



Weekly Calendar

Friends Meeting at Cambridge

April 11 through April 20, 2025 (one week)

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EVENT

Fri-Sun
4/11-
4/13

Women's Silent Retreat (Off-Site at Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham, MA). Registration is full but contact Sandy Sweetnam if you wish to be added to the wait list. 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. Contact Sandy Sweetnam at womens-retreat@fmcquaker.org

Sat 12

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](https://zoom.com), the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Jonathan Gilbert / Betsy Roper at scififantasy@fmcquaker.org

Sun 13

9:15–
10:15am

Forum (Parlor / Zoom). "History & Humanity: The Memory of Slavery and Freedom on Brattle Street" with Emily Levine, Supervisory Park Ranger. Sponsored by the Friends for Racial Justice Committee. 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](https://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](https://zoom.com), the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Jessica Ronalds 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

11:45–
12:15pm

POSTPONED: Thank you Alasdair and Marcus! Stay tuned for a new time to celebrate in the coming weeks. Contact Lauren Mawe at adminmanager@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](https://zoom.com), the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact To Be Announced at afterthoughts@fmcquaker.org

Sun 13	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– 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
	7:00– 8:30pm	Library Committee (Library / Parlor). Contact Jim Hannon at library@fmcquaker.org
Mon 14	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
Tue 15	11:00am– 12:00pm	Gaza Sub-Committee (Zoom). Email Skip Schiel / Don Gianniny / Dinah Starr / Sarah Allen at gaza@fmcquaker.org for event information.
	5:00– 6:30pm	Prayer Circle (Zoom). Send requests for prayers or praise to prayers@fmcquaker.org or join us. 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 16	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 17	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

Fri 18	9:00am— 12:45pm followed by lunch	Good Friday Witness for Peace and Justice (Off-Site). This drop-in Meeting for Worship will begin at 9:00am at Beacon Hill Friends House, 6-8 Chestnut St, Boston. At 9:45am it will continue as worshipers walk to the nearby Boston Common near Park Street Station where it will continue from 10:00am-12:00pm with a silent vigil, signs, and a leaflet to be distributed. Then at 12:00pm, worshipers will walk back to Beacon Hill Friends House and worship will close there around 12:45pm. After closing, all are invited to share a simple lunch together provided by Beacon Hill Friends House staff. Join us for as much of the day as you are able. Contact Don Gianniny / Michael Carey at peace@fmcquaker.org .
Sun 20	9:15— 10:15am	Forum (Parlor / Zoom). "Aging, Diminishing and Dying: Let's Talk About It!" with Alberta Guise and Mary Gilbert. 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
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	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 (In-Person, Off Site). Limited carpools leave FMC at 10:30am. Contact John Bach at bolder@fmcquaker.org
	11:45am— 12:15pm	Hidden Treasures Search for Children (Grounds, weather permitting, or on-site indoors). We are still looking for volunteers to hide the treasures and filled plastic eggs that can be dropped off in the downstairs Nursery on April 20. Contact Beth Fuller at fds-youthprograms@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 David Doms at afterthoughts@fmcquaker.org
	12:15pm— 1:00pm	Reception for "Landscapes in Spring" Potluck Art/Poetry Show (Friends Room). Artists and poets will be available to talk about their submissions to the Spring Potluck Art Show while we enjoy refreshments provided by the Exhibits Committee. Contact George Campbell at exhibits@fmcquaker.org

