

**Ann Arbor Friends Meeting** 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor MI 48104 734-761-7435 **March 9, 2025**

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9:00 Meeting Closer: Bill Cupples  
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/AAFm-Zoom> (Zoom Meeting ID: 818 7021 4329).

**Sunday, March 9** (\*= See announcement)

*\*\*Daylight Saving Time begins\*\**

- 9:00 Meeting for Worship — In person
- 10:00 Finance Committee — Corner Room & Zoom
- 10:15 Singing — Meeting Room
- 11:00 Meeting for Worship — Blended
- 12:45 M&C Sponsored Forum
- 6:00 YAF Dinner \*

**Monday, March 10**

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

**Tuesday, March 11**

- 9:00 Meeting for Worship — Zoom

**Wednesday, March 12**

- 7:30 Quaker House Committee; Zoom

**Thursday, March 13**

- 6:30 Palestine-Israel Action Group; Fireplace Room & Zoom
- 6:45 AAFM Nonviolent Communication Practice Group; Meeting Room
- 7:00 Membership & Outreach; Zoom

**Sunday, March 16**

- 7:45 Meeting for Worship — In person; Corner Room
- 9:00 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business — Blended
- 11:00 Meeting for Worship — Blended
- 3:00 De-escalation Training and Daytime Warming \* Center Info Session; Fellowship Room

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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)).

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.

**First Day School, March 9**

This week First Day School kids will learn about collaboration and community. Claire will work with the bigger kids to hold another Junior Meeting for Business, and Molly T. will work with the smaller kids in an activity that centers cooperation.

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

**March 10 and 17** we have special walks planned in historic Ypsilanti. These have been arranged and will be hosted by Bill Riccobono and Josh Warn.

**March 10** – the walk is in the oldest part of town, centering around the railroad tracks which came through in 1834. Depot Town was the city's first "downtown". It will include a look into the city's black history as well as a brief tour of the Hutchinson mansion (of S&H Green Stamps fame). This is now the headquarters of High Scope and was built in 1903.

Meet in front of the Sidetrack Restaurant, 56 Cross Street. There's street parking and a parking lot nearby

**March 17** - the walk will consider the 2nd downtown which originally was the old Sauk trail to Chicago. This area developed as Michigan Avenue was slowly developing into a US highway (1926). This walk will consider some of the largest homes in the city as well as the oldest standing home (Towner House, 1837). Across the street are the city's archives for a five-minute introduction. Total distance this day will be approximately 1 1/2 miles.

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

**Young adult Friends** 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 **March 9** hosted by Laura and Ben. For information on this and other YAF activities, call Keaka, at 817-475-2291.

**De-escalation training and info-session about the Daytime Warming Center**

It's almost time for us to welcome the A2 DWC into the Meeting House! In preparation, we will be hosting a de-escalation training and info-session. This will be facilitated by Peatmoss, who has 5 years of experience working with the DWC and similar projects.

The session will happen on Sunday, **March 16** from 3:00–5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room.

This event is open to all, so please consider coming even if you are not volunteering at this time! No RSVP required. If you haven't had a chance to sign up to volunteer at the DWC yet, there's still time! Just add your name to this spreadsheet: <https://tinyurl.com/aafm-dwc> or contact Alex Houser (734-845-8706) or Luiza Duarte Caetano ([luizzacaetano@gmail.com](mailto:luizzacaetano@gmail.com)) if you have any questions.

For the month of **March** the **AAFm Nonviolent Communication Practice Group** will be meeting **only** on **Thursday, March 13**, from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in the

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

**Meeting Room.** If you are curious about NVC, or have experience with NVC, come join us.

[Here is the link to the Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice March events.](#) Check out the Monday evening online series on Structural Racism, **3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/13**, and the **Stop the Coup: Workshop on Local Resistance and Resilience on March 22.**

### AMONG FRIENDS

**PIAG reminder:** Rights of free speech and assembly are on trial again this Monday, **March 10**, 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m., at the 14-1A District Court, as the Assistant AG lays out her case against the Encampment 7 for anti-war activism. Community witness and support are essential.

