

Ann Arbor Friends Meeting

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May 5, 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, May 5 * = See announcement

- 9:00 Meeting for Worship—In-person
9:30 Committee for Children & Families; Living Room, please contact Claire Tinkerhess (ctinkerhess@comcast.net) if you plan to attend and will need childcare
10:05 Earthcare Committee; Zoom, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8585173612>
Passcode: earthcare
Property Committee; Corner Room
11:00 Meeting for Worship—Blended First Day School; Living Room *
12:45 P&SJ Speaker: AFSC Director of Quaker Engagement, Brian Blackmore; Meeting Room & Zoom *
3:00 M&C Committee Meeting

Monday, May 6

- 2:00 Meeting for Walking *
7:00 Reading and Discussion; Fireplace Room and Zoom *
7:30 Finance Committee; Zoom, Contact susandhartman@gmail.com for link

Tuesday, May 7

- 9:00 Meeting for Worship—Zoom
7:00 JAG — Justice Action Group; Zoom, Contact Lynn Drickamer at ldlynn@umich.edu for link
7:30 Quaker House Committee; Living Room & Zoom, email esbrannon@gmail.com for link

Saturday, May 11

- 2:00 Memorial for Peg Powell *

Sunday, May 12

- 9:00 Meeting for Worship—In-person
10:05 Property Committee; Corner Room
11:00 Meeting for Worship—Blended First Day School; Living Room *
12:45 M&C Forum: Our Faith and Practice on Community; Meeting Room & Zoom *

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Day School 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. If your family would like to get emails about First Day School activities, if you have questions, or would like to volunteer to help, contact Julie Cadman-Kim (julieloukim@gmail.com).

This week in FDS: At the rise of Meeting on May 5, the children will hold a Meeting for Worship to honor and say goodbye to the maple tree. All are invited to attend. An announcement will be made in Meeting regarding details. This week, Molly T. and Julie will gather all children older than nursery age to learn

about and reflect on the maple tree in the backyard in preparation to honor and say goodbye to it following the rise of Meeting. The nursery will be open for our smallest friends.

New Library Books! Recent Library acquisitions are on display on the west wall of the Meeting Library. Have a look! Friends are asked *not* to borrow them until June 9, so that everyone has a chance to browse. You may sign the slips (in each book) to reserve books you'd like to borrow in June. Questions about the Library? Ask Jeff Cooper (cooperdaub@hotmail.com).

P&SJ Speaker: Brian Blackmore, AFSC Director of Quaker Engagement — May 5, 12:45

Brian's work concentrates on leading AFSC's efforts to build nurturing, trusting, and engaged relationships with Quaker faith communities, schools, and organizations in the U.S. and around the world. AFSC has been moving decisively to bring aid to trapped Palestinians and to put pressure on the U.S. administration in Washington, demanding a complete cease fire and release of hostages.

This will be an opportunity to learn more about the AFSC's efforts, and to dialogue with Brian on a personal level. Please join us at 12:45 this Sunday, in the Meeting Room or via the AAFM [Zoom link](#).

Meeting for Walking — Monday, **May 6**, we will walk in the County Farm Park to see the trillium and other spring wildflowers. This is a fairly level walk on wide paths. Meet at the [Platt Road parking lot](#) at 2:00. If you have questions, please contact Naomi at (734) 476-4555, or Nancy and Thomas at (734) 995-6803. *All are welcome.*

On **May 13**, we will walk in [Hilltop Nature Preserve](#). This walk involves climbing on woodland trails. There is NO sign identifying this park, but park in the [first parking area](#) to the right, off Huron River Drive, after the bend, coming from North Main Street. You will see a pedestrian bridge across the river.

Reading and Discussion — At 7:00 p.m. on Monday, **May 6**, via Zoom, we will be discussing the role of Spirit in real-life actions, particularly protest behavior. The readings for the gathering can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/mrnvpu88>. This meeting will be convened by Naomi Gilbert and will be accessible using the AAFM Zoom [link](#). All Friends are welcome, even if you haven't had time to read the handout.

AAFM will host a Memorial Meeting for Peg Powell on **May 11**. The Memorial Meeting begins in the Meeting Room at 2:00 and will be followed by refreshments in the Fellowship Room. This will be a hybrid meeting and can be accessed through the AAFM Meeting for Worship [Zoom link](#).

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When the Lord sent me forth into the world, He forbade me to put off my hat to any, high or low. — George Fox

Contributions of food needed for Peg Powell's Memorial Meeting — Can you bring cookies, a fruit plate, a veggies-and-dip plate, or vegan sweet breads to the reception following the memorial gathering? If so, please email or phone [Nancy Taylor](mailto:Nancy.Taylor@annarborfriends.org) at (734) 368-6555 [cell], or (734) 995-6803. Thanks!

