

Yearly Meeting News

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REMINDERS

Important Info & Schedule Change: Please arrive at the Pavilion at 8:45 for worship on Sunday morning! Bring your rock from Opening Celebration and wear your mask. There will be water featured—you may want to dress small kids and yourself accordingly.

We'll begin with an interactive, intergenerational worship. Just before 10:00 a.m. the children will go to their programs and adults will proceed to the Fine Arts Center. Regina Renee Ward will be offering the Bible Half Hours. Golf carts will be on hand to help those who need assistance.

Because Friends in worship will approach the “pools” of water and canvases, and singing will be part of this worship, Friends, please *mask* during this worship for everyone's safety.

Capture the Flag! for all ages, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. on the far side of the gym. Bring a water bottle and wear sunscreen! Mandatory water breaks will happen throughout the game. Questions? gretchen@neym.org.

Phone Number Correction! The correct number for Pastoral Care is 802-265-0186 (not 0286 as listed on the back of your name tag).

Listening Session: Faith & Practice Revision will hold a listening session on Monday afternoon at 12:45 in Room 120, Fine Arts Center. This is a time to ask the committee to fine-tune text, or give them better wording for a paragraph, or even a great extract. You may also email notes to the committee at fandp@neym.org.

The Finance Committee will hold a Listening Session on the Budget, Monday 6:30 p.m. in Room 120, Fine Arts Center.

Your Sessions Photos Wanted: Please do not take photos from the front of the auditorium or on stage during worship or business. Please do not be disruptive and please do not post photographs of individuals without permission. Please see the full policy for taking photographs at Sessions at <https://neym.org/photography-recording-policies> or email office@neym.org.

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ABOUT THE GUIDE TO ANNUAL SESSIONS!

Information that repeats day-to-day is in the *Guide to Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions*. If you don't have a copy yet, download the Guide from <https://neym.org/housing-options> or pick one up at the Info Desk (*Fine Arts Ctr*).

The Yearly Meeting News will provide the day's schedule, along with special announcements and a few reminders.

EVENTS ON SUNDAY

- 6:30–7 a.m. **Early Morning Programmed Worship:** Marian Baker (Weare MM), traveling minister among women in East Africa (*Herrick Auditorium, Stafford*)
- 6:45–8:45 a.m. **Early Morning Unprogrammed Worship:** (*outside on the patio of the Campus Ctr or, if it's raining, under the tent at Huden Dining Hall*)
- 6:45–8:45 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 8:45–11:00 a.m. **Worship** (*Pavilion*) transitioning to **Bible Half Hour** (*Fine Arts Center*)
- 11:15–1:30 p.m. **Lunch**
- Noon–1:30 p.m. **Nurturing Faithfulness** (*Huden, under the tent*) (Please see page 2 for details)
- 12:15–1:15 p.m. **Registration** (*Fine Arts Center Lobby*)
- 12:45 p.m. **Orientation for First-Time Attenders** (*outside the dining hall*)
- 1:30–3:00 p.m. **Memorial Meeting** (*Fine Arts Center*)
- 2:30–3:30 p.m. **Capture the Flag** (*next to the gym*)
- 3:30–4:45 p.m. **Home Groups**
- 3:30–5:00 p.m. **BIPOC Celebration “This is the Hour”** (*Jeffords 213*)
- 4:30–5:30 p.m. **Registration** (*Fine Arts Center Lobby*)
- 4:45–5:30 p.m. **Dinner**
- 4:45–5:30 p.m. Everence Consultant Lyle Miller will meet with Friends over dinner. (*Huden, under the tent*)
- 6 p.m. **Twelve-Step Program** (*Stafford, 1st floor lounge, near 122*) and online (Please email Juliet Wright at julietann@comcast.net to get the link.)
- 6:00–6:45 p.m. **BIPOC drop-in** (*Jeffords 213*)
- 7:00–8:45 p.m. **Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business** (*Fine Arts Center*)
- 7:00–8:45 p.m. **Vespers** (*outside the Campus Center*)
- 7:00–9:00 p.m. **Registration** (*Fine Arts Center Lobby*)

EARLY ON MONDAY

- 6:30–7 a.m. **Early Morning Programmed Worship:** Nikki Holland, Belize Friends Church, Director of Belize Friends Ministries, FUM Field staff (*Herrick Auditorium, Stafford*)
- 6:30–7 a.m. **Early Morning Unprogrammed Worship:** (*outside on the patio of the Campus Ctr or, if it's raining, under the tent at Huden Dining Hall*)
- 6:45–8:45 a.m. **Breakfast**

The **Yearly Meeting News** is available Sunday–Wednesday mornings at breakfast, the Info Desk, and on the web at neym.org/sessions. Drop off submissions at the Info Desk Sunday thru Tuesday by 1:30 p.m. or submit in email to ymnews@neym.org. Announcements not specifically related to Sessions will **not** be included in the *YM News*.

