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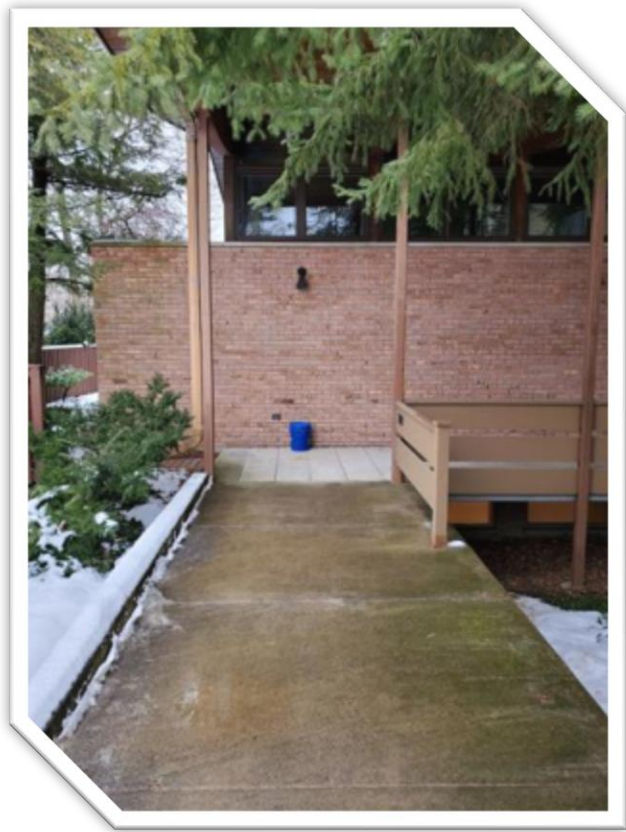


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### March Meeting for Worship schedule:

- March 2 & 9:
  - 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).
- March 16:
  - The 7:45 Meeting for Worship will be **in-person** in the Corner Room.
  - The 9:00 Meeting for Worship will be **blended**.
  - The 11:00 Meeting for Worship will be **blended**.
- March 23:
  - 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).
- March 30
  - There will be a 10:00 Meeting for Worship, which will be **blended**.

# 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) (\* = See announcement).

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## Sunday, March 2

- 9:00 Meeting for Worship — In person
- 10:05 Property Committee — Corner Room
- 10:15 Singing — Meeting Room \*
- 11:00 Meeting for Worship — Blended
- 12:30 What Does it Mean to be Quaker? \*  
Corner Room & Zoom
- 12:45 Earthcare Presentation: Line 5 Meeting Rm\*

## Monday, March 3

- 2:00 Meeting for Walking \*

## Tuesday, March 4

- 9:00 Meeting for Worship — Zoom

## Wednesday, March 5

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

## Thursday, March 6

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

## Sunday, March 9

**\*\*Daylight Saving Time Starts\*\***

- 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

## Monday, March 10

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

## Tuesday, March 11

- 9:00 Meeting for Worship — Zoom

## Wednesday, March 12

- 7:30 Quaker House Committee; Zoom

## Thursday, March 13

- 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

## Monday, March 17

- 2:00 Meeting for Walking \*

## Tuesday, March 18

- 9:00 Meeting for Worship — Zoom
- 7:30 Indigenous Action Group; Zoom

## Wednesday, March 19

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

## 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: Palestine Report \*  
from Linden Jenkins

## Monday, March 24

- 2:00 Meeting for Walking

## Tuesday, March 25

- 9:00 Meeting for Worship — Zoom

## Thursday, March 27

- 10:00 FCNL — Washtenaw Advocacy Team \*  
Chelsea Library

## Sunday, March 30

- 10:00 Meeting for Worship — Blended

## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Singing

**March 2, 9** 10:15 a.m. | **Meeting Room**

Join us in group singing, with Grayson or Thomas on piano.

### What Does it Mean to be Quaker?

**Sunday, March 2, 12:30 p.m. in the Corner Room and on Zoom** <https://zoom.us/j/81870214329>

A Sunday discussion for anyone interested in asking questions about Quakerism or talking about what Quakerism means to them.

