



Weekly Calendar

Friends Meeting at Cambridge

August 7 through August 23, 2026 (two weeks)

NO PARKING IN THE FMC LOT OR DRIVEWAY on Saturday 8/8, Sunday 8/9 and at least through early next week. Completion of the sidewalk replacement project on Longfellow Park has been delayed including filling the gaps at the end of the FMC driveway. Additionally, several portions of the sidewalk itself remain incomplete so getting to the Meetinghouse on foot might be challenging for some. Please consider dropping off folks with limited mobility or who use aids before looking for parking elsewhere. Street parking in Longfellow Park is available.

IMPORTANT: SCHEDULE FOR 4th SUNDAYS including August 23rd (9:30am & 11am worship)

On all 4th Sundays (including August 23) 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 in August, 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

◆ **Designates special events / Blue underlined text blocks are hyperlinks**

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
	6:00– 8:00pm	SciFi-Fantasy Reading Aloud (Zoom). Did you know some Quakers love science fiction and fantasy? Did you know reading aloud is fun for adults? We'd love to hear your voice! Join us as we gather to experience stories together, out loud and in real time. You don't have to be a Quaker, you don't have to have a beautiful reading voice: as many will read as choose to, and as time allows. Bring an old favorite or a new discovery to share or just come and listen. Please bring science fiction or fantasy short stories — not novels — but don't worry about how short it is. If it's too long for one sitting, we'd love you to come back again and continue! We meet roughly twice a month, on Saturdays from 6:00 to 8:00 pm (see the Calendar for details). See you there! To participate in the Zoom event, click this link or call 1-646-558-8656 and provide the Meeting ID 335 209 895 and passcode 398431. For more information and/or to be added to the group email list, contact Betsy Roper / Jonathan Gilbert at scififantasy@fmcquaker.org .

Sun 8/9	10:00– 10:25am	◆ 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-minute practice run through 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. This is a repeat of the run-through that took place on July 26. All are welcome, even those that attended the earlier session. 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
	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 Naren Roy 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. Updates about specific activities that are planned for a particular Sunday are sent out on the FMC Family WhatsApp. To sign up for the FMC Family WhatsApp and to ask questions about childcare, please 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 / 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 Naren Roy at afterthoughts@fmcquaker.org
Wed 12	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
	6:30– 8:00pm	Stone of Hope Drumming Circle (Meetinghouse). Award-winning musician and inspiring music educator Toussaint Liberator leads this joyful weekly class focused on learning to play West African rhythms on the djembe drums. All levels of drumming experience are welcome. Drums are available to borrow but bring your own if you have one. Suggested donation: \$25 (or pay what you can). Contact Minga Claggett-Borne / Dan Fitzmartin at stone-of-hope@fmcquaker.org
	7:00– 9:00pm	Artists and Writers (Zoom). This group gathers monthly for mutual support in our respective artistic endeavors. We share, discuss, and respond to each other's work, and often touch on ways that creative work draws us deeper into the experience of life. Email George Campbell at artists@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.

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 <i>The Light Eaters</i> 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
	7:00– 8:30pm	Pastoral Care Team (Zoom). Email Jan Nisenbaum / Lili Schwan-Rosenwald at pastoralcare@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.
	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
	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 Richard Ristow 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. Updates about specific activities that are planned for a particular Sunday are sent out on the FMC Family WhatsApp. To sign up for the FMC Family WhatsApp and to ask questions about childcare, please contact Alison Wiggins at alison@fmcquaker.org.
	10:45– 11:45am	◆ Meeting for Worship Outside Raytheon (Off Site). Limited carpools leave FMC at 10:30 am. Contact John Bach at bolder@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 / 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 David Doms at afterthoughts@fmcquaker.org

