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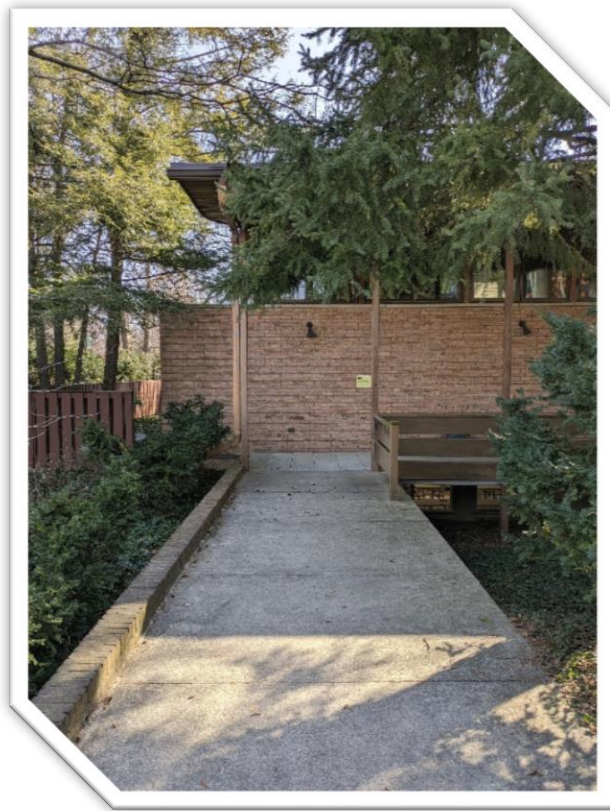


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### November Meeting for Worship schedule:

- November 3 and 10:
  - The 9:00 a.m. Meeting for Worship will be **in-person** only.
  - The 11:00 Meeting for Worship will be **blended** (both in-person and on Zoom).
- November 17:
  - The 7:45 Meeting for Worship will be **in-person** only, in the Corner Room.
  - The 9:00 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business will be **blended**.
  - The 11:00 Meeting for Worship will be **blended**.
- November 24:
  - The 9:00 Meeting for Worship will be **blended**.
  - The 11:00 Meetings for Worship will be held in **parallel** (**in-person** only in the Meeting Room, with a separate **online** Meeting on Zoom).

# AAFM Event Calendar

\* = See Meeting announcement for details

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).

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## 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

## Monday, November 4

- 2:00 Meeting for Walking \*
- 6:00 Spiritual Formation \*
- 7:30 JAG—Justice Action Group  
Contact Lynn Drickamer  
([ldlynn@umich.edu](mailto:ldlynn@umich.edu)) for Zoom link.

## Wednesday, November 6

- 6:00 M&C Committee
- 7:00 What Does it Mean to Be Quaker? \*

## Thursday, November 7

- 7:00 Membership & Outreach; Fireplace Room

## Sunday, November 10

- 9:00 Meeting for Worship—In-person only
- 10:00 Finance Committee; Corner Room and  
Zoom. Contact for Zoom link:  
[susandhartman@gmail.com](mailto:susandhartman@gmail.com)
- 11:00 Meeting for Worship—Blended
- 12:45 M&C Sponsored Forum—Meetingroom
- 6:00 YAF Dinner

## Monday, November 11

- 2:00 Meeting for Walking
- 7:30 Peace & Social Justice Committee;  
Zoom

## Tuesday, November 12

- 7:30 Quaker House Committee—Living Room

## Thursday, November 14

- 7:00 Membership & Outreach  
<https://tinyurl.com/AAFM-Zoom>

## Sunday, November 17

- 7:45 Meeting for Worship—In-person only;  
Corner Room
- 9:00 Meeting for Worship with Attention to  
Business—Blended
- 11:00 Meeting for Worship—Blended

## Monday, November 18

- 2:00 Meeting for Walking
- 6:00 Spiritual Formation
- 7:00 Technology Committee
- 7:30 JAG—Justice Action Group; Contact  
Lynn Drickamer at [ldlynn@umich.edu](mailto:ldlynn@umich.edu)  
for Zoom link.

