

## Ann Arbor Friends Meeting 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor MI 48104 734-761-7435 February 15, 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 15 (\* = See announcement)

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

### Monday, February 16

2:00 Earthcare Committee; Corner Room

### Wednesday, February 18

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

### Thursday, February 19

7:30 Indigenous Action Group; Zoom \*

### Sunday, February 22

9:30 Meeting for Worship — Screen-free  
10:15 First Day School  
10:30 Common Time  
10:45 CCF Parents' Meeting; Corner Room  
11:00 Meeting for Worship — 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](mailto:sfsmarn@gmail.com)) or Matt Butler ([apooltoswim@gmail.com](mailto:apooltoswim@gmail.com)).

### CCF/FDS Messages:

**Reminder--First Day School will take place during the 9:30 blended meeting on Business Meeting weeks.**

### Sunday, February 15: First Day School from 9:45-10:30

After a whole-group story time and discussion using the book *Ruthie and the (Not So) Teeny Tiny Lie*, the smaller kids will write a letter to or draw a picture of the characters in the story, while Julie engages the older kids in a thoughtful mental exercise around integrity.

Nursery care is available from 9:30-1:00 this week. 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.
- 9:45-10:30 Children will be escorted downstairs for First Day School.
- 10:30--end of Business Meeting there will be childcare until the end of Business Meeting or 1:00, whichever comes first.

- **There is an outside group in the Fellowship Room starting at 11:30, so please be mindful when picking up kids from the Children's 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 last dinner was held at Quaker House, on February 8 with 20 YAFs attending. Many thanks to the Quaker House residents, especially to Luiza for co-hosting and to Jeff Cooper, co-host. Also, many thanks to all who contributed food and drinks including Laura L, Bill R, Dennis, Robin, Catherine, Molly T, Johanna, Nancy T and Naomi. 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>

**Reading & Discussion Announcement:** This month Reading and discussion will meet at 7:00 pm on **Tuesday, February 24**, 2026, on the Meeting's Zoom using our Meeting for Worship link. We will be continuing our discussion of "certainty" in our Meeting and in our lives, and adding another article to the focus of our conversation. The readings can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/3uxwwwej>. We look forward to seeing you there.

### 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](mailto:office@annarborfriends.org))

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

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

### PIAG UPDATE

From QUAKER SUMUD, [quaker-sumud@gaggle.email](mailto:quaker-sumud@gaggle.email). On Monday, February 23, two Quakers from NY Yearly Meeting--Jens and Spee--will share their gleanings from recent travels and from Palestinians. To register for the Zoom click on the link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/join?secret=5cSq11DDHw#/registration>

### AMONG FRIENDS

**The 2025 Contribution Letters** thanking Friends for their contributions to Meeting have been sent electronically this week. If you made a contribution in 2025 and did not receive an email with your letter, or if you need a printed copy to be mailed to you, please contact the Meeting worker at [office@annarborfriends.org](mailto:office@annarborfriends.org).

#### 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](mailto: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.

#### 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).

#### 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 ([naomig@umich.edu](mailto: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>

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/>)

**Printed copies of the Winter LEYM Bulletin** are available on the lobby table. This issue includes information and a registration form for LEYM Representative Meeting (March 28 at Red Cedar Meeting, in Lansing, registration by March 13), a preview of Annual Meeting and its plenary speaker, Joe Volk, a description of LEYM Programming Online (including a program on Spiritual Companionship led by Mark Hoover, Cassie Cammann, and others), articles on new meetinghouses in Cleveland and Detroit, an essay by Marty Grundy on "The Bedrock of our Quaker Faith," and more. This issue can also be downloaded at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/LEYMWinter2026>.