Weekly Calendar

Friends Meeting at Cambridge

July 10 through July 26, 2026 (two weeks)

IMPORTANT: NEW SCHEDULE FOR 4th SUNDAYS including July 26th (9:30am & 11am worship)

On all 4th Sundays (including July 26) FMC will hold two morning Meetings for Worship:

9:30am will be Hybrid Worship (Meetinghouse + Open Zoom).

11:00am will be Low-Tech Worship (Meetinghouse). No DTEN.

During both meetings, children are invited to join the first 15 minutes of worship and then gather for Summer Childcare.

There will **be joint refreshments** between the two meetings, but **no Forum or Afterthoughts**.

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EVENT

Click here for more information about all events listed that have event names that are bold but not underlined.

Sat 7/11	6:00–8:00pm	**SciFi-Fantasy Reading Aloud** (Zoom). All are welcome. 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 7/12	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 Jan Nisenbaum at **careofworship@fmcquaker.org**
	10:30am–12:00pm	**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. This Sunday we hope to enjoy a splash day, weather permitting, among other activity options. Contact Alison Wiggins at **alison@fmcquaker.org**
	11:45am–12:15pm	**Fellowship with Refreshments** (On-Site). Enjoy conversation with refreshments served in the Friends Room or outside, weather permitting. Contact Holly Lapp / Amanda Marcus / Caren Seagraves / Mike Wyson at **refreshments@fmcquaker.org**
	12:00–12:30pm	**Afterthoughts** (Parlor / Zoom). Most Sundays, there is an informal time for conversation on this Zoom link after the end of Afterthoughts. 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 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**

Sun 7/12	12:15–1:00pm	🔶 **Reception for the "Summer Light" Potluck Art Show** (Friends Room). Some artists with submissions in the Summer Potluck Art Show focused on the theme "Summer Light" 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**
Tue 7/14	7:00–9:00pm	**Trustees Committee** (Zoom). Email Mark Webster / David White at **trustees@fmcquaker.org** for meeting information.
Wed 7/15	8:30–10:00am	**Wednesday Morning Meeting for Worship** (Parlor / Open Zoom). Drop-in. Come when you can; leave when you need to. 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**
	3:00–4:45pm	**Special New Story Group (Zoom).** On 7/15, join us as we watch two thought-provoking videos [1. **Science of Fungi: How Fungi Make Our Worlds** with Merlin Sheldrake (24 min), and 2. **Entangled Life**: Conversation with Merlin Sheldrake, Michael Pollan and Louie Schwartzberg, about Sheldrake's book *Entangled Life* (1 hour 17 min)] to provide optional but stimulating background for our program on 7/27. At any time, you can also read an Interview with Merlin Sheldrake, Author of Entangled Life, by J.P. Harpignies, Bioneers, 2020. 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
Thu 7/16	7:00–8:30pm	🔶 **Quaker Eldering Practice Group** (Zoom). At this meeting, the group will discuss what Friends mean when we talk about gospel order. All are welcome. 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**
Sat 7/18	5:00–7:30pm	**Fellowship & Outreach Committee Summer Potluck and Visioning** (Off-Site / Zoom). Contact Amanda Green / Brian Robison for event information.
Sun 7/19	9:15–10:15am	🔶 Adult Spiritual Education Summer Conversation 2 – **Prayer**. (Parlor/ Zoom) **What is Your Experience of Prayer?** Jan Nisenbaum and Susan Davies will facilitate an opportunity for reflection on your prayer life. How do you think about the difference between meditation and prayer? Do you have a specific prayer practice? (An additional conversation on the topic of "What is Your Experience of Worship" will take place on Sunday, August 16.) 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 873 2175 9327 and passcode 537370 (if requested) on **Zoom.com**, the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Susan Davies / Jan Nisenbaum at **spiritualed@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**, the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Jim Hannon at **careofworship@fmcquaker.org**
	10:30am–12:00pm	**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. This Sunday we hope to spend time at the playground, weather permitting, among other activity options. Contact Alison Wiggins at **alison@fmcquaker.org**

