



# Weekly Calendar

## Friends Meeting at Cambridge

December 20 through January 12, 2025 (three weeks)

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DATE	EVENT
Sun 9:15– 12/22 10:15am	<b>Forum</b> (Parlor / Zoom). Reflections on “How Do You Care for Your Self and Your Spiritual Life During the Holidays?” Childcare is provided. 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="https://zoom.com">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact George Campbell / Jan Nisenbaum at <a href="mailto:forum@fmcquaker.org">forum@fmcquaker.org</a>
10:30– 11:30am	<b>Sunday Morning Meetings for Worship</b> (Meetinghouse and Parlor / Open Zoom). <b>There will be a fire in the fireplace in the Meetinghouse.</b> 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 Jan Nisenbaum (Parlor) / Erin Bumgarner (Meetinghouse) at <a href="mailto:careofworship@fmcquaker.org">careofworship@fmcquaker.org</a>
10:30– 11:45am	<b>First Day School</b> (In-Person). Children join their families for the first 15 minutes of Meeting for Worship, and then go to their own program at 10:45am. Contact Zoe Zurad at <a href="mailto:youthministries@fmcquaker.org">youthministries@fmcquaker.org</a>
11:45am– 12:15pm	<b>Fellowship with Refreshments</b> (On-Site). Enjoy conversation with refreshments served either in the Friends Room (mask optional) or outdoors (weather permitting). Contact Holly Lapp / Amanda Marcus / Caren Seagraves at <a href="mailto:refreshments@fmcquaker.org">refreshments@fmcquaker.org</a>
12:00– 12:30pm	<b>Afterthoughts</b> (Parlor / Zoom). Childcare is provided. Most Sundays, there is an informal time for conversation on this Zoom link after the end of Afterthoughts. 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="https://zoom.com">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Daria Casinelli at <a href="mailto:afterthoughts@fmcquaker.org">afterthoughts@fmcquaker.org</a>
12:15– 1:30pm	<b>Community Christmas Caroling</b> (Friends Room / Open Zoom). All are invited to gather together to sing Christmas carols together. Bring a copy of <i>Worship in Song</i> (the green Quaker hymnal) if you have one. Hymnal copies will be available to borrow as well. To participate in singing on Zoom, <a href="#">click this link</a> 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 Debby Colgan / Susan Davies / Sandy Sweetnam at <a href="mailto:singing@fmcquaker.org">singing@fmcquaker.org</a>
Wed 12/25 All day	<b>FMC Staff Holiday</b> . For urgent facilities matters, please email <a href="mailto:maintenance@fmcquaker.org">maintenance@fmcquaker.org</a> . For urgent or time sensitive scheduling matters, please email <a href="mailto:office@fmcquaker.org">office@fmcquaker.org</a> .

