



Weekly Calendar

Friends Meeting at Cambridge

August 15 through August 31, 2025 (two weeks)

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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 it is filled.

Please share with those who may be interested!

EVENT

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| Sat | 10:00am— | Gaza Conversation Workshop (Parlor / Open Zoom). Join us this workshop on having conversations about Israel-Palestine. We will be joined by Alex McDonald, member of Live Oak Friends Meeting in Houston, Texas, and author of <i>How I Learned to Speak Israel – An American's Guide to a Foreign Policy Language</i> and <i>When They Speak Israel – A Guide to Clarity in Conversations about Israel</i> . There will be exercises including message analysis and unpacking, identification of unspoken narratives and how they impact the conversation, and how to respond accordingly. Role playing will solidify these concepts. The workshop will use, and is based on, Alex's reference guide <i>When They Speak Israel - A Guide to Clarity in Conversations About Israel</i> . If possible, buy this guide here (hard copy) or here (hard copy and Kindle) and read it before the workshop. 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 Skip Schiel at gaza@fmcquaker.org |
| 16 | 12:00pm | |
| Sun | 10:30— | 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 Jan Nisenbaum at careofworship@fmcquaker.org |
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| | 10:30— | 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 |
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| | 10:45— | 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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Sun 17	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– 1:30pm	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
	4:45– 5:45pm	Sunday Evening Meeting for Worship (Parlor). All are welcome. Contact Walker Bristol / MaryGrace Menner at yafs@fmcquaker.org
Mon 18	6:00– 8:00pm	Young Adult Friends (YAF) Potluck (Library / Parlor). 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
	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
Tue 19	7:00– 8:30pm	Quaker Eldering Practice Group (Zoom). For this session we will be reading aloud and discussing “Eldering and Vocal Ministry – Minute 13” from Emily Provance’s Testimony on Community, accompanying material to her 2025 Swarthmore Lecture. To participate, click this link or provide the meeting ID 890 9875 0878 and passcode 732166 (if requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Sarah Allen / Cornelia Parkes at eldering@fmcquaker.org
	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
	7:00– 8:30pm	Gaza Sub-Committee (Zoom). Email Skip Schiel / Don Gianniny / Dinah Starr / Sarah Allen at gaza@fmcquaker.org for event information.
Wed 20	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 21	7:00– 8:00pm	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 / Daniel Fitzmartin at climateaction@fmcquaker.org

Sat 23	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 24	10:30– 11:30am	Sunday Morning Meetings 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. Contacts: Christel Jorgenson (Parlor) and Jane Jackson (Meetinghouse) at careofworship@fmcquaker.org
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Mon 25	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). This month Mary Kay Klein will present “Creating the Spiritual Context of the Ecological Age.” Mary Kay presents Thomas Berry’s analysis of our condition and the way forward with the New Story. 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 new-story@fmcquaker.org
Wed 27	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 28	NEW TIME 7:00— 8:00pm	Newcomers & Seekers Exploring Together (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 ways we think about and implement the Peace Testimony in our lives. Stay until 8:30 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 31	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 Jessica Ronalds at careofworship@fmcquaker.org
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SAVE THE DATE

Sat 9/6	5:00— 6:45pm	Family Pizza and Play (Outdoors, weather permitting). Join Quaker families with children for pizza, connection, and play. Food and childcare are provided. RSVP with the number that will be attending and allergies to Katie Stockman or on the Quaker Families WhatsApp. Need to join the WhatsApp? Changes in plans due to weather will be sent via WhatsApp and email to those who have registered. Contact Katie Stockman at familyengagement@fmcquaker.org
Sat 9/6 thru Sun 9/7	7:00pm 10:30am	S'mores and Camping (On-Site). Friends (and friends of Friends) of all ages are invited to join us for S'mores and overnight camping on the lawn in front of the Meetinghouse. Rain or shine with the Friends Room as a backup for camping. Feel free to bring a tent and join. Or come for the s'mores but leave to sleep at home if you wish. On Sunday morning, tents will come down and campers will have a pancake and potluck breakfast starting around 8:30am in the Friends Room. RSVPs are not required but helpful for planning. Questions? Want to come but need to borrow camping equipment? Contact Amy Greene / Thomas Robertson at fellowship@fmcquaker.org .
Sun 9/7	11:45am— 12:45pm	Welcome Back, Yani and Leo (On-Site). During refreshments on 9/7, you'll have a chance to greet our members Yani and Leo Bray who have moved back to Boston from Mexico and have a chance to meet Yani's parents who will be visiting from Morelia, Mexico. Yani's mom only speaks Spanish, but translation will be available. Contact Holly Lapp at fellowship@fmcquaker.org

