



# Weekly Calendar

## Friends Meeting at Cambridge

August 21 through September 6, 2026 (two weeks)

**IMPORTANT: SCHEDULE FOR 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAYS including August 23rd (9:30am & 11am worship)**

On all 4<sup>th</sup> 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

| Date        | Time            | Event                                                                                                                                   |
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| Sat<br>8/22 | 1:00–<br>3:00pm | <b>Library Committee</b> (Library / Parlor). Contact Edward Fleming at <a href="mailto:library@fmcquaker.org">library@fmcquaker.org</a> |

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|  | 6:00–<br>8:00pm | <b>SciFi-Fantasy Reading Aloud</b> (Zoom). All are welcome. 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; if it's too long for one sitting, we'd love you to come back again and continue! To participate in the Zoom event, <a href="#">click this link</a> 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 <a href="mailto:scififantasy@fmcquaker.org">scififantasy@fmcquaker.org</a> . |
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| Sun<br>8/23 | 9:30–<br>10:30am | ◆ <b>4th Sunday 9:30 am Hybrid Morning Meeting for Worship</b> (Meetinghouse / Open Zoom). To participate using Zoom, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 783 475 1861 and passcode 1652 (if requested) on <a href="https://zoom.us">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Jan Nisenbaum at <a href="mailto:careofworship@fmcquaker.org">careofworship@fmcquaker.org</a> |
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| <b>Sun</b><br><b>8/23</b> | 10:30–<br>11:00am   | <b>4th Sunday Fellowship with Refreshments + Goodbye to Center Resident Anna</b> (Friends Rm). Enjoy conversation with refreshments served in the Friends Room or outside, weather permitting. Today we'll also be saying goodbye and thank you to Center Resident Anna who is moving to PA after three years working at FMC. Contact Holly Lapp / Caren Seagraves / Mike Wyson at <a href="mailto:refreshments@fmcquaker.org">refreshments@fmcquaker.org</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                           | 11:00am–<br>12:00pm | ◆ <b>4th Sunday 11:00am Low-Tech Morning Meeting for Worship</b> (Meetinghouse). Contact Jim Hannon at <a href="mailto:careofworship@fmcquaker.org">careofworship@fmcquaker.org</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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|                           | 6:00–<br>8:30pm     | <b>Peace &amp; Social Justice Committee</b> (Off-Site / Zoom). The August meeting will begin with an off-site potluck at 6:00pm and a hybrid committee meeting starting at 7:00pm. To participate by Zoom, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 889 3936 8907 and passcode 579603 (if requested) on <a href="https://zoom.com">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Michael Carey at <a href="mailto:peace@fmcquaker.org">peace@fmcquaker.org</a> with questions and the potluck location.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Mon</b><br><b>8/24</b> | 7:00–<br>9:00pm     | ◆ <b>Singing Resistance Community Sing</b> (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 <a href="#">BVOCAL</a> (Boston Voices of Community and Labor) & Boston Area Singing Circles. Sponsored by the Friends for Racial Justice Committee. Contact Minga Claggett-Borne at <a href="mailto:forj@fmcquaker.org">forj@fmcquaker.org</a> |
| <b>Wed</b><br><b>8/26</b> | 8:30–<br>10:00am    | <b>Wednesday Morning Meeting for Worship</b> (Parlor / Open Zoom). Drop-in. Come when you can; leave when you need to. To participate using Zoom, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 783 475 1861 and passcode 1652 (if requested) on <a href="https://zoom.com">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Jonathan Vogel-Borne / Sara Sue Pennell at <a href="mailto:midweek@fmcquaker.org">midweek@fmcquaker.org</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                           | 6:30–<br>8:00pm     | <b>Stone of Hope Drumming Circle</b> (Meetinghouse). All are welcome. Contact Minga Claggett-Borne / Dan Fitzmartin at <a href="mailto:stone-of-hope@fmcquaker.org">stone-of-hope@fmcquaker.org</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                           | 7:00–<br>8:30pm     | ◆ <b>Quaker Eldering Practice Group</b> (Zoom). At this meeting, the group will discuss what Friends mean when we talk about gospel order. All are welcome. To participate, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 890 9875 0878 and passcode 732166 (if requested) on <a href="https://zoom.com">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Sarah Allen / Cornelia Parkes at <a href="mailto:eldering@fmcquaker.org">eldering@fmcquaker.org</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| <b>Thu</b><br><b>8/27</b> | 7:00–<br>8:00pm     | <p>◆ <b>Newcomers &amp; Seekers Exploring Together</b> (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 <b>this month we'll discuss the spiritual grounding for Quaker political work and activism</b>. Feel free to attend even if you just want to listen. To participate using Zoom, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 783 475 1861 and passcode 1652 (if requested) on <a href="#">Zoom.com</a>, the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Sarah Allen / Daniel Fitzmartin at <a href="mailto:newcomers@fmcquaker.org">newcomers@fmcquaker.org</a></p> |
|                           | 7:00–<br>8:45pm     | <p><b>Poems We Love</b> (Zoom). All are welcome. Please join us as we read and discuss both original poems and favorites written by others or just come to listen. To participate, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 894 8567 4422 and passcode 875264 (if requested) on <a href="#">Zoom.com</a>, the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Michael Shanahan at <a href="mailto:poetryhour@fmcquaker.org">poetryhour@fmcquaker.org</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Sat</b><br><b>8/29</b> | 5:00–<br>10:00pm    | <p>◆ <b>A farewell, new paths &amp; transition for Minga and Jonathan</b> (On-Site). Drop in when you can; stay for as long as you'd like but please RSVP. Here's the schedule.</p> <p>5:30pm – Gathering circle with prayers</p> <p>6:15pm -- Potluck Dinner</p> <p>7:30pm – Music, sing along, bring a song or poem to share.</p> <p>See the invite and learn about any changes to the latest plans <a href="#">here</a></p> <p>RSVP requested to Minga Claggett-Borne and Jonathan Vogel-Borne at <a href="mailto:rsvp@thebornes.org">rsvp@thebornes.org</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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|                           | 12:00–<br>1:00pm    | <p>◆ <b>First Day School Open House</b> (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. First Day School will resume for the school year on 9/6. Contact Alison Wiggins at <a href="mailto:alison@fmcquaker.org">alison@fmcquaker.org</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                           | 12:00–<br>12:30pm   | <p><b>Afterthoughts</b> (Parlor / Zoom). Most Sundays, there is an informal time for conversation on this Zoom link both before and after the end of Afterthoughts. We will try to provide childcare if you make a request in advance to <a href="mailto:childcarerequest@fmcquaker.org">childcarerequest@fmcquaker.org</a>. To participate using Zoom, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 873 2175 9327 and passcode 537370 (if requested) on <a href="#">Zoom.com</a>, the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact To Be Announced at <a href="mailto:afterthoughts@fmcquaker.org">afterthoughts@fmcquaker.org</a></p>                                                                                                                                                    |

