

# FFM Bulletin

Monthly Newsletter of the Framingham Friends Meeting

<https://ffmquakers.org/>

## September 2025 Calendar

September 3	9:30 a.m.	Coffee, Anyone?
September 7	10:00 a.m.	Meeting for Worship and First Day School*
	11:45 a.m.	First First Discussion – Open Discussion
September 10	9:30 a.m.	Coffee, Anyone?
September 12	7:30 p.m.	Latticework
September 14	10:00 a.m.	Meeting for Worship and First Day School*
	11:45 a.m.	Committee Meetings
September 17	9:30 a.m.	Coffee, Anyone?
September 18	3:00 p.m.	Chestnut Farms CSA Pickup
September 20	10:00 a.m.	All Meeting Workday
September 21	10:00 a.m.	Meeting for Worship and First Day School*
	11:45 a.m.	Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
		Annual Report – First Day School; Peace Justice and Earthcare
September 24	9:30 a.m.	Coffee, Anyone?
September 26	7:30 p.m.	Latticework
September 28	10:00 a.m.	Meeting for Worship and First Day School*

*\*Please note that FDS plans are flexible and may change from week to week. To be added to the FDS email list for updates, contact Anne Anderson for current information.*

## NEYM Events (see <https://neym.org/> for details)

September 6	Extended Worship Opportunity, Worcester Friends Meeting
September 9 – October 7	The Revolutionary Roots of Quakerism, Tuesdays, Zoom
September 9	Monthly Check in for Friends Serving their Local Meeting, Zoom
September 11	End of Life Drop in Reflection Group, Zoom
September 23	Monthly Check in for Immigration Justice Work, Zoom



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*Please note the following volunteer assignments for September and October:*

Date	Opener	Greeters	Fellowship	Hybrid Host
9/7/25	Manzellas	Louise Bendel	Adam and Mary Hurley	Chuck L.
9/14/25	Dave Baxter	Kit Potter	Jennifer Keen and Susan McAvoy	Neil B.
9/21/25	Elin Calver	Lee Miller	Chris Wolff and Richard Lindo	Peter M.
9/28/25	Corbit Larson	Dave Baxter	Melissa and Bob Foster	JR
10/5/25	Neil Blanchard	Stephen Nadel	Dan Shaud and Corbit Larson	Chuck L.
10/12/25	Manzellas	Kit Potter	Pamela Strauss and Martha Reid	Neil B.
10/19/25	Dave Baxter	Chuck Lidz	Amie and Ryan Saulnier	Peter M.
10/26/25	Elin Calver	Corbit Larson	Neil Blanchard and Anne Jones	JR

*Thank You!*

### Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee is inviting you to support our community through providing fellowship after the close of Meeting. It is an important way you can participate in the life of the Meeting. Thank you in advance! If you CANNOT do this assigned date, please contact another member or attender from this list with whom you can switch dates. Please do not use FFM announce for this task but rather contact the person directly. ***If you have to make a change, once you have found someone who can provide fellowship on your assigned date, please notify Dave Baxter of the change.*** Otherwise, if all is well, just bring fellowship! Consult the Directory "Guidelines for Fellowship" for tasks involved-- though please note, we think preparing for 30 people is an accurate estimate. Thank you for supporting the life of the Meeting.

### First Day School is BACK!

First Day School resumes on September 7 with another year of fun and learning. You are invited to help with the planning! Are there themes that draw you? Do you have a skill or objects-with-a-story you could share with the children? Suggestions and volunteers are welcome!!! Many thanks to the members of our First Day School Committee - Anne Anderson, Heather Gray, Stephanie Hebert, Chuck Lidz, Danielle Manzella, and Amie Saulnier - all of whom are continuing for next year. Please let Anne know if you have questions or comments.



Intrepid First Day School Hikers  
Photo courtesy of Marilyn Manzella

## Directories are Ready for Pick Up!

Please remember to pick up your copy of the Framingham Friends Meeting Directory! Located in the entryway of the Meetinghouse is the source of all information and answers to all questions about our Meeting (...or pretty much so...). If you don't receive one, ask to be added to the list and pick up one of the extras.

