

Ann Arbor Friends Meeting 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor MI 48104 734-761-7435 **November 19, 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/AAFMM-Zoom> (Meeting ID 818 7021 4329).

Sunday, November 19 * = See 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 & Fireplace Rooms *

Monday, November 20
2:00 Meeting for Walking. *

Tuesday, November 21
9:00 Meeting for Worship. Zoom only

Thursday, November 23 Thanksgiving
6:30 Dessert and Board Games. Fellowship Room *

Sunday, November 26
9:00 Meeting for Worship. Meetingroom and Zoom
10:05 Reading & Discussion. Fireplace Room *
11:00 Meetings for Worship. Meetingroom, in-person
only, and separate online meeting on Zoom *
First Day School. Living & Fireplace Rooms *
12:15 Potluck. Fellowship Room

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Schedule changes: Our experiment with changes in schedule and form of meetings for worship continues. This Sunday, the 7:45 meeting will be in-person only in the Corner Room, while the 9:00 meeting for worship with attention to business and the 11:00 worship will be blended (in-person and on Zoom). Next Sunday, the 9:00 meeting will be blended, and two 11:00 meetings will be parallel – in-person only in the Meetingroom and Zoom only.

First Day activities take place weekly in the Nursery, Quaker House Living Room, and the Fireplace Room, with both volunteers and paid childcare providers working with the children. If your family would like to get emails about First Day School activities, contact Claire Tinkerhess (ctinkerhess@comcast.net). If you have questions, or would like volunteer to help, contact Christa Williams (ristawill@gmail.com).

Over the next several weeks, children and First Day helpers will be planning and preparing a Posada skit, to be presented at the rise of worship on December 17.

The **Young Adult Friends Group** meets monthly for social and spiritual connection – we plan fun activities and offer one another support. To learn more, please reach out to aafmyaf@gmail.com.

Meetings for Walking: We walk each Monday at 2:00, and all are welcome. On November 20 and 27, we'll start out from Parker Mill Park, 4650 Geddes Road. Drive Geddes Road east and turn right on the first driveway past Dixboro Road; note it is the same turn as to the All Seasons Senior Living Complex. Questions? Please contact Nancy or Thomas Taylor, home phone (734-995-6803), or Naomi Gilbert (734-476-4555.) Want to car-pool? Text or phone Sharon Simonton (734-645-3424).

Thanksgiving Meeting for Dessert and Board Games! Sharon Simonton and Victor Chao will be hosting a drop-in gathering for dessert, tea, board games, and chatting in the Fellowship Room on Thanksgiving Day (November 23) from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Please feel free to bring a favorite board game or dessert to share (or either or neither – fine to just drop in). If you'd like more information, please call Sharon at (734) 645-3424 or email: simonton@umich.edu.

Peace and Social Justice Committee and the Palestine-Israel Action Group continue to ask F/friends to push for an immediate ceasefire and release of hostages in Gaza. AFSC's Jennifer Bing spoke here last week of how Palestinians need immediate aid *and* a long-term solution to the system of Apartheid. At this week's meeting for business, **PIAG will present a Minute in support of the AFSC Apartheid-Free Communities Pledge**; the proposed minute appears among the attachments the clerk sent out with the agenda.

The November **Reading and Discussion** will meet on Sunday the 26th at 10:05 in the Fireplace Room. The Zoom session will be on Monday, November 27, at 7:00pm. We will be thinking about ways to "answer that of God," in ways that support community. The reading can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/2czpvh6z>. Plan to attend, even if you have not had a chance to read the handout.

Women's Meeting: The next bimonthly women's meeting will be held in two formats: in person in the Meetingroom from 6:30 to 8pm on Wednesday, November 29, and on Zoom the following Wednesday, December 6, from 6:30 to 8pm (<https://umich.zoom.us/j/9305961488>). All woman-identified people are welcome to attend one or both. Contact Margot Finn (smargot@gmail.com) with questions about the Zoom meeting and give advance notice to Naomi Gilbert (naomig@umich.edu) if childcare is needed for the in-person meeting.

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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The Meeting is **seeking a Publications Coordinator** to produce weekly Handouts and monthly Newsletters. This is a paid position, up to 40 hours a month @ ca. \$22 per hour, with vacation time and medical time. Familiarity with Quakers and Ann Arbor Friends Meeting is desirable. You can see a full job description at <https://tinyurl.com/ms2s97eb>. To inquire about this position, please contact Brian Jones-Chance, convener of Personnel Committee, at [brianjc at joneschance.com](mailto:brianjc@joneschance.com) or 269-779-0505.