<b>Wed</b> <b>12/25</b>	10:30— 11:30am	<a href="#">Christmas Morning Meeting for Worship</a> (Parlor / Open Zoom). Childcare might be available upon request by emailing <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 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 Betsy Roper at <a href="mailto:careofworship@fmcquaker.org">careofworship@fmcquaker.org</a>
	12:15— 2:00pm	<a href="#">Christmas Midday Potluck Meal</a> (Friends Room). RSVPs requested. Sign up <a href="#">here</a> or email <a href="mailto:holidaymeal@fmcquaker.org">holidaymeal@fmcquaker.org</a> . Tell us how many are coming in your group and what you plan to bring. Or let us know you are flexible about what you are willing to bring, and we will tell you what we need. Also, please sign up to help with setup and cleanup after the meal. F/friends and family are all welcome. Contact Holly Lapp / Tom O'Connor / Daria Casinelli at <a href="mailto:holidaymeal@fmcquaker.org">holidaymeal@fmcquaker.org</a>
<b>Sat</b> <b>12/28</b>	6:00— 8:00pm	<a href="#">SciFi-Fantasy Reading Aloud</a> (Zoom). To participate, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 335 209 895 and passcode 398431 (if requested) on <a href="https://zoom.com">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Jonathan Gilbert / Betsy Roper at <a href="mailto:scififantasy@fmcquaker.org">scififantasy@fmcquaker.org</a>
<b>Sun</b> <b>12/29</b>	9:30am— 10:15am	<a href="#">Make a Joyful Noise! Alleluia! – Singing Together</a> (Friends Room / Zoom). We will not have a forum on 12/29. Instead, you are invited to sing rounds in the Friends Room, using Worship in Song (the green Quaker hymnal). On Zoom you will need to stay muted. Bring a hymnal if you have one. To participate in singing using Zoom, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 873 2175 9327 and passcode 537370 (if requested) on <a href="https://zoom.com">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. NOTE: You are also welcome to worship informally in the Meetinghouse or on the regular Meeting for Worship Open Zoom channel. Contact Debby Colgan / Susan Davies / Sandy Sweetnam at <a href="mailto:singing@fmcquaker.org">singing@fmcquaker.org</a> .
	10:30— 11:30am	<a href="#">Sunday Morning Meeting for Worship</a> (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 Patricia Wild at <a href="mailto:careofworship@fmcquaker.org">careofworship@fmcquaker.org</a>
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<b>Tue</b> <b>12/31</b>	10:00— 10:45pm	<a href="#">New Year's Eve Cider and Conversation</a> (On-Site). You are invited to gather for hot mulled cider, sweets, and conversation before the Meeting for Worship to close out 2024. Bring a dessert (potluck style) to share or just bring yourself. Masks optional. Contact Amanda Marcus / Holly Lapp at <a href="mailto:fellowship@fmcquaker.org">fellowship@fmcquaker.org</a>

<b>Tue</b> <b>12/31</b>	11:00pm– midnight	<a href="#">New Year's Eve Candlelight Meeting for Worship</a> (Meetinghouse / Open Zoom). Say farewell to 2024 with this 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. There will be the same mask-required and mask-optional areas as on Sunday mornings. Welcome 2025 with Friends and a cup of mulled cider on the way out. To participate on Zoom, <a href="#">click this link</a> 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 Daria Casinelli at <a href="mailto:careofworship@fmcquaker.org">careofworship@fmcquaker.org</a>
<b>Wed</b> <b>1/1</b>	8:00am– 5:00pm	<a href="#">FMC Staff Holiday</a> . For urgent facilities matters, please email <a href="mailto:maintenance@fmcquaker.org">maintenance@fmcquaker.org</a> . For urgent or time sensitive scheduling matters, please email <a href="mailto:office@fmcquaker.org">office@fmcquaker.org</a> .
	8:30– 10:00am	<a href="#">Wednesday Morning Meeting for Worship</a> (Parlor / 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 Jonathan Vogel-Borne / Sara Sue Pennell at <a href="mailto:midweek@fmcquaker.org">midweek@fmcquaker.org</a>
<b>Sat</b> <b>1/4</b>	midnight	<a href="#">Deadline to submit FMC Library Survey</a> . The Library Committee is seeking community guidance to help plan their future projects and acquisitions. Fill out the survey <a href="#">here</a> .
<b>Sun</b> <b>1/5</b>	9:15– 10:15am	<a href="#">Forum</a> (Parlor / Zoom). Theme/Presenter: To Be Announced. 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="https://zoom.com">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact George Campbell / Jan Nisenbaum at <a href="mailto:forum@fmcquaker.org">forum@fmcquaker.org</a>
	10:30– 11:45am	<a href="#">Family Worship for All Ages</a> (Friends Room / Zoom). Theme: "Old Befana Visits Family Worship." Join Old Befana in giving gifts this January 5. Bring food pantry donations (non-perishable, unexpired food and unused toiletries and hygiene products). To participate using Zoom, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 836 6770 9699 and passcode 794870 (if requested) on <a href="https://zoom.com">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Jan Nisenbaum at <a href="mailto:family-worship@fmcquaker.org">family-worship@fmcquaker.org</a>
	10:30– 11:30am	<a href="#">Sunday Morning Meeting for Worship</a> (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 Betsy Roper at <a href="mailto:careofworship@fmcquaker.org">careofworship@fmcquaker.org</a>
	12:00– 12:30pm	<a href="#">Afterthoughts</a> (Parlor / Zoom). We will try to provide childcare, if you make a request in advance to <a href="mailto:childcarerequest@fmcquaker.org">childcarerequest@fmcquaker.org</a> . Most Sundays, there is an informal time for conversation on this Zoom link after the end of Afterthoughts. 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="https://zoom.com">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Kim West at <a href="mailto:afterthoughts@fmcquaker.org">afterthoughts@fmcquaker.org</a>

