

Wednesdays 3/5, 3/12, 3/19 and 3/26

6:30-8:30pm

ARCH Foundations Spring Workshop (Zoom). The ARCH Foundations Workshop is an introduction to the practice of "mutual accompaniment" around aging and change. In this workshop, we engage the fundamentals. There will be worship sharing opportunities outside of the main sessions. These optional worship- sharing gatherings will be on Thursdays, March 6, 13, and 20 at 6:30 p.m. Free. Learn more and register here. Partially funded by a grant from the Friends Foundation for the Aging. Sponsored by New York Yearly Meeting Aging Resources and Consultation Help (ARCH).

To see the up-to-date calendar of FMC events with full descriptions go to our website calendar.

Reminders

The deadline for the next FMC Weekly Calendar is Monday, March 3 at 11:59pm. This next issue will cover events taking place from Friday, March 7 through Sunday, March 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

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.

Please review this important reminder from the Healthy Reopening Team (HEART): <u>Steps to take to protect each other's health</u>

SMALL GROUPS UPDATES

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.

A new group to talk with Chris Clamp about cooperatives is forming. Are you interested in cooperatives—agricultural, business, social? "Why Cooperatives Give Me Hope" was the Feb. 9 forum topic, presented by Dr. Christina Clamp, a leading co-op scholar, Cooperative Hall of Fame 2024 inductee, and FMC member. Whether or not you attended the forum, if you are interested in joining or continuing the conversation with Chris about cooperatives, please contact Alberta Guise at smallgroups@fmcquaker.org

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 about joining 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@fmcguaker.org.

On Sunday 2/23/25 and 3/23/25, Trustees Committee is planning to 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@fmquaker.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.

We gratefully accept donations on-line here.

Click this link to see additional community announcements. Scroll down the right-hand column.

PERSONAL NEWSS

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 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.

<u>Longtime FMC member Louise Bruyn died on December 1, 2024.</u> 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**.