

Weekly Calendar

Friends Meeting at Cambridge

November 28 through December 13, 2026 (two weeks)

Go to our website at fmcquaker.org for an online version of this Weekly Calendar and much, much more!

WE ARE HIRING!

Childcare Provider Job Opening: Friends Meeting at Cambridge is seeking Childcare Providers to help us welcome and care for our children on Sunday mornings. Please see the **job description** posted on our website for more information.

Applications are open through Sunday, December 6th, 2026. Please send a resume and cover letter to hiring@fmcquaker.org. The position starts in late January 2027.

Audio-Visual Tech Host Job Opening: Friends Meeting at Cambridge is seeking a per diem AV Host to help us with audio and hybrid event set ups on Sunday mornings and somd other weekend and evening times. Please see the **job description** posted on our website for more information.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. The position is open until filled. Please send a resume and cover letter to hiring@fmcquaker.org.

		EVENT ***◆ Designates special events / Blue underlined text blocks are hyperlinks***
Sat 11/28	11:00am – 12:00pm followed by a lunch reception	◆ **Alaina Huxtable Memorial Meeting for Worship** (Meetinghouse). A lunch reception will follow. FMC member Alaina Huxtable died at age 85 on September 21, 2026. She and her husband Peter (who died in August 2023) joined FMC in October 1980. Contact Sam Duncan / Toni Lydecker at **memorials@fmcquaker.org**
	6:00 – 8:00pm	**SciFi-Fantasy Reading Aloud** (Zoom). Reading aloud for adults! Join the **Science Fiction and Fantasy Read Aloud Book Group** as we gather to read science fiction and fantasy short stories. Bring a story to read or just come to listen …we meet roughly twice a month, on Saturdays from 6 to 8pm. 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. 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 11/29	9:30–10:15am	🔶 **Make a Joyful Noise! Alleluia! Singing Together** (Parlor/ Zoom). As is our custom on 5th Sundays (including 11/29) from September - June, we will not have a Forum. Instead, you are invited to **sing Christmas carols** in the Parlor, using *Worship in Song* (the green Quaker hymnal). The event will be hybrid, but on Zoom you will need to stay muted and sing at home or listen to those gathered in the Friends Room. Bring a hymnal if you have one. 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. NOTE: If you would prefer early silent worship, you are welcome to worship informally in the Meetinghouse or on the regular Meeting for Worship Open Zoom channel. Contact Susan Davies / Sandy Sweetnam at **singing@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 Jan Nisenbaum 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 November classes will focus on the Peace Testimony. 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. 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 Jan Nisenbaum at **afterthoughts@fmcquaker.org**
	3:00–5:00pm	**Family Worship Planning Group** (Zoom). Join us if you'd like to plan the semi-programmed December Family Worship on 12/6. To participate, **click this link** or provide the meeting ID 882 5406 9538 and passcode 293221 (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**
Mon 11/30	7:00—8:00pm	**Climate Action Group** (Open Zoom). All are welcome. **At the November meeting, there will be (1) a discussion about possibly organizing a FMC community service project around Earth Day in April 2027, (2) an update on progress toward our net-zero emissions goal for our Meeting, and (3) a group discussion/brainstorm about the pillars that support the status quo and** 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 1-646-5586. Contact Sarah Allen / Dan Fitzmartin at **climateaction@fmcquaker.org**
Tue 12/1	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 Dan Fitzmartin at **membership@fmcquaker.org** for meeting information.

Tue 12/1	6:00–9:00pm	🔶 **"All That's Left of You" Movie Screening (Friends Rm).** Co-sponsored by the Peace and Social Justice Committee, **Jewish Voice for Peace - Boston** and other local organizations, the movie depicts the effects of the Nakba (Palestinian catastrophe of 1948) on a multigenerational Palestinian family. A local Palestinian family will later share their related experiences. With heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages. See the movie trailer **here**. Free. Registration required **here**. Contact Skip Schiel for further information at **peace@fmcquaker.org**
	6:45–8:30pm	**Ministry & Counsel Committee (M&C)** (Zoom). Email Jim Hannon at **ministry@fmcquaker.org** for meeting information.
Wed 12/2	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). To participate, click this link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7834751861?pwd=Y3VLWGREVjN5OERycGZOdjIwZWUvdz09 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 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). 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. RSVP one day in advance is required. Suggested donation: $25 (or pay what you can). Contact Dan Fitzmartin / Brian Robison at **stone-of-hope@fmcquaker.org**
Thu 12/3	7:00–8:30pm	**First Day School/Youth Programs Committee (FDS/YP)** (Zoom). To participate, **click this link** or provide the meeting ID 829 5945 5445 and passcode 836073 (if requested) on **Zoom.com**, the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Christel Jorgenson / Liana Laughlin at **fds-youthprograms@fmcquaker.org**
Sun 12/6		🔶 **Deadline to apply for Childcare Provider Job Opening.** Friends Meeting at Cambridge is seeking Childcare Providers to help us welcome and care for our children on Sunday mornings. Please see the **job description** posted on our website for more information. **Please send a resume and cover letter to hiring@fmcquaker.org. The position starts in late January 2027.**
Sun 12/6 thru Sun 12/13		**LOST AND FOUND.** Rediscover Forgotten Treasure…Or Your Lost Water Bottle! **From Sunday, December 6 – Sunday, December 13, the accumulation of lost and found items found at FMC will be on and under a table just outside the FMC Office in the Friends Center.** Please claim items you left behind. After December 13th, all remaining items will be donated/discarded/recycled. Thanks to Daria Casinelli and Mike Wyson for organizing this effort.

