



Weekly Calendar

Friends Meeting at Cambridge

October 2 through October 18, 2026 (two weeks)

SPECIAL PLANS FOR SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 18 AFTER FORUM.

NO ON-SITE WORSHIP OR AFTERTHOUGHTS AT 5 LONGFELLOW PARK.

There will be no on-site Meeting for Worship or Afterthoughts at 5 Longfellow Park on Sunday 10/18 in honor of the 17th Annual All-Meeting Meeting for Worship Outside Raytheon. All are invited to worship outside Raytheon or on Zoom. Afterthoughts will only take place on Zoom. Forum will take place as usual in the Parlor and on Zoom from 9:15-10:15am.

First Day School will take place near Raytheon unless there is bad weather. There will be no childcare at FMC.

See the events on 10/18 for more details and the Zoom links.

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EVENT

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

Fri 10/2		Registration closes for Women's Silent Retreat at Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham, MA on October 16-19. Carpooling available. Priority will be given to those who can come for all three days. Click here to read more about the retreat as well as to review the schedule and get the registration form. Contact Sandy Sweetnam at womens-retreat@fmcquaker.org
Sat 10/3	2:00– 4:00pm followed by optional discussion 4:00– 4:30pm	◆ "Earth's Greatest Enemy" Film Showing and optional discussion (Off-Site at First Parish Unitarian Church, 3 Church St., Cambridge). This film, by acclaimed director Abby Martin, documents how the US military is the world's single largest institutional polluter and includes stories of resistance to toxic military bases. Free. Doors open at 1:30pm. For more information about the film go to www.earthsgreatestenemy.com . Pre-registration encouraged here . Questions contact info@masspeaceaction.org . Sponsored by Massachusetts Peace Action and co-sponsored by FMC's Peace & Social Justice Committee. See the entry on 10/8 for more info about a Zoom conversation from 7-8pm with the acclaimed director of the film Abby Martin.
Sun 10/4	9:15– 10:15am	Forum (Parlor / Zoom). "How do we remain spiritually grounded when encountering violence?" We will explore the spiritual foundations of non-violence and reflect on our own experiences and challenges. The Adult Spiritual Education Group will facilitate this conversation as a follow-up to the September 20 forum on "Recognizing the Many Faces of Violence". You are free to attend this forum even if you weren't able to attend on September 20. 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 forum@fmcquaker.org

Sun 10/4	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
	10:30– 11:45am	Youth Program: Junior Meeting for Business (Committee Rm). All young people involved in the Youth Program (YP) aged 10+ will be learning about and practicing their own Junior Meeting for Business. Students will learn about the history of this practice, and concepts like discernment, funding, program structure, service projects, taking minutes, and more. Students will be fully responsible as a group to make important choices for the entire First Day School & Youth Program. During intergenerational All-Ages Family Worship, students will present their choices to the larger community. Contact Alison Wiggins at alison@fmcquaker.org
	10:30– 11:45am	◆ All-Ages Family Worship (Friends Room / Zoom). Theme: “Come with Me -- Celebrate a New Season of Worship in Our All-Ages Community”. Come be part of this program that centers the children—with singing, introductions, an activity, a story, and some waiting worship. We hope this helps all of us learn and form a better worshipping community together. This event is suitable for youth of all ages (especially those under 10) but is intergenerational. To participate using Zoom, click this link or provide the meeting ID 836 6770 9699 and passcode 794870 (if requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Christel Jorgenson / Holly Lapp at family-worship@fmcquaker.org
	11:45am– 12:15pm	◆ Wonderful Deeds Day (Friends Room). Our Fellowship & Outreach (F&O) Committee has designated Sunday, October 4 as “Wonderful Deeds Day.” Please join us after the rise of meeting, at 11:45 a.m., to celebrate the generous efforts of our FMC volunteers, and to learn about ongoing opportunities to pitch in and sustain our Meeting. There will be cake! F&O also wants you to know that FMC has adopted a new online system that makes it a breeze to volunteer. The online system includes greeting , microphone spacing , refreshments , and assisting with First Day School . If you are volunteering for the first time, all opportunities include training or orientation. Questions? Email fellowship@fmcquaker.org . See you on October 4th! Contact Amanda Green / Brian Robison at fellowship@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 the Zoom link before and 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 Jessica Ronalids at afterthoughts@fmcquaker.org
	12:15– 1:00pm	◆ Simple Lunch (Friends Room). A \$6-7 donation is requested to cover the cost of the vegan soup, salad and bread provided, but you are invited regardless of whether you can contribute money. Contact Tom Sander / David Smith at simplelunch@fmcquaker.org
	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