Grab a snack and come join us after the rise of 11:00am worship.

**What Does it Mean to be Quaker?** will also take place on **Wednesday, March 5**, via Zoom, from **7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**, at which Karen Connor will be leading an **Experiment with Light:**

<https://zoom.us/j/81870214329>.

Bring something to write on and something to write with. In order to allow time to complete the process, our meeting time will be 90 minutes instead of the usual 60 minutes

You can learn more about this process at <https://experiment-with-light.org.uk/>

**Earthcare committee** will be hosting a presentation on Enbridge's Line 5 tar sands oil pipeline on **March 2** from 12:45 to 2:00 p.m. Join us in the Meeting Room to learn about the largest environmental threat to the Great Lakes, the movement to stop it, and how a new Trump administration could affect the struggle to shut down this dangerous pipeline.

### Dear Friendly Walkers,

Meeting for Walking is reinvigorated this new year with a full month of walks planned for March. We'll walk each Monday at 2:00 p.m. and all are invited.

**March 3** – Campus sculpture walk. This is a walk we canceled in December because of bad weather. Park and meet behind the Meeting House and we'll walk into campus.

**March 10** and **17** we have special walks planned in historic Ypsilanti. These have been arranged and will be hosted by Bill Riccobono (many thanks Bill).

**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.

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



**March 24 and 31-** Jeff Cooper will be leading us on walks of Ann Arbor's old west side looking at houses large and small, a couple churches, a couple markets, the old Argus factory, and a park with a nice view. Many thanks to Jeff.

Meet at the NE corner of Madison and Third Streets, with parking along Third Street, to the north.

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.

## Peace and Social Justice Committee

**March 10, 7:30 | Zoom**

Peace and Social Justice committee will be meeting March 10th at 7:30 using the Sunday meeting worship zoom link. All are welcome.

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

**March 27, 10:00–12:00 | Chelsea Library**

Join the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) Advocacy Team when we meet every month on the fourth Thursday from 10:00 a.m.–noon. Because we have both Ann Arbor and Chelsea members, we toggle between the two locations for meetings. Our purpose is to build relationships with our members of US Congress, and to support bills promoting matters of peace and justice. Sometimes we meet with the staff of our Senators and Representative; more often we make phone calls, or write letters to the members or to newspaper editors. We are amply supported by the large, expert staff in the Washington DC office of FCNL and by other Advocacy Teams in Michigan.

Our elected officials need constituents who will encourage, teach, appreciate, and hold them accountable to work for the common good. Governed by members of the Religious Society of Friends, FCNL acts in faith to create a world free from war, a society with equity and justice for all, a community where every person's potential may be fulfilled and an earth restored. One current issue is urging congressional members to oppose the transfer of more weapons of war and military support to Israel. Questions? Contact John Gourlay ([john@weathervanefarm.net](mailto:john@weathervanefarm.net)) or Nancy Taylor ([netaylor@comcast.net](mailto:netaylor@comcast.net))

## PIAG Presentation: Palestine Report from Linden Jenkins, Sunday, **March**

**23, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.** Levi Pierpont will join Linden as she reports via zoom from her home in New England about her experiences in Palestine late last year. Our Meeting's Sol Metz Travel Fund helped Linden stay on in the West Bank for three months. We invited her to report upon her return and will welcome her and share questions and answers from worship sharing after her presentation.

Linden worked in the West Bank with Sabeel, helping to shield villagers and olive farmers from violence, taking delegations to the Gaza border, and meeting with Palestinians, experiencing the effects of apartheid on their lives, and hearing their urgent hopes for peace and freedom.

Linden has been invited to return this August to teach mediation in Ramallah Friends School. She had been a mediation lawyer, as well as a longtime Friend and Clerk of New England Yearly Meeting.

