

# Ann Arbor Friends Meeting

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February 1, 2026

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Meeting Website

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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, February 1** (\* = See announcement)

9:00 Singing; Meeting Room  
9:30 Meeting for Worship — Screen-free  
10:15 First Day School  
10:30 Common Fellowship Time  
10:35 Property Committee; Corner Room  
11:00 Meeting for Worship — Blended  
CCF Meeting; QH Living Room

**Monday, February 2**

6:30 Final Affairs Committee; Naomi G's House

**Wednesday, February 4**

7:00 What Does it Mean to be Quaker? Corner  
Room & Zoom

7:30 Quaker House Committee; Zoom

**Thursday, February 5**

6:00 M&C Committee; Zoom

**Saturday, February 7**

2:00 Earthcare Committee; Corner Room &  
Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8585173612>  
Passcode: earthcare

3:00 Quaker Death Education; Fellowship Room

**Sunday, February 8**

9:00 Singing; Meeting Room

9:30 Meeting for Worship — Screen-free

10:15 First Day School

10:30 Finance Committee; Corner Room & Zoom  
Common Fellowship Time

11:00 Meeting for Worship — Blended

6:00 YAF Dinner

## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

**From the Nominating Committee:** Just before the holidays, the Nominating Committee mailed and emailed letters asking you to consider your participation in Meeting committees in the 2026-2027 year. We also asked how you would like to be contacted by the committee. Please respond as you can, and let one of us know (Johanna, Thomas, Laura) if you need a copy of the electronic and/or paper letter, or want to respond directly to one of us. Thank you for all that you are doing, and for all that you might consider doing in the future.

**New Mailing List:** There is now a new mailing list/google group for Friends who participate online (in any capacity) to share community, information, and updates. Everyone in the AAFM community is welcome to participate. To request to be added to the group, go to this link:

<https://groups.google.com/a/annarborfriends.org/g/online-friends/about> and click on "Ask to join group".

If you need any help with the new google group/mailing list, feel free to email Marni Rachmiel ([sfsmarn@gmail.com](mailto:sfsmarn@gmail.com)) or Matt Butler ([apooltoswim@gmail.com](mailto:apooltoswim@gmail.com)).

## FDS/CCF Messages:

### Important First Day School Change:

Starting on February 1st, First Day School will be held from 10:15-11:00  
See below for more detail:

- 9:30-9:45 Children who arrive with families for the early meeting will attend the first 15 minutes of the meeting
- 9:45-10:15 Children will be escorted downstairs and will engage in some quiet play until First Day School starts.
- 10:15 Any families planning to attend the later meeting should enter using the back door to minimize distractions during the meeting in progress, and drop their children off at First Day School. These families are invited to participate in quiet fellowship until the common time begins
- 10:30-11:00 Common Fellowship time
- 11:00 Children whose parents are attending the 11:00 meeting will be walked upstairs to join their parents for a quiet 15 minutes
- 11:15 Children will be escorted downstairs and will engage in some quiet play until meeting has risen.

### Sunday, February 1: First Day School from 10:15-11:00

February's theme is integrity. Borrowing from the rich Jewish tradition of reflecting on the past year for Rosh Hashanah (albeit several months late), teachers will read *Measuring a Year*, and everyone will spend some time thinking about their own past year (lows, highs, etc.) in an effort to look forward with purpose. Childcare will be available from 9:45-10:15 and through the 11:00 meeting. Kate and/or Julie will teach the lesson with support from our childcare staff and community volunteers.

### Sunday, February 1: CCF Meeting from 11:00-12:00

The Committee for Children and Families will meet in the QH living room.

**Young Adult Friends**, YAFS ages 18-35ish meet for dinner on the second Sunday of each month at the home of an older Friend. Our next dinner will be held at Quaker House, adjacent to the Meeting House on **February 8 at 6 pm**. The dinner will be co-hosted by Quaker House residents, Jeff Cooper and Naomi Gilbert. For information on this and other YAF activities contact Lily at [lily.wiest@gmail.com](mailto:lily.wiest@gmail.com).

**The Indigenous Action Group** will meet Thursday, February 19, 7:30 pm via Zoom: Meeting for Worship link <https://tinyurl.com/AAFM-Zoom>

### Seeking Substitute(s) for Meeting Worker, April to July

**The Personnel Committee is seeking one or more**

Friends to take up some of Luiza's work when she is on parental leave, from mid- to early April to mid- to late July.

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

Volunteers and/or paid hourly workers (\$20 per hour). Estimated 4–8 hours a week, most of which can be done from home.