## Honor Woodrow and Noah Merrill Wedding

Honor Woodrow and Noah Merrill celebrated their wedding in Vermont on June 28. They were joined by 250 (mostly Quaker) guests from all over the country. It was more a reunion of New England Yearly Meeting Friends than an awkward group of strangers. The reception line was more a gathering of fond clusters than a formal queue. Several FFM folks were present. Melissa rose to claim Honor as a child of FFM, and Susan offered the following poem from Edna St. Vincent Millay:

Afternoon on a Hill

I will be the gladdest thing  
Under the sun!  
I will touch a hundred flowers  
And not pick one.  
I will look at cliffs and clouds  
With quiet eyes,  
Watch the wind bow down the grass,  
And the grass rise.  
And when lights begin to show  
Up from the town,  
I will mark which must be mine,  
And then start down.

Photo and write up courtesy of Susan Woodrow



## An Unlikely Story

From Marilyn Manzella: My distant cousin who lives in the north of England, updated his Facebook profile picture with an old photo from around 2012. Oddly, I thought the woman passing by looked a lot like Molly Garboden, so I forwarded it to her just for fun. Amazingly, she confirmed that it was her, walking to work in London at the very moment my cousin's sister was snapping his photo in front of his former barbershop!



## Heavenly Scones

After Fellowship a few weeks ago, Anna Romer received so many requests for her scone recipe that, as a public service, we are printing it in this issue of the Bulletin! Bake and share, Friends!

### Anna's Cranberry Oat Scones

1 c white flour  
1/2 c. whole wheat flour  
1/4 c. corn meal  
1/3 c. sugar  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
3/4 tsp. baking soda  
1 tsp. baking powder  
1/2 c. cold unsalted butter, cut into pats (1 stick)  
3/4 c. old fashioned rolled oats  
1/2 c. dried cranberries (I use raisins which are sweetened)  
Zest of one lemon  
3/4 c. buttermilk or slightly less

Optional- tiny bit of cream to brush on top of each scone just prior to baking

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Line baking sheet with parchment paper. Make sure oven rack is in the center of the oven.

In large mixing bowl, put together the dry ingredients (flours, sugar, salt, baking soda and powder), mix. Add cold butter chunks and use either a pastry blender or two knives to cut up the butter into the flour mixture until they are mixed in with small chunks. Add cranberries and oats and zest. Add buttermilk and mix until dough just comes together.

Put dough on a lightly floured surface, I use a silicone mat. Knead gently and form into a circle about 8 inches in diameter. Cut into eight triangular pieces. Place each one onto the parchment paper on the baking sheet. Brush with a tiny bit of cream.

Bake for 16-18 minutes until lightly browned.

Remove from oven and slight parchment paper onto cooling rack. Let cool for a few minutes before serving.

Adapted from an internet recipe, no longer remember source.

## Workday Opportunity!

The physical upkeep of the Meetinghouse and grounds is our collective responsibility and it takes work. The Building and Grounds Committee meets regularly to plan what work needs to be done but the work itself is everyone's responsibility. We do this work through bi-annual workdays. This year we are planning to do painting, weeding, repairs to benches, and other tasks. Please put September 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 4 on your calendars. We will have October 4<sup>th</sup> as a rain date. Light lunch will be provided. Chuck Lidz and Elin Calver co-clerks Building and Grounds.

## Out of Concern for Others:

- ❖ Please stay home if you are ill or have recently been exposed to Covid.
- ❖ Please wear a mask if you have any upper respiratory symptoms.

You can still join us via our hybrid Meeting for Worship available on Zoom. Request the Zoom link via email to: [worshipzoomffm@gmail.com](mailto:worshipzoomffm@gmail.com)



## A trip to the World Cup

Renel Fredriksen and John Robinson traveled to Norway, Denmark, Germany and Austria during June and July, along with their daughter, Amanda, and grandson, Oscar. The primary occasion for this trip was Amanda's participation with Team Norway in the 2025 World Cup of Roller Derby, in Innsbruck. The trip began in Oslo, where we all visited with family and did some sightseeing, while Amanda joined her team for two practices. Then for two weeks, our trip to Innsbruck included sightseeing stops in Copenhagen and Berlin. For the final week, World Cup festivities dominated our time. Norway finished 32nd of 48 teams – about as they expected – and the USA, as always, won the gold medal. Submitted by JR Robinson. Photos courtesy of Renel Fredriksen.



