



Weekly Calendar

Friends Meeting at Cambridge

June 20 through June 29, 2025 (one week)

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WE ARE HIRING!

Friends Meeting at Cambridge is **seeking a 35-hour/week Facilities Manager** to care for our historic buildings and grounds. The role includes maintenance, coordination with staff and contractors, and being a welcoming part of our community. The position includes on-site housing and stipend. Read the full job description [here](#).

To apply, please send a resume and a brief cover letter explaining your interest in the position to facilitiesjobsearch@fmcquaker.org. Position open until filled.

Please share with those who may be interested!

EVENT

Sat 10:00am–12:00pm **21** **FMC Gaza Discernment Workshop** (Parlor/Open Zoom). Join us for a hybrid discernment workshop as we work towards a Gaza-related minute. We will be joined by Alex McDonald, member of Live Oak Friends Meeting in Houston, TX and author of [How I Learned to Speak Israel – An American's Guide to a Foreign Policy Language](#) and [When They Speak Israel – A Guide to Clarity in Conversations about Israel](#). Alex will lead us through a discernment process which will include a brief summary of the situation in Gaza followed by a discussion about the importance of language as we process our personal understandings of the situation and how we write a minute. He will then open up the workshop for questions. This session should be broadening with new perspectives gained by all. 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 Gaza Subcommittee at gaza@fmcquaker.org

2:00–3:30pm **How to Finish Writing a Song** (Parlor / Open Zoom). Workshop with Brian Robison. RSVP is helpful for planning but not strictly required. All ages are welcome; no prior experience or training is needed. No need to have attended the “Start Writing a Song” workshop. Have you ever started to write a song, but couldn't figure out how to finish it? In this workshop, we'll survey some techniques to help you expand, develop, or refine your song lyrics, melodies, rhythms, and harmonies. Feel free to bring an accompanying instrument (guitar, keyboard, laptop, ukulele, etc.) if you have one and an unfinished song if you wish; Brian will bring a guitar and a small keyboard for use on-site. 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 Brian Robison at fellowship@fmcquaker.org

Sun 22	9:15– 10:15am	Forum (Parlor / Zoom). “Artistic Expression in the Service of Resilience, Healing, and Living with Adversity” with SaraSue Pennell. We will try to provide childcare, if you make a request in advance to childcarerequest@fmcquaker.org . Contact George Campbell / Jan Nisenbaum at forum@fmcquaker.org
	10:30– 11:30am	Sunday Morning Meetings for Worship (Meetinghouse and 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 Jan Nisenbaum (Meetinghouse) / Chris Jorgenson (Parlor) at careofworship@fmcquaker.org
	10:30– 11:45am	Summer Childcare (FDS Rooms / Outside, weather permitting). Children join their families for the first 15 minutes of Meeting for Worship, and then follow the First Day School banner to their own childcare activities 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 / Mike Wyson at refreshments@fmcquaker.org
	12:00– 12:30pm	Afterthoughts (Parlor / Zoom). We will try to provide childcare, if you make a request in advance to childcarerequest@fmcquaker.org . 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 Jan Nisenbaum 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– 3:30pm	Adjourned Meeting for Business in Worship (Friends Room / Open Zoom). 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 Blue Sky Group at blueskygroup@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). NOTE: In June, this event moves to the 4 th Sunday from the 3 rd Sunday to avoid Father’s Day. All are welcome. Contact Walker Bristol / MaryGrace Menner at yafs@fmcquaker.org
	5:00– 6:45pm	Family Pizza and Play (Outside on-site, weather permitting). Join Quaker families with children for pizza, connection, and play. This monthly gathering typically happens on 4th Sundays. Food and childcare are provided. RSVP to Katie Stockman or on the Quaker Families WhatsApp with the number that will be attending and allergies. Cancellations due to weather will be sent via WhatsApp and email to those who have registered. Contact Katie Stockman at familyengagement@fmcquaker.org

