



Weekly Calendar

Friends Meeting at Cambridge

March 21 through March 30, 2025 (one week)

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EVENT

Fri 21	12:30-2:30pm	Family Worship Planning Group (Zoom). To participate, click this link or provide the meeting ID 874 0271 0389 and passcode 472290 (if requested) on Zoom.com, the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Chris Jorgenson / Holly Lapp at family-worship@fmcquaker.org
Sat 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. Click here for more info, the retreat schedule and the registration form. Contact Sandy Sweetnam at womens-retreat@fmcquaker.org
	5:00-8:00pm	Intergenerational Pajama PowerPoint Presentation Party Extra Cozy Edition: Cozy+ (Friends Room / Open Zoom starting at 6 pm). Come at 5pm and join us for socializing and pizza on-site 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. To participate using Zoom (starting at 6 pm), 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. Sponsored by Young Adult Friends and FDS Families. Contact Glen Cote / Erin Bumgarner at ppparty@fmcquaker.org .
	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
	6:00pm	Deadline for poetic responses to the Landscapes for Springtime art on display in the Friends Room. The Exhibits Committee is seeking relatively short ekphrastic poetry responses to individual works of art in the Spring Potluck Art Show. Ideally this is poetry that is inspired by that work of art and is a direct response to it. Some committee members will be in the Friends Room on 3/16 to answer questions and post poems. If you aren’t able to make it to the Friends Room to see the original images or want to contemplate images as you consider making a poetic response, send an email to exhibits@fmcquaker.org . We can accommodate a limited number of requests by emailing a link to a collection of 22 images. Send poetic responses to exhibits@fmcquaker.org (preferred) or give your responses to an Exhibits Committee member. Contact George Campbell at exhibits@fmcquaker.org

Sun 23	9:15– 10:15am	Forum (Parlor / Zoom). "Resilience in Challenging Times " with George Campbell. 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– 11:30am	Sunday Morning Meetings for Worship (Meetinghouse and Parlor / Open Zoom). There will be a fire in the fireplace in the Meetinghouse. Those wishing to worship on-site in a space with no fire are invited to worship in the Parlor with those on 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 Wendy Sanford (Parlor) / Jan Nisenbaum (Meetinghouse) 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	Welcome Back Lauren! (Friends Room). At the rise of Meeting during refreshments enjoy some delicious cake and welcome back Lauren Mawe (FMC's Staff and Administrative Manager) from family leave. Her family also hopes to join us. Contact Jo Ellen Hillyer at supervisory@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 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
	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– 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
	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
Mon 24	4:00– 5:30pm	Nominating Committee (Parlor / Zoom). Email Gail Rogers at nominating@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.

Mon 24	6:30– 8:00pm	Stone of Hope Drumming Circle (In-Person). Contact Minga Claggett-Borne / Dan Fitzmartin at stone-of-hope@fmcquaker.org
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 at peace@fmcquaker.org
Wed 26	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
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. It's Women's History month! Since earliest days, Friends welcomed ministry from women, as one aspect of the Testimony of Equality. We'll share a little Quaker history and explore what it means for us today. 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
Fri-Sun 3/28 – . 3/30		Community Retreat . (Off-Site at Woolman Hill in Deerfield, MA). Theme: <i>Building Hope and Resilience</i> . Registration has closed but, if you wish, you can be added to the wait list. Contact Sandy Sweetnam/Jan Nisenbaum at allmeetingretreat@fmcquaker.org .
Sat 29	9:00am– 2:30pm	Extended Worship for NEYM Friends hosted by Friends Meeting at Cambridge (On-Site). We gather at 9:00am for coffee and socializing. Extended worship begins at 9:30am. At 12:30pm, we will break for a brown bag lunch followed by reflections on the morning and finish by 2:30 or 3:00pm. Part-time attendance ok. Click here for more details and the full schedule. FMC community members are needed to provide overnight hospitality on Friday night 3/28. Contact Jonathan Vogel-Borne at extended-worship@fmcquaker.org .
Sun 30	9:15– 10:15am	"What Happens When We Worship Online?" Discussion facilitated by Cornelia Parkes (Zoom). There will be no Forum due to the Community Retreat. This event will take place only on Zoom with no on-site programming in the Parlor. 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 Cornelia Parkes at cmt@fmcquaker.org
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SAVE THE DATE

