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

**Sunday, April 26** (\* = 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 Visioning Committee worship sharing; \*  
 Meeting Room & Zoom

**Thursday, April 30**

6:00 YAF Common Hours Club; Corner Room

**Saturday, May 2**

9:00 Property Work Day \*

**Sunday, May 3**

9:00 Singing; Meeting Room  
 9:30 Meeting for Worship — in-person  
 10:15 First Day School  
 10:30 CCF; Living Room  
 10:30 Refreshments  
 11:00 Meeting for Worship — Blended  
 12:30 PIAG Forum; Meeting Room \*  
 1:30 Exploring the "Secret Power" Among Us  
 Workshop; Detroit Friends Meeting House  
 ([19309 Greenfield Road, Detroit](http://19309GreenfieldRoadDetroit.com))  
 6:00 YAF Dinner \*

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS****CCF/FDS Messages:****First Day School Plans for April 26**

April's theme is Stewardship, and the children will attempt to activate the Quaker Time Machine to welcome famed Quaker steward Benjamin Lay into our modern-day classroom. Molly T. and Julie will be the teachers

- **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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**Indigenous Action Group** is raising awareness and encouraging your action on two critical issues summarized here.

1. The Trump Administration is fast-tracking uranium extraction in the Black Hills on Lakota treaty land, above the aquifer that feeds Pine Ridge, potentially destroying people and the sacred. You can learn more about this concern and submit a letter of opposition to Secretary of the Interior Doug Bergman at this link:

<https://action.lakotalaw.org/action/black-hills-mining>.

2. May 5 is Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Awareness Day. There are two ways you can acknowledge this cause. First by writing a letter to your County Commissioner asking that it be formally recognized. If you would like a sample paragraph, email me at [fstegman@gmail.com](mailto:fstegman@gmail.com) (*the Washtenaw County Commissioner has agreed to honor this day*). Second, wear red on May 5 in remembrance and acknowledgement of the victims.

The **Visioning Committee** will host a worship-sharing session on Sunday, **April 26**, at 12:30 pm in the Meeting Room and on Zoom. The query to be considered and other information about this session will be included in the documents for this month's meeting for business and also available at [Worship Sharing April 26](#). All are invited to attend.

**April Reading and Discussion** will meet on Tuesday, **April 28** at 7:00pm on zoom. Use the worship link to access the discussion. We will be discussing "Discernment." The readings can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/3yn3xm6s>. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Outdoor Work day:** Property Committee plans an outdoor workday at the Meetinghouse on Saturday **May 2**, 9am–1pm. Rain date is Saturday, May 9.

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

**PIAG is hosting** American Friends Service Committee's Work in Palestine Supporting Peace and Justice on **May 3** from 12:30-2pm in the Meeting Room.

AFSC began working in Israel and Palestine in 1948 when asked by the UN to respond to the needs of those displaced during the 1948 War. Adam Shapiro, AFSC Palestine Strategy Director, will present on AFSC's work in Palestine supporting peace and justice. Join for the information, discussion, and some light refreshments.

[Click here](#) to sign-up to support the event.

**Young Adult Friends**, YAFS ages 18-35ish, usually meet for dinner on the second Sunday of each month at the home of an older Friend. In deference to Mothers' Day our next dinner will be one week earlier on the first Sunday of May – **May 3**. For information on this and other YAF activities contact Lily Wiest at [lily.wiest@gmail.com](mailto:lily.wiest@gmail.com).

**Peace House has updated the list** of needed and accepted items for its outdoor food pantry. The list is posted over the collection box in the lobby and is also available at [Peace House Food Pantry list](#). Friends can drop off items at any time. They are collected for delivery on the third Sunday of each month. Questions about other ways to support Peace House?-- talk to a member of the Reparative Justice Committee—Lynn Drickamer, Susan Hartman, or Lily Wiest.

### AMONG FRIENDS

**We're so excited** to share that **Aaron Caetano Brannon** was **born on Sunday April 19** at 1am. Thank you all for holding us in the Light and for all your support during Luiza's pregnancy and early motherhood. We can't wait to introduce him to you in person!.

—Luiza and Elliott

If you are interested in contributing a Meal Train meal, here is a link: <https://mealtrain.com/dek393>

**Karen's email** and phone number, and her husband's email and phone number in the Directory are switched. Here is the correct info: Karen Connor 734-717-6353, [karenc456@gmail.com](mailto:karenc456@gmail.com).

**Save The Date** for the Memorial in the manner of Friends for Rick Plewa's husband George Ferrell. **August 1st**, 3 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Ann Arbor.

### 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)).

### 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/>.

**Online registration** has opened for the **Annual Meeting of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting**, in Ashland, Ohio, on **June 18–**

**21**, and there is a discount for those who register before **May 8**. The theme this year is "**Finding Hope, Joy, and Courage in Community**." The plenary speaker is [Joe Volk](#), and [Douglas Gwyn](#) will lead Bible study. The most recent [LEYM Bulletin](#) contains full registration instructions, as well as information on discounts for first-time attendees, young adult Friends, and youth. Also included are full descriptions of the [11 scheduled workshops](#). To learn more, visit the Annual Meeting webpage at <https://leym.org/annual/> and/or watch the short 2026 Annual Meeting Welcome Video, [available here](#).

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

Again this year, the **Community Farm of Ann Arbor** is providing fresh, healthy, organic produce to our low-income and housing-insecure friends and neighbors, through their Community Farm Donated Shares Program. Last year, the program raised over \$5000, including a donation from our meeting, to distribute food through **Peace House** (one of our Reparative Justice recipients) and **Brown Chapel AME**. The farm hopes to double that amount this year and needs donations at this time to help in their planning for the coming growing season. Donations can be made at <https://www.communityfarmofannarbor.com/donate/>. For more information about Community Farm of Ann Arbor, see their website at <https://www.communityfarmofannarbor.com/>

**April 28, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the Michigan Theater** — a fundraiser for Michigan Immigration Rights Center, "**BORDERLAND: The Line Within**," an award-winning documentary that exposes the human cost of immigration as it weaves in the compelling stories of immigrants fighting to uphold their human rights. Q & A with the Director and Producer after the film.

**Resistance Songs Sing-Along on Sunday, May 3, from 3:30 to 5 pm**. We'll be at the **First UU Congregation, 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd., Ann Arbor**. Everyone's welcome to sing along, play a rhythm instrument, or just clap! No experience necessary — just bring your love of peace and justice! We sing songs both old and new, including the songs coming out of Minneapolis and the new Singing Resistance movement. This event is co-sponsored by the [Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice](#), along with the three of us who organized it - Edith Lewis, Amelia Hefferlin, and Layla Ananda.

**Addressing housing insecurity and homelessness** in Washtenaw County is the focus of a new documentary called "**The Road Home**."

Produced by the Ann Arbor Housing Commission in partnership with Detroit filmmaker Kameron Donald of Breyko, the film explores the underlying challenges and potential solutions to a [growing problem locally and nationally](#).

It premiered at the Michigan Theater on April 23, followed by a repeat showing **May 7**, at 6:00 pm.

The May 7 screening is free and open to the public and includes panel discussions afterward.

[Watch the trailer](#).

[Reserve free tickets](#).

Please send any questions, recommendations, and **announcements for Handouts** to Eric Wozniak at [publications@annarborfriends.org](mailto:publications@annarborfriends.org) by Thursday afternoon and include "Handout" in the subject line.