<b>Sun</b> <b>1/5</b>	12:45— 2:15pm	<b><a href="#">Proposed Gaza Minute—Worship Sharing and Discussion</a></b> (Friends Room / Open Zoom). The Gaza Subcommittee of Peace & Social Justice Committee will read aloud a draft minute that seeks to capture our shared concerns as a Meeting. There will be worship sharing and discussion to discover whether the minute is ready for further discernment at Meeting for Business in Worship. 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 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 Skip Schiel / Don Gianniny / Dinah Starr / Sarah Allen at <a href="mailto:gaza@fmcquaker.org">gaza@fmcquaker.org</a>
	7:00— 8:30pm	<b><a href="#">Library Committee</a></b> (Zoom). Email Jim Hannon at <a href="mailto:library@fmcquaker.org">library@fmcquaker.org</a> for meeting information.
<b>Mon</b> <b>1/6</b>	1:30— 3:30pm	<b><a href="#">Blue Sky Group</a></b> (Parlor / Zoom). Email Jennifer Hogue at <a href="mailto:blueskygroup@fmcquaker.org">blueskygroup@fmcquaker.org</a> for meeting information.
	7:30— 8:30pm	<b><a href="#">Quaker Eldering Practice Group</a></b> (Zoom). At this meeting we will discuss key learnings from the <i>Invitation to Quaker Eldering: On Being Faithful to the Ministry of Spiritual Nurture among Friends</i> book we finished recently and discuss how we might share these learnings with the FMC community. Join us even if you haven't read the book. 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>
<b>Tue</b> <b>1/7</b>	11:00am— 12:00pm	<b><a href="#">FMC Gaza Planning Subcommittee</a></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.
	3:30— 5:00pm	<b><a href="#">Membership Committee</a></b> (Zoom). Email Yani Bray / Daniel Fitzmartin at <a href="mailto:membership@fmcquaker.org">membership@fmcquaker.org</a> for meeting information.
	5:00pm	<b><a href="#">Deadline for Avison Fund Proposals</a></b> . Click <a href="#">here</a> to view and download the Request for Proposals document. Questions? Contact the Avison Fund Committee at <a href="mailto:avisonfundapps@gmail.com">avisonfundapps@gmail.com</a>
	6:45— 9:00pm	<b><a href="#">Ministry &amp; Counsel Committee (M&amp;C)</a></b> (Zoom). Email Erin Bumgarner / Betsy Roper at <a href="mailto:ministry@fmcquaker.org">ministry@fmcquaker.org</a> for meeting information.
<b>Wed</b> <b>1/8</b>	8:30— 10:00am	<b><a href="#">Wednesday Morning Meeting for Worship</a></b> (Parlor / 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 Jonathan Vogel-Borne / Sara Sue Pennell at <a href="mailto:midweek@fmcquaker.org">midweek@fmcquaker.org</a>
	12:00— 1:00pm	<b><a href="#">Tech Team Meeting</a></b> (Open Zoom). To participate, <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 Holly Lapp at <a href="mailto:techteam@fmcquaker.org">techteam@fmcquaker.org</a>
	7:00— 8:30pm	<b><a href="#">Friends for Racial Justice Committee</a></b> (FORJ) (Zoom). Newcomers are especially welcome but please let us know in advance if you are coming for the first time. To participate, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 858 7150 7841 and passcode 868626 (if requested) on <a href="https://zoom.com">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Minga Claggett-Borne at <a href="mailto:forj@fmcquaker.org">forj@fmcquaker.org</a> .

