

Weekly Calendar

Friends Meeting at Cambridge

March 7 through March 16, 2025 (one week)

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

		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	2:00am	<u>Daylight Saving Time Begins</u> . Set your clocks forward 1 hour.
10	9:15— 0:15am	Forum (Parlor / Zoom). "Preparing the State of Society Report: What Comes to Mind When You Think About Worship, Witness and Community?" with Chris Jorgensen, Jan Nisenbaum, and Daria Casinelli. Childcare will be 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- 1:30am	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— 1:45am	<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>
	:45am- 2:45pm	Fellowship with Refreshments (On-Site). Enjoy conversation with refreshments served either in the Friends Room (mask optional) or outdoors (weather permitting). During refreshments on 3/9, 3/16 and 3/23, Friends are invited to write short poems in response to the works of art on display and submit those poems to exhibits@fmcquaker.org or turn them in to the FMC Office. Contact Holly Lapp / Amanda Marcus / Caren Seagraves at refreshments@fmcquaker.org
	12:00— 2:30pm	Afterthoughts (Parlor / Zoom). Childcare will be 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
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Sun 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 , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Blue Sky Group at blueskygroup@fmcquaker.org
Mon 10	12:00— 1:00pm	Conversation with Chris Clamp about Cooperatives (Zoom). All are invited. To participate, click this link or provide the meeting ID 839 2233 6062 and passcode 074605 (if requested) on Zoom.com, the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Alberta Guise at smallgroup@fmcquaker.org
	6:30— 8:00pm	CANCELLED Stone of Hope Drumming Circle (In-Person). Contact Minga Claggett-Borne / Dan Fitzmartin at stone-of-hope@fmcquaker.org
Tue 11	7:00— 9:00pm	<u>Trustees Committee</u> (Zoom). Email Mark Webster / David White at <u>trustees@fmcquaker.org</u> 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) (Parlor / 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	<u>Artists and Writers</u> (Zoom). Email George Campbell at <u>artists@fmcquaker.org</u> for meeting information.
Thu 13	7:00— 9:00pm	<u>Pastoral Care Team</u> (Zoom). Email Jan Nisenbaum / Lili Schwan-Rosenwald at <u>pastoralcare@fmcquaker.org</u> for meeting information.
Sun 16		Registration deadline for Community Retreat at Woolman Hill 3/28-3/30. Click here for the registration forms and more information. Registration forms and payments are due no later than 3/16. Contact Sandy Sweetnam/Jan Nisenbaum at allmeetingretreat@fmcquaker.org.
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Meeting for Worship Outside Raytheon (In-Person, Off Site). Limited carpools leave FMC at 10:30am. Contact John Bach at bolder@fmcquaker.org
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<u>Sunday Evening Meeting for Worship</u> (Parlor). Contact Walker Bristol / MaryGrace Menner at <u>yafs@fmcquaker.org</u>
Young Adult Friends (YAF) Potluck (Library). 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
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Sat 3/22	7:00am	Email registration opens for Women's Silent Retreat that will take place at Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham, MA from 6:00pm Fri 4/11 until 12:30pm on Sun 4/13.
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. The presentations start at 6pm. This will be a chilly space where we eat, drink and be merry. Wear your pjs! Bring your coziest pillows, fluffiest blankets, and biggest fuzzy socks! 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 /vegan pizza requests. Come when you can and stay for as long as you can. Sponsored by Young Adult Friends and FDS Families. Contact Glen Cote / Erin Bumgarner at ppparty@fmcquaker.org .

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Sun 3/23 1:15- 2:45pm	Fun with Finances - with TylaAnn and an Iguana (Friends Room / Open Zoom). TylaAnn Burger, Treasurer, invites all to a fun, and serious, opportunity to learn about FMC finances, hear what Friends have most wanted to know about our resources and ask questions. This information session is for people with a diversity of financial interest and learning preferences. There will be pictures and silliness and information. 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 783 475 1861 and passcode 1652 (if requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact TylaAnn Burger at treasurer@fmcquaker.org
Fri 3/28 6:00pm Sun 3/30 1:00pm	Community Retreat. (Off-Site a 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 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. Click here for the registration forms and more information. Register early to save a spot. Registration forms and payments are due no later than 3/16. Contact Sandy Sweetnam/Jan Nisenbaum at allmeetingretreat@fmcquaker.org .
Sat 4/5 10:00am- 12:30pm	Deep-Hearted Listening: Creating Sacred Connection (Friends Room / Zoom). We are excited to invite you to an opportunity to create with others through spiritually-deep listening. In this workshop, we'll learn together and practice grounding and listening techniques that can be brought into our everyday lives. 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 895 3475 3793 and passcode 703444 (if requested) on Zoom.com, the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Sarah Allen, Leo Bray, Jan Nisenbaum, and Patricia Wild at pastoralcare@fmcquaker.org
Fri 4/11 6:00pm Sun 4/13 12:30pm	Women's Silent Retreat (Off-Site at Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham, MA). Email registration will open at 7 am on Sat, 3/22. This is a time of reflection and fellowship. All who identify as women or non-binary are welcome. The actual cost per person is \$235, but there is flexibility based on need and generosity. Carpooling available. Watch for more details and the registration form on the website and in upcoming Weekly Calendars. Contact Sandy Sweetnam at womens-retreat@fmcquaker.org

