

Ann Arbor Friends Meeting 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor MI 48104 734-761-7435 February 8, 2026

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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 8 (* = See announcement)

9:00 Singing; Meeting Room
9:30 Meeting for Worship — Screen-free
10:15 First Day School *
CCF Big Kids' Conversation; QH Living Room
10:30 Refreshments/Common Fellowship Time
10:50 Finance Committee; Corner Room & Zoom
11:00 Meeting for Worship — Blended
6:00 YAF Dinner *

Monday, February 9

7:30 Peace & Social Justice Committee; Zoom

Tuesday, February 10

6:00 Clearness Committee; Corner Room

Thursday, February 12

7:00 Membership & Outreach; Zoom

Sunday, February 15

9:30 Meeting for Worship — Blended
10:15 First Day School
CCF Big Kids' Conversation; QH Living Room
10:30 Refreshments/Common Fellowship Time
11:00 Meeting for Worship with Attention to
Business — Blended

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

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) or Matt Butler (apooltoswim@gmail.com).

Sunday, February 8: First Day School from 10:15-11:00

We're delighted to welcome Dwight as our First Day School guest teacher this week. Dwight will be engaging the children on the theme of integrity.

Thanks to everyone for their patience and flexibility last week! Following some unanticipated disruptions, we felt as a staff and amongst the children's community, we're tweaking the schedule just a little. See below in bold.

- Nursery care is available from 9:30-12:15 every Sunday. Please bring your baby or toddler directly to the nursery before joining Meeting.
- 9:30-9:45 Children who arrive with families for early Meeting will attend the first 15 minutes of Meeting with their families.
- 9:45-10:15 Children will be escorted downstairs and will engage in some quiet play until First Day School starts.

- 10:15-11:00 Any families planning to attend 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
- **11:00-11:45 Children will engage in some quiet play until their parents have signed them out. At 11:45, children still in childcare will be escorted up to the Meeting room for the last 15 minutes. If you are in another meeting somewhere in the building, please return for your child to the Meeting room at noon.**

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.

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.

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)

To apply, please email personnel@annarborfriends.org

Save the date for Luiza and Elliott's baby shower brunch to be held in the Fellowship Room on Saturday, **March 7**, from 11am-3pm. More information forthcoming!

PIAG UPDATES

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

The epic historical drama *All That's Left of You* is showing at the Michigan Theater this week. It chronicles the story of one Palestinian family over three generations.

<https://marquee-arts.org/event-page/?showingId=991887&eventId=987112>

AFSC Action Hour every Friday at noon. Please ask your Rep to co-sponsor H.R. 3565, the Block the Bombs Act. Also see Gaza Unlocked and AFSC's newest statement on Israel's Deregistration of Humanitarian Aid Organizations.

AMONG FRIENDS

2026 Directories are finally here!

Copies will be available in the lobby for the next month. Please e-mail the Meeting worker at office@annarborfriends.org if you need a copy to be mailed to you.

Friend Rick Plewa's husband, George Ferrell, passed away February 4, 2026. Rick is grateful for the love, support, and encouragement he and George received over the past eight months. A celebration of George's life will be held at a later date.

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, 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, 734.330.0555 (cell).

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) or Naomi (naomig@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>

Two weeks ago, 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

LEYM Annual Meeting Call for Workshops

Show your light at Annual Meeting in Ashland. Workshops are typically 90 minutes long and are offered in one of 3 different workshop session slots on Friday or Saturday, June 19 or 20. You can get an idea of what our Annual Meetings are like and see some of what was offered last year via the [2025 Annual Meeting page archive](#). Workshop proposals are due by February 22nd, submitted via an [online form](#).

Spiritual Deepening and Vital Community: A Two-Way Street
On Thursday evening, **February 26**, from 7:30 pm to 9:00, three Friends from Athens, Broadmead, and Red Cedar Monthly Meetings will share their experiences of deepening spirituality and building a vital community within their meetings. They will explore questions of how spirituality and community affect each other both personally and in the meeting. They will share stories of joyful growth and concerning obstacles their meetings may have faced. All are invited! There will be time for small group reflection included in the program.

This session is brought to you by LEYM's Advancement and Outreach Committee. Friends are warmly invited to join in and possibly to replicate or adapt it for your own monthly meetings.

Access available via this [Zoom link](#). (Or get link at <https://leym.org/spiritual-deepening-event/>)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Share the Love: Washtenaw Witness at North Lake Detention Center, Valentine's Day – Saturday, **February 14, Noon – 3 PM**

MIRA (Movement for Immigrant Rights Action) and other Washtenaw County immigrant justice allies are organizing a special Valentine's Day witnessing at the ICE North Lake Detention Facility in Baldwin, Michigan. Let's show up to "Share the Love" with all impacted by ICE's horrific assault on our values, our traditions, and our people. Here are [Witnessing FAQs](#).

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