**No Other Land** is showing all weekend at the Michigan Theater.

**The AFSC Palestine Action Hour** is really great! It's especially wonderful if you're feeling discouraged, angry, and powerless because it really is full of persistence, actions, ideas, and info.

**Quaker Sumud**, for people who are up to reading a short but scholarly history book, is also great.

The "**Final Friday lunches**" continue this month, hosted by Neil and Lillie Shadle. 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, March 28th at Neil and Lillie's home at 1050 Wall Street #3-C. No need to RSVP, but you can direct questions to Neil at 734-272-6564. We look forward to seeing you then.

**Interested in a short-term roommate?** I am a 44-yr old female scientist, plant lover, avid knitter and backyard birder looking for a room to rent **starting in early April**, ideally close to a bus route in Ann Arbor. I am a federal employee working remotely from Kalamazoo, but now I am required to work on site in the EPA laboratory in Ann Arbor on very short notice. This would be a temporary arrangement, until the coming federal workforce reductions are finalized. If you are interested, please contact Claudia Toro ([claudia.torovergara@gmail.com](mailto:claudia.torovergara@gmail.com)).

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/AAFZM-Zoom>.

**A meeting member** was ejected from U-M campus under threat of arrest for carrying a sign February 1st. The ACLU is considering adding this issue to their 1st Amendment suit against U-M on behalf of students banned from campus. If you are interested in brainstorming and/or joining these efforts, please contact Rebecca Hatton at [Dr.RebeccaHatton@gmail.com](mailto:Dr.RebeccaHatton@gmail.com)

**Calling all cooks!** A group of us, under the sponsorship of M&O, volunteer to make a home-cooked dish to

contribute to the monthly YAF dinners. If you would like to join our group and provide a dish, perhaps every 2-3 months please email Naomi at [naomig@umich.edu](mailto:naomig@umich.edu). This is a vital part of our nurturing in the Meeting and many hands make light work!

**Small World** 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. If you would like to add your name for future months, please email Elliott at [esbrannon@gmail.com](mailto:esbrannon@gmail.com).

### LARGER CIRCLES OF FRIENDS

#### Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting – Winter Gathering, Sat., 3/15

GPQM will have its Winter Gathering on Saturday, **March 15**, 2025, beginning at 9:00 a.m. This will be a virtual event — see the Zoom link at the end of this message.

More information will be forthcoming, but here is a preview of the morning's activities:

1) The Michigan AFSC Office's Criminal Justice Program will highlight their women's commutation program and their work in support of the Second Look legislation (<https://afsc.org/newsroom/afsc-michigan-and-partners-push-second-look-legislation>)

2) The Young Adult Friends group of Ann Arbor Friends Meeting will describe their group and see whether there are young Friends in other Meetings who would be interested in a virtual Young Adult Friends Meeting and possibly in-person gatherings at Friends Lake. Please encourage Young Adult Friends in your Meeting to join us.

Questions to Kevin Miller ([kevinmiller@gmail.com](mailto:kevinmiller@gmail.com)), clerk, or Peggy Daub ([peggydaub@hotmail.com](mailto:peggydaub@hotmail.com)), communications coordinator

The Zoom link to use for this event is:

<https://umich.zoom.us/j/7346151800?omn=99449164990>

#### Community Sing

Come experience the joy and excitement of singing with world-renowned singer, composer, music director, and vocal activist Melanie DeMore! The 3-time Grammy Award nominee will lead a Community Sing on Sunday, **March 16**, 3-5 pm at the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 4001 Ann Arbor Saline Road in Ann Arbor. All are welcome to attend this free event sponsored by Threshold Singers of Ann Arbor. (Donations are welcome.) More information is available at <https://thresholdchoirofannarbor.org/melanie-demore/> (Susan Hartman is a member--you can talk to her as well.)