

Ann Arbor Friends Meeting 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor MI 48104 734-761-7435 **April 13, 2025**

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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, April 13 (* = See announcement)

9:00 Meeting for Worship — Screen-free
10:00 Finance Committee
10:15 Singing
11:00 Meeting for Worship — Blended
12:45 M&C Sponsored Forum — Dwight Wilson "In Search of a New World," Meeting Room & Zoom *
3:00 Anne Ogren Memorial; Meeting Room *
6:00 YAF Dinner *

Monday, April 14

2:00 Meeting for Walking *
6:00 JVP Passover Seder; Front Lawn / Downstairs (depending on weather) *

Tuesday, April 15

7:30 Indigenous Action Group; Zoom

Wednesday, April 16

7:00 What Does it Mean to be Quaker? Zoom
7:30 Quaker House Committee; Zoom

Thursday, April 17

7:30 Peace & Social Justice; Zoom *

Sunday, April 20 — Easter Sunday

7:45 Meeting for Worship — Screen-free, Corner Room
9:00 Meeting for Worship with Attention To Business — Blended
11:00 Meeting for Worship — Blended

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).

First Day School Plans for April 13

The children will be considering issues of community and equality as they begin a unit on the incarceration of Japanese Americans during WWII. Our unit will culminate with a visit from Caroline McAlister who has written a beautiful book about the life of artist Ruth Asawa.

Molly T. will work with the younger kids this week. She'll read Yoshiko Uchida's *The Bracelet*, and work with the children to consider what home means to each of them.

Claire will work with the bigger kids to continue their learning about the U.S. government's incarceration of Japanese Americans during WWII. Using clips from *Densho* as well as primary sources, the bigger children will process their thinking through in-depth conversation.

For the M&C forum on **April 13**, Dwight Wilson will share his witness to the UN for Quaker Earth Care, who charged him with the task of carrying to that body his "thoughts on what peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, access to justice for all and effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels might look like, especially for people of African descent." This talk is titled "In Search of a New World." It will be available via Zoom as well as in the Meeting Room, at 12:45, April 13.

Our dear Friend Anne Ogren passed away, surrounded by her daughters on Wednesday, March 12. A memorial service will be held for her in the **Meeting Room** on Sunday, **April 13** at 3:00 p.m. [Here is a link to her obituary.](#)

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 **April 13** at the home of Molly and Ben Bachelor. For information on this and other YAF activities call Keaka at 817-475-2291

Meeting for Walking – Every Monday at 2 pm

Monday April 14 we'll walk in the Botanical Gardens to revisit the beavers, check on progress with their dam and look for their lodge in the water. It is recommended that you wear **waterproof shoes/boots** as Fleming Creek has recently flooded, but trails should be passable by Monday. We will not be parking in the main parking lot, instead turn right off Plymouth Road onto Dixboro Road going south, then right on Ravine Court. Park along the side of the road, you will see a gazebo on your right side where we will meet. From there we'll cross Dixboro road with direct access to the Botanical Gardens next to a red barn.

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

UM Jewish Voices for Peace: We are planning a Passover Seder at the Meeting House on Monday, **April 14**, from 6:00–10:00 p.m., either on the front lawn, or in the downstairs fellowship room, depending on the weather.

The monthly meeting for the **peace and social justice committee** will be moved to Thursday night, **April 17th** at 7:30. This will be only this month, afterwards will be back on second Mondays of each month. We are trying to allow for the Passover Seder that will be at the Meeting House Monday.

AMONG FRIENDS

The "**Final Friday lunches**" continue this month, hosted by Susan Hartman. 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, **April 25th** at Susan Hartman's home at

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

840 Starwick. No need to RSVP, but you can direct questions to Susan at 734-623-8255. We look forward to seeing you then.

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) or (734) 368-6555 or (734) 995-6803. Thank you.

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>.

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

PIAG ANNOUNCEMENT

Jonathan Kuttab: West Bank Analysis

Join Friends of Sabeel North America for this urgent analysis of the current situation in the West Bank with Executive Director Jonathan Kuttab, who has just returned from Palestine. Sign up for the Zoom.

Tuesday, April 15
7:00 p.m. ET

<https://www.fosna.org/advocacy-direct-action-database/christian-leaders-and-activists-stand-against-forced-displacement> Jonathan Kuttab: West Bank Analysis

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LARGER CIRCLES OF FRIENDS

Check out the [New Quaker Hub](#), a section of the Friends General Conference website geared toward new Friends.

Also from Friends General Conference - [Quaker Dis-Orientation](#): Learning and Unlearning Quaker Faith & Practice, a brief four-part video series for newcomers to Quaker faith. Through four 20-minute videos, it is intended to provide some information about core practices and insights about the faith, a pathway for entering into Quaker faith and practice.

Roadmap to Apartheid — This film compares apartheid South Africa to Israel's military occupation and systemic racism against Palestinians, giving context to why Palestine/Israel has been described as an apartheid

state. **Sunday, April 13, from 1:00 to 2:30**, at Fahs Chapel at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Road.

The Town Center Place has 40 raised beds so members of this adult community can enjoy the summer with their gardens. On **April 19th** at 1:00 the garden club will have a work party to clean up from winter.

We would appreciate Quakers coming, helping with some of the heavier clean up. Also, we have a need for individuals that have SUV or a truck. As we are putting soil in buckets from Growing Hope and moving it there. Please help the elderly in our community. It will be a rewarding time.

LEYM's Advancement and Outreach presents an opportunity for an inter-meeting conversation on **Families with Children in our Family of Friends** on Tuesday, **April 22**, from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Join us on Zoom to hear how panelists from Athens, Ann Arbor, and Broadmead are part of creating communities that work for parents, children, and everyone. Bring your own questions and perspective and spread the news throughout your branch of our Quaker family!

Join Zoom Meeting April 22 at 7:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87637944768?pwd=SEdFdUdaQzI3eIFES0p6Y25VYnhUdz09>

"The Impact of Eating," at Michigan Friends Center, takes place 2:00–3:30 p.m. Sunday, **April 27**, 7748 Clark Lake Road, Chelsea. Resource people Jan Wright, Margot Finn, and Karen Chalmer will kick off the conversation, weaving together three distinctive perspectives on sustainable eating; then the community will be encouraged to join the conversation. [Here](#) is a flyer with more information about this event. Please preregister if you can by calling the Friends Center (734) 475-1892 or email manager@mfccenter.org. (You're welcome even if you don't manage to preregister.)

For your convenience, here is a link to **the Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice's [Community Peace and Justice Calendar](#)** of events.

Friends can now register for the **LEYM Annual Meeting**, taking place **June 12–15** in Ashland, Ohio. The theme is "Mending Our Nets: The Power of Becoming Whole." Registration is entirely online: see leym.org/annual. Note that housing fees are per room, rather than per individual. Be sure to look for discounts for: Friends under age 36, first-time attenders; and youngsters under age 13. Friends desiring financial assistance should contact Margot Finn or Kevin Miller, conveners of our Committee on Ministry and Counsel. Come join the fun!

[Registration](#) has just opened for the **Young Adult & Youth (YAY) Gathering**. This is a five-day, in-person event hosted by Friends General Conference. It's happening this summer, from Wednesday, **July 2**, 2025, through Sunday, **July 6**, 2025, at Colombiere Retreat Center in Clarkston, Michigan (about 50 miles outside of Ann Arbor). Children, teens, their parents/families, and young adults (18-35) are welcome, as are event volunteers of all ages by [application](#). Register by April 28 for priority access to financial aid.