M&C Forum: Faith and Practice on Community

May 12, 12:45, Meeting Room & Zoom.

Ministry and Counsel invites the Meeting for discernment on the Faith and Practice on Community (available at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/AAFm-FPoC>). From the Committee on Ministry and Counsel:

It is M & C's expectation that the meeting will spend some time, perhaps months, seeking discernment around this document, which may lead to changes in the document as this process plays out. Our instruction for everyone is to read it carefully and spend some time considering the intention behind the words. We want to discuss the concepts and search for unity in shared understandings before we focus on editing changes.

Want to receive information on Earthcare news and activities?

The Meeting's Earthcare Committee keeps a mailing list of people who want to receive irregular mailings on news of interest and upcoming events. The updates are called **Earthcare InfoX**, and the most recent mailing had links to two recent court cases involving Line 5 in Michigan and Wisconsin. We would love to have you join. Send your preferred email address to Peggy Daub (peggydaub@hotmail.com).

Would you like the opportunity to get to know more people at Ann Arbor Friends Meeting? Consider signing up for "**smallworld**," a software program which randomly pairs participants for monthly opportunities to connect with someone in the AAFM community for an intentional, one-on-one chat. Sign up at www.tiny.cc/aafmsw or on the smallworld sign-up sheet on the lobby table.

AMONG FRIENDS

The Committee for Children & Families is seeking the following items

for use in the First Day School classroom downstairs: a table or floor lamp, a coffee table, throw pillows, beanbag chairs, and a throw blanket. If, in the course of spring cleaning, you find these items and would like to rehome them, please contact [Molly Tinkerhess](mailto:Molly.Tinkerhess@annarborfriends.org) or [Julie Kim](mailto:Julie.Kim@annarborfriends.org).

Phil Volk and Bill Riccobono facilitate an **online "Bible Hour"** on **Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.**, 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](mailto:Phil.Volk@annarborfriends.org) or [Bill](mailto:Bill.Riccobono@annarborfriends.org), who are in the Meeting Directory. <https://tinyurl.com/AAFm-Zoom>.

The Appropriate Technology Collaborative (ATC) is holding its 15th annual fundraiser/information night, **May 8, 7:00–9:00 p.m.** at [Casa Dominick's](https://www.casadominick.com), 812 Monroe Street, Ann Arbor. John Barrie will present ATC's most ambitious program to date: a collaboration with traditional Mayan midwives to bring solar power, clean water, and nutrition to families with newborn babies. This is a free, family-friendly event. Snacks and beverages provided; Guatemalan coffee, chocolate, and handicrafts will be available for purchase. For more information, contact info@apptechcollaborative.org.

There's a small core of Friends who are interested in **updating our queries** and examining our practices around the use of queries in our Meeting. If anyone is interested in joining this effort, please contact M&C co-convenors [Margot Finn](mailto:Margot.Finn@annarborfriends.org) and [Naomi Gilbert](mailto:Naomi.Gilbert@annarborfriends.org).

The "**Final Friday lunches**" continue this month, hosted by Susan Hartman. All Friends are invited to stop by any time between 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. for a simple lunch and unprogrammed fellowship and conversation. This month's lunch is on Friday, **May 31**, at Susan's home at 840 Starwick. No need to RSVP, but you can direct questions to Susan at (734) 623-8255. We look forward to seeing you then.

LARGER CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

The registration deadline for the Annual Meeting of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting is Friday, May 10!

Registration is completely online and is [available here](https://www.leym.org/annual). The Meeting, on the theme "Friends Together: Outpourings of the Spirit," takes place June 13–16 at Ashland University, Ashland, Ohio. More details are available at [leym.org/annual](https://www.leym.org/annual) as well as in the [Spring LEYM Bulletin](https://www.leym.org/annual).

Quakerism 101: Join Friends online **May 16** at 7:00 p.m. as members of Red Cedar Meeting present a session on "Quakers in Service to the Wider World." This session will be focused on how Quakers extend the practice of our testimonies — particularly those of peace, equality, community, and stewardship — to society at large, both within the US and internationally. Jamie Archer, Pat Grauer, and Susan Waltz will talk about their experiences working with three Quaker organizations carrying out such work: the American Friends Service Committee, the Friends Committee on National Legislation, and the Quaker United Nations Office. Join us at this Zoom address: <https://tinyurl.com/quaker101>.

Spring Gathering of Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting — Saturday, May 18

Friends in Michigan will gather for the Spring meeting of Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting at Michigan Friends Center (7748 Clarks Lake Rd, Chelsea 48118). More information is [available here](https://www.greenpastures.org). Questions? Contact Kevin Miller: kevinfmiller@gmail.com.