

**Ann Arbor Friends Meeting** 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor MI 48104 734-761-7435 **January 28, 2024**

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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, January 28** \* = See announcement

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 Room \*  
12:15 Potluck. Fellowship Room  
1:00 Committee for Children and Families\*  
6:00 YAF Dinner, Home of Ruth Zweifler \*

**Tuesday, January 30**

9:00 Meeting for Worship. Zoom only

**Wednesday, January 31**

6:30 Women's Meeting. Meetingroom \*

**Thursday, February 1**

7:00 Membership and Outreach. Zoom  
Contact scooper at [mi.rr.com](http://mi.rr.com) for Zoom link

**Sunday, February 4**

9:00 Meeting for Worship. Meetingroom only  
10:05 Earthcare Committee. Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8585173612>  
Passcode: earthcare  
Property Committee. Corner Room  
11:00 Meeting for Worship. Meetingroom and Zoom  
First Day School. Living Room \*  
12:45 Peace and Social Justice Program on Assisting Local Prisoners. Meetingroom \*  
4:00 Ministry and Counsel. Zoom only

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**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Schedule changes:** This Sunday the 9:00 meeting will be blended (in-person and on Zoom). The 11:00 meetings will be held **in parallel** – in-person only in the Meetingroom, and separately, on Zoom. Next Sunday (February 4), the 9:00 meeting will be in-person only in the Meetingroom, the 11:00 meeting will be blended.

Please note that **masks will be required in the Meetingroom** and for adults meeting in Quaker House, as the CDC hospital admission level for COVID in our county remains at "Medium."

While this COVID level remains and we are masking in the Meetingroom, we have returned to an earlier policy of letting people who are comfortable doing so unmask during refreshments in the Fellowship Room. Friends who would like refreshments but are not comfortable unmasking are encouraged to take their refreshments to a more distant part of the Fellowship Room or to the Fireplace Room. This will be the case for **this Sunday's 12:15 Potluck**. Please share feedback or suggestions

with Jan Wright ([janwright@umich.edu](mailto:janwright@umich.edu)) and Cynthia Lempert ([clempert@umich.edu](mailto:clempert@umich.edu)).

**First Day activities** take place weekly in the Nursery, Quaker House Living Room, and Fireplace Room, with both volunteers and paid childcare providers working with the children.

There will be a **Committee for Children and Families meeting for parents this Sunday**, from 1-2 pm in the Meetingroom. The focus will be on the older elementary and middle school-aged children in Meeting. Julie Kim will facilitate a discussion on the challenges for parents, childcare providers, and volunteers to engage this group in a way that keeps it a positive experience for everyone. Please come with your thoughts and ideas. If your family would like to get emails about First Day School activities, contact Claire Tinkerhess ([ctinkerhess@comcast.net](mailto:ctinkerhess@comcast.net)). If you have questions, or would like to volunteer to help, contact Christa Williams ([ristawill@gmail.com](mailto:ristawill@gmail.com)). If you are a parent of younger children, you are also welcome! There will be activities for the kids in the Quaker House living room at the same time.

**Reading and Discussion** will meet on Sunday, January 28, at 10:05 in the Fireplace Room. Laura Scott will be convening the meeting and the topic will be "*Looking through the Quaker SPICES Lens at Hybrid and In-Person Worship. Explore views on the presence of Zoom in meeting through the Quaker SPICES.*" The handout for the program can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/RandDJJan21>. The program will be repeated via Zoom on Monday, February 5, at 7:00pm on the meeting for worship link.

A **Young Adult Friends Dinner** (for those ages 18–35) will be hosted by Ruth Zweifler at 1706 S. University, on Sunday, January 28, at 6:00. Dinner will be provided, but additional side dishes are welcome, if desired. Friends are encouraged to bring ideas for Young Adult Friends gatherings in this new year. To RSVP or ask questions, text or call Levi, 269-532-0408, or email the Young Adult Friends email, [aafmyaf@gmail.com](mailto:aafmyaf@gmail.com).

The next bimonthly **women's meeting** will be held in two formats: in person in the Meetingroom on Wednesday, January 31, from 6:30 to 8:00, and on Zoom the following Wednesday, February 7, from 6:30 to 8:00. The Zoom link is <https://umich.zoom.us/j/9305961488>. All woman-identified people are welcome to attend one or both. Questions: Margot Finn ([smargot@gmail.com](mailto:smargot@gmail.com)) and give advance notice to Naomi Gilbert ([naomig@umich.edu](mailto:naomig@umich.edu)) if childcare is needed.

