

Ann Arbor Friends Meeting 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor MI 48104 734-761-7435 **March 1, 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, March 1 (* = See announcement)

9:00 Singing; Meeting Room
9:30 Meeting for Worship — In person
9:30 Property Committee; Fireplace Room
10:15 First Day School *
10:30 CCF; Living Room *
Common Fellowship Time
11:00 Meeting for Worship — Blended

Tuesday, March 3

2:00 Meeting for Walking

Wednesday, March 4

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

Thursday, March 5

6:00 YAF Common Hours Club; Corner Room
M&C Committee; Zoom

Saturday, March 7

11:00 Luiza & Elliott Baby Shower; Fellowship Room *

Sunday, March 8

Daylight Saving Time Starts

9:00 Singing; Meeting Room
9:30 Meeting for Worship (In-person)
10:15 First Day School
10:30 Common Fellowship Time
10:50 Finance Committee; Corner Room & Zoom
11:00 Meeting for Worship (Blended)
6:00 YAF Dinner *

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCF/FDS Messages:

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

This Sunday First Day School will separate into a nursery-aged group and an older group as we begin to explore our March theme of Equality. After an opening circle, Megan will read *Bodies are Cool* with the younger crowd, and Claire will read *They That Take the Sword* with the bigger kids. Lots of discussion is sure to follow. If there's time, the kids will learn and sing "We Shall Not Be Moved."

- 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**

Sunday, March 1: CCF Meeting 11:00-12:00

The Committee for Children and Families will meet in the QH Living Room.

Friends are working on an updated resource for ways F/friends can request and provide care for each other in Meeting. Please fill out this survey to express ways you would like to provide or receive support.

<https://tinyurl.com/ways2care>

Young Adult Friends: YAFs ages 18-35ish meet for dinner on the second Sunday of each month at the home of an older Friend. The next dinner will be at the home of Laura Lein and Ben Kuipers on **March 8** at 6 pm. For information on this and other YAF activities contact Lily at lily.wiest@gmail.com.

Meeting for Walking – We are resuming our walking program at 2 pm Tuesdays on the first and third weeks of each month, visitors are welcome. Our first walk of the year will be on **Tuesday March 3** when we will follow an AAPL walk in the Old Fourth Ward neighborhood. This is roughly the area along State Street from Kingsley to Huron which includes the 1851 Quaker Meeting House and Harris Hall. We will street park in the State Street/Kingsley area and meet outside St. Thomas Church on Kingsley at 2 pm.

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.

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

Training will be provided.

Questions? Ask Luiza (office@annarborfriends.org)

To apply, please email personnel@annarborfriends.org

Luiza & Elliott's Baby Shower - March 7th

Everyone is welcome to join meeting worker Luiza Duarte Caetano and Elliott Brannon as they prepare to welcome their first child, due in April. Bring a dish or beverage to share for a potluck brunch on **Saturday, March 7th**, starting at 11 a.m. in the fellowship room. At 1 pm, we'll move upstairs and gather in the meeting room to share stories, songs, wishes or advice. Childcare will be available from 12:30 - 2:30.

No gifts are requested but, if you wish, you could bring a second-hand item that might be useful for new parents. Use this registry to see what things they still need or to see other ways you could sign up to help them.

<https://tinyurl.com/aaron-registry>

Ann Arbor Friends Meeting maintains a "Voluntary Carbon Tax Fund" to which individuals can contribute to address the effects of our use of fossil fuels.

Documents describing the Carbon Tax and a worksheet for calculating one's carbon footprint are posted on the AAFM website under the [Earthcare Committee](#).

Please make contributions for 2025 now. Interested members will meet by Zoom on **Tuesday March 10** at 7:30 pm to recommend the allocation of the funds.

Social Saturday in March focuses on Creativity

Social Saturday in March has moved to the second Saturday, **March 14th**, and its theme is Creativity. If you engage in creative activities, either professionally or as a meaningful part of your life, come and share your insights and experiences about where these creative impulses come from and how you are able to express them. If you are able, bring examples to share. The evening begins with a simple meal provided as usual at around 5:00 p.m. with conversation to follow. This will be hybrid to allow everyone to participate. Use the AAFM Zoom link.

Contact Dennis Gregg with questions.

State of the Meeting Report Worship Sharing

Opportunities: Sunday March, 22 at 1:00 pm, in the **Meeting Room** following a Potluck, **Tuesday, March 24, at 7:00 pm** on **Zoom** Link: <https://tinyurl.com/AAFM-Zoom> | Meeting ID: 818 7021 4329

The Committee for Children and Families (CCF) is looking for a reliable and energetic person to join the AAFM childcare team. The position hours are every Sunday morning from 9:15 - 12:15 and the pay rate is \$20 an hour. If someone active in our Meeting is interested in the position, we would be open to negotiating ways that you might fill the position and also attend worship on occasion.

The person would work alongside our other childcare staff and volunteers, supervising playtime and story time, and leading activities for a mixed age range of children, from nursery age through upper middle school age.

We are looking for someone who enjoys working with children, is comfortable with a community-based multi-age environment, and is communicative, dependable and

responsible. We ask for references, reliable transportation, and CPR certification or a willingness to become certified. Contact CCF conveners if you are interested or have further questions.

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AMONG FRIENDS

Newer Friends, feel free to check out the [New Quaker Hub](#), a section of the Friends General Conference website geared toward new 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.

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.

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.

[The Tools For Our Time Resource Deck](#) is a calendar of events, and a guide to publicly-accessible campaigns, programs, and organizations for people wanting to connect to programs and campaigns helping to support and protect our immigrant neighbors.

LARGER CIRCLES OF FRIENDS

Nontheist Friends Network, Creative Conversation. The next meeting will be on **March 5** at 2 pm EST on Zoom. Jim Cain will be presenting on the "Quaker Approach to Rituals" <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84812726990?pwd=QugCR6EyQVDI0XkyWQMYP1uxrsZdRr.1>
Meeting ID: 848 1272 6990. Passcode: 357556

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), and more. This issue can also be downloaded at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/LEYMWinter2026>.

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.