Sun 22	6:00– 8:00pm	Young Adult Friends (YAF) Potluck (Library / Parlor). NOTE: In June, this event moves to the 4 th Sunday from the 3 rd Sunday to avoid Father's Day. 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 23	6:00– 8:00pm	Fellowship & Outreach Committee (F&O) Summer Potluck (Off-Site). Contact Holly Lapp at fellowship@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.
	6:30– 8:00pm	Stone of Hope Drumming Circle (Meetinghouse / Grounds). Weather permitting, we will meet outside on the grounds adjacent to the Meetinghouse. Otherwise, Drumming Circle will meet in the Meetinghouse. Contact Minga Claggett-Borne / Dan Fitzmartin at stone-of-hope@fmcquaker.org
	7:00– 9:00pm	New Story Group (Zoom). "Changing Systems of Power from the Inside" with Alicia McBride (she/her), Senior Director for Quaker Leadership, Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL). Come at 6:30pm for fellowship. First timers are always welcome! 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
Tue 24	2:00– 4:00pm	Ad Hoc Adult Spiritual Education Working Group (Zoom). Contact Jennifer Hogue at spiritualed@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.
	7:00– 9:00pm	Peace & Social Justice Committee (P&SJ) (Zoom). Email Michael Carey / Don Gianniny at peace@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.
Wed 25	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 26	6:30– 7:30pm	Newcomers & 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 discuss the varieties of Quaker worship experience. 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
Sat 28	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 29	9:30am– 10:15am	Make a Joyful Noise! Alleluia! – Singing Together (Friends Room / Zoom). We will not have a forum on 6/29. Instead, you are invited to sing rounds in the Friends Room, using <i>Worship in Song</i> (the green Quaker hymnal). The event will be hybrid, but on Zoom you will need to stay muted and sing at home or listen to those gathered in the Friends Room. Bring a hymnal if you have one. 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. NOTE: If you would prefer early silent worship, you are welcome to worship informally in the Meetinghouse or on the regular Meeting for Worship Open Zoom channel. Contact Debby Colgan / Susan Davies / Sandy Sweetnam at singing@fmcquaker.org .

Sun 29	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 Jessie Brown at careofworship@fmcquaker.org
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	12:30– 1:30pm	Review of CMT Proposal for Improving Hybrid Technology in the Meetinghouse (Meetinghouse / Open Zoom). The Community, Ministry, and Technology (CMT) Group will host a show-and-tell presentation of their proposal for improving hybrid technology in the Meetinghouse for FMC events including Meeting for Worship. Click here to read the written materials for the CMT proposal. Bring your questions! 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 Leo Bray / Cornelia Parkes at cmt@fmcquaker.org
	6:00– 8:30pm	Screening of Citizen George Documentary and Discussion (Parlor / Open Zoom). Snacks onsite at 5:30pm. The 99-minute movie starts at 6pm followed by discussion ending by 8:30pm. We will try to provide childcare, if you make a request in advance to childcarerequest@fmcquaker.org . Click here to learn more about the film. "Citizen George is a well-timed documentary that offers important lessons for navigating today's era of political conflict with hope and courage." - Waging Nonviolence. 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 Adult Spiritual Ed Working Group at spiritualed@fmcquaker.org
	8:30pm	Summer Potluck Art Show Submission Deadline . The theme is "Strength in Community." Read more here . Ideally, all artwork should be ready to hang and limited to about 2 pieces each. Contact George Campbell at exhibits@fmcquaker.org