## Wednesday, November 20

- 7:00 What Does it Mean to Be Quaker? \*
- 7:30 PIAG; Email Ed Morin or Phil Volk for  
Zoom link.

## Thursday, November 21

- 10:00 FCNL-Washtenaw Advocacy Group;  
Corner Room

## Friday, November 22

- 8:30 AVP

## Saturday, November 23

- 8:00 AVP
- 9:00 Property Work Party

## Sunday, November 24

- 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; Zoom



## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Group Singing

**November 3 & 10, 10:15 a.m. | Meeting Room**

Grab a hymnal and let Grayson or Thomas take us away through song.

### Technology in Quaker worship: continuing the search for the way forward

**November 3, 12:45 | Meeting Room**

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. Child care will be provided.

### Meeting for Walking – Mondays at 2 pm

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 including a trapdoor to hidden areas. 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).

**The AAFM Spiritual Formation Group** meets the first and third Mondays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Zoom, using the Meeting for Worship Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/AAFM-Zoom>. The next meeting will be on Monday, **November 4**. There is room for others to join this group to explore their spiritual experiences and practices. Questions, contact Dennis Gregg (931 210-3611) or Peggy Daub (734 637-6438).

### What Does it Mean to Be Quaker?

**November 6 & 20, 7:00 p.m. | Fireplace Room & Zoom**

The Membership and Outreach Committee invites Friends young and old to join an open exploration of the faith and practices of Quakerism. This is an opportunity for all members and attenders, new or experienced, to ask questions about Quakerism. This session takes place in the Fireplace Room and on Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/AAFM-Zoom>.

### UK Quaker Meeting and Creative Conversation

**November 7, 2:00 p.m., | Zoom**

November 7 at 2 pm Al Palmer will present and lead a discussion on "Could, Would,

Should a Quaker Nontheist Pray?" On November 7 at 2:00 p.m., Al Palmer will present and lead a discussion for the next Nontheist Friends Network, Creative Conversation. He will share his thoughts on "Could, Would, Should a Quaker Nontheist Pray?" An essay summarizing some of his ideas can be read in advance at <https://tinyurl.com/4bmrukws>.

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

## Meeting for Canoeing

**November 9, 9:30 | Hudson Mills**

Let's get out on the Huron after election day stress!

Meet at Hudson Mills on Saturday, 9 Nov at 9:30 a.m., spot cars and launch at 10:00 am. Take out at Delhi. Bring lunch, sun hat, jacket, water shoes, bottle of water. Let Thomas know if you need a canoe or kayak and gear, at 734-741-3740.

This could be the last of the season.

Life flows on.

## Faith and Practice on Spiritual Community Discernment Session

**November 10, 12:45 | Meeting Room**

The second Sunday in November, 11/10 from 12:45-2pm, we invite the community to discuss the new version of Our Faith and Practice on Spiritual Community written by Dennis Gregg, Mark Hoover, Catherine Shaw and Rick Thomas, which has been revised to address feedback from forums earlier this year on the first draft. We encourage people to read and consider the statement and come help discern whether the meeting can find unity with it or suggest further revisions. Hybrid participation will be available at the regular Zoom link for meeting for worship, and childcare will be provided.

**Young adult Friends:** ages 18–35-ish meet on the second Sunday of each month for dinner, discussion and companionship at the home of an older Friend. The next dinner is scheduled for **November 10**, at 6:00 p.m., at the home of Margot Finn. For information on this and other YAF activities call Keaka at 817-475-2291.