SAVE THE DATE

Fri 4/24	6:30— 9:00pm RSVP for pizza at 5:45 pm and for the Zoom link	Screening of Sugarcane Documentary and Discussion (Friends Room / Zoom). This Oscar-nominated 1 hour 47 minute film investigates abuse at a Canadian Indian residential school. It depicts St. Joseph's School mistreating students and hiding many student deaths. Bravely, Native investigators and survivors bear witness to painful truths. Love endures within their families despite the genocide. Many tender and healing rituals unfold. This movie explains the violence, without any graphic violence. We will offer queries and emotional support. Be prepared, the movie does not dodge the abuse. Neither should we. Bring Kleenex. We will try to provide childcare, if you make a request in advance to childcarerequest@fmcquaker.org . Doors open at 5:45 for pizza (register at forj@fmcquaker.org so we know how many/preferences for pizza and also for the Zoom link). Donations (suggested \$10-\$20) will go to a local Indigenous organization. Contact Minga Claggett-Borne at forj@fmcquaker.org
Sun 4/27	1:30- 3:30pm	Look, Listen and Share! Community Agreements in Action (Open Zoom). Come together for conversation, lively activity, and decision-making scenarios about how we put our community agreements in action. All are invited to this interactive event. If possible, please attend from your own device and be ready to participate in pairs, small groups, and large group conversations. Please review the approved and draft community agreements found here . 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. The Zoom room will open at 1:20. Arriving a little early will give us a chance to greet one another. Facilitators: Chris Jorgenson and Jennifer Hogue. Contact Jennifer Hogue at blueskygroup@fmcquaker.org
Sun 4/27	4:45— 5:45pm	Sunday Evening Meeting for Worship (Friends Room). NOTE: This event moves from the 3 rd Sunday to the 4 th Sunday in April. Contact Walker / MaryGrace Menner at yafs@fmcquaker.org
Sun 4/27	6:00— 8:00pm	Young Adult Friends (YAF) Potluck (Friends Room). NOTE: This event moves from the 3 rd Sunday to the 4 th Sunday in April. 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
Fri 5/2 and Sat 5/3	5:30— 8:00pm 9:00am— 5:00pm	Material Aid and Advocacy Program (MAAP) Tag Sale (Friends Room). The sale will take place on Friday, May 2, (5:30-8:00pm) and Saturday, May 3, (9:00am-5:00pm) in the Friends Room. The Tag Sale Fundraiser features affordably priced designer, vintage & contemporary clothing, shoes, accessories, jewelry, antiques, china, collectibles, linens, and fabric. 100% of the proceeds of the sale support MAAP's work of providing direct support to and organizing alongside unhoused community members. For more information about the tag sale and making donations for it, click here . Contact Cassie Hurd at churd@maapma.org
Sat 5/10	11:00am— 12:00pm followed by an on-site reception	Louise Bruyn Memorial Meeting for Worship (Meetinghouse / Open Zoom). Donations of finger foods for the reception in the Friends Room following the memorial meeting are welcomed. The meeting will be recorded at the request of Louise's daughters. Click here to see a self-portrait of Louise, read her obituary and also a remembrance from Green Newton, an organization she founded in 1990 and led from 1990-2000. 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 Toni Lydecker / SaraSue Pennell at memorials@fmcquaker.org

Sun	8:00am–	Quakers at Mother’s Day Walk for Peace (Off-Site at Fields Corner, Dorchester). Please join the intergenerational FMC team for the 29 th Mother’s Day Walk for Peace sponsored by the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute. Walk and/or donate funds to support our team. Sign up by clicking here (ask for help if you need it). Banners, wheelchairs, or strollers are welcome to walk all or part of the 5km route. Click here for more info about the day of the event. Some skip the Open and/or Closing Rally. FMC has supported Louis D Brown Peace Institute to decrease gun violence and bolster understanding for all victims of homicide, including those incarcerated. Joyfully, in 2024 FMC’s team raised \$2000. Contact Minga Claggett-Borne at 617 899-2270 or forj@fmcquaker.org
5/11	Opening Rally & Registration 9:00am–Kick Off 10:30am–Closing Rally	

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
Fri 4/11– Sun 4/13		Quaker Religious Education Collaborative Annual Conference (On-Site in Atlanta, GA / Zoom). Theme: “Called to the Table.” The conference is about connection, renewal and learning from and with one another. It is a unique opportunity to attend a Quaker gathering focused on life-long spiritual formation and religious education. Pay as led for online participants. Register here . Sponsored by Quaker Religious Education Collaborative .
Fri 4/11	7:30– 9:00pm	Taking Reparative Actions for the Harms of Quaker Indigenous Boarding Schools (Zoom). During this workshop, speakers from three yearly meetings -- New England, Baltimore, and Alaska Friends Conference -- will share how they have discerned and carried out actions with the aim of building new relationships with Native communities based on truth, respect, and justice. Following the presentations, participants will be invited to ask questions and share actions they are contemplating or taking in other yearly meetings. Free. Register here . Sponsored by Beacon Hill Friends House
Mon 4/14	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 4/16	1:00– 2:00pm	QEW Action Hour: Protect our Earth—Save the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) (Zoom). The IRA has already brought significant environmental and economic benefits to communities across the country. However, there is a risk that it could be replaced by new legislation as soon as April. In this action hour, we will guide you through concrete actions to advocate for the IRA. Register here . Sponsored by Quaker Earthcare Witness .