Sun 12/6	9:15–10:15am	**Forum** (Parlor / Zoom). **"Disability and Belonging in Quaker Communities" with Jennifer Caldwell and Greg Woods.** Join Jennifer and Greg for a conversation about disability, accessibility, and belonging in Quaker communities. They will share about Beacon Hill Friends House's ongoing work exploring the experiences of disabled Quakers and how our meetings can become more accessible. This work builds on Greg's Weed Lecture last year. Curious to learn more? **Watch the lecture on YouTube**—no advance viewing is necessary! 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**
	10:30–11:30am	**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	🔶 **All-Ages Worship** (Friends Rm / Zoom). Come be part of this program that centers the children--with singing, introductions, art activities, a story, and some waiting worship. We hope this helps all of us learn and form a better worshiping 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**
	10:30–11:45am	**Youth Program: Junior Meeting for Business** (On-Site). 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. Contact Alison Wiggins at **alison@fmcquaker.org** Contact Ali Wiggins at **alison@fmcquaker.org**
	11:45am–12:15pm	**Fellowship with Refreshments** (On-Site). Enjoy conversation with refreshments served in the Friends Room. 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 David Doms at **afterthoughts@fmcquaker.org**
	12:15–1:30pm	🔶 **Extended Simple Lunch** (Friends Room). A $6-7 donation is requested to cover the cost of the vegan soup, salad and bread provided, but you are invited regardless of whether you can contribute money. Contact Tom Sander / David Smith at **simplelunch@fmcquaker.org**
Tue 12/8	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 Chris Maddocks / Liz Moore at **avison@fmcquaker.org** for meeting information.

Wed 12/9	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 (2nd/4th Wed)** (Zoom). For this session, we'll explore what Sandra Cronk calls the "prophetic and priestly dimensions of gospel order" with readings from from Pendle Hill pamphlet #271, **Gospel Order** by Sandra Cronk with time for sharing personal experiences and reflections. 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). Email George Campbell at **artists@fmcquaker.org** for meeting information.
Thu 12/10	4:00–6:00pm	**Friends for Racial Justice Committee (FORJ)** (Zoom). In December we will be deciding our committee meeting schedule as we move into. We will discuss and plan events that consider reparative justice, immigrant justice, and Indigenous solidarity. To participate, **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	🔶 **Newcomers & Seekers Exploring Together** (Parlor / Open Zoom). Join us for an evening hybrid gathering with long-time Friends from our community as well as others newer to the meeting who are exploring Quakerism and finding out more about our community**. This month as the holidays approach, how can a practice of simplicity help ground you**? Stay until 8:30 pm if you want to dive deeper or ask additional questions. To participate, **click this link** or provide the meeting ID 783 475 1861 and passcode 1652 (if requested) on **Zoom.com**, the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Sarah Allen / Dan Fitzmartin at **newcomers@fmcquaker.org**
Sat 12/12	2:00–4:00pm	🔶 **Celebrating with Cornelia Parkes on her 90th Birthday** (Open Zoom). You are all invited! Drop by when you can or stay for the duration. Bring your creative ideas because who knows what makes a Zoom party fun! 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 Cornelia Parkes / Holly Lapp at **corneliaceleb@fmcquaker.org**

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Sun 12/13	9:15–10:15am	**Forum** (Parlor / Zoom). "Reflections on Our Role in Creating 'Peace on Earth': Where do you find light in this season? How do you spread your light in this season?" with the Adult Spiritual Education Group. 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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	10:30am–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. Contact Alison Wiggins at **alison@fmcquaker.org**
	~11:45am	🔶 **Brief Meeting for Business in Worship** (Meetinghouse / Open Zoom). There is expected to be only one brief business item to consider. 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**
	~12:00pm–12:30pm	**Fellowship with Refreshments** (On-Site). Enjoy conversation with refreshments served in the Friends Room. Contact Holly Lapp / Caren Seagraves / Mike Wyson at **refreshments@fmcquaker.org**
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	~12:30 1:40pm	🔶 **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**

