

Yearly Meeting News

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REMINDERS

Your portable Info Desk! 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/what-expect-2026-sessions>. The Yearly Meeting News will provide the day's schedule, along with special announcements and a few reminders.

The BIPOC Lounge is in Room 331 in the Community Center.

Contribute to our Yearly Meeting's Epistle! Rebecca Leuchak and Henry Wilhelm, members of the ad-hoc Epistle Committee, invite Friends to share your brief impressions about the experience of Spirit in the body as manifest in these next few days. Rebecca and Henry will bring all of these thoughts together and the result will be considered on the floor of the penultimate meeting for business.

Send your contributions to the email address: SessionsEpistle@neym.org— or write your thoughts on a slip of paper and deposit it in the old-fashioned "suggestion box" for the Epistle, located on the Info Desk—no later than Monday at 10:00 a.m.

Questions? E-mail SessionsEpistle@neym.org

Mealtime Opportunities Unless otherwise specified, Mealtime Opportunities begin at the following times: Breakfast 7:30 a.m.; Lunch 11:45 a.m.; Dinner 5:15 p.m. See the full list at <https://neym.org/choices>

Friends of Three Rivers Monthly Meeting are invited to gather to share lunch together today! We'll find a place on the Dining Hall. Look for the Rainbow Flags!

Puente de Amigos cordially invites you to **share dinner with us on Sunday**. Learn about our latest work together with our Cuban Friends and
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Zoom links and other info for all online activities, including informal gatherings and hybrid events, can be found on the linktree at <https://linktr.ee/NEYMEvents>.

EVENTS ON SUNDAY

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| 6:30–7:15 a.m. | Early Morning Worship (See Linktree above)
<u>Programmed:</u> Chris Jorgenson, former Youthquake leader and FWCC rep from NEYM (<i>New York Room, upstairs from Chapin Auditorium</i>)
<u>Unprogrammed</u> (<i>Outdoor Amphitheater</i>) |
| 7:15–9:00 a.m. | Breakfast (<i>Dining Hall, Community Center</i>) |
| 8:30 a.m. | Bible Half-Hour with Adria DiCapua (<i>Chapin Auditorium</i>) |
| 9:30–11:15 a.m. | Meeting for Business (<i>Chapin Auditorium</i>) |
| 11:30–2:00 p.m. | Lunch (<i>Dining Hall, Community Center</i>) Dorm residents arriving today must pay at the door |
| 1:15–2:45 p.m. | Plenary Session with C. Wess Daniels (<i>Chapin Auditorium</i>) |
| 3:00–5:00 p.m. | Meeting for Business (<i>Chapin Auditorium</i>) |
| 5:00–7:00 p.m. | Dinner (<i>Dining Hall, Community Center</i>) |
| 6:00–6:20 p.m. | Vespers All ages welcome for singing meditative songs learned by ear. Join us to musically ground in the gift of life. (See Linktree above) |
| 6:00 p.m. | Quaker 12-step group will be meeting Sat–Mon at 6 p.m. (<i>Abby Interfaith Chapel</i>) |
| 6:30–8:00 p.m. | Memorial Meeting (<i>Chapin Auditorium</i>) |
| 8:45–10:00 p.m. | Campus Observatory Visit (<i>Jewett Lane</i>) |

EARLY ON MONDAY

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| 6:30–7:15 a.m. | Early Morning Worship (See Linktree above)
<u>Programmed:</u> Kristina Keefe-Perry from Three Rivers Monthly Meeting (<i>New York Room, upstairs from Chapin Auditorium</i>)
<u>Unprogrammed</u> (<i>Outdoor Amphitheater</i>) |
| 7:15–9:00 a.m. | Breakfast (<i>Dining Hall, Community Center</i>) |
| 8:30 a.m. | Bible Half-Hour with Adria DiCapua (<i>Chapin Auditorium</i>) |

The Yearly Meeting News is available Saturday–Monday mornings at the Info Desk, outside *Chapin Auditorium*, and on the web at neym.org/yearly-meeting-news. Send submissions in email to ymnews@neym.org or drop off at the Info Desk Saturday thru Monday by 1:30 p.m. Announcements not specifically related to Sessions will not be included in the *Yearly Meeting News*.