<b>Wed</b> <b>1/8</b>	7:00– 9:00pm	<a href="#">Artists and Writers</a> (Zoom). Email George Campbell at <a href="mailto:artists@fmcquaker.org">artists@fmcquaker.org</a> for meeting information.
<b>Sat</b> <b>1/11</b>	6:00– 8:00pm	<a href="#">SciFi-Fantasy Reading Aloud</a> (Zoom). To participate, <a href="#">click this link</a> or provide the meeting ID 335 209 895 and passcode 398431 (if requested) on <a href="#">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Jonathan Gilbert / Betsy Roper at <a href="mailto:scififantasy@fmcquaker.org">scififantasy@fmcquaker.org</a>
<b>Sun</b> <b>1/12</b>	9:15– 10:15am	<a href="#">Forum</a> (Parlor / Open Zoom). Theme/Presenter: To Be Announced. Childcare is provided. 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 George Campbell / Jan Nisenbaum at <a href="mailto:forum@fmcquaker.org">forum@fmcquaker.org</a>
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	12:15– 1:00pm	<a href="#">Simple Lunch</a> (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 <a href="mailto:simplelunch@fmcquaker.org">simplelunch@fmcquaker.org</a>
	1:15– 3:30pm	<a href="#">Meeting for Business in Worship</a> (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="#">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Blue Sky Group at <a href="mailto:blueskygroup@fmcquaker.org">blueskygroup@fmcquaker.org</a>

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### **SAVE THE DATE**

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<b>Sun</b> <b>1/19</b>	7:00– 8:30pm	<a href="#">“Kind of Blue” – Celebrating the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.</a> (Open Zoom). Much has been written about the Miles Davis recording "Kind of Blue". It is quite possibly the most widely known jazz recording. Analysis and commentary aside, it is just beautiful music beautifully played. Please join us as we listen to and then discuss this inspiring music. To participate, <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 Dan Fitzmartin / David Doms at <a href="mailto:mlkevent@fmcquaker.org">mlkevent@fmcquaker.org</a>
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<b>Thu</b> <b>1/23</b>	6:30— 7:30pm	<b><a href="#">Newcomers &amp; Seekers</a></b> (Open Zoom). Join us for an evening virtual 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. Stay until 8:00 pm if you want to dive deeper or ask additional questions. To participate, <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>
<b>Sun</b> <b>1/26</b>	12:15— 1:00pm	<b><a href="#">Simple Lunch</a></b> (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 <a href="mailto:simplelunch@fmcquaker.org">simplelunch@fmcquaker.org</a>
<b>Sun</b> <b>1/26</b>	1:15— 3:00pm	<b><a href="#">Threshing Session</a></b> (Friends Room / 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="#">Zoom.com</a> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Blue Sky Group at <a href="mailto:blueskygroup@fmcquaker.org">blueskygroup@fmcquaker.org</a>
<b>Fri 1/31</b> evening —Sat 2/1 evening		<b><a href="#">Women's Winter Silent Retreat at Longfellow Park</a></b> (On-Site). <b>Registration opens Saturday, January 11.</b> Early registration is recommended so you don't miss getting a spot. This will be a Friday evening through Saturday evening retreat at Longfellow Park, with potluck and brown-bag meals and sleeping at home. (Distant folks can be hosted locally. Adventurous people can sleep on the floor in the Friends Center, which might be fun.) Free. We will have opening and closing circles, and silence, as usual. Half of the 15 spaces will be held for those who cannot get to the off-site women's retreats in Hingham, MA. Click <a href="#">here</a> for more schedule/registration info as it becomes available. Contact Sandy Sweetnam at <a href="mailto:womens-retreat@fmcquaker.org">womens-retreat@fmcquaker.org</a>
<b>Sat 2/1</b>	7:00— 8:30pm	<b><a href="#">Midwinter Concert for Massachusetts Peace Action</a></b> (Meetinghouse). <b>Charlie King</b> and <b>Ben Grosscup</b> will perform. Click <a href="#">here</a> to learn more about Massachusetts Peace Action. There will be information tables and light refreshments. Watch for more details and ticket prices as the event approaches. Sponsored by Peace & Social Justice Committee. Contact John Bach at <a href="mailto:bolder@fmcquaker.org">bolder@fmcquaker.org</a>
<b>Fri 3/28</b> —Sun 3/30		<b><a href="#">All-Meeting Retreat</a></b> (Off-Site at Woolman Hill in Deerfield, MA). Six years after our last retreat at Alfred, ME we will gather at Woolman Hill for a weekend of questioning, sharing, worship, fellowship, and fun. Families welcome. The theme and the cost are to be determined. Contact Sandy Sweetnam / Jan Nisenbaum at <a href="mailto:allmeetingretreat@fmcquaker.org">allmeetingretreat@fmcquaker.org</a>