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	12:15–1:30pm	🔶 **Extended Simple Lunch** (Friends Rm). 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(s) Tom Sander / David Smith 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**
	6:00–8:00pm	🔶 **Young Adult Friends (YAF) Potluck** (Parlor / 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**
Mon 7/20	1:00–3:00pm	**Nominating Committee** (Zoom). Contact Polly Attwood / Susan Davies at **nominating@fmcquaker.org** for event information.
	7:00–9:00pm	**Finance Committee** (Zoom). Email Bill Heinemann at **finance@fmcquaker.org** for event information.
Tue 7/21	6:45–9:00pm	**Ministry & Counsel Committee (M&C) Potluck** (Friends Rm / possibly Zoom). Email Erin Bumgarner at **ministry@fmcquaker.org** for event information.
	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 7/22	8:30–10:00am	**Wednesday Morning Meeting for Worship** (Parlor / Open Zoom). Drop-in. Come when you can; leave when you need to. 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 7/23	7:00–8:00pm	🔶 **Newcomers & Seekers Exploring Together** (Parlor / Open Zoom). Join us for a hybrid gathering with long-time Friends from our community as well as others newer to the meeting. Feel free to stay until 8:30pm if you wish to continue the conversation. Each month we try to answer your questions and **this month we'll explore what Friends mean by "continuing revelation" and how we stay open to discovering new truths.** Feel free to attend even if you just want to listen. 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 Sarah Allen / Daniel Fitzmartin at **newcomers@fmcquaker.org**
	7:00–8:45pm	**Poems We Love** (Zoom). All are welcome. To participate, **click this link** or provide the meeting ID 894 8567 4422 and passcode 875264 (if requested) on **Zoom.com**, the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Michael Shanahan at **poetryhour@fmcquaker.org**

Sat 7/25	11:00–1:00pm	**Library Committee** (Zoom). Contact Edward Fleming at **library@fmcquaker.org** for event information.
	6:00–8:00pm	**SciFi-Fantasy Reading Aloud** (Zoom). All are welcome. 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 7/26	9:00–9:25am	🔶 **What would you do in the unlikely event that ICE comes to FMC on a Sunday?** (Meetinghouse). Who does what and who says what if ICE comes searching for someone? Join a 25 min practice run through at 9am sharp, Sunday 7/26 before our first Meeting for Worship, at the front door of the Meetinghouse. Who's invited? Anyone with a keen interest. We're focusing on folks who regularly have care of Sunday activities to feel informed. Lauren, Christine S, Brian R, and Minga will go over the proposed protocol in the rare case that ICE shows up. Questions? Ask us. RSVP to Minga or Lauren at **prepared@fmcquaker.org**
	9:30—10:30am	🔶 4th Sunday 9:30 am Hybrid 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 Christel Jorgenson at **careofworship@fmcquaker.org**
	9:30–11:00am	**4th Sunday Summer Childcare during 9:30am Meeting for Worship** (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 9:45am. This Sunday we hope to enjoy a splash day, weather permitting, among other activity options. Contact Alison Wiggins at **alison@fmcquaker.org**
	11:00am–12:00pm	🔶 4th Sunday 11:00am Low-Tech Morning Meeting for Worship (Meetinghouse). Contact Jessica Ronalds at **careofworship@fmcquaker.org**
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Mon 7/27	7:00–9:00pm	🔶 **New Story Group** (Zoom). On 7/27, we'll watch and discuss **Fantastic Fungi** - a widely-acclaimed film "to discover the magic beneath us" (part 1), and also **Plants Have Personalities. We're Only Learning to See It** which is a conversation with Merlin Sheldrake & Zoë Schlanger (part 1) done at the 2025 Harvard Divinity School conference: "Thinking with Plants and Fungi: Celebrating the voices of the more-than-human world." Come at 6:30pm for fellowship. First timers are always welcome! Click **here** to learn more about the group, check out resources and read back issues of the New Story newsletter. 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**
Thu 8/6	6:00–8:30pm	🔶 **Hiroshima Day Commemoration** (Friends Rm / Open Zoom). Join Friends on Hiroshima Day, August 6th, in our tradition of commemorating the dropping of two atomic bombs on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. We will gather for a community reading of Thomas Merton's "Original Child Bomb," and then proceed to the Charles River to float origami cranes, as is done in Hiroshima and throughout the world. We start the reading at 6:00pm, proceeding to the river at 7:00pm. 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. Please share this meditation and witness for a future uncursed by nuclear weapons and the grief they bring. The prose poem can be found **here**. Contact John Bach at **bolder@fmcquaker.org**.
Sat 8/8	2:00–3:00pm followed by a reception	🔶 **Arthur E. Pennell Memorial Meeting for Worship** (Meetinghouse). Art began attending FMC regularly as a child with his parents Arthur J. and SaraSue Pennell. He became an adult member in 1964 at the age of 25. Art died on June 15, 2026, at the age of 68. After the Memorial Meeting for Worship a reception will follow. You are invited to contribute treats for the reception and/or volunteer to help the Memorial Committee support this meeting for worship and reception. Contact Sam Duncan / Toni Lydecker at **memorials@fmcquaker.org**
Thu 8/13	3:00–4:30pm	**Special New Story Group** (Zoom). Join us as we watch two thought-provoking videos [1. Dialogue with **Zoë Schlanger on *The Light Eaters*** and 2**. Fantastic Fungi** (Part 2)] to provide optional but stimulating background for our New Story program on Monday, 8/31. At any time, you can also read **The Light Eaters: An interview with author Zoë Schlanger**, by Jon Letman of the National Tropical Botanical Garden, 2025. 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**
Thu 8/13	7:00–8:00pm	🔶 **Climate Action Meeting** (Open Zoom). At the August meeting, we'll talk about the "Make Polluters Pay" Campaign and discern whether we want to bring this to the wider meeting. We'll also hear about a potential geothermal option for the Friends Center. 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**