## Friends Committee on National Legislation's Washtenaw Advocacy Team

**November 21, 10:00–12:00 | Corner Room**

The FCNL meets every third Thursday from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. (or so); the location rotates between the AAFM Corner Room and the Chelsea Library. This month, we will meet at AAFM's Corner Room. We work with the FCNL Washington staff to contact our national senators and representative to advocate for legislation that furthers the causes of peace and justice. Please join if you would like to work with us. Questions? Call John Deikis at (734) 395-7414 or Nancy or Thomas Taylor at (734) 995-6803.

## Property Work Party

**November 23, 9:00–12:00 | Meeting House**

All volunteers are welcome any time between 9:00 and noon for springtime tasks around the property. Bring your own hand clippers and gloves if you like.

## AMONG FRIENDS

**On November 1, 2024**, the state of South Carolina intends to execute Richard Moore who's been on death row since 1999. Mr. Moore, a Black man, is the only person on South Carolina's death row to have been sentenced by a jury with no black jurors. South Carolina cruelly forced Mr. Moore to choose his method of execution, either firing squad, electric chair, or lethal injection. Mr. Moore will be executed by lethal injection. Please keep Mr. Moore, his family, friends, and all those on death row in the light.

**After a summer break** the mid-week Tuesday Meeting for Worship will start up again. On November 12, at 9:00 a.m. Presently it will be on zoom. Use the Sunday meetings link. After the Ypsilanti Library reopen, we will try both in-person and zoom. For more information email [philvolk2004@yahoo.com](mailto:philvolk2004@yahoo.com).

Jeff Cooper will be **ordering new books for the Meeting Library** in early December. If you have a title to recommend, please speak to or email Jeff by November 30 (cooperdaub at [hotmail.com](mailto:hotmail.com)).

**The Friday lunch** in November will take place a week earlier than usual because of the Thanksgiving holiday. 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, **November 22nd** (fourth Friday) at Susan Hartman's home at 840 Starwick Drive. No need to RSVP, but you can direct questions to Susan at 734-623-8255. We look forward to seeing you then.

**I am a resident** of Ypsilanti Towne Centre Place, an adult living community. As I have talked positively about my beloved AAFM family and our Quaker spirituality, a few residents would like to experience a Meeting for Worship.

However, because some are handicapped, travel is hard. So, I'm trying to plan a meeting for worship event within the building.

All my friends at AAFM are invited to show our love to these 55 and up community. Also to help me to do it right.

The first meeting will be on **November 16** at 11:00am.

For more information email or call Phil Volk; [philvolk2004@yahoo.com](mailto:philvolk2004@yahoo.com), 734-545-3768.

The Towne Centre Place is at 401 W Michigan Ypsilanti Michigan.

There is free parking in front of the building.

A small stack of the **2024 Lake Erie Yearly Meeting Annual Records** is on the lobby table. Friends involved in – or particularly interested in – LEYM can take one, first come first served. The *Annual Records* is also posted on the LEYM website ([leym.org](http://leym.org)) in a version without the directory section and Friends can request a pdf version of the entire booklet from Jeff Cooper, clerk of LEYM Publications & Archives Committee <[cooperdaub@hotmail.com](mailto:cooperdaub@hotmail.com)>.

The *Annual Records* includes: minutes from Representative Meeting and Annual Sessions; a transcript of Paulette Meier's plenary presentation on Contemplative Communal Chant; reports on the 11 workshops offered at Annual Meeting; State of the Meeting reports from most of the 19 Monthly Meetings; memorial minutes and obituaries; statistics concerning Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups; tables providing information about when and where meetings for worship take place, contact information, and lists of officers and committee conveners for Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups; officers and

committee members for LEYM; and a directory of Friends who attended Annual Meeting or hold a position within the Yearly Meeting or its constituent Meetings or Worship Groups.

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>.

## Via the FCNL: Write your Senators, no new weapons to Israel.

**If you’ve seen** the news, you know that after weeks of bombing and other attacks targeting Hezbollah, Israel has now begun its ground invasion of Lebanon. Over the past month, Israel’s bombs have killed more than one thousand civilians in Lebanon and displaced over a million more.

