

Ann Arbor Friends Meeting 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor MI 48104 734-761-7435 **November 24, 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, November 24 (* = See announcement)

9:00 Meeting for Worship—Blended
10:05 Reading & Discussion *
11:00 Meetings for Worship—Parallel
12:15 Potluck
2:00 AVP

Monday, November 25

2:00 Meeting for Walking *

Tuesday, November 26:

7:30 Indigenous Action Group

Sunday, December 1

9:00 Meeting for Worship—In-person only
10:05 Property Committee—Corner Room
10:15 Singing
11:00 Meeting for Worship—Blended

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).

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.

November 24th, First Day School Plans

After our opening circle, Julie and the bigger kids will work together to bake a sweet treat for a very special member of our AAFM community, and if there's time, we'll also make posters for the upcoming craft fair.

Carolyn and Fisher will work with the younger kids this week and hope to cover:

- **Reading:** Pearl and Squirrel Give Thanks, The Crayons Give Thanks, or The Blue Table
- **Craft:** Thankfulness Handprint Wreath

Committee for Children and Families (CCF) Christmas plans

From Dec 16 - 23, AAFM will host the rotating shelter, providing overnight hospitality during this cold time of year to about 20 men experiencing homelessness. The children are collecting gifts to give to our shelter guests and there will be a box in the foyer of the Meetinghouse to collect your donations. We will start the donations box with 20 pairs of socks. Here are some ideas of what else you might contribute:

Travel size toiletries - soap, shampoos, deodorant, lotion, chapstick

Toothbrushes with covers / toothpaste / dental floss

Pocket tissues / wipes

Washcloths

Combs / brushes / nail clippers

Protein bars / granola bars

On December 15th, please join children in the Fellowship Room at the rise of worship to enjoy holiday crafts and goodies, and to bring any final donations for our shelter guests.

On Dec 22nd, our youngest Friends will share a Christmas song at the rise of meeting for worship.

Meeting for Walking – Mondays at 2 pm

Every Monday in November we will be walking at 2:00 p.m. in the Barton Nature Area to see the remaining colors of the season. Directions - take North Main Street and turn west on Huron River Drive. The Nature Area is signed and is the second parking area on the river side of the road. There's lots of parking.

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.

The November **Reading and Discussion** will meet in the Fireplace Room at 10:05am on Sunday, **November 24, 2024**. We will be discussing love as a responsibility. The handout can be found here:

<https://tinyurl.com/msrhthwt>. We look forward to seeing you there.

During potluck, November 24, we will be celebrating and honoring Pat Micks for her many years of service to the Meeting as Meeting Worker. Please join us as we thank her and wish her well in her retirement.

Potluck Dessert and Game Evening – Thanksgiving **November 28** from 7:00–8:30 p.m.

All are invited to join for games and potluck desserts in the Fellowship Room on Thanksgiving evening, 7:00–8:30 p.m. Sharon Simonton, Victor and Mira are hosting this second annual event. Bring a dessert and your favorite game or just come as you are. **All ages welcome.**

Membership and Outreach Committee is offering a discussion on Friday, **December 6** at 6:30 p.m. in the Meetinghouse on the Third Circle of Quakerism: How are Quakers in the World. In considering how we might

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

facilitate both inreach and outreach, M & O came up with the idea of the three circles a couple of years ago, and has had discussions on the Inner Circle: our relationship with Spirit on two different occasions and a discussion on the Middle Circle: our relationship with the meeting community and now we turn our attention to the world. As our document states, "We have long recognized that how we live our lives among non-Quakers both represents Quakerism to the wider world, but also, since our "quietism" period, that we have a responsibility to engage with the outer world in ways that we are led." In our discussion, we will consider the following Queries:

1. Do we follow our leadings to bring peace and love to the larger world?
2. Do we share our spiritual affiliation with Friends and with others as appropriate and invite questions about Quakers?
3. Do we work on the testimony of integrity, to "let our lives speak"?
4. Are we seeking new understandings of how we might be of best service to the world, given our personal situation?

Childcare will be available as well as dessert snacks. If you plan to bring your child(ren), please RSVP to Molly Bachelor. The AAFM [Zoom](#) link can be used to access this event.

Peace and Social Justice is sponsoring a **December 15** forum at 1:00 pm on Quaker action towards Palestine, with short talks on national and local Quaker action. AAFM Friends who have been active in humanitarian and peace efforts for Palestine will share the work of AFSC, FCNL, Quaker UN, the Friends Peace Team, and PIAG. After 30 minutes we will open the discussion on how individuals and the meeting can help in the efforts.

Winter Solstice Meeting for Worship

Saturday Dec 21, 5:00–6:00 p.m.

Join Friends for worship in the Meeting Room as we move into the longest night of the year. Worship will be unprogrammed, but feel free to bring a song or story to share. Children welcome!

AMONG FRIENDS

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 4–8:00 p.m. 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.

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>.

LARGER CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

See "Israelism," a powerful documentary about the portrayal of the longtime conflict in American Jewish Institutions and "Voices Against Genocide"—a panel sponsored by Jewish Voice for Peace Detroit; If Not Now; FOSNA Michigan, and more.

Occurs: this Saturday, **November 23**, 12:30 p.m.—St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 1679 Broadway, Ann Arbor 48105

More information available here:

<https://JewishVoicesinDetroit.eventbrite.com>

Susan Loucks, of Pittsburgh Friends, and former clerk of LEYM, will be leading a session entitled *You're Not In Traffic, You Are Traffic* at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, **December 4**, (live and on Zoom) as part of the Midweek series presented by Beacon Hill Friends House The session will explore questions of power dynamics in Quaker Meetings. Registration and more information is available at <https://lu.ma/midweek-1204>.

UK Non-theist Quaker Meeting & Creative

Conversation: We welcome you to join us on **Thursday, 5 December** at 2:00 p.m. for our next QM+CC with presenter Geoff Tansey. He will share his thoughts on *"Personal Reflections on Quaker testimonies, peace, and the Quaker Peace Studies Trust."*

The afternoon's plan is as follows:

- Zoom Room opens at 1:45 p.m. (Eastern time), please arrive early.
- 2:00 p.m.: Welcome and Quaker Meeting (~20 minutes): Sharing silence with one another for quietly gathering ourselves and connecting.
- Creative Conversation and Discussion (~1 hour): Concern introduced; followed by interactive discussions.
- Conclusion: Thoughts and a few moments to share silence.
- After Announcements the Zoom Room will remain open for friendly chats and community.
- Duration: 1hr:30m-2hr:00m

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89055880462?pwd=vIS7alBkRt92mk3Eiy4Slofbve6DNW.1>

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