

**Ann Arbor Friends Meeting** 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor MI 48104 734-761-7435 **October 27, 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, October 27 (\* = See announcement)**

9:00 Meeting for Worship—Blended  
10:05 Reading & Discussion \*  
11:00 Meetings for Worship—Parallel  
12:15 Potluck

**Monday, October 28**

2:00 Meeting for Walking \*

**Sunday, November 3 (Daylight Saving Time ends)**

9:00 Meeting for Worship—In-person only  
10:05 Earthcare Committee  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8585173612>  
Passcode: earthcare  
10:05 Property Committee  
11:00 Meeting for Worship—Blended  
12:45 Technology in Quaker Meeting workshop; Meeting Room & Zoom \*

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**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**First Day School** activities take place weekly in the Nursery **and the downstairs Children's 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](mailto:julieloukim@gmail.com)).

**CCF Events: Sunday, October 27th**

Babies should still be dropped off in the nursery, but all children who are able should enter Meeting with their families for the first 15-20 minutes. When the First Day School staff and volunteers stand, children are invited to follow them downstairs to the children's room for First Day School, or to remain in Meeting with their families.

Molly T. and Julie will be this week's teachers and will work with the children to discuss the query, "How do Quakers think about holidays?"

Molly will lead the smaller children and hopes to cover:

- Quaker testimony of Equality as seen through books.
- Reading: Room on the Broom
- Crafting: Unity Candle (leftover from last week) and Halloween Party decorations

Julie will lead the teens and tweens in a vegetarian cooking project in preparation for our Halloween party and potluck at rise of Meeting, and she hopes to cover:

- Learning about the challenges faced by early Quakers in America
- Reflecting on the importance of community when things are difficult
- Taking part in caring for our community as we cook together for potluck

**Reading and Discussion** will meet on Sunday, **October 27**, at 10:05 in the Fireplace Room. We will be continuing our discussion of Quaker beliefs. The readings can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/ffsyh2c7>. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Meeting for Walking – Mondays at 2 pm**

Monday **October 28**, we plan to walk around Argo Pond. The colors of the trees should be gloriously reflected off the water. We will meet at the Argo Canoe Livery with parking on Longshore Drive. On Monday, **November 4**, at 2:00 p.m., we will have a special guided walk led by Deborah Meadows, docent at the African American Museum. She will lead us around significant locations of the Underground Railroad along and around Pontiac Trail. We will meet as usual at the Argo Canoe Livery with parking on Longshore Drive. All are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Naomi (734-476-4555) or Nancy and Thomas (734-368-6555)

**Young Adult Friends YAFs**

Young adult Friends ages 18-35ish meet on the second Sunday of each month for dinner, discussion and companionship at the home of an older Friend. For information on this and other YAF activities, call Keaka at 817-475-2291.

**Technology in Quaker worship:** continuing the search for the way forward.

Since embracing technology to keep us connected during Covid, we continue to search for a way to balance the connection that hybrid worship brings with the desire for plain unplugged worship. Can we find a way forward that works for everyone?

Several Friends have requested a continuing listening session like the one we held on September 29. Like the first one, we will not be seeking solutions (yet) but encouraging deep listening to one another so that we might move ahead in our Quaker process with a fuller understanding and openness to everyone's visions for the future.

Please come ready to listen and to share. There will be no decisions made at this gathering. Our hope is that it might help to engage us all in a common search for the way forward.

The discernment session will be held on Sunday, **November 3**, from 12:45 (promptly) to 1:15 pm in the meeting room and on Zoom, after the 11:00 am meeting for worship. Childcare will be provided.

**Meeting for Canoeing:** Let's get out on the Huron after 5 November's stress!

Meet at Hudson Mills on Saturday, **November 9** at 9:30 am, spot cars and launch at 10:00 a.m. Take out at Delhi. Bring lunch, sun hat, jacket, water shoes, bottle of water.

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*Force may subdue, but Love gains: And he that forgives first, wins the Lawrel. ~ William Penn*

Let Thomas Taylor (734 741-3740) know if you need a canoe or kayak and gear.

This could be the last of the season.