Wed 4/16	6:30— 8:00pm	FCNL Changemaker Event: An Earth Month Call to Action (Zoom). Join FCNL's Sustainable Energy and the Environment and Quaker Engagement teams for a special Earth month event on advocacy for the environment. In the first hour, we'll exchange stories about friends from around the country engaged in climate action. In the final thirty minutes, we will have an interactive session writing personal messages to our members of Congress on energy and the environment together. Free. Register here . Sponsored by Quaker Welcome Center as part of Friends Committee on National Legislation .
Wed 4/16	7:30— 9:00pm	Organizing for the Time We Are In – Nonviolent Direct Action and Generative Resistance Strategies (Zoom). In this session, Jen Newman will lead us in a training on Nonviolent Direct Action Tactics and Generative Resistance Strategies, using the toolkit from Beautiful Trouble. This training comes out of Jen's time and training as a Student Activist Coordinator with Amnesty International. Free. Register here . Sponsored by Beacon Hill Friends House .
3rd Wed 4/16, 5/21, 6/18	3:00— 5:00pm	Poetry as Spiritual Practice – Spring Series 2025 (Zoom). Participants are invited to experiment with words as a way to deepen your connection with your Inner Guide. No writing or poetry experience is necessary. Just bring yourself and writing materials. Each Poetry as Spiritual Practice session is a stand-alone workshop. Suggested pay-as-led fee \$20/workshop or \$50/series. Register here . Sponsored by Friends General Conference.
Tue 4/22 and/or Thu 4/24	4:00— 6:00am 2:00— 4:00pm	Sharing Uncertainty, Fears and Hopes—Global Meeting for Worship (Zoom). Friends are invited to participate in a global online meeting for worship to share uncertainties, fears and hopes and to uphold each other. The British Quaker Truth and Integrity Group invites all to gather to worship and discern “What are Quakers called to do?” in light of the decline in truth and integrity in public affairs and its deleterious effect on democracy. Read more here . Free. Register here for 4/22 and here for 4/24. Sponsored by Quaker Truth & Integrity Group
Tue 4/22	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 in some way, 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 4/23	7:30— 9:00pm	Midweek Experiment in Faithfulness: Enneagram Type Five with Brent Walsh (Zoom). Free. Register here . Sponsored by Beacon Hill Friends House
Fri 4/25 to Sun 4/27		Stepping Forward Faithfully: Answering the Call and Becoming the Solution (Off-Site at Powell House in Chatham, NY). In this retreat we will explore our call today to live in ways that demonstrate justice, integrity, inclusion, equality, and wholeness. We will deepen our understanding of individual and systemic barriers to faithfulness. We will explore ways in which our faithfulness can be supported by our communities today. Sliding scale \$240-320 with scholarships available. Register here . Sponsored by Powell House

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, April 14 at 11:59pm. This next issue will cover events taking place from **Friday, April 18 through Sunday, April 27 (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 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

We gratefully accept donations [on-line here](#).

[Click this link](#) to see additional community announcements. Scroll down the right-hand column.

PERSONAL NEWS

Longtime FMC member **Doane Perry** died on March 30, 2025. Check back for more information about his obituary and the scheduling of a memorial.

Longtime FMC member **Michael Koran** died March 2, 2025. Click [here](#) to read his obituary. A hybrid memorial has been scheduled for 1:30pm on Sunday, April 27 at Follen Church, 755 Massachusetts Avenue, Lexington, MA. Check back for the Zoom link when it becomes available. All from FMC are invited.

[A hybrid Memorial Meeting for Worship for Louise Bruyn has been scheduled for Saturday, May 10 at 11:00am at FMC](#). 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.

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

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..." ❤️

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