



Weekly Calendar

Friends Meeting at Cambridge

April 26 through May 5, 2024 (one week)

Sunday, April 28, from 9:00-10:00am Brattle Street and Longfellow Park will be closed for road races. Click here for details.	
Go to our website at fmcquaker.org for an online version of this Weekly Calendar and much, much more!	
WE ARE HIRING!	
FMC is seeking 1-2 audio-visual tech hosts starting in May 2024. Opportunities for regular or occasional Sunday shifts from 8:45am-12:45am. Click here for information about this position, open until filled.	

DATE	EVENT
Fri 26 – Sun 28	Women's Silent Retreat (In-Person, Off Site at Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham, MA). Registration is full. Contact Sandy Sweetnam at womens-retreat@fmcquaker.org
Sun 28 9:15– 10:15am	Forum (Parlor / Zoom). “Worship Sharing on Deepening our Individual Spirituality.” 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 George Campbell / 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 Jonathan Vogel-Borne at careofworship@fmcquaker.org
10:30– 11:45am	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 Zoe Zurad at youthministries@fmcquaker.org
11:45am– 1:00pm	Fellowship with Refreshments (On-Site). Enjoy conversation with simple refreshments served either in the Friends Room (mask optional) or outdoors (weather permitting). Contact Holly Lapp / Amanda Marcus / Caren Seagraves at refreshments@fmcquaker.org
12:00– 12:30pm	Afterthoughts (Parlor / Zoom). Most Sundays there is an informal time for conversation on this Zoom link after the end of Afterthoughts. 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 Kim West at afterthoughts@fmcquaker.org
1:00– 2:00pm	Reflect on the Role of Staff & Administrative Manager (Parlor / Open Zoom). Join Lauren Mawe and her Supervisory Committee as they discuss the Staff & Administrative Manager role. Lauren will join for the first 30 minutes, then the committee will continue the conversation. 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. Childcare provided. Chris Maddocks, Jo Ellen Hillyer and Jonathan Vogel-Borne at supervisory@fmcquaker.org

Sun 28	5:00— 6:30pm	Family Pizza Night (FDS Rooms). Families, please join us for pizza night! This is an opportunity for families to connect and get to know one another better. It is also a chance to explore how FMC can better facilitate community building among families. Parents/grandparents/caregivers and children of all ages are invited. Please RSVP so we can order enough pizza (allergies or food preferences also welcome) by contacting Zoe Zurad at youthministries@fmcquaker.org .
Mon 29	1:30— 3:30pm	Blue Sky Group (Parlor / Zoom). Contact Jennifer Hogue at blueskygroup@fmcquaker.org
	6:15— 8:00pm	Poems We Love (Open Zoom). 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 Michael Shanahan at poetryhour@fmcquaker.org
	6:30— 8:00pm	Stone of Hope Drumming Circle (Meetinghouse). Contact Minga Claggett-Borne / Daniel Fitzmartin at stone-of-hope@fmcquaker.org
	7:00— 9:00pm	New Story Group (Zoom). April theme: “Ashes to Ashes: meditations and practices of life lived like rich and healthy soil” presented by Wren Ribeiro, as we continue to draw inspiration from the film <i>Regenerating Life</i> by John Feldman. Come at 6:30pm for fellowship. Newcomers are always welcome. To participate, click this link or provide the Meeting ID 875 6881 1869 and passcode 101225 (if requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Cornelia Parkes at new-story@fmcquaker.org
Tue 30	7:00— 8:30pm	First Brainstorming Session for Summer Fest (Zoom). The First Day School /Youth Programs Committee hopes to host FMC's First Annual Summer Fest on Sunday afternoon, June 16. If you love outreach, children's programming, and fun in the sun, please join us. This session will serve as a space to brainstorm on activities, how to meaningfully engage with families, and how we can hold Quaker values front and center. To participate, click this link or provide the meeting ID 847 0043 9898 and passcode 410435 (if requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. If you're unable to attend this event but would like to be involved in some capacity, please email Zoe Zurad at youthministries@fmcquaker.org .
Wed 1	8:30— 10:00am	Wednesday Morning Meeting for Worship (Parlor / 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 Jonathan Vogel-Borne / Sara Sue Pennell at midweek@fmcquaker.org
	12:00— 1:00pm	Tech Team Meeting (Open Zoom). 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 Holly Lapp at techteam@fmcquaker.org
Fri 5/3		Deadline to submit “canvases” for the State of Society Report for 2023. Click here to read all about this Meeting-wide project to co-create a mosaic mural for our State of Society Report for 2023 on “What is the state of our Meeting’s Spiritual Health?”.
Sat 5/4	10:00— 11:30am	Pondering Prayer, Meditation, and Meeting for Worship (Open Zoom). Do you pray? Do you meditate? How do you spend your time in Meeting for Worship? The Adult Spiritual Education Group is offering an opportunity to explore these practices. Come whether you were able to attend the session on 4/20. 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. If you have questions, please contact spiritualed@fmcquaker.org

