

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

Sunday, July 28

9:00 Meeting for Worship—Blended
11:00 Meetings for Worship—Parallel
12:15 Potluck
2:00 YAF Friends Lake Gathering *

Monday, July 29

2:00 Meeting for Walking *

Wednesday, July 31

6:30 Women's Meeting *

Thursday, August 1

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

Sunday, August 4

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

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).

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, **with our last date on August 11**. 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 MFC.

Parents and Caregivers Evening:

Mark your calendars for a Sept 6 evening event (details to come).

Last chance to examine new Library books! In the next week or two, new acquisitions, which for a few months have been displayed together on a shelf on the west wall of the Library, will be moved into their permanent locations on the Library shelves (organized by broad subject matter). If you are interested in what's new,

you might want to have a look today. Questions about the Library can be addressed to Jeff Cooper (cooperdaub@hotmail.com); recommendations for new titles are always welcome.

Young Adult Friends—YAF Friends Lake Gathering On **July 28**, after potluck, the Young Adult Friends invite everyone to an outing to [Friends Lake](#) for reflection, fun and good company. If you're interested, please RSVP with Keaka Cagle at 817-475-2291.

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

On **July 29**, we'll say hello to the baby beavers and check on their parents' work repairing the dam.

Directions: We will not be parking in the main parking lot which requires payment. Instead turn right off Plymouth Road onto Dixboro Road going south, then right on Ravine Court. Park along the side of the road, you will see a gazebo on your right side where we will meet. From there we will cross Dixboro Road with direct access to the Botanical Gardens next to a red barn.

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

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](#), [Jeff Cooper](#), or [Pat Micks](#).

Women's Meeting—July 31

The next bimonthly women's meeting will be held in person in the Meeting Room on Wednesday July 31, from 6:30–8:00 p.m. All woman-identified people are welcome to attend. Contact [Naomi Gilbert](#) in advance if childcare is needed.

Group Singing at AAFM Meeting Room

August 4: Grayson plays piano for singing, starting at 10:15.

August 11: singing with Thomas at the keyboard, 10:15. Join us.

PIAG Update

Media discussions of Gaza dwell too much on anti-Semitism and demonstrators' misbehavior, diverting attention from endless slaughter of civilians and how properly applied U.S. pressure could stop it. This article in The Guardian reveals the Israeli government's expansive effort to reshape U.S. discourse on the Gaza War: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/article/2024/jun/24/israel-fund-us-university-protest-gaza-antisemitism>

Too many Democrats in Congress seem out of step with their constituents' demands for an immediate ceasefire

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Be still and cool in thy own mind and spirit — *George Fox*

and meaningful respect of Palestinians' human rights. The Mondoweiss article, "What Jaamal Bowman's Defeat Means" tells how the American-Israel Political Action Committee (AIPAC) successfully intimidates Congress: <https://mondoweiss.net/2024/06/what-jamaal-bowmans-defeat-means/>

These two news sources help fill gaps in mainstream media coverage.

AMONG FRIENDS

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>.

Dear Friends,

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

COME JOIN US for a weekend of the AVP BASIC TRAINING! Info available at: [Alternatives to Violence Project](#). **The Basic Course takes place August 9, 10** (9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.), **& 11** (2:00–5:00 p.m.). **Advanced course: August 16, 17, & 18** (same hours). View a summary of this event from Jaye Starr [here](#).

In the 1970s, at the request of prisoners in New York State, Quaker civil rights and peace activists developed the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) to teach skills for resolving conflicts non-violently. It is now an international movement working to build justice and peace. Its activities are fun, deeply refreshing, and essential for activism.

In August, AAFM will be hosting back-to-back AVP training weekends.

The Basic Training (August 9, 10, and 11) is an introduction to basic concepts and skills. It provides the foundation for alternative ways to deal with violence in prisons, respond to requests from inner-city gangs who want to break cycles of violence, and rebuild war-torn regions throughout the world.

It will be facilitated by:

- Jaye Starr of the Muslim community in Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor.
- Omar Nassimi of Washington DC.
- Nadine Hoover of Buffalo, NY.
- Grayson Moore, of AAFM.

The Advanced Training (August 16, 17, and 18) will happen the following weekend and follows well on the basic training, which is a required first step.

It will be facilitated by:

- Joe and Kathy Ossmann (coordinators of AVP Michigan).

Both weekends will take place in the fellowship room and childcare room of AAFM.

- Friday 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

- Saturday 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
- Sunday 2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. (possibly with a closing dinner, 5:30–7:00 p.m.)

Here is information about AVP and the forms to register for both workshops:

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

Link to [Advanced Registration](#) sign-up form.

Questions? Text or call Cassie Cammann at 734-604-8878

Both workshops will be held in the fellowship room of Ann Arbor Friends' Meeting House.

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 event.

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.

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).

LARGER CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

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 a.m., 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.

LEYM Fall 2024 Spiritual Formation retreat, focusing on Mystical Experience and Quakerism. [Register here!](#) Dates: **September 6, 7, and 8.**

Location: [Weber Center](#), in Adrian, MI

Speaker: Don McCormick, from Grass Valley (CA) Meeting, topic: "Mystical Experience and Quakerism"

Website: <https://leym.org/spiritual-formation/>

Cost: \$160/\$200, includes lodging and meals