The U.S. must push for an end to the conflict. War must not take over the entire region.

### **Tell Your Senators: No New Weapons to Israel**

Senators Bernie Sanders (VT), Peter Welch (VT), and Jeff Merkley (OR) introduced resolutions to **block** arms shipments slated to go to Israel. [\*\*Congress must pass these resolutions and do everything it can to de-escalate the situation and bring about permanent ceasefires in Gaza and Lebanon.\*\*](#)

This recent surge in violence has forced over a million Lebanese civilians from their homes. Sixty thousand Israeli civilians remain displaced in northern Israel, creating immense suffering on both sides of the border.

The news is moving fast, and this alarming situation continues to escalate by the hour. Now is the time to act. The Gaza war has already caused one of the worst humanitarian crises on the planet, killing at least 41,000 Palestinians and pushing hundreds of thousands more to the brink of starvation. A full-blown regional war would be worse.

### **Tell your Senators to support these resolutions and cut off weapon shipments to Israel!**

Sincerely,

**Hassan El-Tayyab**

*Legislative Director  
for Middle East Policy*

**Membership and Outreach** introduce our Quaker meeting to students and other passers-by on the U of M 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.

**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](mailto:peggydaub@hotmail.com)).

## smallworld

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 here <http://www.tiny.cc/aafmsw>, or on the "smallworld" sign-up sheet on the lobby table.



# Friends Lake Collaborative Community and Michigan Friends Center

## Report to Ann Arbor Friends Meeting, October 2024

Report from Richard Tucker, AAFM liaison with FLCC and MFC, October 2024

Report from Richard Tucker, AAFM liaison with FLCC and MFC, October 2024 Last year was the 60th year of the Friends Lake Cooperative Community, which was established by families in our Meeting as a place for recreation and retreat on 90 acres of woodland and lakefront twenty miles west of Ann Arbor. By now FLCC's membership has reached 170. Membership dues provide a solid financial base. FLCC's all-volunteer management (both the board the committee conveners) is exceptionally strong now, though each year there is a search for new recruits to succeed retiring board members. More details are on the community's website <https://friendslake.org>.

A feature of today's expanding membership is a new generation of families with young children, giving the kids rich experience in the natural world, which was a central reason for establishing FLCC six decades ago. We heartily welcome all Friends families and young adults to come to the lake and discover its rich rewards.

The long-desired construction of a permanent indoor space was realized thirty years ago, when Michigan Friends Center was built near the entrance lane as a year-round space for Quakers and other FLCC members and outreach to the wider community. In my role as our Meeting's liaison with both FLCC and MFC, I see them as a single community under dual management. For most of us in AAFM the time we spend at the lake involves both the outdoor property and the MFC building. This summer season has seen a wonderful revival of AAFM's participation in both FLCC and MFC, especially families and young adults. Also, the new caretakers at the lake are members of our AAFM young adult group, which includes several environmental students and activists. The most dramatic outdoor development at Friends Lake this year has been in the campground area, where a beautiful new Adirondack-style cabin is ready for campers, and another will be added this coming month. Friends are warmly invited to help with its construction.

### Programs and projects

A new generation of Friends Lake families has organized several lively family programs this year, which are becoming an annual cycle of both indoor and outdoor programs. Quaker families are heartily welcome to join the parties for Halloween, New Year, and others at the center. This year's Halloween party will be on Saturday, October 26. Stewardship of the land and water has been at the heart of the community's character from its beginning. Our nature programs for Friends and FLCC members include annual spring wildflower walks and Audubon bird censuses. More environmental education programs are in the works for the year ahead. Since last year another way of expressing our stewardship is the commitment to exploring Indigenous People's traditions of harmony with Nature. A medicine wheel garden featuring the peace pole on the center's grounds is being planned for next spring, and families will be urged to participate in that process of learning and building.