Tue 10/6	10:00– 11:30am	Adult Spiritual Education Working Group (Zoom). Email Adult Spiritual Education Working Group at spiritualed@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.
	3:30– 4:30pm	Membership Committee (Zoom). Email Daniel Fitzmartin at membership@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.
	6:45– 8:30pm	Ministry & Counsel Committee (M&C) (Zoom). Email NErin Bumgarner at ministry@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.
	7:00– 8:30pm	Gaza Sub-Committee (Zoom). All are welcome. Email Skip Schiel / Don Gianniny / Dinah Starr / Sarah Allen at gaza@fmcquaker.org for event information.
	7:30– 9:30pm	Facilities Group (Zoom). Email David White at facilities@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.
Wed 10/7	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 Sara Sue Pennell at midweek@fmcquaker.org
	12:00– 1:00pm	Tech Team Meeting (Open Zoom). New team members needed. Training and shadowing provided. To participate, click this link or provide the meeting ID 783 475 1861 and passcode requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Holly Lapp at techteam@fmcquaker.org
	5:00– 6:30pm	Prayer Circle (Zoom). Send requests for prayers or praise to prayers@fmcquaker.org or join us. To participate, click this link or provide the meeting ID 851 8022 6020 and passcode 608758 (if requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Cornelia Parkes at prayers@fmcquaker.org
	6:30– 8:00pm	Stone of Hope Drumming Circle (Meetinghouse). All are welcome. 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 Dan Fitzmartin / Brian Robison at stone-of-hope@fmcquaker.org
	7:00– 9:00pm	BVOCAL Protest Chorus Rehearsal (Friends Room). All are welcome. In October we will have a Honk Festival Rehearsal for the Saturday 10/10 2-3pm Singing Resistance performance at the Honk! Festival of Activist Street Bands in Davis Square, Somerville. BVOCAL is a local protest chorus committed to uplifting our rallies, marches, and picket lines with singing - wherever people gather for justice. Join their rehearsals to learn a repertoire of new songs that are part of the singing resistance all across the country. For information about the chorus and their schedule of rehearsals and events check out bvocalchorus.org . The rehearsals at FMC are sponsored by the Peace & Social Justice Committee. Contact Liana Laughlin / Holly Lapp at bvocal@fmcquaker.org

Wed 10/7	7:00– 8:30pm	Palestine Hybrid Reading Group (Parlor / Zoom). Friends for Racial Justice Committee (FORJ) and Collective Action Aging White Supremacy Boston are continuing to collaborate to host a reading group on Palestine, featuring <i>Perfect Victims</i> by Mohamed El-Kurd this fall. We will start discussing this book in September with all meetings taking place at 7pm on the following dates (all Wednesdays): Sep 2 (chapters 1-2), Sep 16 (chapters 3-4), Oct 7 (chapters 5-7), and Oct 21 (chapters 8-9 + epilogue) . All are welcome to join in person (in the Parlor) or on Zoom. Email surbj-pal-lib@googlegroups.com for the Zoom link and more information
Thu 10/8	4:00– 5:30pm	Friends for Racial Justice Committee (FORJ) (Zoom). We typically meet on the second Thursday of month from 4:00-5:30pm. We share and plan events that consider reparative justice, immigrant justice, and Indigenous solidarity. This October we'll consider the Day of Mourning and Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery . Newcomers are especially welcome but please let try to us know in advance if you are coming for the first time. To participate using Zoom, click this link or provide the meeting ID 858 7150 7841 and passcode 868626 (if requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Tyler Calabrese / Minga Claggett-Borne at forj@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	◆ “Earth’s Greatest Enemy” –An Online Conversation with Acclaimed Film Director Abby Martin (Zoom). This film documents how the US military is the world’s single largest institutional polluter and includes stories of resistance to toxic military bases. Learn about the making of the film and discuss how we can use it for political organizing. Register here to get the Zoom link. A free in-person showing of the film will take place at First Unitarian Church in Harvard Square from 2-4pm on Saturday, October 3 and it can be rented on various streaming platforms. Questions contact info@masspeaceaction.org . Sponsored by Massachusetts Peace Action and co-sponsored by FMC’s Peace & Social Justice Committee.
Fri 10/9	11:00am– 12:30pm	◆ Let’s Talk About God (Zoom). In this small group that meets monthly, we share on-going conversations about our spiritual adventures and listen to each other. Drop-ins welcome. To participate, click this link or provide the meeting ID 814 0211 3654 and passcode 651231 (if requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Cornelia Parkes at seekers@fmcquaker.org
Sat 10/10	12:00pm– 4:00pm	◆ Advocacy for the Long Haul: FCNL MA Advocacy Team Launch Workshop (Off-Site at Wellesley Friends Meeting, 26 Benvenue St., Wellesley, MA / Zoom). Free. Lunch provided. Rideshare available. Possibility for childcare. Please join Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) to become part of a state-wide MA team (including several FMC folks to * Influence your members of Congress and their staff through face-to-face conversations * Drive media coverage you want to see * Build a strategic team in your community that lobbies as part of a powerful national advocacy network * Join our 2026 Advocacy Teams campaign for No Militarism at Home or Abroad. Learn more here and register here . Co-sponsored by Peace & Social Justice Committee. Contacts Richard Tillberg / Holly Lapp at peace@fmcquaker.org