Sun 8/16	4:45– 5:45pm	◆ Sunday Evening Meeting for Worship (Parlor / Library). 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 8/17	7:00– 9:00pm	Finance Committee (Parlor / Zoom). Email Bill Heinemann at finance@fmcquaker.org for event information.
Tue 8/18	6:45– 9:00pm	Ministry & Counsel Committee (M&C) (Zoom). Email Erin Bumgarner at ministry@fmcquaker.org for meeting 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 8/19	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
	6:30– 8:00pm	Stone of Hope Drumming Circle (Meetinghouse). See the description on 8/12. Contact Minga Claggett-Borne / Dan Fitzmartin at stone-of-hope@fmcquaker.org
Sat 8/22	6:00– 8:00pm	SciFi-Fantasy Reading Aloud (Zoom). See the description on 8/8. To participate in the Zoom event, click this link or call 1-646-558-8656 and provide the Meeting ID 335 209 895 and passcode 398431. For more information and/or to be added to the group email list, contact Betsy Roper or Jonathan Gilbert at scififantasy@fmcquaker.org .
Sun 8/23	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 Jan Nisenbaum at careofworship@fmcquaker.org
	9:30am– 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. Updates about specific activities that are planned for a particular Sunday are sent out on the FMC Family WhatsApp. To sign up for the FMC Family WhatsApp and to ask questions about childcare, please contact Alison Wiggins at alison@fmcquaker.org
	10:30– 11:00am	4th Sunday Fellowship with Refreshments (Friends Rm). Enjoy conversation with refreshments served in the Friends Room or outside, weather permitting. Contact Holly Lapp / Caren Seagraves / Mike Wyson at refreshments@fmcquaker.org
	11:00am– 12:00pm	◆ 4th Sunday 11:00am Low-Tech Morning Meeting for Worship (Meetinghouse). Contact Jim Hannon at careofworship@fmcquaker.org

Sun 8/23	11:00am– 12:30pm	4th Sunday Summer Childcare during 11:00am 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. Updates about specific activities that are planned for a particular Sunday are sent out on the FMC Family WhatsApp. To sign up for the FMC Family WhatsApp and to ask questions about childcare, please contact Alison Wiggins at alison@fmcquaker.org
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SAVE THE DATE

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
Sat 8/29	5:00– 10:00pm	◆ Farewell Party for Jonathan and Minga (On-Site). Potluck, worship and singing. More details to come about this special drop-in event. RSVP requested to Minga Claggett-Borne and Jonathan Vogel-Borne at rsvp@thebornes.org
Sun 8/30	12:00– 1:00pm	◆ First Day School Open House (FDS Rooms). Meet the teachers and families that make up FMC First Day School. Review the curriculum for the academic year 2026-2027. Tour classrooms/meeting spaces. Bring students to meet teachers and their peers. Contact Alison Wiggins at alison@fmcquaker.org
Sun 8/30	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 Tom Sander / David Smith at simplelunch@fmcquaker.org
Mon 8/31	7:00– 9:00pm	◆ New Story Group (Zoom). On 8/31 we'll watch and discuss New Science of Plants- Interview with Zoë Schlanger and Plants Have Personalities. We're Only Learning to See It -- Conversation with Merlin Sheldrake & Zoë Schlanger (part 2). 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

Fri 9/4– Mon 9/7		◆ Young Adult Friends (YAF) (18-35ish) Retreat (Off-Site at Willard Brook State Forest near Townsend, MA). This is the second annual FMC YAF Retreat! This is a yurt/tent camping retreat for up to 18 people over Labor Day weekend. Registration is closed. Contact Walker Bristol / MaryGrace Menner at yafs@fmcquaker.org
Sat 9/12	2:00– 3:00pm followed by a reception	◆ Gayle Roby Memorial Meeting for Worship followed by a reception (Meetinghouse / Open Zoom). Gayle died on May 22, 2026, at the age of 78. Click here to read her memorial. 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 Sam Duncan / Toni Lydecker at memorials@fmcquaker.org
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Sun 9/13	1:15– 3:30pm	◆ Meeting for Business in 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 Interim Care of Business Team at icbt@fmcquaker.org
Sun 9/13	3:30pm	◆ Deadline for Submissions to “Magical Moments in Time and Place” Community Potluck Art Show . See details about the theme and submission guidelines in the Announcements section of this Weekly Calendar on page 8.