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join in our efforts to continue to strengthen our bridge. Look for the Puente sign on one of the tables. Our Cuban visitor Kirenia will be there too!

Visit the Campus Observatory on Jewett Lane: Mount Holyoke astronomy professor Tom Burbine and students have generously offered to show Friends the campus observatory and assist participants in trying out some of the telescopes. This is a drop-in event and participants are welcome to join partway through. This event will happen rain or shine; however, we are hoping for a clear night!

Open discussion about Friends education and Quaker governance at Moses Brown School: Head of School Katie Titus, along with several members of MBS staff, faculty, and board, are eager to connect with Friends across New England, deepen their relationship with NEYM families, share current information about their educational mission and approach, and reach Friends who are led to take part in school governance. **Join them over lunch at noon on Monday, August 3, in the Club Room.** You can also visit the School's poster display for materials or to learn more.

Learn about Alternatives to Violence Project work in Cuba. Join Kirenia Criado, pastor of Havana Friends Meeting, Monday, August 3 at 1:15 p.m., to learn about AVP in Cuba and the efforts, under her leadership, to train facilitators in nonviolent methods of conflict management in an increasingly fraught Cuban environment. (*New York Room, upstairs from Chapin Auditorium*)

REMINDER: Your swipe card is your meal ticket and gets you access to all buildings. You will need to return your swipe card and key (if applicable) before you leave campus.

HOLD ON TO YOUR KEY & SWIPE CARD. The charge to replace the key and card is \$15 each.

LOCKOUTS: during regular business hours, please call or text Elizabeth Hacala, 740-478-2537. After hours, call Campus Safety, 413-538-2304

Your Sessions Photos Wanted: We welcome your photographs for use on neym.org during Sessions; however, please do not take photos from the front of the ballroom 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 can be obtained by e-mailing office@neym.org.

Youth Programs maintain their own agreements, including use of social media. Participants and staff in those programs are expected to abide by their program's agreements. Contact the program coordinators with questions.

Policy Addressing At-Risk or Disruptive Behavior at Sessions: A copy of the Policy is on page 5 in the *Guide to Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions*. Friends are encouraged to review it as we seek to create a place of safety and respect for all who attend.

Volunteers Needed: Help in the bookstore, carry a tray at mealtime—find something to do and volunteer through the Info Desk.

Mount Holyoke dining service welcomes us, ready to cater to our special needs. Menus and ingredients are posted at <https://menu.mtholyoke.edu/location.aspx>. If you have allergies and are unsure about whether an item is safe for you, please feel free to ask dining hall staff or Jana Noyes, NEYM Access Coordinator, access@neym.org.

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.

No Running Zones: Please do not run in the dining hall and other busy areas! Please be careful not to bump into Friends. Please consider wearing your mask when not actively eating. Outside seating is available again this year.

NEYM's Bookstore & Consignment Shop on the ground floor of the Community Center



Books for all ages, including some by NEYM authors! You'll find beautiful crafts and creative doodads made by NEYM's many artists in residence—plus piles of delicious Fair Trade chocolate bars! Daily events! A community jigsaw puzzle! A place to hangout, rest, read, journal, or chat! All sales support the yearly meeting and our wonderful independent book suppliers, many of which are Quaker entities.

Hours

Friday 7/31 from 3:00–9:00 p.m.

Saturday 8/1 from noon–9:00 p.m.

Sunday 8/2 from 11:00 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3:00–9:00 p.m.

Monday 8/3 from 11:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

Tuesday 8/4 from 10:00 a.m.–noon