## Camp Creative Adventures at the Meetinghouse

Adam Hurley shared some photos of the fun at Camp Creative Adventures with kids from Academy MetroWest. We're delighted to be able to offer the Meetinghouse grounds for this fabulous group!



Join Framingham Friends Meeting for:  
an **OPEN HOUSE** for

**WORLD  
QUAKER  
DAY**

SUNDAY OCT 5, 2025  
1:00 – 3:00 pm



**You are invited to an Open House at  
Framingham Friends Meeting. 841  
Edmands Road, Framingham, MA  
Sunday October 5, 2025, 1 to 3 PM**

♦Meet Local Quakers! ♦Ask us lots of  
questions! ♦See our historic building! ♦Have  
some cookies! ♦Kids are welcome!

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**Outreach Committee Will Host Open  
House**

Join the Outreach Committee on Sunday  
October 5 for an Open House to welcome the  
wider Framingham Community to check us  
out and celebrate World Quaker Day. We will  
have a ‘bring your own’ brown bag lunch after  
Fellowship and invite Friends to stay for the  
Open House from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. We’re  
inviting folks from around the area who may  
be curious about Quakers, or historic  
buildings, or just in it for the cookies to come  
and see what we’re all about. We hope you  
will come and celebrate with us!

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**Our mission is to plant ourselves at the gates of Hope — not the prudent gates of  
Optimism, which are somewhat narrower;  
nor the stalwart, boring gates of Common Sense;  
nor the strident gates of Self-Righteousness, which creak on shrill and angry hinges  
(people cannot hear us there; they cannot pass through);  
nor the cheerful, flimsy garden gate of “Everything is gonna be all right.”  
But a different, sometimes lonely place,  
the place of truth-telling, about your own soul first of all and its condition,  
the place of resistance and defiance,  
the piece of ground from which you see the world both as it is and as it could be, as  
it will be;  
the place from which you glimpse not only struggle, but joy in the struggle.  
And we stand there, beckoning and calling, telling people what we are seeing,  
asking people what they see.**

**Victoria Safford**



## Minute on Gaza

The following minute was read and approved at a regularly scheduled Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business at Framingham Friends Meeting on June 15, 2025.

Framingham Friends Meeting minutes its support for the following Minute that was originally approved by Dover Friends Meeting (NH) on January 10, 2025 and which was subsequently approved with the noted expansion by Wellesley Friends Meeting (MA) on April 10, 2025.

*As Quakers we support practices that ensure the equality and well-being of all people. We recognize the futility of violence and the brutalizing effects it has on all sides. We advocate for diplomacy, tolerance, and restraint. We must speak out lest we be accused of complicity.*

*The U.S. must cut off the flow of arms for Israel's genocide in Gaza and oppose the expansion of Israel's attacks to Syria, Lebanon, and Yemen. We can no longer stand by and watch as war crimes are being committed with our tax dollars, our weapons, and our government's unwavering support.*

*We urge Congress to:*

- *call for a permanent ceasefire, the release of Israeli and Palestinian hostages, and a halt to illegal settlements in occupied territories;*
- *ensure delivery of humanitarian aid;*
- *work for full human rights for Palestinians;*
- *support U.S. and international laws governing the sale of weapons in furtherance of war crimes;*
- *financially support the reconstruction of what we have helped to destroy.*

*We call upon the people of the United States to:*

- *refrain from antisemitic and Islamophobic words and actions and to denounce them whenever they are expressed;*
- *refuse to label the condemnation of Israel's aggressive behavior as a form of antisemitic speech;*
- *advocate for the equal rights of Israelis and Palestinians as enumerated in the International Declaration of Human Rights."*

Framingham Friends Meeting further joins with Wellesley Friends Meeting in expressing our strongest moral opposition to suggestions for ethnic cleansing of Palestinians in Gaza. As Quakers, we have a long tradition of professing opposition to violence and a deep respect for the Divine in every person. We love and honor our Jewish friends and neighbors and we reject the characterization of opposition to the violence perpetrated by the state of Israel as "antisemitic." We are deeply troubled by the use of that characterization to attack the academic offerings and educational culture of our universities and to incarcerate and deport international students.