Meetinghouse rental brochures are ready for distribution. Please take a few copies from the lobby table if you know of individuals or businesses able to display them where prospective renters will see them.

Jeff Cooper will be **ordering new books for the Meeting Library** in early December. If you have a title to recommend, please speak to or email Jeff by November 30 ([cooperdaub at hotmail.com](mailto:cooperdaub@hotmail.com)).

Friends are looking ahead to **making gift bags** for the men sheltering in our Meetinghouse over Christmas week. Friends are needed to donate items or cash and/or to gather at Cassie Cammann's house to assemble bags on Saturday, December 9 (time tba). We need gloves, long johns, and chemical hand or foot warmers. We plan to assemble 20 bags (last year, extras were donated to the Purple House, a shelter for those unable to use traditional shelters). Contact Cassie (cassie.cammann@gmail.com) or Lauren Ungar (laurenungar@yahoo.com) if you want to be involved in this effort.

AMONG FRIENDS

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)

LARGER CIRCLES OF FRIENDS

Copies of the **2023 LEYM Annual Records** are now available on the lobby table. These include minutes from business sessions; summaries of the plenary talk and workshops from Annual Meeting; state-of-the-meeting reports and memorial minutes from constituent monthly meetings; contact information for officers and committee clerks of monthly meetings and LEYM; and more. Friends involved or interested in LEYM are welcome to take a copy. Friends who would like a pdf file of the *Annual Records* can request one from Jeff Cooper ([cooperdaub at hotmail.com](mailto:cooperdaub@hotmail.com)).

In the absence of a the usual Fall *Bulletin*, Lake Erie Yearly Meeting has posted a **Lightning Stand-in Bulletin** digital-only substitute, available as a pdf file at leym.org. A few printed copies are available in the

lobby. Production of *Bulletins* is expected to resume in January under the editorship of Christopher Farrand, of Cleveland Meeting (BulletinLEYM@gmail.com).

Ceasefire Request: Five Quaker organizations have joined in calling for "an immediate ceasefire and humanitarian access in Gaza." They also request "action to address the underlying injustice of occupation and inequalities underlying this situation in the long term." Here is the statement from FCNL, AFSC, QUNO, and British and Canadian Friends: <https://www.fcnl.org/sites/default/files/2023-10/quaker-statement-10-17-23.pdf>. Our Peace and Social Justice Committee has endorsed this statement.

News from the American Friends Service

Committee: The following is an update on AFSC's work and colleagues in Gaza and the wider area from Associate General Secretary for International Programs, Kerri Kennedy. The I.P. team includes three people living and working in Gaza: Firas Ramlawi, Serena Awad, and intern Adham Yaghi, all of whom, as Kerri notes, are alive at this writing. (All are mourning family, friends, and partners in their peacebuilding work). The other names Kerri mentions are Saida Khader, who is based in Jerusalem; Khaled Elkouz, based in Jordan; Hanady Muhiar, Jerusalem; Bilal Olimat, Jordan; Dawood Hammoudeh, Jerusalem; and Ahmed Yasin, Jerusalem. We are asked to hold these AFSC staffers and all persons in Israel-Palestine in the Light.

Friends are invited to join Broadmead Friends Meeting (northwestern Ohio) for an online **Meeting for Healing** on Monday, November 20, at 6:30pm. This is part of the **Transgender Day of Remembrance** for those who have been murdered or have committed suicide as a result of transphobia. Join the meeting for healing by clicking on the Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2272696552?pwd=aSniAQLyVf3tEv6dGKJZoxpbybEZ08.1>. The passcode is LEYM2022.

COMMUNITY EVENT

Interfaith Gathering of Peace and Unity, Sunday, November 19, from 4:00 to 6:00 at the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor (4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd). Join Interfaith Round Table for a gathering of peace and unity to find support during these challenging times. Coming together this way is vital for our collective healing and connection, and we want to create a space where we can all feel safe and supported. The gathering will include unity prayers, music and song, and a meditation circle. The doors open at 3:30. All are welcome. Questions? Please email or call Phil Volk (philvolk2004@yahoo.com or 734-545-3768).

Please send **announcements for Handouts** to Laura Lein at leinl@umich.edu by Thursday noon and put "Meeting Announcement" in the subject line.