Could be one person or several, splitting by time (e.g., one day a week or one week) or by dividing tasks, which include:

- Answering emails or delegating emails to appropriate person;
- Making reservations for Meeting functions and renters;
- Answering phone and replying to voice messages (can be done from elsewhere);
- Providing a detailed daily work log listing issues that need to be resolved after Meeting Worker returns to work.

Training will be provided.

Questions? Ask Luiza ([office@annarborfriends.org](mailto:office@annarborfriends.org))

To apply, please email [personnel@annarborfriends.org](mailto:personnel@annarborfriends.org)

### AMONG FRIENDS

#### **Meeting Worker's Office Hours and Office E-mail**

*Last fall, I changed the office's hours (which had been 10am-1pm for many years) by 30 minutes in order to accommodate my teaching schedule, as I needed to leave the office at 12:30pm. Since graduating, I am able to resume the previous schedule, which I will do beginning in February. During this transition, I will try to be flexible and continue answering the phone if anyone calls between 9:30am-10am. Additionally, I would like to ask Friends to please e-mail me at [office@annarborfriends.org](mailto:office@annarborfriends.org), instead of my personal e-mail address, for any non-urgent office business. Just remember to type "office" instead of "luiza" when you mean to reach the Meeting worker!—Thank you, Luiza*

#### **Refreshments and food allergies**

Food for refreshments should not contain peanuts or peanut products. We have slipped away from requiring this, but we feel that this is necessary now. Also, gluten intolerant folks are again participating in refreshments—it would be great if we had at least one item they could eat. Thanks—the Refreshment and Potluck Committee

**Temporary home for a couple with a baby** at Mott Hospital needed. Natalie Holbrook-Combs, of our AFSC office, is seeking a studio apartment, mother-in-law quarters, or a temporary rental for a young couple whose six-month old son is receiving care here. They are not eligible to stay at the Ronald Macdonald House. The need is for at least three months' stay. Contact Natalie at [nholbrookcombs@afsc.org](mailto:nholbrookcombs@afsc.org), 734.330.0555 (cell).

**Hello!** I'm a 45-y/o recent returnee to MI (named Heidi and now in the alt-ac space) seeking a medium- or potentially longer-term housing arrangement someplace (in the Ann Arbor, Ypsi, or Detroit areas) conducive to getting by without a car. I'm extremely flexible [and respectful, quiet, clean, joyful, and a fun (and hopefully funny!) conversationalist if desired] and could envision anything from house-sitting for

snowbirds or folks on sabbatical to inhabiting an out-building, apartment, or spare room... and will happily contribute in whatever ways (household tasks, splitting bills, and/or potentially renting) would be necessary and/or appreciated! Please message [heidimcg@gmail.com](mailto:heidimcg@gmail.com), with much gratitude.

#### **How Does the Bible Speak to Us?**

Join a small group of Friends who meet weekly for about 45 minutes. We use the [Friendly Bible Study](#) method which is a uniquely Quaker approach to reading the Bible. We are currently working our way through the gospel of Luke. We meet via the AAFM worship link: <https://tinyurl.com/AAFM-Zoom> on Thursdays at 9:30 am. All are welcome to join. If questions, please contact Bill ([billriccobono@gmail.com](mailto:billriccobono@gmail.com)) or Naomi ([naomiq@umich.edu](mailto:naomiq@umich.edu))

**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](#).

#### **Tools For Our Time:**

<https://tinyurl.com/ToolsForOurTime>

Last week a few Friends attended an interfaith gathering to learn and discuss what to do about Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Tools For Our Time is a summary of the resources discussed and shared.

### LARGER CIRCLES OF FRIENDS

Alternatives To Violence Project (AVP) Basic Workshop: Due to high demand for nonviolence-related training in light of developments in Minneapolis and elsewhere, we've decided to add an intensive weekend Alternatives To Violence Project Basic workshop **Feb. 6-8th**. Graciously hosted by the Unitarian Universalist Church. This free interactive workshop is open to all and will have childcare available. Priority will be given to first-time participants, but all those interested are encouraged to register. February 1st, we will be in touch with returning participants if we are able to accommodate them. [Register Here](#).

**Friday Feb. 6th: 6pm - 9pm**

**Saturday Feb. 7th: 10am - 7pm**

**Sunday Feb 8th: 1pm - 7pm**

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

Pendle Hill calendar of events and educational offerings - <https://pendlehill.org/calendar/> - including **February 2 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm EST**, a hybrid Black History Month First Monday lecture, "Racing the Spirit: A Journey at the Intersection of Self and Spirituality", by Dr. Rodney Glasgow