

Ann Arbor Friends Meeting

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February 17, 2019

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* = See announcement

Sunday, February 17 [3RD SUNDAY]

7:45 Meeting for Worship. Meetingroom
9:00 Meeting for Worship for Business. Meetingroom
11:00 Meeting for Worship. Meetingroom; childcare
First Day School. Living Room
12:45 Young Adult Friends. Quaker House Dining
Room *

Thursday, February 21

7:30 Midweek Meeting for Worship. Corner Room
(childcare with advance notice) *

Sunday, February 24 [4TH SUNDAY]

9:00 Meeting for Worship. Meetingroom
10:05 Reading & Discussion. Corner Room *
11:00 Meeting for Worship. Meetingroom; childcare
First Day School. Living Room
12:30 Potluck (all welcome)

Thursday, February 28

7:30 Midweek Meeting for Worship. Corner Room
(childcare with advance notice) *

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, March 10

12:45 Spiritual State of Meeting Worship. *

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Young Adult Friends will meet Sunday, February 17, 12:30 pm, Quaker House Dining Room. Interested? Contact aa-yaf@googlegroups.com. Childcare provided.

Reading & Discussion meets on the second and fourth Sundays from 10:05 to 10:55. All are welcome. Please look for readings on the lobby table on the preceding Sunday.

• **February 24: Thomas Taylor** will lead a discussion on *Encounter with Silence: Reflections from the Quaker Tradition* by John Punshon. Speak to Thomas about obtaining a copy, or buy (new or used) one. The readings will help us share about such topics as what to do in the silence, symbols, ministry, prayer, making decisions, faith etc.

The **“final Friday”** lunch will be at Susan Hartman's house on Friday, February 22. All are invited to share soup (meatless), bread, and fellowship any time 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. Qs.? Susan at (redacted in web version).

REQUEST FOR RESPONSE

Christa Williams (convener), Mike Merrick, and Susan Hartman are the members of this year's annual ad hoc committee to review the Meeting's child safety policy. They are reaching out to all members of our community to ask for your thoughts. If you have observations, concerns, or suggestions about the safety of the children

of the Meeting, or about how our policy is being carried out please get in touch by phone, email, or in person with one of committee members before the end of February. The Policy for the Protection and Safety of Children and Youth is available on the Meeting website at annarborfriends.org (click on the menu on the left of the home page, under "AAFM Activities"). As part of this policy, the Meeting reviews the policy and its implementation each year through an ad hoc committee appointed by the Clerk.

Friends are encouraged to participate in Membership & Outreach's **Small World Project**, designed to widen our connections. Friends are paired for casual conversation (at time and place of their choosing). For more information visit: tinyurl.com/smallworldaafm.

Midweek Meeting for Worship is being scheduled on a month to month basis on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm in January. Childcare will be provided with advance notice. To ensure childcare, please contact Lisa Klopfer at 734-436-1031 or lkloper@gmail.com.

Spiritual State of Our Meeting: On Sunday, March 10, 12:45 pm. We will gather in the Meetingroom for worship sharing:

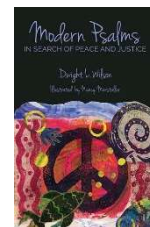
- What is the spiritual condition of our Meeting, its strengths and challenges?
- What key events of the past year helped build the meeting in the Life?
- What is most needed to deepen the spiritual life of the Meeting and strengthen its witness of Friends' testimonies to the world?

Childcare provided.

AMONG FRIENDS

Phil Volk is receiving a service award for a lifetime of action for civil rights and caring for the black community at the Brown Chapel AME Church's 66th Annual Brotherhood Banquet, Friday, February 22, 6:30 pm, EMU Student Center Building, 900 Oakwood St, Ypsilanti, MI. Chuck Warpehoski is the keynote speaker. Please join Phil if you are able. For more information and tickets (\$75 Adults, \$30 Students): 734 482-7050.

Modern Psalms: In Search of Peace and Justice, by our very own, **Dwight Wilson**, who has worn many “hats – pastor, educational executive, General Secretary of Friends General Conference, father and grandfather, and dedicated volunteer” is being featured by Quaker Books. Described as “achingly beautiful. Personal and very compelling, his writing is an



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expression of peace and joy in the constancy of God, even while longing for peace and justice in the world." Read more in the Friends Journal review of the book (friendsjournal.org/modern-psalms-in-search-of-peace-and-justice). Available via Quaker Books at: quakerbooks.org/products/modern-psalms-in-search-of-peace-and-justice.



Dwight's other book **The Kidnapped: A Collection of Short Stories**, a historic fiction collection portraying "the very nuanced history of African Americans in the United States" capturing stories of Dwight's ancestors "who broke the laws in the name of truth, humanity, and kindness" is also available via Quaker Books at URL:

quakerbooks.org/products/the-kidnapped. Friends might also find recordings of his daily Bible Half Hour at the FGC 2018 Gathering of interest. The recordings are at: fgcquaker.org/gathering-2018-bible-half-hour.

