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

Sunday, April 5 (* = See Announcement)*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
 CCF Meeting; QH Living Room

Tuesday, April 7

2:00 Meeting for Walking *

Thursday, April 9

6:00 YAF Common Hours Club; Corner Room

Saturday, April 11

2:00 Earthcare Committee; Zoom
 3:00 Quaker Death Education; Fellowship Room *

Sunday, April 12

9:00 Singing; Meeting Room
 9:30 Meeting for Worship — In-person
 10:15 First Day School
 10:30 Refreshments
 11:00 Meeting for Worship (Blended)
 6:00 YAF Dinner *

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**CCF/FDS Messages:****First Day School Plans for April 5**

April's theme is Stewardship, and Lily will be our first teacher this month. She will come prepared with several books about stewardship and together, she and the kids will read and discuss one (or more).

- **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.

CCF Meeting, April 5

The Committee for Children and Families will meet at 11:00 in the QH living room.

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.

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

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

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

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 on **April 12** at 6 pm at the home of Cassie Cammann with Tom Blackwell assisting. For information on this and other YAF activities contact Lily Wiest at lily.wiest@gmail.com

Quaker Voluntary Service is coming to Ann Arbor!

Quaker Voluntary Service (QVS) offers an 11-month Fellowship program to young adults (21 to 30 years). The QVS Fellowship experience includes spiritual exploration, living with other young adults, building community, and working at a community based non-profit organization. QVS has houses in Boston, Philadelphia, Minneapolis, and Portland, OR.

On Monday, **April 13, 2026**, Haley Castle-Miller (Operations Manager & QVS Alum) and Greg Stefanski (Executive Director) will be in Ann Arbor at 7:00 p.m. to share information about the QVS program and ways to support it. Naomi Gilbert will host the gathering at her home 2115 Nature Cove Court, #105, Ann Arbor. Light snacks and treats will be provided. Contact Greg at Greg@quakervoluntaryservice.org or (802) 730-2720 or Naomi Gilbert at naomig@umich.edu with questions.

The Indigenous Action Group will meet **April 16**, 7:30 pm via Meeting Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/AAFM-Zoom> All are welcome to attend.

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

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. 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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Living with Treaties: The 1817 Project, the University of Michigan, and the Western Expansion of the United States Conference

Thursday, April 9, 2026 - Saturday, April 11, 2026. [Here is the link with more information and registration for the event.](#)

A Gift of Song, Presented by Threshold Singers of Ann Arbor — Threshold singers sit in a semicircle, with audience members sitting around them, letting the songs and harmonies bring peace, comfort and support. We then invite you to sing along to a few of our songs. **Saturday, April 18, 2026, 3:00 – 4:30 pm**, Ypsilanti District Library Community Room, Whittaker Branch, 5577 Whittaker Rd., Ypsilanti. For more information: <https://thresholdofannarbor.org/a-gift-of-song/>

Brown Chapel AME Church, in Ypsilanti, will be holding its **73rd Brotherhood Banquet Saturday, April 25th**, beginning at 2:00 PM at Eastern Michigan University's Student Center Building. This year's Keynote Speaker will be Rev. Faith Fowler, Pastor of Cass Community United Methodist Church and Executive Director of Cass Community Social Services. Over the years, thanks to community support, Brown Chapel has been able to give more than \$35,000 to grassroots organizations making an impact in the Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor community and vicinity. [Here is a link for more information.](#) You can purchase tickets (deadline April 15), or donate [HERE](#).