Mon 3/31	7:00– 9:00pm	New Story Group (Zoom). NOTE: In March we will meet on the 5 th Monday rather than on the regular 4 th Monday. Come at 6:30pm for fellowship. First timers are always welcome! The topic for this month is “Diving into the Earth Charter: Discussion.” 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 newstory@fmcquaker.org
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Sat 4/5	10:00am– 12:30pm	Deep-Hearted Listening: Creating Sacred Connection Workshop (Friends Room / Zoom). Come from 9:30-10:00am for optional fellowship in the Friends Room (with coffee and tea) and on Zoom (bring your own refreshments). 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
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Sat 4/5	12:30pm– 2:00pm	Restorative Acupuncture for Stress Relief (Library / Parlor). FMC attender Scott Cedeño, Licensed Acupuncturist, will offer free ear acupuncture treatments to the community. Registration beforehand for one of the limited slots is strongly recommended. Register here or contact Holly Lapp at fellowship@fmcquaker.org to register. Drop-ins will be permitted only if there are openings in the schedule. Each treatment will last approximately 25 minutes, with acupuncture needles placed in the ear. Each person receiving treatment will have to sign a consent form (available onsite and upon request in advance). Light refreshments will be served. Contact Holly Lapp at fellowship@fmcquaker.org
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Tue 4/8	7:00pm	Current Realities and Prospects for Palestine-Israel (Off-Site at First Parish, 1446 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge). This event will feature Palestinian Human Rights Activist Issa Amro in discussion with Peter Beinart. Click here for more info about the speakers. Donations will be requested at the event to support Amro’s work in Hebron. Sponsored by the Alliance for Water Justice in Palestine and co-sponsored by Peace & Social Justice Committee. Contact Skip Schiel at gaza@fmcquaker.org
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Fri 4/11	6:00pm	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. Click here for the registration form and more information. Contact Sandy Sweetnam at womens-retreat@fmcquaker.org
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Sun 4/13 & 4/27	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 4/13	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

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
Tue 3/25 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 3/26 7:30-9:00pm	Midweek Experiment in Faithfulness: Enneagram Type Three with Brent Walsh (Zoom). Free. Register here . Sponsored by Beacon Hill Friends House .
Sun 3/30 1:00-2:30 pm	A Quaker View of Ministry (Off-Site in New York City / Zoom). Friends know that any person may be called to ministry, and sometimes these ministries are sustained over a period of months or years. In that context, "ministry" might manifest in a lot of different ways. This hybrid event will feature three in-person panelists: Emily Provance (a traveling minister from 15th Street meeting); Sabrina Jones, a member of Emily's support committee; and Jonathan Vogel-Borne , board member of Good News Associates , which is a Christian, nonprofit ministry organization supporting individuals who are called to many different types of non-institutional ministries. Following some opening remarks from the panelists, most of the event will unfold in a question and answer format. Free. Click here for Zoom access. Sponsored by 15th Street Friends Meeting .
Sun 3/30 7:00-8:30pm	National Zoom Call for Quaker Worship and Action (Zoom). We on the Quaker Call Steering Committee feel the urgency of the moment, as the rule of law is being thwarted, and our democracy is being dismantled in Washington. We invite Friends to come together to worship and to share actions being taken by your meeting or yourself, as well as to offer success stories and ideas that Friends might consider in their own communities. Free. Register here . Sponsored by Quaker Call to Action .