Sun 5/5	9:15–10:15am	Forum (Parlor / Open Zoom). “The State of Society: Putting the Pieces Together” facilitated by Betsy Roper. During Forum we will together assemble the State of Society canvases into a collective mosaic for the State of Society Report for 2023 . Later in the day during Meeting for Business in Worship, 1:15-3:30pm, we will have worship sharing about the mosaic, notes will be taken, and these notes will be our “Artists’ Statement” to accompany the State of Society Report.
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	10:30–11:45am	Family Worship for All Ages (Friends Room / Zoom). Our theme in May is "Children Have Good Ideas" with the book <i>Kamala and Maya's Big Idea</i> by Meena Harris. Hosted by the Bumgarner-Harris family (Erin and Zoe). 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 Jan Nisenbaum at family-worship@fmcquaker.org
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	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 / Alasdair Post-Quinn at simplelunch@fmcquaker.org
	1:15–3:30pm	Meeting for Business in Worship (Friends Room / 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 Blue Sky Group at blueskygroup@fmcquaker.org

SAVE THE DATE

Fri 5/3 and Sat 5/4		Material Aid and Advocacy Program (MAAP) Tag Sale . The sale will take place on Friday, May 3, (5:30-8:00pm) and Saturday, May 4, (9:00am-2:00pm) in the Friends Room. The Tag Sale Fundraiser features affordably priced designer, vintage & contemporary clothing, shoes, accessories, jewelry, antiques, china, collectibles, linens, and fabric. 100% of the proceeds of the sale support MAAP's work of providing direct support to and organizing alongside unhoused community members. For more information, go to MAAP's website maapma.org/tag-sale
Fri 5/10	7:00–9:00pm	Community Gatherings to Watch <i>Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin</i> (Off-Site). You are invited to gather to watch the documentary <i>Brother Outsider</i> which recounts the life of Bayard Rustin, the Quaker African American civil rights activist in the 1950-1970s. The film shows stunning real footage of the March on Washington and compliments the popular 2023 film, <i>Rustin</i> . See more uses of the film here . Join with

		other Friends to watch this dynamic documentary in the home of Debby Colgan in West Newton or in the home of Minga Claggett-Borne/Jonathan Vogel-Borne in Central Square, Cambridge. RSVPs encouraged by emailing forj@fmcquaker.org
Sat 5/11	9:00am— 12:30pm	Community Silent Retreat (On Site / Open Zoom). All are welcome to attend a silent retreat in the Meetinghouse, the Committee Room, or on Zoom on May 11 from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Pray, meditate, read, write in your journal, walk outside, lie down on a bench and nap... This is a time for you to nourish your spirit with silence, stillness, and peace. There is a hybrid opportunity from 12:00pm to 12:30pm to share reflections. We hope you can come for the full 3 hours, though you are free to attend for a shorter time if this is what works best for you. 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. Hosted by Gail Rogers, Sandy Sweetnam, and Wendy Sanford, with the support of FMC Ministry and Counsel. For questions, please contact the hosts at ministry@fmcquaker.org .
Sun 5/12	8:30— 10:30am	Mother's Day Walk for Peace (Off Site starting/ending at Fields Corner in Dorchester). Friends Meeting at Cambridge is again forming a team for this annual event to raise money for the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute . Register with our "Friends Meeting at Cambridge" team at https://www.mothersdaywalk4peace.org/ . Our goal is to raise \$1500 this year, but walkers and donors of any amount welcome. Read more about the route and plans for the day of the event here . Sponsored by FORJ and Peace & Social Justice Committees. Contact forj@fmcquaker.org or peace@fmcquaker.org .
Sat 5/18	2:00— 3:00pm	David Bonner Memorial Meeting for Worship (Meetinghouse) followed by an on-site reception. Long-time FMC attendee David Bonner died November 10, 2023. Read David's obituary here . His memorial will be recorded (audio only) for the benefit of his family. Food donations are requested for the reception that follows in the Friends Room. To volunteer for cleanup duty after the reception or help with tasks before the memorial, please contact Toni Lydecker / Sara Sue Pennell at memorials@fmcquaker.org
Sun 5/19	TBD	FMC hosts Salem Quarterly Meeting (On-Site / Open Zoom). Details coming soon about the special events and activities being planned. If you would like to help with planning and/or hosting, contact Sarah Allen / Leo Bray / Holly Lapp at sqmevent@fmcquaker.org

WIDER QUAKER WORLD

Tuesdays	Prayer for Peace sponsored by the Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) Europe and Middle East Section (Zoom). Free. Register here . Sponsored by FWCC .
8:30-9:00am	
Thursdays	Meeting for Worship with Attention to Peace in Palestine and Israel (Zoom). Free. Register here . Sponsored by American Friends Service Committee .
5:30-6:30pm	
Fridays	Action Hour for a Cease-fire Now (Zoom). Free. Register here . Sponsored by American Friends Service Committee .
12:00-1:00pm	
Fri 4/26 and Sat 4/27	A Day of Extended Worship--Yielding to the Power of the Living Seed (Off-site in Westerly, RI). Part-time attendance ok. Inquire about carpooling and overnight hospitality. Sponsored by Westerly Monthly Meeting .

