

Ann Arbor Friends Meeting 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor MI 48104 734-761-7435 **October 19, 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, October 19 (* = See announcement)

9:30 Meetings for Worship — Parallel
10:00 Meeting for Worship with Attention
To Business — Blended
12:00 Meeting for Worship — Blended
12:30 Potluck
7:00 May Watanabe's Memorial Service *

Tuesday, October 21

2:00 Meeting for Walking *

Thursday, October 23

10:00 FCNL — Washtenaw Advocacy Team;
Corner Room

Saturday, October 25

2:00 Earthcare Committee; Corner Room

Sunday, October 26

9:30 Meeting for Worship — Screen-free
10:30 Common Hour/Refreshments
10:35 Reading & Discussion *
10:45 CCF Parents' Meeting *
11:30 Meeting for Worship — Blended
4:00 Visioning Committee Threshing Session; Zoom

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Refreshments & Potluck through October:

Refreshments between meetings except for Meeting for Business Sunday (**October 19**) when we will have potluck after the later Meeting for Worship.

The **visioning committee** welcomes continuing feedback about our experimental schedule through:

- Index cards put into the box available in the lobby
- Email messages sent to visioning@annarborfriends.org
- Online form available at <https://shorturl.at/H7Ttt>
- Speaking with a committee member in the Fellowship Room during the common hour each week.

October 19 Childcare

This Sunday is Meeting for Worship for Business, which means First Day School teachers will not be available. CCF has planned for there to be nursery care as usual from 9:25-12:45, and childcare will be from 9:45-12:15. At 12:15, all children too old for the nursery will rejoin their families in the Meeting room. Children are also welcome to stay with families in Business Meeting or for any other meeting. We want to make sure that First Day School and childcare are something that both children and their families are opting into.

October 26: Parent Meeting

From 10:45-11:30 AAFM parents and caregivers are welcome to meet to discuss buy-in, family meetings, and family culture. Bring your tips, tricks, and tears--all are welcome--we'll meet in the corner room.

Nursery care will be available every Sunday from 9:25am-12:45pm

Meeting for Walking Our next walk will be on Tuesday October 21 at 2 pm Thomas and Nancy Taylor will lead a walk in Cherry Hill Nature Area. Cherry Hill offers a variety of grassland, hardwood forest, marsh and pond with minimal climbing. The leaf colors should be beautiful. Directions: take Plymouth Road east into the center of Dixboro, turn right on Cherry Hill Road. Drive past the Humane Society, keep going when it becomes a dirt road, and you will see a sign on the left side. Park on either side of the road.

If you have questions, please contact Nancy and Thomas (734-368-6555)

Young Adult Friends, YAFS ages 18-35ish meet for dinner on the second Sunday of the month at the home of an older Friend. For information on this and other YAF activities, contact Lily at lily.wiest@gmail.com.

There will be a memorial service for May Watanabe, on Sunday, **October 19**, at **7:00 p.m.** in the Meeting Room. Friends who wish to contribute cookies or other refreshments appropriate for an evening service can let Becky Morehouse know what you will bring. more2becky@aol.com or 734-645-4572. If you have other questions about May's Memorial, please contact Nancy Taylor.

AAFM has been following our "experimental schedule" since mid-June. The ad hoc visioning committee will provide another opportunity for Friends to share their feedback and ideas about the schedule with the committee. On **Sunday, October 26**, from 4:00 to 5:30 pm, all are invited to attend a threshing meeting for this purpose, held on Zoom only. To access the meeting, use the Meeting Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/AAFM-Zoom>. Friends are also encouraged to complete the survey available at <https://forms.gle/LzKkFmrmv5SSwqpC7>. We will continue to accept responses through October 26.

Reading and Discussion will meet in the Fireplace Room at 10:35am on Sunday, October 26, 2025. We will be exploring what the environments that we create tell about us. The reading and commentary can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/e3szbyw4>. We look forward to seeing you there.

Daytime Warming Center

The Meeting worker asks for help during the stay of the Daytime Warming Center in the Meeting House, from 11/24 to 12/5. Volunteers can contact Luiza at aafmoffice@sbcglobal.net or sign up directly using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/aafm-dwc-2025>. Help is particularly appreciated on the days and times that the Meeting Worker is not in the office, i.e., early in the morning, between 8am and 9:30am, in the afternoon, and on Fridays.

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

The DWC is open Monday-Friday from 8am-4pm. Any help is appreciated! Please email the office if you have any questions.

AMONG FRIENDS

There will be a "**Final Friday lunch**" this month, 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, October 31st** at Susan Hartman's home at 840 Starwick. No need to RSVP, but you can direct questions to Susan at 734-623-8255. We look forward to seeing you then.