SAVE THE DATE

Tue 7/1	6:30— 8:00pm	How to Have Difficult Conversations (Friends Room). PLEASE NOTE: Masks will be required for this event except when eating or drinking due to a special request from the event sponsor Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) Boston Political Education Working Group. The goal of this event is to support people in learning to have productive conversations with loved ones on Zionism and the genocide in Palestine. We'll teach, model, and practice strategies for effective communication and support attendees in engaging in productive dialogue with one another in hopes that this inspires them to carry these skills into conversations with others outside of the workshop. The purpose of this workshop is to help guide folks on their journey toward speaking out against injustice while staying connected to their loved ones. We will be providing light snacks and refreshments. The event is co-sponsored and hosted by the Peace & Social Justice Committee. RSVP required. Register at this link: bit.ly/july1convos . Registration required. Contact Skip Schiel at palestine-israel-event@fmcquaker.org
Sun 7/13	12:15— 1:00pm	Summer Potluck Art Show Reception (Friends Room). Artists with submissions in the Summer Potluck Art Show focused on the theme "Strength in Community" will be available to talk about their artwork and to answer questions. Finger food will be available during the event. Contact George Campbell at exhibits@fmcquaker.org
Mon 7/14	7:00— 8:00pm— Worship After 8:00pm— Conversation	Meeting for Worship for Yani & Leo followed by Conversation (Open Zoom). Yani and Leo welcome all those who wish to join them in a Meeting for Worship from 7-8pm followed by conversation. Yani has her long-awaited immigration interview on Wednesday, July 16. 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 Jan Nisenbaum / Lili Schwan-Rosenwald at pastorcare@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
Mon 6/23	7:30— 9:00pm	The Land Knows the Way: Eco-Social Insights for Liberation—A Book Talk with Ricardo Levins Morales (Off-Site in Wallingford, PA / Zoom). Free. Register here . Sponsored by Pendle Hill .

Tue 6/24	7:00— 8:30pm	Monthly Check-In for Immigration Justice Work among Friends (Zoom). Many of us who have been active in the work towards immigration justice are feeling the weight of immigration policies that seem inhumane and arbitrary, and few of us can doubt that an already difficult situation is soon going to become much, much worse. 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 on 4 th Tuesdays. Free. Register here . Email immigrationjustice@neym.org to be added to the on-going listserv for these calls. Sponsored by New England Yearly Meeting .
Wed 6/25	6:30— 7:30pm	Supporting the Changemaker: Ten Years of Communities in Action (Zoom). We'll take a look at how FCNL Advocacy Teams and Advocacy Corps have strengthened our Quaker witness on Capitol Hill, and how this work is evolving to meet the opportunities and challenges of the current political landscape. Free. Register here . Sponsored by Friends Committee on National Legislation .
Wed 6/25	7:30— 9:00pm	Midweek Experiment in Faithfulness: Enneagram Type Nine with Brent Walsh (Zoom). Free. Register here . Sponsored by Beacon Hill Friends House .
Thu 6/26 (for online)— Sun 6/29		Quaker Spring Summer Gathering (Off-Site in Barnesville, OH / Zoom). We welcome Friends of all branches and expressions of faith to join with us. Although Bible study happens each morning and many Friends who attend Quaker Spring have been drawn to the faith of earlier Quaker generations, Friends with many different spiritual paths have enjoyed this opportunity to seek, share, and worship with others in this open, relaxed retreat-like time. Major portions of the gathering can be attended online via Zoom. Read how you can take part online and the schedule of online sessions . Part-time attendance is ok. Pay-as-led. Register here . Sponsored by Quaker Spring .
Sun 6/29	4:00pm	Solstice Sing & Pie Social (Off-Site in Henniker, NH). Join voices in song with friends and neighbors, enjoy the historic ambiance of our 1799 Meetinghouse, and indulge in homemade pies, both savory and sweet. Free. All ages are invited and welcome. For more information call 603-995-4311. The same day, Dover Quarterly Meeting will join us for Meeting for Worship at 10:30 a.m. There will be a potluck lunch, followed by Dover Quarterly Meeting for Business at 12:30 p.m. Following Quarterly Meeting, take the opportunity to walk to the nearby historic Quaker District Schoolhouse before the Solstice Sing and Pie Social. Sponsored by Weare/Henniker Monthly Meeting .
Fri 8/1— Wed 8/6		New England Yearly Meeting Sessions (Off-Site at University of Massachusetts in Amherst, MA / Zoom). Theme: "Streams in the Desert." Quakers of all ages from all over New England will gather for fun and learning and business. There will be on-site programming for children, youth, and young adults as well as adults. Part-time attendance okay. Many from FMC will be attending in person and on Zoom. Car-pooling may be able to be arranged. Click here to learn more and register. Early registration ends July 14. Pay-as-led. Cancellation fees apply. Sponsored by New England Yearly Meeting .