Sun 8/16	9:15–10:15am	🔶 Adult Spiritual Education Summer Conversation 3 – **Worship** (Parlor/ Zoom). **What is Your Experience of Worship?** Alberta Guise and Jan Nisenbaum will facilitate a conversation of shared reflections on your worship experience. What helps you center in worship? What gets in the way? When do you find worship to be spiritually nurturing? What may detract from your experience of worship? 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 873 2175 9327 and passcode 537370 (if requested) on **Zoom.com**, the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Alberta Guise / Jan Nisenbaum at **spiritualed@fmcquaker.org**
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Mon 8/24	7:00–9:00pm	🔶 **Singing Resistance Community Sing** (Meetinghouse). Everyone is invited to this special community sing, even if you are a beginner singer. Around the country the resistance is building unity and power by raising our voices together in song. Join fellow singers and activists in learning some of the newest movement songs. Together we'll sing from the heart as we re-energize for the long path ahead. We'll be singing songs for immigrant rights, to protect democracy, for hope and love, and we'll be including some union songs for those interested in joining BVOCAL in this year's Labor Day Parade. This event will be collaboratively led by **BVOCAL** (Boston Voices of Community and Labor) & Boston Area Singing Circles. Sponsored by the Friends for Racial Justice Committee. Contact Minga Claggett-Borne at **forj@fmcquaker.org**
Thu 8/27	7:00–8:00pm	🔶 **Newcomers & Seekers Exploring Together** (Parlor / Open Zoom). Join us for a hybrid gathering with long-time Friends from our community as well as others newer to the meeting. Feel free to stay until 8:30pm if you wish to continue the conversation. Each month we try to answer your questions and **this month we'll discuss the spiritual grounding for Quaker political work and activism.** Feel free to attend even if you just want to listen. 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 Sarah Allen / Daniel Fitzmartin at **newcomers@fmcquaker.org**
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Sat 9/12	2:00–3:00pm followed by a reception	🔶 **Gayle Roby Memorial Meeting for Worship followed by a reception** (Meetinghouse). Gayle died on May 22, 2026, at the age of 78. Click **here** to read her memorial. Check back to learn whether the memorial will be hybrid. After the Memorial Meeting for Worship a reception will follow. You are invited to contribute treats for the reception and/or volunteer to help the Memorial Committee support this meeting for worship and reception. Contact Sam Duncan / Toni Lydecker at **memorials@fmcquaker.org**