Sat 10/10	6:00– 8:00pm	SciFi-Fantasy Reading Aloud (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 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). 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 10/11	9:15– 10:15am	Forum (Parlor / Zoom). "The Choices We Make" with Laura Wolfe . 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 forum@fmcquaker.org
	10:00– 10:25am	◆ What would you do in the unlikely event that ICE comes to FMC on a Sunday? (On-Site) . 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. This is especially relevant for folks who regularly have care of Sunday activities to feel informed. This is a continuation of the run-through series from July 26 and August 29th. All are welcome, even those that attended the earlier session. Lauren and Brian R will go over the proposed protocol in the rare case that ICE shows up. Questions? Ask us. RSVP to 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	First Day School (FDS Rooms). Children join their families for the first 15 minutes of Meeting for Worship and then follow the First Day School banner to their own program at 10:45am. The October classes will focus on the Simplicity Testimony. Contact Alison Wiggins at alison@fmcquaker.org
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Mon 10/12	8:00am– 5:00pm	FMC Staff Holiday . For urgent facilities matters, please email facilities@fmcquaker.org . For urgent or time-sensitive scheduling matters, please email scheduling@fmcquaker.org .

Tue 10/13	7:00– 9:00pm	Trustees Committee (Zoom). Email Mark Webster / David White at trustees@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.
	7:00– 8:30pm	Avison Fund Committee (Zoom). Email Liz Moore / Chris Maddocks at avison@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.
Wed 10/14	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 Sara Sue Pennell at midweek@fmcquaker.org
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	7:00– 8:30pm	◆ Quaker Eldering Practice Group (Zoom). In this gathering we will discuss the early Friends and what they described as their “living relationship with Christ.” As Sandra Cronk writes in her Pendle Hill pamphlet #271 <i>Gospel Order: A Quaker Understanding of Faithful Church Community</i> “The patterns of life, the ‘order’ in gospel order, were an outgrowth of that relationship with Christ.” 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
	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.
Fri 10/16 – Mon 10/19		◆ Women’s Silent Retreat October 16-19 (Off-Site in Hingham, MA). We will gather at Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham for three days of reflection and Fellowship from Friday 10/16 to Monday 10/19. Carpooling available. Registration ends October 2. Click here to read more about the retreat as well as to review the schedule and get the registration form. The actual cost per person is \$340, but there is flexibility based on need and generosity. It includes three nights and nine meals. Participation is limited to fifteen. This year, rather than first-come, first-served, we will try to find a balance of young and old, veterans and newcomers, and encourage people who can come less often. Those who come all three days get priority. The next retreat will be only two days from Friday-Sunday one weekend in April 2027. Contact Sandy Sweetnam at womens-retreat@fmcquaker.org
Sat 10/17 (and Part 2 11/7)	9:30am– 3:30pm	◆ Clerking Workshop Part 1 of 2 (On-Site). The by-invitation two-part on-site Clerking Workshop (9:30am-3:30pm on both Oct 17 and Nov 7), focused on understanding and practicing various aspects of clerking a Meeting for Business and/or an FMC committee, has room for a few more people to join. If you are led to be part of this training, please reach out to Nominating Committee at nominating@fmcquaker.org to explore your interest in attending

