

Ann Arbor Friends Meeting 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor MI 48104 734-761-7435 **February 2, 2025**

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Quaker House Resident Hosts: Luiza Duarte Caetano & Elliott Brannon

For all Meetings for Worship, including Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, the Zoom link is:

<https://tinyurl.com/AAFMM-Zoom> (Zoom Meeting ID: 818 7021 4329).

Sunday, February 2 (* = See announcement)

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

Tuesday, February 4

9:00 Meeting for Worship — Zoom only
7:30 Peace & Social Justice — Special Meeting
Zoom

Wednesday, February 5

7:00 What Does it Mean to be Quaker? [Zoom](#)

Thursday, February 6

7:00 Earthcare Committee — Zoom;
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8585173612>
Passcode: earthcare

Sunday, February 9

9:00 Meeting for Worship — In-person
10:00 Finance Committee Contact
susandhartman@gmail.com for
Zoom link
10:15 Singing
11:00 Meeting for Worship — Blended
12:45 M&C Sponsored Forum
6:00 YAF Dinner

The meeting will be on zoom Tuesday at 7:30 use the Sunday meeting zoom link. All are welcomed.

The Earthcare Committee will meet on Thursday evening, 7:00 p.m., February 6, on Zoom.

We use the committee's zoom connection on the AAFM website: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8585173612>
Passcode: earthcare.

Everyone is invited to join us for a conversation about the coming months' priority projects.

Nametags: In the coming weeks, M&O will be working on removing unused nametags from our collection. On Sunday January 26, after 11:00 meeting (during potluck), we moved all the nametags from the trays into alphabetized bins. Once you have claimed your nametag, you can place it back in the tray as usual. We will hold onto unclaimed nametags for some time so that we don't discard those of infrequent attenders. Contact Molly Bachelor or Luiza Caetano with questions.

The **AAFM Nonviolent Communication Practice Group** will be meeting Thursdays, **February 13, February 20, and February 27** from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room. If you are curious about NVC, or have experience with NVC, come join us.

The February Quaker meeting at Town Center Place, 401 W. Michigan, Ypsilanti will take place **February 8** at 11:00 am in the community room.

Worship then fellowship. Coffee, doughnuts and friendship building. All are invited.

Young Adult Friends' Dinner

YAFS ages 18-35ish meet on the second Sunday of each month for dinner, discussion, and companionship at the home of an older Friend. The next dinner will be on **February 9** at the home of Bill and Paula Riccobono, 503 Roosevelt, Ypsilanti. For information on this and other YAF activities call Keaka at 817-475-2291 or Bill Riccobono at 734-255-8677.

Deaccumulation Lab: Experiments in Deaccumulation to Restore Flow and Trust in Life - [landing page](#). Coaching and support calls with Miki Kashtan, of Nonviolent Global Liberation. **7 sessions, two times a month, on Saturdays and Sundays throughout January - April 2025.** The next session will be **February 15**, at 9:30 a.m.

<https://tinyurl.com/Deaccumulation>

The **Carbon Footprint Interest Group** will hold a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, **February 18**, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. to make a recommendation on how contributions to the 2024 Voluntary Carbon Tax will be allocated. Last year funds were split three ways between Mayan Power and Light for its work in Guatemala, Michigan Power and

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.

February 2 — First Day School

For the months of January and February, First Day School lessons will center around themes of peace, non-violence, and equality.

This Sunday, the children will get to participate in an introductory Akido class with AAFM's own Danny Kline. There will also be activities for children too old for the nursery but perhaps too young for Akido.

Peace and Social Justice committee is having a special meeting to discuss joining three yearly meetings and several local meetings to sue Trump for his violation of church sanctuary related to immigration.

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

Light for their Low Carbon Fund to assist houses of worship, and Earth Quaker Action Team (EQAT), a grassroots nonviolent action group in Philadelphia. If you are interested in participating, email John Williams (jawillms@umich.edu) and ask for the Zoom link. Those who wish to contribute to the tax as a way of mitigating their personal carbon footprint need to contribute by January 31st. Checks should be made out to the AAFM and denoted "Voluntary Carbon Tax".