WIDER QUAKER WORLD

		Beacon Hill Friends House is home to a 22-adult residential community rooted in Quaker values — built around shared meals, shared responsibility, and real, practical transformation. It has openings now and also beginning on September 1. Beacon Hill Friends House **Click here** to learn more, get cost info and get an application.
Daily	12:00–1:00pm	**International Meeting for Worship** (Zoom). Join Friends around the world for a one-hour international Meeting for Worship every day at noon. Let us join together in holding in the Light the situation in Ukraine, the decision makers, the soldiers, the citizens, all the people whose lives are in danger and already disrupted by fear. Details **here**. Free. Sponsored by **Friends House Moscow**.
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	7:30–8:30pm	**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 7/13	8:00–9:00pm	**Meeting for Worship for Newcomers and Seekers** (Zoom). This monthly program on 2nd 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. Learn more and register **here**. Sponsored by **Friends General Conference**
Tue 7/14	12:00pm	**Defending the Frontlines: Climate Justice and the Criminalization of Dissent** (Zoom). This webinar with Harjeet Singh is a direct call to action for Friends across North America to bridge the gap between global policy and local witness. He is an international advocate a deeply-held spiritual commitment to universal well-being and justice. Free. Read more and register **here**. Sponsored by **Quaker Earthcare Witness**
Mon 7/20	7:00pm	**New England Yearly Meeting Sessions Q&A** (Zoom). Do you have questions about Annual Sessions? Are you considering going for the first time, or perhaps you used to attend but haven't for a while. Even for Friends who attend Sessions frequently, this year is different, and you probably have questions. To help welcome Friends onto a new campus this year, Events Coordinator Elizabeth Hacala and Sessions Planning Clerk Kristin Wilson are another opportunity to get your 2026 Sessions questions answered. These conversations will be focused on general Sessions topics like registration, attendance, housing, and the schedule. Free. Register **here**. Sponsored by **New England Yearly Meeting**

Tue 7/21	8:00 - 9:00am	**Meeting for Worship outside Burlington ICE** (Off-Site at 1000 District Avenue, Burlington, MA). This monthly Meeting for Worship takes place on third Tuesdays. Bring a folding chair or a blanket to sit on and appropriate clothing for our hour of worship and worship sharing. We will have someone assigned to pass out information to those who have questions while we sit in waiting worship. This is a drop-in event. Friends are free to leave early or to arrive late and may come and go. Sponsored by **Beacon Hill Friends Meeting**.
Tue 7/21	8:00–9:30pm	**Protect, Resist, and Build with AFSC** (Zoom). This monthly webinar series brings together AFSC supporters to learn about how to protect our communities, resist authoritarianism, and build peace with justice. It takes place monthly on 3rd Tuesdays. Free. Register **here**. Sponsored by **American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)**.
Wed 7/22	8:00–9:00pm	**People Power for Peace: Moving from Recruitment to Action** (Zoom). War and the threat of escalations in the Middle East continue. The Pentagon has requested billions of dollars on top of a more than $1 trillion budget. Food assistance, health care, and our neighbors remain under attack. The upcoming August congressional recess (July 24 – September 11) is our prime window of opportunity to mobilize for accountability and lay the groundwork for bold action in the months ahead. In this session, FCNL's organizing team will help empower us all. Free. Register **here**. Sponsored by **Friends Committee for National Legislation (FCNL)**.
Sat 7/25	12:00–3:00pm	**Summer Cookout at Beacon Hill Friends House** (Off-Site at 6-8 Chestnut Ave., Boston). Everyone connected to BHFH is welcome: Friends, family, board members, alumni, neighbors, and curious newcomers. RSVPs are appreciated but not required. This is a potluck-friendly gathering (non-refrigerated side dishes, desserts, and snacks are welcome but not required). Free. RSVP **here.** Sponsored by **Beacon Hill Friends House**.
Thu 7/30	1:00–2:30pm	**Day of Action Webinar** (Zoom). This September, Quaker Earthcare Witness is hosting our first **Earthcare Day of Action, an** invitation for Quaker meetings, churches, schools, worship groups, and surrounding communities to gather for a day of intentional Earthcare. Work done as prayer, celebration, community resiliency, and witness. Please join us on July 30th to learn more about our vision for the Earthcare Day of Action and how you or your meeting can get involved! QEW staff will: (1) Brainstorm actions that your meeting can take (2) Connect you with local initiatives involving Earthcare and (3) Provide flyers and sample graphics to support your outreach. Pay-as-led. Register **here**. Sponsored by **Quaker Earthcare Witness**.
Fri 7/31	12:00–4:00pm	**Extended Worship** (On-Site at Mt. Holyoke College in South Hadley, MA before NEYM Sessions begin). This gathering will take place in the Great Room at Mount Holyoke College**.** The Great Room is in the Community Center directly across from the dining hall, so anyone who needs to buy lunch beforehand should easily be able to do so. Here's the schedule: **12:00-12:25pm** Arrive and Sign In. **12:30pm** Worship Begins. **3:00pm** Worship Closes and Short Stretch Break. **3:15-4:00 pm**. Reflections on the Worship. As was true last year, you may come to the extended worship even if you're not attending yearly meeting sessions. If that is true for you, you do not need to register for yearly meeting sessions. Since the extended worship, however, is such a valuable way to prepare for yearly meeting sessions, we encourage you to come to both. We are deeply grateful to our NEYM staff for their support and for making these arrangements possible.