Sun 10/18	9:15– 10:15am	Forum (Parlor / Zoom). "Preparing for Worship Outside Raytheon" with John Bach. 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 forum@fmcquaker.org
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	10:45– 11:45am	17th All-Meeting Meeting for Worship Outside Raytheon. (Off-Site near 10 Moulton Street (on Concord Ave opposite Neville Manor), Cambridge / Open Zoom starting at 10:30am]. THERE WILL BE NO FORMAL MEETING FOR WORSHIP ON-SITE AT 5 LONGFELLOW PARK. Carpool rides will leave 5 Longfellow Park by 10:30am. Cyclists may choose to gather at FMC to caravan over or can bike directly to Raytheon. Ministry & Counsel and Peace & Social Justice Committee invite everyone to attend this special anniversary Meeting for Worship outside Raytheon, regardless of the weather. For those who cannot make it to Raytheon, Meeting for Worship that day also takes place on Open Zoom starting at 10:30am. 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 John Bach (Off-Site) / Jim Hannon (Zoom) at careofworship@fmcquaker.org
	10:45– 11:45am	First Day School (Off-Site near 10 Moulton Street, Cambridge, weather permitting). THERE WILL BE NO FIRST DAY SCHOOL OR CHILDCARE ON-SITE AT 5 LONGFELLOW PARK UNLESS THERE IS INCLEMENT WEATHER. If there is inclement weather and plans are changed to move the First Day School program back to FMC, notifications will be sent to families by email and via the Family Whatsapp. Outside Raytheon, for the first fifteen minutes children will worship with their families and then the children will leave to have their own special children's program near where others are worshipping outside Raytheon. Contact Alison Wiggins at youthministries@fmcquaker.org
	12:00– 12:30pm	Afterthoughts (Zoom only). THERE WILL BE NO AFTERTHOUGHTS ON-SITE AT 5 LONGFELLOW PARK. Most Sundays, there is an informal time for conversation on the Zoom link before and after the end of Afterthoughts. To participate using Zoom, click this link or provide the meeting ID 873 2175 9327 and passcode 537370 (if requested) on Zoom.com, the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Jim Hannon at afterthoughts@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 / Kitchen). 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

SAVE THE DATE

Sun 10/25		IMPORTANT: SCHEDULE FOR 4th SUNDAYS including October 25th (9:30am & 11am worship) On all 4th Sundays (including October 25) 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 the 9:30am Meeting for Worship, childcare will be provided. During the 11:00am Meeting for Worship, there will be First Day School for children. There will be joint refreshments between the two meetings, but no Forum or Afterthoughts.
Sun 10/25	12:15– 1:30pm	◆ Extended Simple Lunch (Friends Room). A \$6-7 donation is requested to cover the cost of the vegan soup, salad and bread provided, but you are invited regardless of whether you can contribute money. Contact Tom Sander / David Smith at simplelunch@fmcquaker.org

WIDER QUAKER WORLD

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.
Sun 10/4	3:00– 4:00am 7:00am– 1:00pm 6:00– 7:00pm	World Quaker Day (Zoom). The theme for this year is "Let Peace Be Among Us," supported by the Bible passage Hebrews 12:14, which encourages living in peace with everyone. There will be an extended Global Online Worship on that day, bringing together Friends across borders, languages, and Quaker traditions with a shared focus on peace. Events will include 8 hours of worship, reaching across many time zones. Each hour will focus on a different topic or area of the world. All sessions will be in English or there will be translation into English. See the plan details here. Sponsored by Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC)