### Moving on

How else can we Quakers continue to support the Friends Lake / Friends Center community?

We can become members of FLCC or renew our membership. As members we can join the monthly (May – October) work parties, sharing the friendships and the responsibilities.

We need Friends' involvement in Quaker programs that explore our spiritual and ethical foundations. The FLCC/MFC tradition has always emphasized Quaker process and values, shared with others who cherish the same broad values. For the coming year we are planning two programs, on Quaker history and on the Friends distinctive way of maintaining unity in our decision-making. We welcome input from AAFM members.

Nurturing the value of meditation and solitude is the balancing quality of the experience we foster at the lake. We continue to search for ways to support solitude and silence as well as socializing with friends. An encouraging development at the lake this year is that there is now active interest among Friends Lake members in reviving the Friends/Quaker Worship Group in the Chelsea area. We can support that development, participating as the way opens.

In sum,

FLCC and MFC are in a long-term transition of management. As closely related Quaker-based organizations, their administration is no longer centered on Friends directors, and by now Friends are only about one-fifth of the FLCC members. But the Quaker character remains strong. At FLCC and MFC our “friends of the Friends” frequently say how important the heart of Quaker awareness and practice is to sustaining the distinctive character of FLCC and MFC.

With gratitude,

Richard Tucker, Clerk/President of the MFC board

## Messge from Friends Peace Teams:

Dear Beloved Friends,

Thank you for your care and support of justice and peace workers around the world through Friends Peace Teams! You are invited to attend our first ever **Friends Peace Teams virtual global gathering**. See all the details at <https://friendspeaceteams.org/event-fpt-online-gathering-2024/>

**NOV | 13–16 | 2024 | ONLINE**

Justice and Peace are possible!

*What sustains our faith in justice and peace in the face of violence and war?*

**Register Today**

In one- and two-hour sessions over three days, we will hear from justice and peace workers in:

- African Great Lakes & Europe and Middle East

- Peacebuilding en las Américas & North America
- Asia West Pacific

On a fourth day, join us for a 30th-year celebration, where we will hear from the Global Support Teams, Quaker Yearly Meetings, and possibly YOU!

Friends Peace Teams is doing much: trauma resiliency workshops in Ukraine, peace libraries in the Philippines and Indonesia, Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) workshops in Cuba, a women-led organization empowering those surrounded by conflict in Burundi, and Toward Right Relationships with Native Peoples workshops throughout the United States.

Come hear about exciting work in all of the regions. Interpretation will be available in English, French, Russian, Ukrainian, Spanish, Indonesian, and Korean. For other languages, please arrange for your own interpreter.

This virtual event is for newcomers and long-timers, justice and peace workers, facilitators, volunteers, supporters, donors, inquirers, Quakers, and others. We will learn from each other and Celebrate the Work for Justice and Peace!

To prepare for the FPT Gathering 2024 and learn more about FPT:

- **Read** the 2024 PeaceWays.
- **Discuss *PeaceWays*** with your meeting, church, faith community, or friends.
- **Speak up and join us!** Send [peaceministries@friendspeaceteams.org](mailto:peaceministries@friendspeaceteams.org) a 2-3 minute video or an essay of up to 240 words in response to the theme: “What sustains our faith in Justice and Peace in the face of violence and war?”

**WE’D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!** Responses will be shared at the November online gathering and in a compilation video.

Join us! As a volunteer network, we rely on you to:

- **Share** your ministry or support others’ ministries.
- **Read** the FPT news at [friendspeaceteams.org](https://friendspeaceteams.org) and share its uplifting stories with your local community and its newsletter.
- **Attend an FPT training or event**, such as the global gathering or a different event which you may find at [friendspeaceteams.org/upcoming-events](https://friendspeaceteams.org/upcoming-events).
- **Attend a monthly regional meeting** or a global support team meeting to listen and to share your feedback and discernment.
- **Serve as a Yearly Meeting representative**, recording clerk, tech host, interpreter, or take on occasional tasks: contact [Nominations@FriendsPeaceTeams.org](mailto:Nominations@FriendsPeaceTeams.org)
- **Donate** online at [friendspeaceteams.org/donate](https://friendspeaceteams.org/donate) or by check to: FPT, 1001 Park Ave., St. Louis, MO 63104 (USD, AUD, EURO, and UK)

**JOIN US! VISIT US! WORK WITH US!**

We hope to see you in November!