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### **WIDER QUAKER WORLD**

<b>Tuesdays</b> 8:30-9:00am	<b><a href="#">Prayer for Peace sponsored by the Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) Europe and Middle East Section</a></b> (Zoom). Free. Register <a href="#">here</a> . Sponsored by <a href="#">FWCC</a> .
<b>Thursdays</b> 5:30-6:30pm	<b><a href="#">Meeting for Worship with Attention to Peace in Palestine and Israel</a></b> (Zoom). Free. Register <a href="#">here</a> . Sponsored by <a href="#">American Friends Service Committee</a> .
<b>Fridays</b> 12:00-1:00pm	<b><a href="#">Action Hour for a Cease-Fire Now</a></b> (Zoom). Free. Register <a href="#">here</a> . Sponsored by <a href="#">American Friends Service Committee</a> .

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<p><b>Fri 1/3</b> 7:30–9:00pm <b>and Sat 1/4</b> 9:00am–2:30pm</p>	<p><a href="#">Extended Worship Opportunity</a> (Off-Site at Woolman Hill in Deerfield, MA). On Friday night after an optional dinner, Marcelle Martin will present an optional program entitled “Being Gathered by the Spirit in Worship.” On Saturday there will be fellowship at 9:00am followed by extended worship, lunch and reflections ending by 2:30pm. Click <a href="#">here</a> to learn more. Fees vary depending on which meal and accommodation options are selected, if any. Register <a href="#">here</a>. Sponsored by <a href="#">Woolman Hill</a>.</p>
<p><b>Mon 1/6</b> 7:30–9:00pm</p>	<p><a href="#">Be Not Afraid: Living into Love at the End of Life</a> (Off-Site at Pendle Hill in Wallingford, PA / Zoom). Baltimore Yearly Meeting opened this conversation in a gentle manner with its recently published book, <a href="#">A Tender Time</a>. In this lecture, Patti Nesbitt and Kristin Zimet will offer reflections from their own experiences and present queries to challenge and nurture your unique journey. Their experience is a testament to the power of Love. Free with optional donation. Register <a href="#">here</a>. Sponsored by Pendle Hill.</p>
<p><b>Thu 1/9</b> 10:00–11:30am</p>	<p><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 2nd Thursdays 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>.</p>
<p><b>Wed 1/15</b> 7:00–8:30pm</p>	<p><a href="#">Rising Together: Resilience &amp; Action for Trying Times with Daniel Hunter</a> (Zoom). Daniel shares lessons from decades of organizing for justice. He’ll provide tools for grassroots movements to sustain action, confront inequities, and create lasting change. Free. Register <a href="#">here</a>. Sponsored by <a href="#">Quaker Earthcare Witness</a>.</p>
<p><b>Wed 1/15</b> 7:30–8:30pm</p>	<p><a href="#">Midweek Experiment in Faithfulness: Experiment with Light for Living Light in Uncertain Times with Jaimie Mudd</a> (Off-Site at Beacon Hill Friends House in Boston / Zoom). Free. Register <a href="#">here</a>. Sponsored by <a href="#">Beacon Hill Friends House</a>.</p>
<p><b>Fri 1/24 –</b> <b>Sun 1/26</b></p>	<p><a href="#">On the Threshold of Tomorrow: Lessons from 5 Years in the Covid Era with Holly Baldwin</a> (Off-Site at Beacon Hill Friends House in Boston / Zoom). Click <a href="#">here</a> to read more about plans for this weekend retreat, schedules, and fees. Register <a href="#">here</a>. Sponsored by <a href="#">Beacon Hill Friends House</a>.</p>
<p><b>Feb 2/1/25—</b> <b>Feb 2/9/25</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Friends General Conference Online Gathering</a> (Zoom). Theme: A Spring Whose Waters Never Fail. Click <a href="#">here</a> for lots of details. Register <a href="#">here</a>. Sponsored by <a href="#">Friends General Conference</a>.</p>