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**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/>.

During February, the Peace and Social Justice Committee will be highlighting **AAFM community action to assist local prisoners**. The work is ongoing and you too may be able to assist for just an hour a month. On Sunday, February 4, at 12:45, in the Meetingroom, Judy Patterson Wenzel, author of *Light from the Cage: 25 years in a Prison Classroom*, will speak about her teaching experiences.

Membership and Outreach Committee is offering the opportunity to participate in building community through "**SmallWorld**." This software program creates opportunities to connect with someone in the AAFM community for a one-on-one chat. Participants are randomly paired, and then decide when, where/how to meet, and what to do. New pairs are generated and emailed once a month. You can sign up online at [www.tiny.cc/aafmsw](http://www.tiny.cc/aafmsw) or on the sign-up sheet on the Lobby table. First pairings in February, if enough people sign up.

### AMONG FRIENDS

**Suzanne Day**, a former clerk of AAFM (1980–83), died on January 16 at her home in Philadelphia. A memorial meeting will be held in late March at Westfield Meeting in Cinnaminson, NJ and also on Zoom. Details to follow.

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: <https://tinyurl.com/AAFM-Zoom>)

### LARGER CIRCLES OF FRIENDS

Starting in January, the **Friends Committee on National Legislation** is asking Quaker groups to identify the issues that FCNL should advocate for in the 119th Congress (2025-2026). From now until mid-April, our community of Friends can participate in this discernment process and help shape the future of FCNL's advocacy work.

In January's Quaker Changemaker event: "Setting Quaker Lobbying Priorities for the 119th Congress," FCNL's Lauren Brownlee will moderate a deep dive into this powerful process. [Register to join](#) the conversation on Wednesday, January 31 at 6:30pm.

The speakers will include the clerk of FCNL's Policy Committee, Genie Stowers, and FCNL's Associate General Secretary for Policy and Advocacy, Amelia Keegan. The discussion will provide a framework for how our community can get involved with this work and highlight the recent changes to FCNL's statement on legislative policy: *The World We Seek*.

The Quaker Religious Education Collaborative (QREC) is hosting an online religious education opportunity focused around **Nadine Hoover's book *Walking in the World as a Friend: Essential Quaker Practices***. A Discussion and Practice Group will meet on second Mondays at 7:30, continuing on February 12, when the theme is "Experiment with Spirit and the Role of the Steward" (pp. 35–37). The book lays out the three jobs all Friends take on when we begin to follow the Quaker path – minister, steward, and witness. [Visit QREC Website to Register](#), to learn more, or to download the book as a free PDF file.

The **Lake Erie Yearly Meeting Program Committee** has announced the theme of the 2024 Annual Meeting, to be held in Ashland, Ohio, June 13–16: "*Friends Together: Outpourings of the Spirit*." The **plenary presenter** will be singer/songwriter **Paulette Meier**, known for her beloved Quaker Chants and children's peace education music. See more about Paulette at <https://www.paulettemeier.com/>.

If you'd like to **offer a workshop** during our Annual Meeting, please review the materials provided at <https://leym.org/leym24cfp/> and use the form found there to make your submission. Program Committee would like to **receive all proposals by February 22**; questions can be directed to Greg Mott at [mott@findlay.edu](mailto:mott@findlay.edu). Please provide information on the following elements in your workshop proposal: *Title*; *Preferred Length* (90 minutes is the default, shorter is possible); *Presenter(s)*; *Workshop Description* (for use promoting the workshop); *Workshop Design and Format* (information for the Committee); *Technology Needs*; and *Contact Email*.

**American Friends Service Committee Action Hour – Ceasefire Now** – Every **Friday at noon**, AFSC staff coordinate an "action hour" on Zoom to hear updates from Gaza. Then, everyone immediately takes action as we contact our elected officials and call for an immediate cease-fire and humanitarian access to Gaza. Easiest way to register is at: <https://secure.afsc.org/a/afsc-action-hour-ceasefire-now>. Our elected officials need to keep hearing from us.

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Please send **announcements for Handouts** to Eric Wozniak at [ericwozn@gmail.com](mailto:ericwozn@gmail.com) by Thursday noon and put "Meeting Announcement" in the subject line