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 current openings. [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 Palestine (Zoom). Free. Register here . Sponsored by American Friends Service Committee .
Mon 8/10	7:30– 9:00pm	God Bless the Grass: The Lamb’s War as Endless Revolution (Zoom). In this talk, C. Wess Daniels will look at both liturgies of empire and liturgies of resistance as we consider how to sustain our communities of love and justice in the ongoing work to bring about the beloved community. This lecture will celebrate the August publication of Pendle Hill Pamphlet #500, C. Wess Daniels’ God Bless the Grass: Liturgies of Empire, Liturgies of Resistance . Free. Register here . Sponsored by Pendle Hill .

Mon 8/10	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. Register here . Sponsored by Friends General Conference .
Thu 8/13	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
Tues 8/18	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 .
Thu 8/20	12:00– 1:30pm	August 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 on Saturday, September 19, 2026. 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 .
Tue 8/25	7:00– 8:30pm	Monthly Check-In for Immigration Justice Work Among Friends (Zoom). If you a Quaker 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 4 th Tuesday 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Work to repair leaks in the Meetinghouse will continue August 10-August 14 due to some rain delays. During this work, parking in the lot behind FMC will continue to be reserved for the work crew and some noise is still to be expected (Monday-Friday 7:00 am to 4:00 pm). MAAP will remain open throughout the work and Dee Moore, FMC Facilities Manager, will be on site as the point of contact. If you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to them at facilities@fmcquaker.org.

Recollection: Magical Moments in Time and Place.***Community Potluck Art Show******Submission Deadline: Sunday, September 13th, 2026***

The theme for the Fall Sept/Oct community art potluck show is "Magical Moments in Time and Place." Consider this as an opportunity to think retrospectively and assemble images that hold special meaning for each of us individually. The theme does not have to be taken literally; it can be viewed as a steppingstone or a suggestion. We may find ourselves responding to magical moments captured by others, particularly if they encapsulate childhood memories.

Please leave your artwork at the Meeting in the Office by Sunday September 13th. There is a designated box where artwork may be left. Look for the label. 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 any member of the Meeting community.

Please feel free to contact: George Campbell, Marion Foster, Kent Lydecker, Sara Sue Pennell, Brian Stevens, or Richard Wood or email exhibits@fmcquaker.org with any questions that you might have.

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

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

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 and some Zoom only events. 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 **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.

FMC member **Mary Conrow Coelho** has published a latest small book: *Invited to a Spiritual Journey: Discovering the Hidden Wound*. This book is a non-fiction memoir and spiritual biography.

Although raised in an active Friend's family, as a college student Mary felt she must abandon the promise of Quakerism as she was taught, as a biology student, a reductive, objectified worldview, which is still unfortunately strong in the West. As a result of this education and the discovery late in her life of very early wounding it has been a long journey to find a home for a strong awakening mystical/spiritual experience and to respond to its invitation and other invitations. The discoveries by physicists in the last two centuries and other discoveries, including the astounding creative story of evolution and many experiential 'knowings' described by people over the centuries have discounted that narrowing, reductive worldview that has seriously diminished our full identity and that of the natural world. Mary recognizes there is now in the West a confirming and inviting home for the spiritual experiences of an individual and of course a home for the spiritual experiences of the many experiential based traditions, including Quakerism. She also describes her entirely unexpected discovery of a long hidden, very early wounding and recognition of its difficult, unconscious consequences. She has recently found healing in an unexpected way although changing old habits and often hidden patterns of thought and behavior is a long journey.

Order it [here](#) at Amazon or request it from your local bookseller.

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](#).

FMC member **Gayle Roby** died on May 22, 2026, at age 78. A hybrid Memorial Meeting for Worship to celebrate Gayle's life will take place on **Saturday, September 12 from 2-3pm** followed by a reception. Click [here](#) to read Gayle's obituary.

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.

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, 8/17 at 11:59pm. This next issue will cover events taking place from Friday, August 21 through Sunday, September 6, 2026 (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.

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