Thank you again for your support and care!

*All of us at Friends Peace Teams*

## LARGER CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

### AFSC Action Hour

**Every Friday at 12:00 p.m.**

Join AFSC staff every Friday at 12:00 p.m. to hear updates from Gaza. Then, take action with us as we contact our elected officials and call for an immediate cease-fire and humanitarian access to Gaza. Our elected officials need to keep hearing from us. [Register here.](#)

### Meeting for Worship with Attention to Peace in Palestine & Israel

Via Zoom; Every **Thursday**, 5:30 p.m. Join the AFSC to pray for peace in Israel & Palestine. [Register here!](#)

### Fitting Space to Spirit – LEYM A&O webinar

**November 6, 6:30 | Zoom**

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, 6:30–8pm.

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

### Non-theist Quakers: Quaker Meeting & Creative Conversation **November 7** at

2:00 p.m., Al Palmer will present and lead a discussion for the next Nontheist Friends Network, Creative Conversation. He will share his thoughts on "Could, Would, Should a Quaker Nontheist Pray?" An essay summarizing some of his ideas can be read in advance at :

<https://tinyurl.com/4bmrukws> .

Join Zoom Meeting:

Meeting ID: 890 5588 0462

Passcode: 062680

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89055880462?pwd=vIS7aIbKRt92mk3Eiy4SIofbve6DNW.1>

## The Interfaith Round Table of Washtenaw County's Annual Fall Gathering to Give Thanks

GRATITUDE. HOPE. PEACE.

**Sunday, November 17 at 4:00 p.m.**

Join us for inspirational speakers, music, and fellowship.

Bring non-perishable food to donate.

Hosted by the First United Universalist

Congregation of Ann Arbor (UUAA)

4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Road

Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Walk-ins Welcome or Register /

Donate Here: <https://givebutter.com/tJlyqx>

## Community Practice Group: Walking in the World as a Friend

**November 18, 7:15 p.m.-9:00 p.m. | Zoom**

Join Nadine Hoover and Beth Collea in practicing the simple yet powerful essential practices described in Walking in the World as a Friend ([PDF available here](#)). Third Mondays at 7:15 – 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time:  
Sept 16, 2024

Oct 21, 2024

**Nov 18, 2024**

Register at <https://friendspeaceteams.org/walking-in-the-world-as-a-friend/>

We invite participants to commit to practicing for three months, Sept–Nov, to experiment with listening inwardly to love and conscience working within us, testing discernment, recording, and yielding — and keeping a journal of an experiment with Spirit in our lives. During these sessions, we will pair Friends up randomly for companion time to broaden our experience.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Hey, We Need to Talk

**Thurs, Nov. 14 Noon – 1:30 p.m.**

Exhibit at the University of Michigan Museum of (UMMA), Crumpacker Gallery (in-person event). Join members of the Interfaith Round Table of Washtenaw County and social sculptor Philippa Pham Hughes for a special experience in the interactive exhibit, "Hey, We Need to Talk!"

Feel free to enjoy your lunch while we talk together, from our various worldviews, about what it means to flourish, the role of faith institutions in local communities, and what it would take for all people of goodwill to work together to create a flourishing society.

Attendance is capped at 25, so please register only if you think you will be able to attend.

To register, please email us at: [interfaithwashtenaw@gmail.com](mailto:interfaithwashtenaw@gmail.com)

## 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.