The Contributions Committee is looking for volunteers to be contact persons for the following organizations:

1. Appropriate Technology Collaborative
2. Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights
3. Bold Against Bail Coalition

****** A contact person is someone who is willing and able to keep track of how an organization is functioning and what its financial needs are at least once a year. It is not necessary to be an active member of the organization, and membership is not required.

If interested, please contact Marilyn Siegel (marsiegel25@gmail.com), Donald MacGregor (Donald.macgregor@att.net) or Austin Kieffer (akieffer120@gmail.com).

The Reparative Justice committee has started collection and delivery of items for the 24-7 Outdoor Pantry at Peace House. The box is in the lobby next to the stairs, with a list of needed and accepted items (also a link to the list here: [Needs and Wants list](#)). Friends have volunteered to deliver the food each third Sunday. Bring your food items any time.

Hope Clinic in Ypsilanti is requesting the donation of new can openers. Many of their friends in need benefit from shelf-stable canned goods, which require can openers! Donations can be dropped off in-person during business hours (9a-4p weekdays, 9a-12p Saturdays), or direct-shipped to Hope Clinic, 518 Harriet St. Ypsilanti, MI 48197. Order [Online & Direct-Ship to Hope](#)

Bill Riccobono facilitates 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 [Bill](#), who is in the Meeting Directory. <https://tinyurl.com/AAFM-Zoom>.

LARGER CIRCLES OF FRIENDS

Copies of the Fall **LEYM Bulletin** are available on the lobby table. This issue includes a message from the Lake Erie Yearly Meeting clerk (Jack Smith), the Epistle from this year's Annual Meeting, a summary of other highlights from Annual Meeting – with a great many colorful photos, reports from Granville and Holland Monthly Meetings, and more. Friends involved with (or interested in) LEYM are invited to take a copy. This *Bulletin* can also be seen as a pdf file [at this link](#), or on the LEYM website: (<https://leym.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Fall-2025-LEYM-Bulletin-web.pdf>).

Hot off the press! Copies of the **LEYM Annual Records 2025** are also on the lobby table. These include minutes from Representative Meeting and Annual Meeting, the text of Pamela Haines' plenary talk at Annual Meeting, summaries of 11 Annual Meeting workshops, State of the Meeting reports from constituent Monthly Meetings, memorial minutes, and considerable information about schedule and personnel of Monthly Meetings. Friends involved with LEYM are invited to take a copy. Look for a coil-bound booklet with a bright blue cover.

Fall Retreat at Weber Center

The Broadmead Monthly Meeting Friends Fall Retreat is scheduled for **October 24-26, 2025** on the theme **Forging Ahead Through Changing Times in Our Community**.

The facilitators will be **Shulamith Clearbridge**, a member of Swarthmore Monthly Meeting and an experienced workshop leader, writer and an interfaith spiritual director. She will be joined by Quaker chants singer **Paulette Meier**. The retreat will be held at the Weber Center in Adrian, MI, at a cost of \$190 for a single room and \$140 for double occupancy. Contact Olwen Pritchard at pritchardolwen@outlook.com to reserve your spot. See [event flyer here](#).

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Voters Not Politicians will be hosting [Writers-Activists Monthly LTE Workshop](#) for people who love to use writing as a form of activism in their local communities, and want to inform as many people as possible about pro-democracy issues affecting Michigan. During these sessions - **Tuesday, October 28th; Thursday, December 4th; Wednesday, January 14th** - VNP will share strategies for writing Letters to the Editor and other public communications regarding pro-democracy issues including Money Out of Politics and combating voter suppression. There will also be policy discussions on current VNP policy priorities and helpful curated talking points on each policy topic. Each meeting will have updated information on policy and the grassroots media landscape.

Three upcoming opportunities for **De-escalation Training** are being offered by the **Daytime Warming Center staff**:

- Oct 2nd, 3-5pm, Zion Lutheran - Piper Hall
- Oct 26th, 1-3pm, Zion Lutheran - Piper Hall
- Oct. 30th, time TBD, at St. Francis of Assisi Ann Arbor

To RSVP or get updates about the schedule for these trainings, email jrivard@zlc-aa.org.

Saturday, November 8th 6-9 PM The Neutral Zone teen arts and leadership center (310 E Washington St) is hosting NZ Engage - a festive evening fundraiser.

Enjoy music, refreshments and performances while Neutral Zone teens pitch project ideas worth uplifting. Your \$10 ticket helps cover the costs of the evening and guests are encouraged to consider donating at least \$25 to one or more of the teen project pitches at the event.

Register at <https://neutralzone.salsalabs.org/nzengage2025> and talk to Megan Mueller Johnson if you have any questions.

Please send any questions, recommendations, and **announcements for Handouts** to Eric Wozniak at ericwozn@gmail.com by Thursday afternoon and include "Handout" in the subject line.