Sun 10/4	2:00– 4:00pm	Embodied Quakerism & Continuing Revelation (Zoom). This experiential online workshop on World Quaker Day will exploring body-based early Quaker practices with Katy Hawkins. It will explore a longing among contemporary Friends to revitalize the radically embodied culture of the early Quaker movement. \$30 donation (\$45 Subsidizing, \$15 Subsidized). Register here . Sponsored by Pendle Hill
Mondays 10/5, 10/12, 10/19 and 10/26	6:30– 8:30pm	ARCH Foundations Workshop (Zoom). This four-part workshop invites Friends to explore the gifts and challenges of aging in a supportive, spiritually grounded community. Together, we'll reflect on what it means to grow older, practice deep listening, and strengthen our capacity for mutual accompaniment — a model of shared, lateral care that helps us age together in community. The workshop welcomes Friends of all ages, capacities, and experiences — whether you are aging, caring for someone who is, or simply drawn to this ministry of accompaniment. It is open to Friends in the New England Yearly Meeting and is offered twice a year, in spring and fall. Free. Learn more and register here . Sponsored by Aging Resources Consultation Help (ARCH) .
Thu 10/8	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
Sat 10/17	9:00am– 4:00pm– part-time ok	Beacon Hill Friends House Work Day (Off-Site at 6 & 8 Chestnut St., Boston). Come for part or all of the day to work alone or with others on various projects. Help in the morning or afternoon or both. Volunteers are invited for a free lunch. Learn more here and register here . Sponsored by Beacon Hill Friends House .
Tue 10/20	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 .

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A NEW AND EASY WAY TO VOLUNTEER AT FMC. FMC has adopted a new online system that makes it a breeze to volunteer. The online system includes (thus far) [greeting](#), [microphone spacing](#), [refreshments](#), and assisting with [First Day School](#). If you are volunteering for the first time, all opportunities include training or orientation. Those working with youth need to undergo child-safety screening. Questions? Email fellowship@fmcquaker.org.

FMC LIBRARY GRAND REOPENING. The two library rooms on the first floor of the Friends Center are once again open for members and guests to check out books. The present means to do this is select a book, fill out one of the slips found in the Library (there is signage indicating where) and write down the book and your contact information. Deposit the slip in the indicated bin, and you're done! At present, we are allowing people to check out up to 10 items at once for a period of two months at a time. Please contact library@fmcquaker.org with any further questions, requests for material to be added to the collection, or suggestions!

Alison Wiggins (Ali) is now our Child & Youth Ministry Program Manager! No longer Interim First Day School Coordinator, this long-term, part-time role reflects Ali's service to kids, volunteers, policies, and programs. For questions or congratulations to Ali, email alison@fmcquaker.org. For any questions about the role, email her supervisor - Staff & Administrative Manager Lauren Mawe adminmanager@fmcquaker.org."

The by-invitation two-part on-site **Clerking Workshop (9:30am-3:30pm on both Oct 17 and Nov 7)**, focused on understanding and practicing various aspects of clerking a Meeting for Business and/or an FMC committee, **has room for a few more people to join**. If you are led to be part of this training, please reach out to Nominating Committee (Nominating@fmcquaker.org) to explore your interest in attending

FAMILIES AND OTHERS INTERESTED IN FIRST DAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH PROGRAMS. Activities and opportunities for children and families are shared on the FMC Family WhatsApp and in the weekly Family email. To sign up to get this info and to ask questions about opportunities for children and families at FMC, please contact Alison Wiggins at alison@fmcquaker.org.

YOUNG ADULTS (18-35ISH). Our Young Adult Friends group maintains both a listserv and an active YAF WhatsApp. To sign up to get this info and to ask questions about the group, please contact Walker Bristol / Mary Grace Mennor at yafs@fmcquaker.org

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

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 **Alaina Huxtable** died on September 21, 2026, at age 85. A memorial Meeting for Worship to celebrate Alaina's life will take place on Saturday, November 28th. Check back for additional details include the time and whether it will be hybrid.

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.

Bill Green spoke on 9/14/26 at a Climate Action Brookline program on the topic of Artificial Intelligence, and in particular the impacts on the climate from the rapid proliferation of AI data centers. The recording available here: <https://climateactionbrookline.org/events/#archives>

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, 10/12/26 at 11:59pm. This next issue will cover events taking place from <u>Friday, October 16 through Sunday, November 1, 2026 (two weeks)</u> . 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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