From **Ed Morin** on behalf of a friend: Housing situation sought for male, clinical social worker, 70s, active, with intellectual, artistic and sports-related interests. Will do landscape and some handyman services. Please contact Leon (248-252-8235) if you can assist.

Dawid Kierys (dkierys@gmail.com/773-809-3289) and his partner **Zoe Fullem** (zoeffullem@gmail.com/518-929-4811) are in search of suitable housing (apartment, "mother-in-law suite", small house, or part of a house) to rent by late April/early May and would appreciate any leads or suggestions.

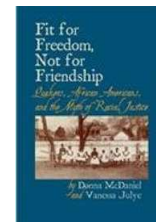
LARGER CIRCLES OF FRIENDS

Friends General Conference (FGC): The **2019 Gathering** will be held Sunday, June 30 – Saturday, July 6 at Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA. This year's theme is *Peace in our Hearts, Justice in the World*. This year deep discounts are available for children and teens due to a generous donation to support family and youth attendance. Children and Teen's Program fee is waived; 50% of their meals are covered by the donation and scholarships are available. Program Fee for Friends 18-35 years, also has also been reduced. **Pre-registration for the White Privilege Conference is open** (whiteprivilegeconference.com/registration-information). For FGC 2019 Gathering information and updates: fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering. For workshop details: fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering/programs-and-events/workshops

Charlie King & Annie Patterson – Benefit Concert for **Interfaith Council for Peace & Justice (ICPJ)**, Saturday, March 23, 7:30 pm, Church of the Good Shepherd. An evening with two of North America's finest activist folk singers. Charlie's witty political satire and his uncanny ability to find endearing songs about struggle and the human experience are a natural fit with Annie's

own performing and song-leading work. Annie, an active Friend, co-created the beloved *Rise Up Singing* and *Rise Again* songbooks with her husband, Peter Blood. Tickets sales benefit ICPJ; \$20 general admission, \$50 sponsor (with CD), \$10 student/low income. Purchase online: <https://charlie-annie-aa.eventbrite.com> or contact charliekinginaa@gmail.com or 734-476-3399.

In the US, February is designated **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**. Friends might find "**Fit For Freedom, Not For Friendship**", by Vanessa Julye (Coordinator of FGC's Ministry on Racism Program) and Friend Donna McDaniel (\$20) useful in study and discussion as we examine black history together. It shows ways in which systemic racism and white supremacy have caused serious spiritual harm within the Religious Society of Friends, as well as painful ironies in Quaker history. (E.g., our faith community spearheaded the Abolitionist Movement, it also resisted inviting African-American students into Quaker-founded schools.) Available via FGC website: fgcquaker.org/resources/fit-freedom-not-friendship-quakers-african-americans-and-myth-racial-justice.



COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Ann Arbor Senior Center (Burns Park, 1320 Baldwin Ave.): **A2 Community Sing** with Matt Watroba first Tuesdays through June 2019, next: **March 5**, 7-8:30 p.m., drop-in fee: \$5. Qs? a2gov.org/senior

Doing Our Own Work: An Anti-Racism Seminar for White People, a program of Allies for Change, will be offered on Fridays and Saturday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, on **March 8, 9**, April 5, 6, and May 10, 11 at Bethlehem United Church of Christ (423 S. 4th Ave).

Attendance at all six sessions is required, and the cost is \$475; scholarships and time payments are available. Details and registration: alliesforchange.org/doow-ann-arbor-2019. Questions and to apply for partial scholarships: melaniemorrison@alliesforchange.org. Register early, enrollment is limited to 20 participants.

MICHIGAN FRIENDS CENTER EVENTS

Winterfest! Fundraiser, Saturday, February 23, 7:30 – 9:00 pm, Meetinghouse, Ann Arbor Friends Meeting.

Gemini, twin brothers San and Laz Slomovits, nationally known for their music for children and families, return to the roots of their music – the classic songs of Pete Seeger, Bob Dylan, Peter, Paul and Mary, Joan Baez, Joni Mitchell, Simon and Garfunkel, etc. Come hear songs like "If I Had a Hammer," "Blowing in the Wind," "Where Have All the Flowers Gone," "Big Yellow Taxi," "Bridge Over Troubled Waters" and many more – and sing along with them! San and Laz have put together a tribute/celebration concert of this quintessential music. Suggested donation \$15/person, \$25/family.

DONATIONS (Tax Deductible): Friends can donate to the Meeting at www.annarborfriends.org/Donate.shtml via PayPal (which takes 1.9% plus 30c per transaction). You can also contribute by cash or a check in the contributions basket on the lobby table or US mail: c/o Treasurer, Ann Arbor Friends Meeting, 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104.