**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)

## AMONG FRIENDS

**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)).

**We are making some changes** to the technology we use for hybrid Meetings, with a goal of making it simpler, less obtrusive, and more reliable. If you notice any problems or have any suggestions while we are adjusting to the new system, please email them to Kevin Miller ([kevinmiller@gmail.com](mailto:kevinmiller@gmail.com)) or Laura Lein ([leinl@umich.edu](mailto:leinl@umich.edu)).

**Town Center Place Meeting** The March Quaker meeting at Town Center Place takes place at 401 W. Michigan, Ypsilanti on **March 8** at 11:00 a.m. Come for worship, friendship, donuts and coffee. Town Center is at 401 West Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. Any questions call Phil Volk at 734 545 3768 or email Phil: [philvolk2004@yahoo.com](mailto:philvolk2004@yahoo.com).

**The "Final Friday lunch"** 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 am and 2pm 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.

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>.

**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 a reading opportunity, presented by the University of Michigan, and FLOW's (For Love of Water) amicus brief related to the Line 5 situation. We would love to have you join. Send your preferred email address to Peggy Daub ([peggydaub@hotmail.com](mailto:peggydaub@hotmail.com)).

## Recommended Reading from the LEYM Outreach and Advancement

**Committee:** Guidance for Meetings written by Emily Provance for Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. Review by Naomi Gilbert. This is a comprehensive review of many aspects of the life of a meeting in reference to in-person and virtual participation. It is applicable to many of our concerns at AAFM.

It covers corporate discernment, generational relationships, pastoral care, religious education, socialization and fellowship, remote membership, nominations, thinking flexibly, property, budgets, transitions and endings, being good neighbors, relational local ministries, quarterly and yearly meetings, other Quaker institutions, intervisitation, outreach and witness. <https://www.pym.org/resources/wp-content/uploads/sites/106/2022/12/GuidanceForMeetings-Provance.pdf>

**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!



*Dinner post-LEYM query worship share and discussion -- photo courtesy of Naomi Gilbert*

## SPECIAL MESSAGES

Here is a link to an essay by Levi Pierpont on his friend Aaron Bushnell, one year after his passing:

<https://levipierpont.com/2025/02/25/collective/>

### **PIAG ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

A second Probable Cause hearing is scheduled for the Encampment 7 facing felony prosecution for anti-war actions. A PIAG witness to the first hearing believes that deception, constitutional violations, slander, and bad faith were displayed by U-M and the MI Attorney General. These actions have had a chilling impact on protest in A2. PIAG notes that our Quaker history gives us unusual credibility as witnesses and supporters of those being punished for dissent. The public can attend court Monday, March 10, 9 to 6 at the Washtenaw District Court 14-A (between the jail and St Luke's church).

A meeting member was ejected from U-M campus under threat of arrest for carrying a sign Feb 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)

### **News from AFSC**

#### **A call for clemency for incarcerated women**

“Up to 90% of women sentenced to prisons in the US are survivors of sexual and physical violence, either in childhood, adulthood or both,” says Natalie Holbrook-Combs, Program Director of the AFSC Michigan Criminal Justice Program. “Further, 42% of women in US prisons identify as lesbian or bisexual, highlighting another layer of societal marginalization.”

Natalie urges Gov. Gretchen Whitmer to do everything she can – including invoking mass clemency -- to reduce the number of women serving long sentences in Michigan.

### **Words from James Beals:**

“The longer I live, the more deeply I learn that love  
— whether we call it friendship, or family, or romance —  
is the work of mirroring and magnifying each other’s light.  
Gentle work. Steadfast work. Life-saving work  
in those moments when life and shame and sorrow  
occlude our own light from our view,  
but there is still a clear-eyed loving person to beam it back.  
In our best moments, we are that person for another.”





*FCNL Washtenaw Advocacy Team*

### **FCNL Washtenaw Advocacy Team Updates**

The Washtenaw County Advocacy Team of Friends Committee on National Legislation met in the Corner Room for their February meeting. We learned of the 2025 legislative lobbying priorities for the 138 Action Teams working across the country.

