

Ann Arbor Friends Meeting 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor MI 48104 734-761-7435 **March 22, 2026**

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<https://tinyurl.com/AAFM-Zoom> (Zoom Meeting ID: 818 7021 4329).

Sunday, March 22 (* = See announcement)

9:30 Meeting for Worship — In-person
10:15 First Day School *
11:00 Meeting for Worship — Blended
12:00 Potluck; Fellowship Room
1:00 State of the Meeting Report Worship Sharing Meeting Room *
3:00 Community Resistance Sings; Meeting Room *

Monday, March 24

6:30 Final Affairs Committee; Naomi's House & Zoom

Wednesday, March 25

9:30 FCNL Washtenaw Advocacy Team; Corner Room
6:30 Women's Meeting; Meeting Room *

Thursday, March 26

6:00 YAF Common Hours Club; Corner Room

Saturday, March 28

6:30 Meal with guests from Uniting Three Fires Against Violence; Fellowship Room *
7:30 Presentation by UTFAV; Meeting Room *

Sunday, March 29

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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCF/FDS Messages:

Sunday, March 22: First Day School from 10:15-11:00

This Sunday the First Day School students will welcome Dwight and Bill who will build on last week's lesson about Quaker abolitionist Benjamin Lay. Our guest teachers will read *Henry's Freedom Box*, a Caldecott Honor book about real-life figure, Henry "Box" Brown. Following the reading, Dwight and Bill will walk with the older kids to the Quaker House living room and engage in a powerful reading and discussion about our country's brutal history of slavery. Downstairs, the younger kids will also have a discussion and likely some quiet art time to process what they've learned.

- 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

Please consider service as Meeting Closer for either the early or later Meeting for Worship. You can sign up here - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1A-FQJSLbc62Vmwds57_i89unl_zM1BUEM9IjKKOD6E/edit?usp=sharing.

There is a link to instructions on the site (and a hard copy is in the Meeting Closer) cubbyhole on your left as you go from the Meetinghouse to Quaker House.

If you have any questions, email the M&C co-convenors, Laura Scott <laurascott456@gmail.com> or Kevin Miller <kevinmiller@gmail.com>

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. For information on this and other YAF activities contact Lily at lily.wiest@gmail.com.

The Indigenous Action Group will be hosting two guests from Uniting Three Fires Against Violence on March 28-29. During that time, IAG and UTFAV are sharing an exhibit table at the Dance With Mother Earth Powwow. We invite you to volunteer for a 2 hour (negotiable) time slot on Saturday and/or Sunday between 10 am-6 pm to interact with attendees as well as our guests. You can volunteer by means of a digital signup sheet located at: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1aph3NkFio4PVupXE11VvRT3Xw_CrBewnhfJJ3YtmWY/edit?usp=sharing.

There will also be a meal and presentation by our guests on Saturday, March 28. The meal will start at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Room with the presentation to follow in the Meeting Room. Volunteers are needed to assist with meal, setup, and cleanup. You can contact Sandra Frey Stegman at sfstegman@gmail.com to offer assistance for either event.

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. Childcare will be available during the worship sharing session.

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

March 22, 3:00 pm, Meeting Room — Join Friends and members of the wider community to learn songs from the **Singing Resistance** movement. Many of the songs will be appropriate for the No Kings demonstration to follow on March 28th. Hosted by Paul & Claire Tinkerhess and other local song leaders. Flyer available [here](#).

PIAG Worship Sharing opportunity centered around the War in Iran and Genocide in Gaza on Sunday, March 22nd, at 5:00 pm in the Meeting Room.

Join Friends at the March Women's Meeting on March 25th at 6:30-8:30 in the Meeting House for some good old-fashioned consciousness raising! Lily Wiest will guide Friends in a conversation around the topic of "empty consent" as framed by writer Melissa Febos in her essay "Thank You For Taking Care of Yourself." We will also be engaging in a bit of role play to practice saying no.

The March **Reading and Discussion** will gather via zoom at **7:00pm on Thursday, March 26, 2026**. We will use the regular worship zoom. (<https://tinyurl.com/AAFMM-Zoom>). We will be continuing our discussion of what Quakers can and do believe. The readings can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/497496wb>. We look forward to sharing together.

Meeting to Discern FCNL Legislative Priorities March 29, 12:30pm | Meeting Room and Zoom (on the same address as worship)

Ann Arbor F/friends are invited to a meeting to discern our legislative concerns and submit them to Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) to help ground their work in the testimonies and values of Friends.

The framework for FCNL's priorities comes from their policy statement, *The World We Seek*. We are asked to identify five specific issues—falling within these policies—which we discern should be priorities for the next two years. We encourage you to review the FCNL policies and materials available at <http://fcnl.org/priorities> for more information. This site includes many helpful links. More information is also in the March AAFM Newsletter.

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.

Claire Tinkerhess, ctinkerhess@comcast.net, 734-883-9002
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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.

AMONG FRIENDS

There will be a **memorial service/celebration of lives for Nancy and Don Nagler** on Saturday, June 27, in Mt. Pleasant. RSVPs are requested asap. Please consult Jeff Cooper (cooperdaub@hotmail.com) for details.

There will be a **"Final Friday lunch"** this month, hosted by Susan Hartman and Neil and Lily Shadle. All Friends are invited to stop by any time between 11:30 am and 2pm for a simple lunch and unprogrammed fellowship and conversation. If you want to bring a poem to share, that is welcome as well! This month's lunch is on **Friday, March 27** 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.

2026 Directories are finally here!

Copies will be available in the lobby for the next month. Email 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/AAFMM-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).

LARGER CIRCLES OF FRIENDS

PENDLE HILL is a Quaker study, retreat, and conference center. Check out their [calendar](#) for virtual and in person learning opportunities. <https://pendlehill.org/calendar/>

Saturday, March 28th, Lake Erie Yearly Meeting Representatives Meeting at Red Cedar Friends meeting house in Lansing Michigan. The schedule for the day is being adjusted so that Friends who wish to participate in the No Kings Michigan rally at the Capitol can do so (while other activities take place in the meeting house). [Here is the link to details about the meeting and to the registration form.](#) Questions contact John Smith at jsmith@msu.edu.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

March 17 – 31: 30th Annual Exhibition of Artists in Michigan's Prisons Sun-Mon: 12pm-6pm and Tues-Sat: 10am-7pm, at the Duderstadt Center Gallery, 2281 Bonisteel Blvd, Ann Arbor

Sunday, March 22: Euchre Fest Fundraiser for Michigan Immigrant's Rights Center (MIRC), in the Social Hall of the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation. Learning and Practice 3-4pm, Progressive play with a different partner every game 4-6:30pm. Suggested donation starts at \$10. RSVP and for questions contact Barbara Steer at BarbaraBothBowers@gmail.com

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.