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| <b>Sun<br/>8/30</b>             | 12:15–<br>1:30pm  | <p>◆ <b>Extended Simple Lunch</b> (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 <a href="mailto:simplelunch@fmcquaker.org">simplelunch@fmcquaker.org</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Mon<br/>8/31</b>             | 7:00–<br>9:00pm   | <p>◆ <b>New Story Group</b> (Zoom). On 8/31 we'll watch and discuss <b>New Science of Plants</b>- Interview with Zoë Schlanger and <b>Plants Have Personalities. We're Only Learning to See It</b> -- Conversation with Merlin Sheldrake &amp; Zoë Schlanger (part 2). Come at 6:30pm for fellowship. First timers are always welcome! Click <a href="#">here</a> to learn more about the group, check out resources and read back issues of the New Story newsletter. To participate, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 875 6881 1869 and passcode 101225 (if requested) on <a href="#">Zoom.com</a>, the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Cornelia Parkes at <a href="mailto:new-story@fmcquaker.org">new-story@fmcquaker.org</a></p> |
| <b>Tue<br/>9/1</b>              | 7:00–<br>8:30pm   | <p><b>Gaza Sub-Committee</b> (Zoom). Email Skip Schiel / Don Gianniny / Dinah Starr / Sarah Allen at <a href="mailto:gaza@fmcquaker.org">gaza@fmcquaker.org</a> for event information.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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|                                 | 5:00–<br>6:30pm   | <p><b>Prayer Circle</b> (Zoom). Send requests for prayers or praise to <a href="mailto:prayers@fmcquaker.org">prayers@fmcquaker.org</a> or join us. To participate, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 851 8022 6020 and passcode 608758 (if requested) on <a href="#">Zoom.com</a>, the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Cornelia Parkes at <a href="mailto:prayers@fmcquaker.org">prayers@fmcquaker.org</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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|                                 | 7:00–<br>8:30pm   | <p>◆ <b>Palestine Hybrid Reading Group</b> (Parlor / Zoom). Friends for Racial Justice Committee (FORJ) and <a href="#">SURJ Boston</a> are continuing to collaborate to host a reading group on Palestine, featuring <b>Perfect Victims by Mohamed El-Kurd</b> this fall. We will start discussing this book in September with all meetings taking place at 7pm on the following dates (all Wednesdays): <b>Sep 2 (chapters 1-2), Sep 16 (chapters 3-4), Oct 7 (chapters 5-7), and Oct 21 (chapters 8-9 + epilogue)</b>. All are welcome to join in person (in the parlor) or on Zoom. Email <a href="mailto:surjb-pal-lib@googlegroups.com">surjb-pal-lib@googlegroups.com</a> for the Zoom link and more information.</p>                                                      |
| <b>Fri 9/4–<br/>Mon<br/>9/7</b> |                   | <p>◆ <b>Young Adult Friends (YAF) (18-35ish) Retreat</b> (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 <a href="mailto:yafs@fmcquaker.org">yafs@fmcquaker.org</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>Sat</b><br><b>9/12</b> | 2:00–<br>3:00pm<br>followed by a<br>reception | <p>◆ <b>Gayle Roby Memorial Meeting for Worship followed by a reception</b> (Meetinghouse / Open Zoom). Gayle died on May 22, 2026, at the age of 78. Click <a href="#">here</a> to read her memorial. <b>Everyone attending on-site is invited to bring a single flower to add to one big bouquet that will be created.</b> Food for the reception will be provided. To participate using Zoom, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 783 475 1861 and passcode 1652 (if requested) on <a href="https://zoom.com">Zoom.com</a>, the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Sam Duncan / Toni Lydecker at <a href="mailto:memorials@fmcquaker.org">memorials@fmcquaker.org</a></p>                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Sun</b><br><b>9/13</b> | 11:45–<br>12:15pm                             | <p>◆ <b>A Special Opportunity to Reflect on Queries about Your Fall</b> (Friends Room). Adult Spiritual Education Group members will be in the Friends Room to seek your participation via a COMMUNITY CHATBOARD during refreshments. Post-its will be available for writing responses to the following queries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>How could this fall be a new beginning for you and our community?</b></li> <li>• <b>What are you hoping for in your spiritual journey this fall?</b></li> </ul> <p>You are welcome to share any other thoughts or concerns. We will also have a circle of chairs if you would like to join us in conversation. We look forward to hearing your thoughts. Contact Adult Spiritual Education Group at <a href="mailto:spiritualed@fmcquaker.org">spiritualed@fmcquaker.org</a></p> |