*To restore U.S. share of funding for UNRWA (the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine) which has worked for Palestinians since 1948. You may recall that there was a scandal over possible involvement of some UNRWA Palestinian staff in Gaza in the attack on Israel. Of the 14 countries who withdrew support of UNRWA at that time, 13 have resumed voluntary monetary support. Only the U.S. has held back. Remedial action was taken at that time by the UN, and UNRWA continues to work in Gaza, the West Bank and neighboring countries where Palestinian refugees have been residing since 1948.*

Our optional secondary charge: *Maintain the renewable energy tax credit funding within the Inflation Reduction Act.*

Our Action Team will be lobbying Senators Peters and Slotkin and Representative Dingell over the coming year on these issues with emails, phone calls, and (hopefully) personal visits to in-district offices. We meet monthly on the 4th Thursday of the month at 10:00 AM. If you have questions, contact Nancy Taylor: [netaylor@comcast.net](mailto:netaylor@comcast.net).

### **Report on Jackson Social Welfare Fund Committee**

February 16, 2025

In 1955, George and Bessie Jackson made a bequest to the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor where they were members.

*Income is to be used for the purpose of advancing understanding and acceptance of the great principles of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and for*

*the promotion of the use of reason and understanding as the effective method of solving in a peaceful manner domestic and international difficulties and conflicts.*

The Jackson Social Welfare Fund Committee includes 6 members from the UU Congregation and 2 members from the Ann Arbor Monthly Meeting. Currently, Susan Hartman and Mark Hoover serve in this role. Each spring, the committee sends out a call for proposals, reviews proposals, and sends decision letters and checks.

The following received awards in 2024:

1. Americans United for Separation of Church and State	\$1,000
2. Defending Rights & Dissent	\$2,000
3. Friends Committee on National Legislation	\$2,000
4. Friends Peace Teams – Asia West Pacific	\$4,000
5. Friends Peace Teams – Peace Libraries	\$4,000
6. Groundcover News via ECI fiduciary	\$4,000
7. Interfaith Council for Peace & Justice	\$4,000
8. MI-CURE Citizens United for Rehab. Of Errants	\$2,500
9. Nation Outside	\$3,000
10. National Lifer’s of America, Inc.	\$1,500
11. Washtenaw Care-Based Safety	\$4,580
Total	\$32,580

Three proposals (from Jews for a Secular Democracy, Prison Creative Arts Program, and U.M.-Dearborn Inside Out and Theory Group programs) were not funded because the proposal lacked sufficient detail, or the work was not seen as appropriate or judicious use of the fund.

In case it is of interest, we offer three informal comments. First, Mark currently serves as co-Chair of the committee. In this role, without conscious deliberation, he casually engaged in Quaker practices of hearing from everyone, making decisions based on a sense of the committee, and even perhaps a pausing to attend to at least reflection if not Spirit. Committee members have commented on this being a different approach than the turn to Roberts Rules of Order commonly used. They appreciated being heard in the group, in more fully listening and attending to others, and in stepping back to sense where the committee is as a body.

Second, the committee has developed an online form for proposal submissions. Doing so has made the work of the committee easier. It has reduced the volume, made applications more consistent and easier to compare, and consequently, led to a fairer process. Third, the committee periodically returns to the question of where and how to disseminate the call. We do not want to simply maintain an “in-group”, nor do we want to broadcast so widely that we are flooded with proposals that do not fit the call. If you know of organizations you think might be a good fit with the Jackson Social Welfare Fund, you may

either send them to the webpage for the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor or send contact information to Susan or Mark, who will propose adding them to the email list.

—Susan Hartman and Mark Hoover

## LARGER CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

### Free at Last, Now What?!

Sunday, **March 2**, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

The UUAA Restorative Justice Committee warmly welcomes Johnny Walker (A Brighter Way), Melvin Parson (We the People Opportunity Farm) and Hope Ratliff (private industry) to share their experiences rebuilding their lives after incarceration. Come learn about the challenges and successes, frustrations and support, and what we can all do to help build a thriving community.

