

Ann Arbor Friends Meeting

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July 7, 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> (Zoom Meeting ID: 818 7021 4329).

Sunday, July 7 (* = See announcement)

9:00 Meeting for Worship—In-person
10:05 Earthcare Committee; Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8585173612>
Passcode: earthcare
11:00 Meeting for Worship—Blended

Monday, July 8

2:00 Meeting for Walking *
7:30 Peace & Social Justice; Zoom (use Sunday Meeting Zoom Link)

Tuesday, July 9

7:00 JAG – Justice Action Group; Zoom
Contact Lynn Drickamer at ldlynn@umich.edu for Zoom link

Thursday, July 11

7:00 Membership and Outreach; Fireplace Room and Zoom
Contact scooper@mi.rr.com for Zoom link

Sunday, July 14

9:00 Meeting for Worship—In-person
10:00 Finance Committee; Corner Room and Zoom
Contact susandhartman@gmail.com for Zoom link
11:00 Meeting for Worship—Blended
4:00 Ministry & Counsel Committee Meeting; Corner Room

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).

Sunday, July 7th:

As we continue into summer, all babies should still be dropped off in the nursery, but **all children too old for the nursery will meet downstairs** in the Children's Room to partake in arts, crafts, story time, and general play--including some outside time.

Friends Lake:

CCF has reserved the Michigan Friends Center (MFC) and Friends Lake Cooperative Community (FLCC) for AAFM families on second First Days over the summer: June 9, July 14, and Aug 11th. If your family is unable to make it, there will be childcare available at AAFM as well.

Please take a minute in the next couple of weeks to fill out this [brief survey](#) about your family's availability to attend worship at the lake this summer.

Group Singing—Sundays at 10:15–10:59, July 7 and 14. July 7: Grayson Moore on Piano. July 14: Thomas Taylor on Piano.

Meeting for Walking—Mondays at 2:00 p.m.

For the first three Mondays in July, we plan to walk in the Cherry Hill Preserve, 6375 Cherry Hill Rd. The preserve offers a variety of grassland, hardwood forest, marsh and pond. There will be minimal climbing. As a trial we plan to offer two walks each week, one leisurely and one energetic. Both will be guided, and we plan to meet up together for social, photo and snack.

Directions: take Plymouth Road east into the center of Dixboro, turn right on Cherry Hill Road. Drive past the Humane Society, keep going when it becomes a dirt road, and you will see a sign on the left side. Park on either side of the road.

If you have questions, please contact Naomi (734-476-4555) or Nancy and Thomas (734-368-6555)

Handbook Revision: The handbook was last revised in 2007. M&C is asking for volunteers to assist with this important job. Please email Margot Finn (smargot@gmail.com) or Naomi Gilbert (naomig@umich.edu) if you are interested in assisting.

The Meeting is seeking a new Meeting Worker to succeed Pat Micks when she retires in the fall. There are printed job descriptions on the lobby table, and a link to the job description on the Meeting website; or at: <https://tinyurl.com/AAFMmeetingworkerJobDesc>. Questions? Talk with any member of Personnel Committee: [Brian Jones-Chance](#), [Laura Scott](#), or [Jeff Cooper](#).

All are invited to Worship with Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting Friends at our **annual gathering** to remember the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. **Sunday, Aug. 4**, 11 am, at Quaker Park, Battle Creek, Michigan (63 Groveland Street, corner of Fremont). Picnic lunch to follow, lemonade and water provided. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket. Porta-Potty available.

There's a lot of Quaker-adjacent history in Battle Creek—1) Quaker Park features the outline of a 19th century Meetinghouse that once stood there, 2) there's a 12-foot high Sojourner Truth Monument (who once sang in the Meetinghouse mentioned above) at 2-14 E Michigan Ave, Battle Creek, MI 49014, and 3) a sculpture memorializing Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad (said to be the largest of its kind) that includes depictions of Quaker stationmasters Sarah and Erastus Hussey at 2-10 North Monroe Street, Battle Creek MI, 49017. Grab some Friends and take a tour after the picnic!

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/>.

AMONG FRIENDS

Dear Friends,

You are all invited to attend Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) trainings!

Courses take place August 9, 10 (9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.), & 11 (2:00–6:00 p.m., followed by a light dinner).

The Justice Action Group, and the Peace and Justice committee of Ann Arbor Friends Meeting, and ICPJ, are co-hosting with Jaye Starr of the Muslim community: Two Alternatives to Violence Project training sessions (Basic, and advanced). See link for information on AVP and registration information: [Alternatives to Violence Project](#).

JAG feels these workshops speak to many of the questions surrounding the value and creation of community-based safety — a focus that grows from our engagement with the development of an alternative to police response here in Ann Arbor.

Both workshops will be held in the fellowship room of Friends' meetinghouse. See below for details and registration.

Link to [Basic Registration](#) sign-up form available here.

For advanced registration contact Jaye Starr (jaye.starr.boz@gmail.com):

August 9–11 (same hours as Basic training). The planning group will have some childcare available but will be running this series only in English. They can help arrange hosts for those who would like to come from out of town.

Everyone is welcome to the basic workshop, even if you've done it before. The advanced workshop is only open to those who have done a basic at some point, though it doesn't have to be the August 9–11 one. The advanced training builds on the basic, beautifully scaling up to think on a larger scale about how we build a culture of justice-based peace in the world.

You are welcome to invite others to join as well, and if you have any questions, please contact Cassie Cammann (cassie.cammann@gmail.com) or Jaye Starr (jaye.starr.boz@gmail.com).

Participants should bring a water bottle, lunch, a journal and pen, and dress in comfortable clothing. Snacks, coffee, and tea will be provided.

This is a free workshop, but donations will be gladly received to defray workshop costs (i.e. childcare, supplies and snacks). Donations can be sent via PayPal to @MantleOfMercy or Zelle to 315-404-7125, please put AVP in the memo. Checks and cash will be accepted on site. Any remaining donations will go to supporting AVP Michigan's workshops in the prisons.

Laura and Ben will be holding a summer get-together for the Meeting (all ages welcome) at our home **Saturday, July 13**, 2:00–5:00. Come when you can for as long as you like. There will be food,

conversation, garden walks and activities, an open swimming pool, strolls by the river, and more.

Details:

Address: 1366 North Huron River Drive, Ypsilanti, Michigan (about 1/4 mile east of St. Joe's Hospital).

Parking: Driveway can hold 8-10 cars, and parking is available across the street. We are also on bus route 3 (Stop at Superior and N Huron River Drive — Ozone House).

What to bring:

Food contributions are welcome, particularly finger food -- that can be eaten without silverware. (Don't worry if you can't bring food; there will be plenty.)

Bathing Suit (if you want to swim). We will have plenty of towels.

Other activities may also emerge in the course of this event (singing, other music, games?).

Please RSVP to Laura by text or phone at her cell phone (512-626-5927), or phone on her landline (734-879-1728), or by email (leinl@umich.edu). It will help us plan.

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](#) or [Bill](#), who are in the Meeting Directory. <https://tinyurl.com/AAFM-Zoom>.

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.

Young Adult Friends — Are YAFs interested in going to Friends Lake one day in July? Please email Naomi Gilbert (naomig@umich.edu). To receive information on YAF events, send an email to aafmyaf@gmail.com.

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).

Final Friday Lunches have been put on pause for the summer and will continue in September. Watch here for details.