

Ann Arbor Friends Meeting 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor MI 48104 734-761-7435 **March 29, 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 29 (* = See announcement)

9:30 Meeting for Worship — In-person
10:15 First Day School *
10:30 Common Fellowship Time
11:00 Meeting for Worship — Blended
12:30 FCNL Meeting to Discern Legislative Priorities;
Meeting Room & Zoom *

Wednesday, April 1

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

Thursday, April 2

6:00 YAF Common Hours Club; Corner Room

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday

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

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCF/FDS Messages:

First Day School Plans for March 29:

Claire and Paul will be our First Day School teachers this week as the children continue their study on Equality. There will be story time and singing as well as a discussion about standing up for the things they believe in.

- **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.

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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Unfortunately, the information from those responding to our survey to create an updated resource for Friends to request and provide care has been lost. **If you filled out the survey online please do so again using the link below.**

Thank you.

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>

Meeting Worker on leave: Luiza will be on maternity leave from April 9 till July 19. During that time, **please continue to use the office's email address** (office@annarborfriends.org) for room reservations and other inquiries.

Kel Anders will be responding from the office's address. It will be easier to keep things organized if messages are sent there, instead of Kel's (or Luiza's) personal email. Thank you for your help!

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-conveners, Laura Scott <laurascott456@gmail.com> or Kevin Miller <kevinmiller@gmail.com>.

Young Adult Friends, YA FS 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.

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

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/1aph3NkFio4PVupXE1VvRT3Xw_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.

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

Ann Arbor 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.

Meeting for Walking – We walk at 2 pm, Tuesdays on the first and third weeks of each month. All are welcome. Our next walk will be on **Tuesday April 7** when we will return to the Botanical Gardens to check on the beavers. This is a good time of year because the vegetation is low enough to see the beaver lodge as well as the beavers' progress on the dam.

We will not be parking in the main parking lot, instead turn right off Plymouth Road onto Dixboro Road going south, then right on Ravine Court. Park along the side of the road, you will see a gazebo on your right side where we will meet. From there we'll cross Dixboro road with direct access to the Botanical Gardens next to a red barn.

Final Affairs is hosting a Death Cafe on April 11 from 3–5 PM in the Fellowship Room. A Death Cafe is a group-directed discussion about death with no set agenda, objectives, or themes. It is intended as a conversation group rather than a grief support or counseling session.

Snacks and drinks will be provided. Due to the sensitive nature of the topics that may arise, this event will be held in person only. An online Death Cafe will be scheduled at a later date.

This event is part two of the Quaker Death Education Series. Learn more about this and other upcoming events at: tinyurl.com/QuakerDE

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.

PIAG UPDATE

In a recent interview on *Democracy Now*, Gideon Levy describes the popularity of the war in Iran among Israelis, as well as the devastating consequences of campaigns in Lebanon, Iran, and Gaza and violence in the West Bank--all of which the US enables. Levy is editor of the Israeli newspaper *Haaretz*. His latest book is *The Killing of Gaza*. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JkYrfYKb5G8&t=44s>

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.

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).

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/>

Spring Bulletin Released

Printed copies of the **Spring LEYM Bulletin** are available on the lobby table. It contains much information about Annual Meeting, on June 18–21 in Ashland, Ohio: a draft schedule, the plenary talk by Joe Volk, descriptions of the 11 workshops, Ministry & Nurture events at Annual Meeting, instructions for registration, which opens April 6, and more. Other contents include a message from LEYM Clerk Jack Smith on what we offer our communities and an invitation to a spring Spiritual Formation Workshop led by Michael Wajda on May 3 at the Detroit Friends Meetinghouse. You can also see the *Bulletin* on the LEYM website, at leym.org.

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