### 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, January 6 at 11:59pm. This next issue will cover events taking place from **Friday, January 10 through Sunday, January 19 (one week)**. 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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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**On Sunday 12/22, Trustees Committee will have a trial fire in the Meetinghouse fireplace during Meeting for Worship.** Those wishing to worship on-site in a space with no fire are invited to worship in the Parlor with those on Open Zoom.

**Fill out your [FMC Library Survey](#) by Saturday 1/4/25.** The Library Committee is seeking community guidance to help plan their future projects and acquisitions. Click [here](#) to go to the survey.

**[Family Worship welcomes all to bring food pantry donations on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.](#)** We welcome donations of non-perishable and unexpired food items as well as unused toiletries and hygiene products. Families will deliver our FMC donations locally. Donation boxes will be available in the Friends Center and Meetinghouse foyer.

**Please help protect the Meetinghouse cork floor. When the pavement outside is snowy, salty, or wet, please remember to bring dry shoes or slippers to change into or borrow some FMC slippers.** Boot trays for storing wet/salty footwear are available in the foyer of both the Meetinghouse and the Friends Center.

**[The Avison Fund Committee is now accepting proposals for the 2025 grant cycle.](#)** To learn more about these grants, please find electronic copies of the Request for Proposals (RFP) [here](#). Please tell your favorite child-centered organizations! Proposals are due by 5:00pm on Tuesday, January 7, 2025. The committee has found agreement with current trust-based giving. This year they will not require that applications be tied to a one-time project. Questions? Email [avisonfundapps@gmail.com](mailto:avisonfundapps@gmail.com)

**Are you seeking to form deeper connections with others at FMC? How about gathering in a small group to focus on a topic or activity/hobby of special interest? I want to help facilitate bringing your group together. Please contact me with a focus or activity that you want to gather around. I will help facilitate connecting you like-spirited folks to decide on the details (time, place, frequency, virtual, hybrid, etc.) Contact me, Alberta Guise, at [smallgroups@fmcquaker.org](mailto:smallgroups@fmcquaker.org).** Sponsored by the Adult Spiritual Education Working Group.

**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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## PERSONAL NEWS

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You can read the **December 22<sup>th</sup> issue of Blue Sky Bits** [here](#). These short publications are a project of the Blue Sky Group. Each issue features info about community members, photos from recent events, short articles, and cartoons—including requests for captions and captions submitted. [Click here](#) to access back issues and see an index to help you find items of special interest to you.

**[Longtime FMC member Louise Bruyn died on December 1, 2024.](#)** Click [here](#) to read a remembrance of Louise by Green Newton, an organization she founded in 1990 and served as president of from 1990-2000.

**Jim Hannon** has a relatively new Substack, *Tambourines and Elephants* (at [jimhannon.substack.com](http://jimhannon.substack.com)). It's subtitled "Celebrating Life, Defending Democracy, Fighting Fascism." He says it is for everyone who wants to appreciate existence, honor humanity's heroes, and build a more just, peaceful, and loving society. Click [here](#) to see the full archive of his posts. You can also subscribe to get notified each time he posts something by clicking [here](#)

**[Longtime FMC member Patricia Huff died on October 23, 2024.](#)**

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