

Ann Arbor Friends Meeting 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor MI 48104 734-761-7435 **May 21, 2023**

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For all Meetings for Worship, including Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, the Zoom link is <https://tinyurl.com/AAFm-Zoom> (Meeting ID 818 7021 4329)

Sunday, May 21 * = announcement

7:45 Meeting for Worship. Corner Room only
9:00 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Meetingroom and Zoom
11:00 Meeting for Worship. Meetingroom and Zoom First Day School. Living Room

Monday, May 22

2:00 Meeting for Walking *

Tuesday, May 23

10:00 Meeting for Worship. Zoom only
7:00 Justice Action Group (JAG). Zoom only
Contact Idlynn at umich.edu for Zoom link

Saturday, May 27

4:00 Playground Fellowship Group. Riverside Park, 2 E. Cross St, Ypsilanti *

Sunday, May 28

9:00 Meeting for Worship. Meetingroom and Zoom
10:05 Reading & Discussion. Fireplace Room *
11:00 Meeting for Worship. Meetingroom. First Day School. Living Room
12:15 Potluck. Fellowship Room

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wearing of masks is not required in the Meetinghouse, but Friends are welcome to do so.

Reading and Discussion will meet on Sunday, May 28, at 10:05am in the Fireplace Room. We will continue our discussion of the Quaker peace testimony, focusing on how it fits into our lives in general. The readings can be downloaded from this link: <https://tinyurl.com/3nsz6k9c>. All are welcome, even if you haven't done the reading.

Meeting for Walking: Change of Location. We have changed our walking location for Monday, May 22, to the Arboretum, so that we can enjoy the tree peonies now in bloom, along with the rhododendrons, viburnum, weigela, and lilacs. We will meet at 2pm at the dead-end of Riverside Drive, off Geddes. Please be aware that Geddes is closed between Observatory and Hill Streets.

This walk is a little longer than usual and involves climbing a hill from the Arb valley up to the peony garden. An option for some may be to take a bus to the Medical Center, stepping off outside Mott Children's Hospital to enter the peony garden on the level.

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We will be changing our walk departure points weekly for a while, so please watch this space. Questions? Contact Nancy or Thomas Taylor, home phone (734-995-6803), or Naomi Gilbert (734-476-4555).

Playground Fellowship Group – Saturdays from 4:00 to 5:00m. In May, the Playground Fellowship Group will be meeting at Riverside Park, 2 E. Cross St, Ypsilanti (48198). This is an opportunity for families with children to get together for social playtime outside of First Day School. It is also an opportunity for families without children to meet and get to know the children in our Meeting and their caregivers. Questions? Contact Karen Connor (734-717-6353 or karenc456@gmail.com).

On **Sunday, June 4, at 12:45pm**, the Membership and Outreach Committee invites you to **Part 1** of a three-part series of forums exploring [Components of Quakerism](#). We see these components within a series of three concentric circles, and this first forum (which will be in person and online) will be exploring queries relating to the inner circle, asking how, as Quakers, do we experience our connection or relationship with Spirit (or whatever name feels most comfortable and natural for each person). See the queries for all three parts [here](#).

The next gathering of **Young Adult Friends** will be at the home of Cassie Cammann (2008 Crestland Drive, Ann Arbor) on Sunday, June 4, at 6:00. All Friends and friends of Friends ages 18-35 are invited. The Young Adult Friends group meets monthly for social and spiritual connection – we plan fun activities and offer one another support. If you are interested in learning more, please reach out to aafmyaf@gmail.com.

New books are now on display in the Library on the west wall (straight ahead as one enters from the Fireplace Room). Please do not borrow new books before June 1, so that everyone has a chance to browse. Each book has a slip in it that one can sign to reserve it, starting in June. A list of the new books with brief descriptions can be seen on the Meeting website: click on "New Library Books" on the home page.

The Meeting seeks a **person to take on a few office tasks**, 1–3 hours per week, for three weeks in June–July. Paid position, easy-to-follow instructions. Contact Pat Micks (aafmoffice@sbcglobal.net), if interested.

DONATIONS (Tax Deductible): Ann Arbor Friends Meeting relies on donations from members and attenders to cover over 60% of its budget. You can contribute by check via U.S. mail: c/o Treasurer, Ann Arbor Friends Meeting, 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104. You can also contribute cash or checks in the Contributions Box (on wall next to Meetingroom door) and online at the Meeting's website at: <https://annarborfriends.org/wp/donate/>.