<p>Mon 3/31 7:00-9:00pm</p>	<p>Screening of “Nothing in the Way of Beauty” (Off-Site at Beacon Hill Friends House in Boston / Zoom). The filmmaker Sue Schardt attends Beacon Hill Friends’ Meeting for Worship. Registration is required. <i>Note that this film is recommended for a mature audience.</i> Click here to read the film synopsis. Pay as led. Registration required here. Sponsored by Pendle Hill.</p>
<p>Tuesdays in April & May starting 4/1 7:00pm</p>	<p>Quaker Study in Palestinian Self-Determination (Zoom). In this “Sumud”¹ Quaker study, we will learn together about the history of the struggle for Palestinian self-determination. We will also gather strategies on how to work toward a brighter future. Get much more info here and register here. Sponsored by Quaker Sumud.</p>
<p>Wed 4/2 7:30–9:00pm</p>	<p>Organizing for the Time We Are In—Preparing to respond in the moment (Zoom). In this Session, Lisa Graustein will lead us in an exploration of what we can do when we are bystanders to oppressive actions. We will review a short video where a woman is forcibly removed from an Idaho local government hearing by plain-clothes security for speaking out (she is OK and unharmed), and we will use that scenario to discuss different types of bystander responses based on how much we are willing to risk. Free. Register here. Sponsored by Beacon Hill Friends House.</p>
<p>Thu 4/3 4:30pm -- Sat 4/5 5:30pm</p>	<p>From Faith to Regeneration—Quaker Earthcare Witness Spring Gathering (Zoom). This online event will inspire, equip, and challenge us to deepen our prophetic voice and collective action for a thriving, just, and regenerative world. The keynote addresses will be given by Dr. Daniel Christian Wahl author of <i>Designing Regenerative Cultures</i> and Rev. Dr. Lesmore Gibson Ezekiel, Director of Programs for the All-Africa Council of Churches. Click here to see the schedule and learn more. Register for keynotes here (\$40 requested). Register for the full gathering here (\$125 suggested). Sponsored by Quaker Earthcare Witness.</p>
<p>Sun 4/6 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>To see the up-to-date calendar of FMC events with full descriptions go to our website calendar.</p>
<p>Reminders</p>	<p>The deadline for the next FMC Weekly Calendar is Monday, March 24 at 11:59pm. This next issue will cover events taking place from Friday, March 28 through Sunday, April 6 (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. To request an FMC meeting on your Zoom account, please include the Zoom link.</p>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A hybrid Memorial Meeting for Worship for Louise Bruyn has been scheduled for Saturday, May 10 at 11:00am. Read Louise's obituary, learn more about the plans for the event and get the Zoom link [here](#). Donations of finger foods for the reception following the meeting are welcomed.

Response Requested by the extended deadline of 3/28 to Survey on Community Resources. Responses preferred by 3/21. Click [here](#) to fill out the short survey which was prepared by Treasurer TylaAnn Burger in consultation with several committees.

[Spring Potluck Art Show](#). Deadline for poetic responses to the Landscapes for Springtime art on display in the Friends Room is 3/22 at 6pm. The Exhibits Committee is seeking relatively short ekphrastic poetry responses to individual works of art in the Spring Potluck Art Show. Ideally this is poetry that is inspired by that work of art and is a direct response to it. Some committee members will be in the Friends Room on 3/16 to answer questions and post poems. If you aren't able to make it to the Friends Room to see the original images or want to contemplate images as you consider making a poetic response, send an email to exhibits@fmcquaker.org. We can accommodate a limited number of requests by emailing a link to a collection of 22 images. Send poetic responses to exhibits@fmcquaker.org (preferred) or give your responses to an Exhibits Committee member. Contact George Campbell at exhibits@fmcquaker.org

New England Yearly Meeting continues to work on **immigration justice issues**. Click [here](#) to see the immigration justice resources that they have collected thus far and [here](#) to see a compilation of immigration advocacy groups in New England. Click [here](#) to learn more about the lawsuit filed by Quakers as part of our witness for religious freedom in response to the Trump Administration's new policy enabling ICE to enter houses of worship. Contact NEYM friends engaged in immigration justice by emailing immigrationjustice@neym.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 of creating 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 sandy, please remember to bring dry shoes or slippers to change into or borrow some FMC slippers. Boot trays for storing sandy/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

Click [here](#) to read **Virginia Swain**'s March 2025 update on her Reconciliation Leadership ministry.

Several members of the FMC community are involved in the sold out event [The Climate Crisis Cabaret: The Warm Up](#) on 3/24 and 3/25. Photographs and video clips by **Skip Schiel** will play in the hallway before/during/after the event and **Sandy Sweetnam, Gwen Noyes and Art Klipfel** will perform during the cabaret as part of the Extinction Rebellion Red Rebels.

Erin Bumgarner was recently featured in the Art of Noticing newsletter by Rob Walker which focuses on “creativity, work, and staying human.” Click here to read the issue where Erin was spotlighted and talks about her Quaker beliefs and how they overlap with Rob’s work. She writes “As some of you know, I’m a huge fan of this author and his newsletter...I thought I’d share in case anyone is interested—but also to encourage you to take a look at his newsletter and book, since it’s sparked such joy and creativity for me along the way...❤️”

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

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