

**Ann Arbor Friends Meeting** 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor MI 48104 734-761-7435 **March 16, 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/AAFM-Zoom> (Zoom Meeting ID: 818 7021 4329).

**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

**Monday, March 17**

- 2:00 Meeting for Walking \*

**Tuesday, March 18**

- 7:30 Indigenous Action Group; Zoom

**Wednesday, March 19**

- 7:00 What Does it Mean to be Quaker?  
Zoom

**Thursday, March 20**

- 10:00 FCNL — Washtenaw Advocacy Team  
Corner Room

**Sunday, March 23**

- 9:00 Meeting for Worship — Blended
- 10:05 Reading and Discussion \*
- 11:00 Meetings for Worship — Parallel
- 12:15 Potluck
- 1:00 PIAG Presentation: Linden Jenkins

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). The 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.

Meet and park at the Historical Museum, 220 N. Huron Street.

All are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Naomi (734-476-4555), Nancy and Thomas (734-368-6555), or Bill (734-255-8677).

**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. For information on this and other YAF activities call Keaka at 817-475-2291.

**Welcoming the Daytime Warming Center at our Meeting (Training + Donations)**

The DWC will be hosted in the Meeting House on weekdays between March 17–28th. In preparation, there will be a de-escalation training and info-session on Sunday, 3/16 from 3-5pm in the Fellowship Room. This event is open to all, no RSVP required.

If you're unable to volunteer at this time, you can still contribute by signing up to bring a meal, or donate snacks (such as granola bars, fruit, coffee, bread, milk and cereal) and supplies (toilet paper and toiletries). You can do so using this link: [tinyurl.com/dwc-aafm-food](https://tinyurl.com/dwc-aafm-food) or simply drop your contribution at the Meeting House from 8am-6pm.

A few shifts are still open for volunteering, including clean-up after 5:30pm. Just add your name to this spreadsheet: [tinyurl.com/aafm-dwc](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.

Thank you for your contribution to this important cause!

[Here is the link to the Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice March events.](#) Check out the Monday evening online series on Structural Racism, **3/17, 3/24, 3/31**, and the **Stop the Coup: Workshop on Local Resistance and Resilience on March 22.**

**Sunday, March 23**, Linden Jenkins will zoom a presentation and discussion in the Meeting Room at 1:00 p.m. Her topic: "What I Learned Staying in Palestine—Thanks to AAFM"

**Reading and Discussion** will meet in the Fireplace Room at 10:05am on Sunday, **March 23**. We will be talking about truthfulness and Quaker traditions about it.

**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.

**FDS: Sunday, March 16**

Molly T. and Julie will work with the little and big kids respectively to discuss the importance of being vocal about our values. Both groups will read age-appropriate stories to gain inspiration before making their own posters championing issues and ideas important to themselves. The morning will culminate in a brief walking field trip to hang our posters around the neighborhood.

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

March 17 we have a special walk planned in historic Ypsilanti, arranged and hosted by Bill Riccobono and led by Stefan Szumko who is part of the Historical Society's tour guide team.

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

You will find the readings at <https://tinyurl.com/bdeksyxd>. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **Invitation to a ROAD TRIP for AVP?**

Cassie Cammann is planning to drive to Buffalo to attend a **MINI AVP WORKSHOP** on April 12. ([flyer attached](#)).

Please call Cassie ASAP if you are curious or interested. (734-604-8878).

We will drive over on the morning of Saturday the 12th and return on the 13th. I'm confident that we can find sleeping accommodation in Quaker homes.

### **AMONG FRIENDS**

Friends are warmly invited to the memorial gathering for Ruth Zweifler on Saturday, **March 29** at 1:30 p.m. in the meeting room. We expect a large crowd, so if you're able to park your cars in the Presbyterian Church parking lot, please do (we have permission to do so). If you are able to help with greeting, ushering or setting up, please inform Nancy Taylor ([netaylor@comcast.net](mailto:netaylor@comcast.net)). Thank you.

Our dear Friend Anne Ogren passed away, surrounded by her daughters on Wednesday, March 12. A memorial service will be held for her at the Meetinghouse on Sunday, **April 13** in the afternoon.

Our recent member, Helen Fox, will be coming back from Florida to hold the memorial gathering for her husband, Jim Koopman, on June 16. She needs housing ahead of time: June 9 to June 12. If you are able to accommodate her for those four nights, please let Nancy Taylor know ([netaylor@comcast.net](mailto:netaylor@comcast.net)) or (734) 368-6555 or (734) 995-6803. Thank you.

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/AAFZ-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**

#### **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.)

#### **17 BLOCKS - ANN ARBOR PREMIERE**

Tuesday, **March 18th**, 6:00 P.M. SHARP! at Michigan Theater Reception to follow.

In 1999, 9-year-old Emmanuel Durant and his family began filming their daily lives in one of America's most dangerous neighborhoods — just 17 blocks behind the U.S. Capitol. They've been filming ever since. Made in a unique collaboration with filmmaker and journalist Davy Rothbart, and spanning two decades, 17 BLOCKS illuminates a nation's ongoing crisis through one family's raw, stirring, and deeply personal saga.

17 BLOCKS — [OFFICIAL TRAILER](#).

**Human Rights in Honduras** -- Father Ismael Moreno will speak at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday **April 1**, at St. Mary's Student Parish, 331 Thompson St. Ann Arbor on "Why Do My People Flee?", a first-hand report from Honduras.