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, June 23 at 11:59pm. This next issue will cover events taking place from **Friday, June 27 through Sunday, July 13 (two weeks)**. 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

Rediscover Forgotten Treasure...Or Your Lost Water Bottle! **From Friday, June 13 – Monday, June 23, the accumulation of lost and found items found at FMC will be on and under a table just outside the FMC Office in the Friends Center.** Please claim items you left behind. After June 23, all remaining items will be donated/discarded/recycled.

Cornelia Parkes is proposing a new small group “Let’s Talk About God” to share spiritual journeys and discuss spiritual texts to be chosen by participants. Meetings would be monthly, Zoom only—day and time to be agreed upon by participants. If you have questions or want to sign up for this, please respond to Alberta Guise using smallgroups@fmcquaker.org. Alberta will gather contact information and facilitate the startup of the group.

Registration is open for New England Yearly Meeting Sessions that take place from August 1-6 on the campus of University of Massachusetts in Amherst, MA. [Click here](#) to learn more and register. Early registration ends July 14. Pay-as-led. Cancellation fees apply. Sponsored by [New England Yearly Meeting](#).

Masking is now optional for almost all FMC events including Forum, Meeting for Worship, and Afterthoughts. Read more [here](#). Small groups (of under 25 people) and FMC weddings/memorials (at the request of the family) can decide on stricter masking requirements, but for any public events should notify the community in advance.

[Summer Potluck Art Show: Strength in Community](#). Submission Deadline: Sun, June 29, 2025. The theme does not have to be taken literally but can serve as a starting point or a springboard. Submissions could involve depicting individuals engaged in what we do as a community but strength in community could also involve being grounded in our relationship with the natural world. For some, artistic expression itself is something designed to be shared in community and in the service of strengthening community. Please leave your artwork in the Meeting office by June 29th. Ideally, all artwork should be ready to hang and limited to about 2 pieces each. The show is sponsored by the Exhibits Committee and open to anyone participating in the Meeting community. Contact George Campbell at exhibits@fmcquaker.org

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

PERSONAL NEWS

Patti Muldoon invites all to attend a collaborative mixed media event about the fight for women's right to vote on Thursday, June 26th from 7-9:30pm. This event will take place at Arlington Friends of the Drama at 22 Academy Street in Arlington. The event (possibly excluding the talk-back) also will be livestreamed at Arlington Community Media Inc. at ACMI.TV. Patti has organized this event and will MC it. She will lead an audience talk-back about our current struggles for democracy before the reception. More info about the event can be found [here](#). Free tickets can be reserved [here](#).

Mike Wyson who you'll often see helping with Simple Lunches and refreshments at FMC, is featured in a recent latest issue of the Beacon Hill Friends House Newsletter because he also volunteers there. Click [here](#) to learn more about Mike.

Virginia Swain is happy to report that she has received a \$10,000 grant from the Legacy Gift Committee of New England Yearly Meeting. These monies come from the NEYM Witness and Ministry Fund to support Virginia's direct ministry, providing the training and disseminating the skills of the Quaker Reconciliation Leadership Program to build trust and revitalize monthly meetings.

Doane Perry, longtime member of Friends Meeting at Cambridge, died on April 9, 2025, at the age of 82. He is survived by his wife and FMC member Karen Carmean. Click [here](#) to read his obituary. A remembrance written by his son and FMC member Curt Perry and three essays written by Doane from the Yale University 25th, 50th and 60th reunion books can be found [here](#). His Memorial Meeting for Worship will take place at FMC on Saturday, September 20th at 2:00pm followed by an on-site reception.

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We invite newcomers to introduce themselves and indicate their interests by filling out the Newcomers Card here .		