| <b>Sun</b><br><b>9/13</b> | 12:15–<br>1:00pm                              | <p>◆ <b>Simple Lunch</b> (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 <a href="mailto:simplelunch@fmcquaker.org">simplelunch@fmcquaker.org</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Sun</b><br><b>9/13</b> | 1:15–<br>3:30pm                               | <p>◆ <b>Meeting for Business in Worship</b> (Meetinghouse / Open Zoom). To participate using Zoom, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 783 475 1861 and passcode 1652 (if requested) on <a href="https://zoom.com">Zoom.com</a>, the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Interim Care of Business Team at <a href="mailto:icbt@fmcquaker.org">icbt@fmcquaker.org</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Sun</b><br><b>9/13</b> | 3:30pm                                        | <p>◆ <b>Deadline for Submissions to “Magical Moments in Time and Place” Community Potluck Art Show.</b> See details about the theme and submission guidelines in the Announcements section of this Weekly Calendar on page 8.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| <b>Sat</b><br><b>9/19</b> | 9:30am—<br>12:30pm | <p>◆ <b>All-Meeting Guided Worship on Being in the Body of Meeting for Business</b> (Meetinghouse / Open Zoom). Nominating Committee hopes that as many people as possible from across FMC will attend this opportunity to strengthen our community and to learn together how all of us can support business meetings and the clerks who guide them.</p> <p>This event will be co-facilitated by TylaAnn Burger, Wendy Sanford and Melody Brazo (from Fresh Pond Monthly Meeting). TylaAnn will lead us in Guided Worship, a practice for deepening understanding in a spirit of worship, joy and curiosity. This time will include teaching and open worship on coming into business meeting with the intention of worship, listening deeply to the Friends present and to Spirit, and the Quaker practice of seeking a “sense of the meeting” (as different from seeking consensus).</p> <p>To participate using Zoom, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 783 475 1861 and passcode 1652 (if requested) on <a href="#">Zoom.com</a>, the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Susan Davies / Polly Attwood at <a href="mailto:nominating@fmcquaker.org">nominating@fmcquaker.org</a></p> |
| <b>Sun</b><br><b>9/20</b> | 12:15–<br>1:15pm   | <p>◆ <b>Simple Lunch</b> (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 <a href="mailto:simplelunch@fmcquaker.org">simplelunch@fmcquaker.org</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Sun</b><br><b>9/20</b> | 1:30–<br>3:00pm    | <p>◆ <b>UN International Day of Peace Boston</b> (Meetinghouse / Livestream). The 2026 theme is "Invest in Peace - For Everyone, Everywhere, Every Day". All are invited to do our part for peace. This free program will feature peace education, poetry, music and more including some presenters/performers from FMC. Watch for more details in upcoming Weekly Calendars. Click <a href="#">here</a> for the latest updates and the livestream link. Contact Don Gianniny at <a href="mailto:peace@fmcquaker.org">peace@fmcquaker.org</a>.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Sun</b><br><b>9/20</b> | 4:45–<br>5:45pm    | <p>◆ <b>Sunday Evening Meeting for Worship</b> (Parlor / Library). All are welcome. Contact Walker Bristol / MaryGrace Menner at <a href="mailto:yafs@fmcquaker.org">yafs@fmcquaker.org</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Sun</b><br><b>9/20</b> | 6:00–<br>8:00pm    | <p>◆ <b>Young Adult Friends (YAF) Potluck</b> (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 <a href="mailto:yafs@fmcquaker.org">yafs@fmcquaker.org</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Sun</b><br><b>9/27</b> | 12:15–<br>1:00pm   | <p>◆ <b>Opening Reception for the Community Fall Potluck Art Show</b> (Friends Room). Some artists with submissions in the Fall Potluck Art Show on the theme “Magical Moments in Time and Place” will be available to talk about their artwork and to answer questions. Finger food will be available during the event. Contact George Campbell at <a href="mailto:exhibits@fmcquaker.org">exhibits@fmcquaker.org</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