### PIAG Update

UNRWA USA is an independent nonprofit organization that provides support for the humanitarian work of the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestinians in the Near East. UNRWA is the backbone of the response in the Gaza Strip and a lifeline for millions of refugees in the West Bank and Gaza, as well as in Lebanon, Jordan and Syria. October 24 was United Nations Day. Tragically, over the past year some 231 staff have been killed. Over 200 schools in Gaza have been closed, bombed, or turned into shelters. The situation is catastrophic with famine-level starvation throughout a large portion of the population.

Please consider making a contribution to UNRWA USA, online or by mail.

<https://www.unrwausa.org>

### AMONG FRIENDS

**Spiritual Companionship:** For those interested in developing or maintaining a spiritual companionship practice there will be a meeting at Cassie Cammann's house on **November 9** at 2:00 p.m. Spiritual companionship is a small group practice where individuals can come together for spiritual development and growth. *The heart of the practice is deep listening and offering feedback to what was spoken. There's no feedback or comments unless requested.* For those interested in finding out more there will be drinks and refreshment, as well as an opportunity for those in existing companionship groups to discuss their observations with the practice.

**Teen and tween get-together, November 23:** Molly and Ben Bachelor invite the older kids of the Meeting (ages 9-18) to their house on Saturday **November 23** from 4-8 to play board games, eat tacos and hang out. Feel free to bring any favorite board games, although we have many to choose from. Parents are welcome to drop their kids off or stay and talk with the other grownups. 823 Miner Street, call or text Molly at (734) 474-1441 with any questions.

### Directory

Friends who are missing from the AAFM directory but would like to be included please email Pat Micks, meeting worker, at [aafmoffice@sbcglobal.net](mailto:aafmoffice@sbcglobal.net). You may list any or all of your email address, street address and phone number. Pat is compiling the 2025 Directory which will be available this December. All attendees are encouraged to be included.

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>.

**Membership and Outreach** introduce our Quaker meeting to students and other passers-by on the UM quad. We have a quick-read poster and a simple handout, and we catch people's attention by offering free homemade cookies. The gig is a couple of hours and is easy and fun. We'd love some more volunteers, so if you can join us sometime, please contact Susan Cooper, 734-591-1606.

Please keep the East African Education Fund in the light. At this time, we are only \$400.00 short of the goal of \$1,800. If you're moved to help with any donation, send a check to our AAFM meeting in care of the EAEF.

### LARGER CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

#### **Fitting Space to Spirit – A&O webinar set for Nov. 6**

LEYM's Advancement and Outreach Committee has organized an online event focused on the challenges of *Fitting Space to Spirit*. The event will be held online via Zoom Wednesday **November 6**, 6:30-8 p.m.

Rent? Own? Something else?

Join our LEYM panelists from North Columbus, Pittsburgh, and Detroit to hear perspectives on all the ways Friends are trying to right-size the community and the physical plant, followed by time for questions and discussion. Email [susanloucks@gmail.com](mailto:susanloucks@gmail.com) of the LEYM Advancement and Outreach Committee for questions.

Access the session via this [Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 898 6708 4094

Passcode: 948148

#### **UK Quaker Meeting and Creative Conversation**

**November 7** at 2:00 p.m. Al Palmer will present and lead a discussion on "Could, Would, Should a Quaker Nontheist Pray?" His foundational essay can be read in advance at <https://tinyurl.com/4bmrukws>. Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89055880462?pwd=vIS7albKRt92mk3Eiy4Slofbve6DNW.1>

**AFSC Action Hour:** In the face of the ongoing crisis in Gaza, people across the U.S. are coming together every week to take action.

Join the AFSC online every Friday (12:00 p.m.) to demand a cease-fire for Gaza.

**[REGISTER NOW](#)**

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sustainable Energy Utility (SEU) vote on A2 November ballot: If you live in Ann Arbor, Proposal A on the November ballot asks for approval of a Sustainable Energy Utility to supplement existing DTE service. The SEU is an opt-in, sustainable energy utility that will enable Ann Arbor residents who choose to participate to enjoy locally generated, reliable, 100% renewable energy. It will be available to people regardless of income as well as to renters and people who live in multifamily buildings.