	WIDER QUAKER WORLD
Tuesdays 8:30-9:00am	<u>Prayer for Peace sponsored by the Friends World Committee for Consultation</u> (FWCC) <u>Europe and Middle East Section</u> (Zoom). Free. Register <u>here</u> . Sponsored by <u>FWCC</u> .
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

Mon 3/10 8:00-9:00pm	Meeting for Worship for Newcomers and Seekers (Zoom). This monthly program on 2 nd Mondays introduces Newcomers to Quaker worship practices as well as allows them to ask questions and reflect on their experiences as they flow through their journey in worship spaces with Friends from the seasoned to the seeking. Free. Register here . Sponsored by Friends General Conference .
Wed 3/12 6:30-7:30pm	Midweek Experiment in Faithfulness: Filling Every Cup: Enneagram Type Two with Brent Walsh (Zoom). Free. Register here. Sponsored by Beacon Hill Friends House
Wed 3/12 8:00-9:30pm	Indian Boarding Schools and Multigenerational Trauma (Zoom). Jerilyn DeCoteau (Turtle Mountain Chippewa and co-director of Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples) offers this slide presentation about the federal government's policy of family separation and forced assimilation of Native children and the ongoing impacts experienced by Native American families today. Suggested donation: \$20-50 (\$5 minimum). Register here . Sponsored by Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples as part of Friends Peace Teams .
Thu 3/13 10:00- 11:30am	End of Life Drop-In Reflection Group (Zoom). This month there will be a time of open discussion. 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 <a a="" arch<="" here-brows-new-month)="" href="here-brows-new-month) new Merch. Sponsored by .
Sat 3/15 9:00am- 4:00pm	New England Yearly Meeting Discernment Discovery Day (Off-Site in Providence, RI at Moses Brown School). The event is a chance for Friends of all ages to explore what is at the heart of the Quaker practice of discernment through dialogue, workshops, worship sharing, and connection-making. Click here for much more information, details about afternoon workshops being offered, suggested fees and registration. Sponsored by New England Yearly Meeting .
Wed 3/19 1:00-2:00pm	QEW Action Hour: Protect our Earth Save the IRA (Inflation Reduction Act) (Zoom). Participants will hear a breakdown of what's happening, learn what are key swing districts and get detailed info to take action together. Free. Register here . Sponsored by Quaker Earthcare Witness .
Wed 3/19 7:30-9:00pm	Organizing for the Time We Are In (Zoom). This session is part of an on-going biweekly series to build skills for generative resistance and to take action together based on an affinity group model. The series is facilitated by Lisa Graustein, Jen Newman, and Brent Walsh. Attend as many sessions as you are able. On 3/19, Friends Committee on National Legislation will be conducting an advocacy training followed by the presentation of a lobbying ask. 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 3/19. Read here about future planned sessions beyond 3/19. Sponsored by Beacon Hill Friends House .
Sat 3/29 9:00am-2:30pm	

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

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Spiritual Nurture small group update: At least one Spiritual Nurture group (of 6-10 people) is forming to meet monthly to support each other in our individual spiritual journeys. Our guide for our monthly gatherings will be Pendle Hill pamphlet #373: Group Spiritual Nurture: The Wisdom of Spiritual Listening by Daphne Clement. Copies of this pamphlet are available to be borrowed or gifted to you. Each session will include silent worship and interactions in mutual support of deepening spiritual growth (on-site or hybrid). Please respond to Alberta Guise at smallgroups@fmcquaker.org with questions or to be added to the contact list for scheduling an organizational Zoom meeting to find a regular time to meet.

Living with Dying small group update: While it appears that we are not ready to form a living with dying support group as originally intended, several have expressed an interest in gathering in small discussion or book study groups to talk about both the practical sources of aging and aging as spiritual practice. Stay tuned for a forum in April that will address these topics and how we can gather in more focused groups.

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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

On Sunday, 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 NEWS

The Climate Crisis Cabaret: The Warm Up will take place at Arrow Street Arts, 2 Arrow Street, Cambridge, MA on Monday, March 24 (sold out) and Tuesday, March 25 at 7pm with the lobby opening at 6pm. Join us for the first in a series of cabarets fusing the arts and climate activism! Come share your hopes, fears, passion, love and energy, and join the action! Suggested \$20 donation but pay-as-you-can. Buy tickets here. Photographs and video clips by Skip Schiel will play in the hallway and Sandy Sweetnam, Gwen Noyes and Art Klipfel will perform as part of the Extinction Rebellion Red Rebels.

Marina Rothman has two of her tapestries in the Arlington Center for the Arts Show Welcome Home that is on display until 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 <u>here</u> to read the **March 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. <u>Click here</u> to access back issues and see an index to help you find items of special interest to you.

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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.