Tue 5/7 2:30-3:30pm	Information Session about Quaker Connect (Zoom). This upcoming 2-year long laboratory is intended to help Quaker congregations thrive. It involves trying new experiments and learning from each other how to connect the depths of our Quaker tradition and the breadth of our Quaker community with the living reality of our local context under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Learn more here and view the curriculum here . Register here for the free information session. Sponsored by Friends World Committee for Consultation Section of the Americas .
Thu 5/9 10:00-11:30am	End of Life Drop-In Reflection Group (Zoom). This month the group will have a time of open sharing. This New England Yearly Meeting (NEYM) group, facilitated by Patti Muldoon (NEYM's Aging Resources Consultation and Help (ARCH) Coordinator), meets monthly on 2 nd Thursdays 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 5/11 9:00-3:00pm	Quaker Faith and Practice in a Time of Divisiveness Retreat (Off Site at Framingham Friends Meeting, 841 Edmands Rd, Framingham, MA). In challenging times, what resources does our Quaker faith offer us? How do we live into our testimonies in divisive times? Gather at 9am for coffee, breakfast breads and fellowship followed by small and large group activities. There will be ample time for worship and worship sharing. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Beverages provided. RSVP requested to ffmquakerquestions@gmail.com . Sponsored by Framingham Friends Meeting .
June 30 – July 6	Friends General Conference Gathering 2024 (Off-site at Haverford College, Haverford, PA). Theme: Rooted in Story. Learn more here . Fees vary. Spaces are filling fast. Sponsored by Friends General Conference .

Reminders

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, April 29 at 11:59pm. This next issue will cover events taking place from **Friday, May 3 through Sunday, May 12 (one week)**. 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.

PERSONAL NEWS

[Blue Sky Bits – Issue 4 \(4/21/24\)](#). Read bits about **Alasdair Post-Quinn** and the three Center Residents (who are all musicians)—**River Pfaff**, **Emery Spooner**, and **Anna Reidister**. Click [here](#) to read past issues featuring bits about other community members and check out cartoons and other miscellaneous bits.

Longtime FMC member [Harry Gracey died on April 19, 2024](#), at age 91. A memorial meeting for worship at FMC is being planned for later this spring.

John Bach, FMC member and Chaplain at Harvard University, was recently interviewed for a Harvard series entitled “To Serve Others and Be Well-Loved: Cultivating spiritual wellness during tumultuous times.” [Click here](#) read the article about John and to watch a 2-minute video clip.

Longtime FMC member [Russell de Burlo Jr. died on February 24, 2024](#) at age 99.

John Bach spoke at the candlelight service for Aaron Bushnell on the Boston Common on March 9, 2024. [Click here](#) to read John's message or watch a video of the whole event.

Longtime FMC member [Bruce Steiner died February 8, 2024.](#)

Katy Cullinan recently visited **Yani and Leo Bray's** newly built thatched Mayan house in Cozumel, Mexico. [Click here](#) to read her article and see lots of pictures of their house, Yani and their dog Brady.

Longtime FMC attender [David Bonner](#) died November 10, 2023. His memorial will be Saturday, May 18, at 2:00pm at FMC followed by an on-site reception.

Longtime FMC member [Ian Harrington](#) died December 24, 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family Group Chat on WhatsApp. Contact Zoe Zurad at youthministries@fmcquaker.org to be added.

[Be a volunteer!](#) See some of the opportunities for service to the FMC community.

From the Blue Sky Group: We Are Seeking Eldering Volunteers for Our Meetings and Events. Each time we meet, the Blue Sky Group would like to have at least one seasoned elder to join us to hold us and our work in prayer and help us to remain centered in Spirit. We would also welcome 1-2 other visitors at each meeting who are curious about eldering. We are reserving one of those spaces for a Young Adult Friend. If you would like to join us, please sign up using the following link: <https://signup.com/go/xZRnNH>. We look forward to your presence! Learn more about the Blue Sky Group [here](#) and/or contact them at any time with your ideas, feedback, and concerns at blueskygroup@fmcquaker.org

We gratefully accept donations [on-line here](#).

[Click this link](#) to see additional community announcements. **Scroll** down the right-hand column.

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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](#).