Sun 9/14	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 9/14	1:15– 3:30pm	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
Sun 9/28	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

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 8/19	8:00– 9:30pm	Third Tuesdays: Protect, Resist & Build with American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) (Zoom). This monthly webinar series brings together AFSC constituents to learn about how to protect, resist, and build just peace, just migration, and just economies. Free. Register here . Sponsored by American Friends Service Committee
Tue 8/26	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 listserve for these calls. Sponsored by New England Yearly Meeting .
Sat 9/6	9:00am– 2:30pm	Extended Worship Opportunity (Off-Site at Worcester Friends Meeting in Worcester, MA). Click here for the event flyer and schedule. Bring a brown bag lunch (beverages provided). Part-time attendance okay. No advance registration required except to arrange for limited overnight hospitality. Sponsored by New England Yearly Meeting Ministry & Counsel .
Mon 9/8	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 .

Tuesdays 9/9 to 10/7 Registration deadline 9/2.	1:00– 3:00pm	The Revolutionary Roots of Quakerism (Zoom). In this online class led by Peter Blood-Patterson (of Mt. Toby Friends Meeting) we will walk with those First Friends, sharing with each other what we know about them and listening to their own voices across the centuries. Our main intention will be to reflect together on what these Friends can teach us about ways we can live together into these same critical issues as a faith community today. Sliding scale from \$150-\$250. You can also apply for financial aid. Click here for more info and to register. Sponsored by Pendle Hill .
Tues 9/9 Also, Thu 9/11	1:00– 2:00pm 8:00– 9:00pm	Rich Learning (Zoom). The September Quaker Conversation Circles each will focus on the topic: How can the power of tutoring and tiny group conversations be harnessed to improve the quality of first day school? Conversation Circles are online gatherings to connect as a Quaker religious education community of practice, and to share experience and resources. Free. Learn more and register here for either or both sessions. Sponsored by Quaker Religious Education Collaborative .
Thu 9/11	10:00– 11:30am	End of Life Drop-In Reflection Group (Zoom). 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 (except in August) to give participants a chance to explore spiritual, emotional, and practical aspects of facing our final days. Free. Register here . Sponsored by NEYM ARCH .

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, August 25 at 11:59pm. This next issue will cover events taking place from Friday, August 29 through Sunday, September 7 (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

Sign up [here](#) to get the New England Yearly Meeting monthly newsletter delivered to your inbox. The newsletter contains interesting articles Quaker topics, requests, and info about upcoming events. See the latest and past newsletters [here](#).

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.

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

PERSONAL NEWS

Ed Rodley's newly published book is entitled *"Designing for Playful Engagement in Museums: Immersion, Emotion, Narrative, and Gameplay"*. More info about the book and ordering info can be found [here](#).

Patricia Wild's newly published book is *Strands: An Apprenticeship with Grief and Loss*. Patricia will be reflecting on themes from the book in her forum from 9:15-10:15 am on Sunday, September 7. You can order her book online [here](#). Patricia also has a weekly post which can be found [here](#). She is planning to hold a hybrid book talk and reception at FMC this fall.

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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To request the Weekly Calendar by email or to join the FMC community listserve, use: office@fmcquaker.org

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](#).