SAVE THE DATE		
Mon 12/14	7:00—9:00pm	🔶 **The Healing and Transforming Power of the New Story** (Zoom). Come at 6:30pm for fellowship. This special event will feature Mary Coelho, author of Invited to a Spiritual Journey: Discovering the Hidden Wound, with others. 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. Click here to learn more about the group, check out resources and read back issues of the New Story newsletter. Contact Cornelia Parkes at **new-story@fmcquaker.org**
Sun 12/20	9:00—10:30am	**Rehearsal for Pageant Musicians** (On-Site). If you'd like to be part of the Pageant Pickup Band (all instruments welcome), contact Davi Anick in advance at **pageantmusic@fmcquaker.org** so he can get parts ready for the various instruments and do other advance planning with Tom O'Connor. Simple breakfast provided.
Sun 12/20	10:30—11:30am	**Pageant Rehearsal for First Day School** (On-Site)**.** Watch for more details. Children are invited to gather at 10:30am to select parts, costumes, and rehearse the Pageant. There will be no formal First Day School classes. Parents and adult volunteers are welcome to participate as well! Contact Alison Wiggins at **alison@fmcquaker.org** with questions and to volunteer.
Sun 12/20	11:30—11:45am	🔶 **First Day School Christmas Pageant** (Meetinghouse / Open Zoom). At the rise of Meeting for Worship, First Day School students, families, and friends will bring a dramatization of the Christmas story into the Meetinghouse with musical accompaniment and audience participation. 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 Alison Wiggins at **alison@fmcquaker.org**
Fri 12/25	10:30—11:30am	🔶 **Christmas Morning Meeting for Worship** (Parlor / Open Zoom). Come join us for a special Meeting for Worship on Christmas. Light refreshments will be served after worship for those who attend onsite. We will try to provide childcare if you make a request in advance to **childcarerequest@fmcquaker.org**. To participate using Zoom, **click this link** or provide the meeting ID 783 475 1861 and passcode 1652 (if requested) on **Zoom.com**, the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact To Be Announced at **careofworship@fmcquaker.org**
Thu 12/31	10:00—10:45pm	🔶 **New Year's Eve Cider and Conversation** (On-Site). You are invited to gather for hot mulled cider, sweets, and conversation before the Meeting for Worship to close out 2025. **Bring a dessert (potluck style) to share or just bring yourself.** Contact Holly Lapp / Amanda Marcus / Alasdair Post-Quinn at **fellowship@fmcquaker.org**
Thu 12/31	11:00pm—midnight	🔶 **New Year's Eve Candlelight Meeting for Worship** (Meetinghouse with a fire and candles / Open Zoom). Say farewell to 2026 as you attend this special hybrid Meeting for Worship in the Meetinghouse with a fire in the fireplace and candles around the room for those attending on-site. We will only be using a laptop, speaker, and microphone, not the full complement of AV equipment used on Sunday mornings. Welcome 2027 with Friends and a cup of mulled cider on the way out. To participate on 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 Alasdair Post-Quinn at **careofworship@fmcquaker.org**

WIDER QUAKER WORLD

Daily	8:30–9:10am	**Daily Worship at Pendle Hill** (At Pendle Hill in Wallingford, PA / Zoom). Saturdays the worship gathering is in total silence. Learn more **here**. Free. Sponsored by **Pendle Hill**.
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**.
Fridays 12/4, 1/8, 2/5	1:00–3:00pm	**Facing Dementia Together Workshop Series** (Zoom). Although the workshops are meant to build upon each other, you are welcome to participate even if you cannot make it to each session. Part 1 (12/4): Understanding Cognitive Decline and Dementia, Part 2 (1/8) How can Meetings Respond and Part 3 (2/5) Dementia and One's Spiritual Journey. Read much more about the plans, presenters, and queries for each session **here.** Free. Donations welcome. Register **here**. Sponsored by **New England Yearly Meeting** and **Baltimore Yearly Meeting**.
Sun 12/6	4:00–6:00pm	**Roots of Injustice, Seeds of Change: Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples** (Zoom) $20-50 requested, $5 minimum. Register **here**. Sponsored by **Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples** as part of **Friends Peace Teams**
Mon 12/7	7:00–10:00pm	**Listening Forum: Disability and belonging in Quaker Communities** (Off-Site at Beacon Hill Friends House 6 &8 Chestnut St., Boston / Zoom. Join **Greg Woods** and Beacon Hill Friends House for a listening forum exploring disability, belonging, and Quaker faith and practice. Free. Register **here**. Sponsored by **Beacon Hill Friends House**.
Tue 12/8	7:00—10:00pm	**Living into your call: Vocational Discernment Workshop** (Off-Site at Beacon Hill Friends House, 6 & 8 Chestnut St., Boston / Zoom). Are you interested in exploring your work (whether paid, volunteer, or other?) and the deep questions of what your gifts are and what you have to offer the world, to find some clarity on what your right next steps might be? Then this retreat is for you. Free. Register **here**. Sponsored by **Beacon Hill Friends House**
Thu 12/10	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 2nd 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**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOST AND FOUND. Rediscover Forgotten Treasure…Or Your Lost Water Bottle! **From Sunday, December 6 – Sunday, December 13, the accumulation of lost and found items found at FMC will be on and under a table just outside the FMC Office in the Friends Center.** Please claim items you left behind. After December 13th, all remaining items will be donated/discarded/recycled. Thanks to Daria Casinelli and Mike Wyson for organizing this effort.