UUAA Fahs Chapel, 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann Arbor. For more information about Restorative Justice at UUAA visit our website at <https://uuaa.org/group/restorative-justice-at-uuaa/>

Light snacks and beverages provided for this hybrid presentation. Upon registering, you will receive the Zoom link for the gathering: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/9flbgmgUSqGD4ji1FZy6Uw>

### AFSC Action Hour for Palestine

**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 humanitarian access to Gaza. Our elected officials need to keep hearing from us. [Register here.](#)

### Non-Theist Quaker Meeting and Creative Conversation

Join us, **Thursday, 6 March** at 2:00 p.m. EST for our next QM+CC with presenter Penny Lilley who will share her original artwork and thoughts on *Facing up to bereavement and grief as a non-theist*. Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89055880462?pwd=vIS7albKRt92mk3Eiy4SIofbve6DNW.1>

Meeting ID: 890 5588 0462

Passcode: 062680

### Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting – Winter Gathering, March 15

Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting will have its Winter Gathering on **Saturday, March 15**, 2025, beginning at 9 a.m. This will be a virtual event – see the Zoom link is at the end of this post.

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.
- 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 GPQM Event link to use is:

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

Meeting ID: 734 615 1800

## 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**, 3:00–5:00 p.m. 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://thresholdchoirofann Arbor.org/melanie-demore/> (Susan Hartman is a member--you can talk to her as well.)

## 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!](#)

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### 17 Blocks — Film by Davy Rothbart

In 1999, filmmaker Davy Rothbart gave nine-year-old Emmanuel Sanford-Durant a camera. The boy and his family began filming their daily lives in America’s most dangerous neighborhood — just 17 blocks behind the U.S. Capitol. Together, Davy and the Sanfords kept filming and collaborating for 20 years. This critically acclaimed documentary illuminates a nation’s ongoing crisis through one family’s raw, stirring and deeply personal saga.

Davy and his family have been living in Ann Arbor this year with a Knight Wallace Journalism Fellowship. Wallace House will be sponsoring a free showing of Davy’s award-winning film, **17 Blocks**, at Michigan Theater on **March 18** at 6 p.m. The link below will allow you to sign up for free tickets. I hope to see you there. You can invite friends; there's lots of space. Register here: <https://marquee-arts.org/event-page/tickets/?showingId=919377> More information here: <https://wallacehouse.umich.edu/?p=29001>

*Trailer available below:*





## A Day of Silence and Meditation Practice, led by Carol Blotter

**9:00–4:00 on Saturday, March 8, June 7, August 23, and December 6 in 2025.**

Suggested donation \$30 or as able. Pre-registration requested; contact Carol Blotter at 475-0942.

Each retreat is an opportunity to enjoy the quiet of the country while practicing sitting and walking meditation. This day is appropriate for anyone interested in meditation: beginners will have break-out instruction; experienced meditators can be in silence all day; those in-between can practice and have their questions answered. These retreats are fundraisers for the benefit of Michigan Friends Center. Contact Carol at (734) 475-0942 or [cb.meditate@gmail.com](mailto:cb.meditate@gmail.com) to register.

*Carol Blotter's meditation practice draws from dual roots in the Quaker and Buddhist traditions. She has been teaching since 1999 and has led more than 40 retreats across the United States and has taught over 50 classes in meditation to spiritual seekers, schools, universities and medical groups. She is a teacher for The Forest Way, which is an organization dedicated to providing retreat opportunities conducive to spiritual growth that is both balanced and integrated.*

The 51st Annual [Dance for Mother Earth Powwow](#), held at Skyline High School, will take place on Saturday, March 22nd, and Sunday, **March 23rd** 2025.

Please consider volunteering for the Powwow! Volunteers will receive free entry to the Powwow and a free T-shirt. Volunteer shifts can be as short as 2 hours or as long as you are able! Please fill out this [form](#) if you are interested.

Group volunteering is more than welcomed and encouraged! If you could forward this to your networks and/or others who would be interested, it would be greatly appreciated! We are looking forward to seeing you on Powwow weekend!



*Our intrepid Quaker braves the elements — photo courtesy of Naomi Gilbert*