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Request from Finance Committee: The group working on identifying additional renters has created a list of potential users of our space with ideas of how we might reach out to them. They ask each of us to take an idea from their list and do what we can to move it forward. Potential renters should contact the Meeting worker, Pat Micks, for details on rates and availability. (The list is available at <https://tinyurl.com/Rentalideas>.)

AMONG FRIENDS

Dwight & Diane Wilson and Kevin Miller & Alice Penrose have new granddaughters!

Asha Mae Wilson was born to Dwight's son Tai Amri and his wife, Shahida, on May 12, in Lawrence Kansas. She came so quickly that Tai delivered her himself, before the midwife and doula arrived.

Sonia Penrose Kobayashi Deckrow was born early on May 10 in Children's Hospital in Minneapolis. She lives in Saint Paul with their daughter, Ruth Penrose Miller, son-in-law, Andre Kobayashi Deckrow, and grandson, Oscar Penrose Kobayashi Deckrow.

Phil Volk and Bill Riccobono facilitate an **online "Bible Hour"** on Thursdays at 9:30am, lasting 45–60 minutes. Discussion of short, selected verses is guided by sharing replies to five questions: "What is the author's main point? Do I find any new light within the verses?" Etc. Questions? Ask Phil or Bill, who are in the Meeting Directory. (Zoom: us02web.zoom.us/j/87284937438, Meeting ID 872 8493 7438.)

Carol Blotter, of our Meeting, will lead **A Day of Solitude and Meditation Practice**, Saturday, June 10, from 9:00 to 4:00. *Suggested donation, \$30–60 or as able; pre-registration requested.* This retreat and fundraiser for the benefit of Michigan Friends Center is an opportunity to enjoy the quiet of the country while practicing sitting and walking meditation. It is appropriate for anyone interested in meditation, with beginning instruction for those who request it and lots of silence for everyone. The retreat will be held at Michigan Friends Center, 7748 Clark Lake Rd, Chelsea, MI 48118: 734-475-1892 or www.mfcenter.org. To register, contact Carol at 734-475-0942 or cb.meditate@gmail.com.

Phil Volk, of our Meeting, writes:

The Michigan organization **Uniting Three Fires Against Violence** helps indigenous women who are victims of sexual violence and seeks those who have gone missing. Some 5000 to 10,000 indigenous women are in these categories, yet, owing to lack of awareness, little is done to help. I have worked with this organization for many years and truly support its cause. Please review its website (<https://unitingthreefiresagainstviolence.org>) to

learn about their work in counseling and education. I hope you will be moved to donate or volunteer. I'm looking for a volunteer for one hour per month on Zoom to brainstorm for events in Washtenaw and Livingston Counties in September and October. If you can help, please email me at philvolk2004@yahoo.com. Please share this message with your friends.

LARGER CIRCLES OF FRIENDS

Friends Fiduciary Corporation (FFC), where some of our Meeting's financial resources are invested, is holding its **2023 Annual Investors Meeting** on Tuesday, May 23, from 12:30 to 2:00. Friends can attend online but must register at <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=ggfrehbdab&oeidk=a07ejrdqdvxf5c75faf>

On Saturday, June 10, from 9:30 to noon, Cambridge (Massachusetts) Friends Meeting will host a workshop, presented by Windy Cooler and Sarah Allen, to explore the **impact of interpersonal violence and abuse on individuals and community**. The workshop will provide a presentation on the intersection of the Quaker peace testimony and interpersonal relationships, as well as an opportunity for worship sharing on how we might as individuals and community be attentive to supporting individuals who are experiencing interpersonal violence. In person and on Zoom; for details, see <https://lu.ma/seeking-wholeness>.

News from FCNL: Friends Committee on National Legislation has just released a brief summary of their work over the past year to bring Quaker values to the world of federal lobbying. The following link should open the page: https://www.fcnl.org/sites/default/files/2023-03/2023_YearlyMeetingReport.3.web_.pdf

COMMUNITY NEWS

7th Annual Bridging 23 Unity Walk, Saturday, June 10, 10:00 to 3:00. The purpose of the walk is to bring public visibility and conversation about the inequities between Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti and to inspire compassion and take action to call forth the beloved community. This year the focus is elevating criminal legal reform advocacy, initiatives, and programs happening throughout Washtenaw County. The five-mile walk begins at Washtenaw County Park (off Platt) and ends at Brown Chapel AME Church (1043 W. Michigan Ave, Ypsilanti). The speakers' program at Brown Chapel begins at 1:00pm. For more information and to register for the walk go to: <https://thedisputeresolutioncenter.org/events/unitywalk2023/>.

Please send **announcements for Handouts** to Laura Lein at clerks@annarborfriends.org by noon on Thursday and put "Meeting Announcement" in the subject line.