Fri 7/31 – Tue 8/4	**New England Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions** (Off-Site at Mt. Holyoke College in South Hadley, MA and online). Part-time attendance okay. Get more information **here**. Pay-as-led. Register **here**. ***Early Registration will close on July 13***. Friends who register after this date will need confirmation from the Registrar, based on availability. Friends may still register as a commuter. You may also **register to attend on Zoom** at any time. Sponsored by **New England Yearly Meeting**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Adult Spiritual Education Group will be offering a special series of three Sunday morning (9:15-10:15am) hybrid summer conversations to encourage reflection and sharing on your

~~**6/21 Experience of God / Spirit / Divine;**~~

7/19 Experience of Prayer

8/16 Experience of Worship.

These facilitated conversations are designed to support deeper sharing about three important aspects of our spiritual lives. We hope that you find these opportunities to be thought-provoking and nurturing.

Weekly Sunday Forums from 9:15-10:15am will resume Sunday 9/13 (the Sunday after Labor Day.)

NEW: A 12-Page Guide to FMC

We have now created a PDF Guide to FMC that has sections on better understanding Quakerism, Ways to get more involved at FMC, Decision-Making/Budget at FMC and a Glossary of key terms you might hear at FMC. We've gotten very encouraging feedback from newcomers and old-timers. While primarily developed for those newer to FMC we suspect it is useful even to old-timers at FMC. If you would like a copy, click **here** and then download the file. Corrections/suggestions welcomed at **userguide@fmcquaker.org**

Volunteers are welcome to help regularly or intermittently with summer childcare activities and/or First Day School programming during the school year (Oct 2026-June 2027). All volunteers working with children at FMC must undergo child safety screening and will always work with at least one other volunteer or staff member. Contact Alison Wiggins at alison@fmcquaker.org to learn more.

New volunteers are needed for the Tech Team. This team helps facilitate many FMC hybrid events that take place on-site at FMC and on Zoom simultaneously. Are you willing and able to help out at least once a month (with flexible scheduling) to make a hybrid event possible? Comprehensive one-on-one training and shadowing provided. Please consider becoming part of this important community ministry. Contact Holly Lapp at **techteam@fmcquaker.org**

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.

We gratefully accept donations on-line here. Contact **fundraising@fmcquaker.org** with questions.

PERSONAL NEWS

FMC member **Gayle Roby** died on May 22, 2026, at age 78. A Memorial Meeting for Worship to celebrate Gayle's life will take place on **Saturday, September 12** from 2-3pm followed by a reception. Check back to learn whether the memorial will be hybrid. Click **here** to read Gayle's obituary.

FMC member **Arthur E Pennell** died on June 15, 2026, at age 68. A Memorial Meeting for Worship to celebrate Art's life will take place in the Meetinghouse on **Saturday, August 8 from 2-3pm** followed by a reception.

Skip Schiel shared that *The Sun* magazine used one of his Palestine photos in their **July 2026 issue**. Much of this issue relates to Palestine-Israel. His photo appears atop the interview entitled "*To Remain: Raja Shehadeh on Living through Destruction in Palestine.* Skip encourages us to have a look and consider sharing this issue widely.

Marina Rothman will be giving a talk entitled "The Hidden Gifts of Change" at the Damascus Fiber Arts School on Saturday, August 15 at 1pm EDT on Zoom. The talk will be recorded for later viewing. Cost: $10. For more information and registration **click here**..

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, 7/20 at 11:59pm. This next issue will cover events taking place from Friday, July 24 through Sunday, August 9, 2026 (two weeks). Please send your announcement to **publications@fmcquaker.org**.

To request an event (Zoom, on-site or hybrid), email **scheduling@fmcquaker.org**.
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