Participants and staff in youth programs are expected to abide by their program's agreements. Contact the program coordinators with any questions.

Support Quaker Ministry! Contribution box and *GiveMonthly* information available throughout the week at Info Desk and at neym.org/donate.

Volunteers Needed: Help in the bookstore, carry a tray at mealtime, play with kids under the tent in the afternoon, drive shuttles. Find something to do and volunteer through the Info Desk or email volunteers@neym.org.

Practicing Noticing Patterns of Oppression and Faithfulness Together: This year in Business meetings, the NPWG encourages all Friends to share their noticings, with support available from Noticing Patterns. The prompts *I feel; I hear; I see; I wonder; I know* are helpful starters. The Clerk will also call for noticings, as led.

Special Dining Needs: Castleton University Dining Service welcomes us, ready to cater to our special needs. Menus will be posted; ingredients will be listed when possible. Gluten-free items will be noted; please leave these items for the folks who need them. If you have allergies and are unsure about whether an item is safe for you, please feel free to ask Castleton Dining Service staff or Jana Noyes-Dakota, NEYM Access Coordinator, access@neym.org.

Dining Hall Suggestions: Please leave trays for those with young children and mobility challenges. Encourage parents with small children to go to the head of dining lines and offer to help. A few reusable "clamshell" boxes may be available to carry out food for mealtime meetings. Consider bussing tables for others to reduce trips.

No Running Zones: Please do not run in front of the cafeteria and other busy areas! Please be careful not to bump into Friends. Please remember to wear your mask when not actively eating. Outside seating is available again this year.

Enjoy the Sessions Video Library: Enjoy the Sessions Video Library from wherever you are. A new experiment this year, the Library is a growing collection of short videos from New England Friends to share how the Spirit has been at work in their life, meeting, or ministry over the last year. Some videos are already posted and can be accessed at <https://neym.org/sessions-video-library>.

You are invited to chat with Kathleen Wooten, Online Experience Coordinator and YM Social Media Manager, about outreach and social media/web presence and policy in our meetings. Find her in the dining hall, after meeting for business, or reach out on Twitter/Facebook/Instagram @Quakerkathleen or the NEYM media platforms!

Nurturing Faithfulness: Are you in discernment about a potential call or a leading? Do you want more tools for nurturing your community? Are you looking to deepen your spiritual practice? The Nurturing Faithfulness program offers powerful Quaker practices and a loving community to encourage your next steps. Join Hilary Burgin **tonight** for "unwind time" at 9 p.m. under the tent outside the dining hall or on Tuesday for lunch (noon–1:30 p.m.) under the tent.

New England Yearly Meeting partners with Everence to offer financial education services to those in NEYM, along with providing insurance and retirement services for staff. An organization with Mennonite roots, Everence also helps individuals and organizations (including monthly meetings) integrate faith and values with finances. Stewardship Consultant Lyle Miller will be hosting conversations at a table under the tent during Sunday evening dinner and Monday lunch. Lyle will be on campus through Tuesday breakfast and is also available by text at 574-202-3121.

Celebrate and appreciate Betty Ann Lee's 20 years of service as JYM Coordinator at Sessions! Share an affirmation or fond memory in the notebook at the Info Desk.

Remembering Penny Jackim: Friends are invited to leave remembrances for Friend Penny Jackim, member of Providence MM, artist, and creator of Ahimsa Graphics, in a box located at the General Bookstore.

Healing Center

(the tent in front of the Coffee Cottage on the path to the Auditorium)

Please join us if you need some healing. Hours:

Sun 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Mon 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Tues and Wed 12:30-2:30 p.m.



Sacred Space

(In the Coffee Cottage on the path to the Auditorium)

Please join us if you need some grounding. Hours:

Sun thru Wed 7:30-9 a.m., 9-10:30 p.m.

Sun and Mon 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Tues and Wed 1:30-2:45 p.m.

Sunday Bookstore hours: General 1:00–9:00 p.m. and Children and Family 11:15 a.m.–9:00 p.m.



Come in today to sign up for a volunteer shift in either bookstore this week, and get a free treat!

The **Children & Family Bookstore** in the **Campus Center** has books for little and bigger kids plus their caregivers and teachers. There are plenty of comfy spaces for snuggling and reading aloud.

Books for young and old adults, t-shirts, crafts, and—if you get lucky and the barista is in—a nice, hot latté are in the **General Bookstore** in **Jeffords**.

Beautiful crafts and creative doodads made by NEYM's many artists in residence—plus piles of delicious Fair Trade chocolate bars—are for sale in both stores. Make the rounds! All purchases support the Yearly Meeting and our wonderful independent book suppliers, many of which are Quaker entities.