LEYM Query Worship Sharing (pizza included). On Saturday, **February 22** from 5–7:30, we will hold a worship sharing to consider our response to the LEYM annual query. This year the query consists of two questions:

How do I actively get to know my neighbors?

How do we as a Meeting seek opportunities to understand communities unlike ourselves?

We will have Worship sharing for the first hour (5–6 in the Meeting Room), then move to the Fellowship room to eat pizza while our two recorders are putting together a distillation of what was said. Then we will reconvene for them to read the report and for us to approve it.

We will provide pizza, salad, and various drinks. We will get some gluten-free pizzas, but if you have other dietary concerns please communicate them to Margot Finn or anyone else on M&C.

The **Small World** program has re-started. This is a program created by Elliott Brannon to help people make connections with each other. Each month two Friends in the Meeting are paired at random, with the challenge to contact each other to talk in whatever way they wish, on the phone, Zoom or in-person. The following month the pairings will be different. It's a great way to get to know those in the Meeting you may not have met or deepen relationships with those you have. Those who signed up last year should have received an email this month from Elliott with a spreadsheet showing this month's pairings. If you would like to add your name for future months, please email Elliott at esbrannon@gmail.com.

PIAG UPDATE

Keaka Cagle of AAFM reports that ICE and Border Patrol are targeting "people who crossed the border as toddlers" including "my childhood friends in Texas." Rabbi Brant Rosen, who spoke at AAFM about 3 years ago, explains how "disposable populations," along with their supporters, are resisting governments that try to get rid of them: <https://rabbibrant.com/>

AMONG FRIENDS

The "**Final Friday lunch**" this month will be hosted by Susan Hartman. All Friends are invited to stop by any time between 11:30 am and 2pm for a simple lunch and unprogrammed fellowship and conversation. This month's lunch is on Friday, **February 28** at Susan'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.

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>. [PIAG Update](#)

LARGER CIRCLES OF FRIENDS

Exploring Quakerism and Connecting to the Wider Quaker Community:

Vitality, a weekly resource for Quaker faith and life from Friends General Conference vitality@fgcquaker.org Pendle Hill website, a Quaker Study Retreat and Conference Center - <https://pendlehill.org/>. You can sign up for their E-Newsletter at: <http://www.pendlehill.org/enews-opt-in/>.

The Seed: Conversations for Radical Hope a podcast from Pendle Hill — pendlehill.org/learn/podcast/
Quaker Speak, a bi-weekly Quaker video project by Friends Journal, with over 300, 6 to 10 minute videos about Quakerism - quakerspeak.com

Pendle Hill's February First Monday Lecture — **February 3, 7:30–9 p.m. Eastern Time.** Hybrid, on campus and via Zoom. "The Exponential Impact of Historical and Ongoing Injustice: A Call To Action for Quakers" with Hal Weaver and Nozizwe Madlala-Routledge. Free to the public. Registration required.

Winter 2025 LEYM Bulletin now available

A new issue of the Bulletin ([Volume LXII, Issue 2](#)) has been published. Find it and our back issues collection at the [LEYM Bulletins page](#), or on the table in the entryway of the Meeting House. There's lots of interesting content in this issue, including:

- New Advancement and Outreach Series
- Call for Workshops (Due Feb 15)
- LEYM-wide Query for 2025
- Representative Meeting Invitation (Plan to Come to Pittsburgh!)
- Invitation to 2025 Annual Meeting (Plan to Come to Ashland!)
- Pamela Haines Annual Meeting Plenary Preview
- Monthly Meeting News Updates (Birmingham, Cleveland, Kalamazoo and Wooster)
- Reminder re Available LEYM Funds for different projects
- Fall Youth Retreat
- Friends General Conference Update
- AND News from the FWCC Plenary 2024