### WIDER QUAKER WORLD

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| <b>Daily</b>     | 12:00–<br>1:00pm  | <a href="#">International Meeting for Worship</a> (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 <a href="#">here</a> . Free. Sponsored by <a href="#">Friends House Moscow</a> .                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Tuesdays</b>  | 8:30–<br>9:00am   | <a href="#">Prayer for Peace sponsored by the Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) Europe and Middle East Section</a> (Zoom). Free. Register <a href="#">here</a> . Sponsored by <a href="#">FWCC</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Thursdays</b> | 7:30–<br>8:30pm   | <a href="#">Meeting for Worship with Attention to Peace in Palestine and Israel</a> (Zoom). Free. Register <a href="#">here</a> . Sponsored by <a href="#">American Friends Service Committee</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Fridays</b>   | 12:00–<br>1:00pm  | <a href="#">Action Hour for Palestine</a> (Zoom). Free. Register <a href="#">here</a> . Sponsored by <a href="#">American Friends Service Committee</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Tue 8/25</b>  | 7:00–<br>8:30pm   | <a href="#">Monthly Check-In for Immigration Justice Work Among Friends</a> (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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="#">here</a> . Sponsored by <a href="#">New England Yearly Meeting</a> |
| <b>Thu 9/10</b>  | 10:00–<br>11:30am | <a href="#">End of Life Drop-In Reflection Group</a> (Zoom). This New England Yearly Meeting group, facilitated by <b>Patti Muldoon</b> [NEYM's Aging Resources Consultation and Help (ARCH) Coordinator], meets monthly on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursdays (except in August) to give participants a chance to explore spiritual, emotional, and practical aspects of facing our final days. Free. Register <a href="#">here</a> . Sponsored by <a href="#">NEYM ARCH</a>                                                                                                                                   |

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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***Recollection: Magical Moments in Time and Place.***

***Community Potluck Art Show***

***Submission Deadline: Sunday, September 13th, 2026***

***Art Show Reception: Sunday, September 26, 2026, from 12:15-1:00pm***

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/attender 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](mailto:exhibits@fmcquaker.org) with any questions that you might have.

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**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](mailto:userguide@fmcquaker.org)

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

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**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](mailto:techteam@fmcquaker.org)

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**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](#).

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**We gratefully accept donations [on-line here](#).** Contact [fundraising@fmcquaker.org](mailto:fundraising@fmcquaker.org) with questions.

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### PERSONAL NEWS

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.

Former FMC Resident Friend **Wade Boswell** is hosting his first ceramic art solo exhibition at Artspace in Greenfield, MA through August 28. The exhibit is entitled "Unmasking the Monstrous". Click [here](#) to read an article about the exhibit with quotes from Wade that appeared in the Greenfield Recorder newspaper on August 7, 2026. Click [here](#) to see Wade's Instagram page with photos of the art pieces and more.

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.

**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, 8/31 at 11:59pm. This next issue will cover events taking place from Friday, September 4 through Sunday, September 20, 2026 (two weeks). Please send your announcement to [publications@fmcquaker.org](mailto:publications@fmcquaker.org).

To request an event (Zoom, on-site or hybrid), email [scheduling@fmcquaker.org](mailto:scheduling@fmcquaker.org).  
To request an FMC meeting on your Zoom account, please include the Zoom link.

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We invite newcomers to introduce themselves and indicate their interests by filling out the [Newcomers Card here](#).