Interested in brainstorming and beginning advance planning for an FMC Earth Day climate-related FMC service project (or projects)? Earth Day is April 20, 2027. If so, please attend the Climate Action Meeting on Mon 11/30 from 7-8 pm (see the events section for Open Zoom link) or contact Sarah Allen / Dan Fitzmartin at climateaction@fmcquaker.org to share your interest and/or ideas about a possible project.

IMPORTANT: SCHEDULE FOR 4th SUNDAYS including December 27th (9:30am & 11am worship)

On all 4th Sundays (including December 27) 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. Fire in the Meetinghouse fireplace.

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

Fires in the Meetinghouse fireplace will continue on 4th Sundays (including 12/27) for the low-tech Meeting for Worship at 11am and currently are scheduled to continue on this schedule during the winter. If you are sensitive to smoke odors and/or particulate matter, please consider joining the hybrid 9:30am worship on 4th Sundays or on Zoom because there will be no fire. **There will also be a fire in the Meetinghouse fireplace at the New Year's Eve Meeting for Worship from 11:00pm to midnight.**

The Avison Fund Committee is accepting proposals for the 2027 grant cycle. Please tell you favorite child-centered organizations about this funding opportunity. This year, the Avison Fund Committee anticipates awarding grants of between $10,000 and $15,000 each. In accordance with the Fund's governing provisions, grants to Quaker organizations may account for up to 20% of annual disbursements. This year, the Avison Fund Committee anticipates awarding grants of between $10,000 and $15,000 each. In accordance with the Fund's governing provisions, grants to Quaker organizations may account for up to 20% of annual disbursements. For more information, please visit the FMC **Avison Fund Committee webpage.** Please tell your favorite child-centered organizations about this opportunity! **Proposals are due by 5:00pm on Tuesday, January 5, 2027.**

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**

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 will be held at FMC** to celebrate Alaina's life will take place on Saturday, **November 28th at 11am**. An on-site lunch reception will follow.

Lucie Jarkovská, FMC member living with her family in Brno Czech Republic, recently wrote "I would like to take this opportunity to connect with FMC again. Some of you know that I have been working with journaling in recent years. Recently, I published an article titled ***Overcoming Anxiety in a Research Methodology Course: Using Journaling to Teach Preservice Teachers*** introducing how we use journaling in our teaching, specifically using students' fear of research methodology as a starting point for their own small-scale research.

"Although this article focuses on teaching research methodology to undergraduate preservice teachers, its underlying mechanics, transforming internal discomfort into collective clarity, facilitating large-group reflection, and separating emotional reactions from objective listening, translate directly to a Quaker community's processes, so I would like to share it with you. You can find it in the ***Journal of Experiential Education*.**"

"**Watching Cars**". **Cornelia Parkes** shares a story of how she found the deepest anguish in her heart by meditating on the disruptive influence of watching cars during meeting for worship. Cornelia can be reached at **new-story@fmcquaker.org.**

Jim Hannon's account of an undramatic spiritual awakening as a Quaker has been published in *Amethyst Review* and can be found **here**.

Mary Coelho has just published a small book *Invited to a Spiritual Journey: Discovering the Hidden Wound.* It tells the story of her spiritual journey from being awakened by mystical experiences, the breakthrough for her that came from the changes in our understanding of the nature of matter and other worldview changes from science, insights from Rufus Jones and several other spiritual teachers, and her recognition of very early psychological/spiritual wounding that had blocked for decades any realization of her spiritual search. It is available **here** on Amazon. She will be talking about her experience at the New Story Group meeting on Monday, December 14th from 7-9pm. See the Weekly Calendar for details.

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, 12/7/26 at 11:59pm. This next issue will cover events taking place from Saturday, December 12 through Sunday, January 3 (three 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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To obtain a copy of the FMC Directory, go to **https://community.fmcquaker.org/** or email **publications@fmcquaker.org**
We invite newcomers to introduce themselves and indicate their interests by filling out the **Newcomers Card here**.