

FMC New Story Newsletter April 2026

The FMC New Story Group will meet on Zoom from 7:00 to 9:00pm on April 27. Come at 6:30 for fellowship. First timers are always welcome!

To participate in this event [Click this Link](#) or call 1-646-558-8656 and provide the Meeting ID 875 6881 1869 and passcode 101225.

Topic for April: **“Connecting our Stories in Time: Wisdom of Science: Life-changing Knowledge & Insights”** with Dave Damm-Luhr

In these opening years of the twenty-first century as the human community experiences a rather difficult situation in its relation with the natural world, we might reflect that a four-fold wisdom is available to guide use into the future: the wisdom of Indigenous peoples, the wisdom of women, the wisdom of the classical traditions, and the wisdom of science.

--Thomas Berry, “The Great Work: Our way into the future,” 1999,

Dave will discuss the wisdom of science in the New Story framework of our evolving universe asking:

- How did we get here?
- What has the wisdom of science enabled?
- How has science gotten us into trouble?
- How can scientific and spiritual aspirations be mutually supportive?

We’ll focus on the tectonic shifts through science in the 15th -17th centuries and their implications for the Enlightenment of the 18th to early 20th centuries. This will set the stage for another evening to explore the major shifts catalyzed by science in the last 100 years, and the implications for us now, aiming to move into the “Ecozoic Era” that Thomas Berry called our “Great Work.”

For previous discussions of the four-fold wisdoms, please see the New Story webpage at <https://fmcquaker.org/outreach/new-story/>

Other activities of the FMC New Story Group

The Arts Pod

Five visual artists (e.g., watercolors, painting, photography) gather to explore how they are moved by a particular place individually, followed by a whole group conversation about that experience (typically over lunch or coffee), with the New Story in mind. We have visited outdoor places in Eastern Massachusetts, rich with more than human life, as well as indoor museums when outside weather isn’t conducive to exploring. We currently aim to gather another time this spring, as joint schedules allow. Contact Dave Damm-Luhr at dldluhr@hotmail.com, for more info.

The Universe Pod

The Universe Pod is a small group that gathered around Mike Mallery's talk "Our Beautiful Universe" presented at our March meeting. (His slides are on our webpage.) Our goal is to explore science topics in more depth. We meet on the second Thursday of the month at 3:15pm. On April 16 we watched the film "The Journey of the Universe" by Brian Swimme and Mary Evelyn Tucker (2013). We were joined by several people new to the New Story Group. Info about the "Journey of the Universe" can be found on their website: film, book, as well as recent podcasts and newsletters. These are all inspirational sources about the New Story!

Our next meeting is May 21. You are welcome to join us. Contact Cornelia Parkes at new-story@fmcquaker.org.

"Helgoland" Book Reading Group

A small group from the Universe Pod is reading "Helgoland: Making sense of the quantum revolution" by Carlo Rovelli, a theoretical physicist who makes complex science more intelligible. We meet every two weeks on Tuesdays at 11:00am. Our next meeting is April 28th where we will discuss Part 1. "Helgoland" is available on-line for downloading as a PDF. You are welcome to join us. Contact Cornelia Parkes at new-story@fmcquaker.org.

Future New Story Programs

- Monday, May 25: Jane Cutting will present 'Working with the Old Story in Us: How lessons from alternatives to violence programs can help.'
- Monday, June 22: Gwen Noyes will engage us in a conversation about living in community and simplicity.