

Clerk: Karen Connor 734-717-6353 Meeting Website www.annarborfriends.org
 Meeting Worker: Kel Anders 734-761-7435
 First Meeting Closer: Matt Frost 603-554-7089 Second Meeting Closer: Molly Bachelor 734-474-1441
 Quaker House Resident Host: Daniel Luzarraga 973-908-2612
 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, May 3 (* = See announcement)

9:00 Singing; Meeting Room
 9:30 Meeting for Worship — in-person
 10:15 First Day School *
 10:30 Refreshments
 11:00 CCF Meeting; Living Room *
 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 *
 6:00 YAF Dinner *

Tuesday, May 5

2:00 Meeting for Walking *

Wednesday, May 6

7:00 What Does it Mean to be Quaker? Corner
 Room & Zoom
 7:30 Quaker House Committee; Zoom

Thursday, May 7

6:00 YAF Common Hours Club; Fellowship Room

Saturday, May 9

2:00 Earthcare Committee; Zoom
 5:00 Social Saturday; Fellowship Room *

Sunday, May 10

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

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 11:00-12:00, May 3

The Committee for Children and Families will meet to talk about hiring, curriculum, and to plan for the summer. Anyone with an interest is welcome to attend.

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
 Molly Tinkerhess, mollymalc@gmail.com, 401-749-4986

New Library Books on Display! Recent Library acquisitions are on display on the west wall of the Meeting Library. Have a look! Friends are asked not to borrow them until June 21, so that everyone has a chance to browse. You may sign the slips (in each book) to reserve books you want to borrow in June. Brief descriptions of all new books appear in the May Newsletter. Jeff Cooper thanks those Friends who suggested new titles and is always happy to answer questions about the Library.

Indigenous Action Committee is announcing two events soon to take place. The first is a workshop this Sunday, May 3, 4-6 pm, presented by Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples (Friends Peace Teams). Information and registration are available at: [REGISTER HERE](#). The second is Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Awareness Day on May 5. Show your support by wearing red, telling others about the significance of the day, and/or donating to Uniting Three Fires Against Violence. An issue of concern is the Trump Administration’s fast-tracking of uranium extraction in the Black Hills on Lakota treaty land above the aquifer that feeds Pine Ridge Reservation (SD), 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>. A

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**CCF/FDS Messages:****First Day School Plans for May 3**

May’s theme is Quaker Life. This week’s lesson is about the “living quiet” of Quaker worship and how Friends use silence to center ourselves and connect to Spirit.

- 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

Ann Arbor Friends Meeting Handout for May 3, 2026, p.2

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

pre-crafted letter is provided that makes voicing opposition easy to do. More information on IAG's recent and future efforts can be found in the Newsletter.

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.

Meeting for Walking – We walk at 2 pm, Tuesdays on the first and third weeks of each month. All are welcome and feel free to bring a friend. Our May walks will be on **May 5** and **May 19** when we'll be walking in Bird Hills woods to see the spring wildflowers. Bird Hills is Ann Arbor's largest park at 161 acres. The "hills" are lovely glacial moraines and eskers and there are good views of the Huron river through both pine and hardwood forests.

These walks will involve some climbing on rough paths.

We will meet in the Beechwood Drive parking area off Sunset. Parking is to the right immediately after you drive under the expressway. Entrance to Bird Hills is across the road from the parking. If you have questions, please contact Nancy and Thomas (734-368-6555)

This month's Social Saturday has an emphasis on inter-generational activities. It is designed with outdoor activities - games, fire-pit with hot dogs (including veggie versions) and s'mores, and lots of opportunities for interactions across all ages. Side dishes and dessert contributions are welcome but not expected. Come and have fun with other Quakers!

The Meeting is invited to the wedding of Kiera Christine Scott and Rosemary Ann Elizabeth Glos under the care of Ann Arbor Friends Meeting, to be held at the Meeting House, **May 16**, 2026, 5:00 p.m. The Meeting for Worship will be followed by certificate signing and a community potluck. No gifts, but bring food (dishes requiring a fork only) if you can. The Meeting will also be available on Zoom through the Meeting's worship link. The planning committee (Kiera and Rosy along with Cassie Cammann, Ben Kuipers, and Laura Lein) are arranging the dinner (do let us know if you can contribute a dish), and seeking volunteers to help with parking, welcoming, set-up, and clean-up. Please call, text, or email Laura Lein if you can help out (512-626-5927, leinl@umich.edu). Thank you.

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>

Save the date: A Meeting for Worship to Celebrate the Life of Joan Sampieri, a member of our meeting, will be held in our Meeting Room on Sunday **May 17** at 3pm. Fellowship and refreshments will follow. Joan was active in women's causes, civil rights, and human rights. She served in leadership roles in Friends General Conference, Planned Parenthood, League of Women Voters, NAACP, Western Washtenaw Democrats, and was active on the board of Friends School in Detroit. For questions or to offer help for that day contact Becky Morehouse.

Friends mourn the death and celebrate the generous life of our dear friend **Kellie Butler** who died suddenly and unexpectedly last week at home, with Matt by her side. Her obituary can be found at:

<https://www.ducro.com/obituaries/Kellie-Renee-Butler?obId=48199587>. There will be a celebration of life for Kellie in Ashtabula, Ohio, Saturday afternoon, **May 23**, including visitation and a ceremony. Details concerning the event are included in the obituary. Contact Margot Finn (in the Meeting directory) for details about travel to the funeral. The Meeting will work with Kellie's husband Matt to hold a celebration of life at the Meeting House in the weeks to follow. There will be future announcements with details.

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.

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.

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/>.

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.

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 attenders, 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

If you are moving out and have clothing and household items you won't be taking with you, help the community by donating them rather than sending them to the landfill! The City and ZeroWaste.org have arranged for several drop-off bins around campus for your convenience. Here are the details. <https://engage.a2gov.org/student-move>. Don't have a way to transport your stuff? Schedule a free pickup [here](#).

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/>.

Exploring the 'Secret Power' Among Us workshop **May 3, 2026, 1:30 pm–4:00 pm**

All members of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting are invited to a workshop sponsored by LEYM's spiritual formation program. The workshop, **Exploring the "Secret Power" Among Us**, will pick up on what Robert Barclay, 17th century Quaker publicist, named the secret power among us. Friends then, and Friends today, have had many names for this Inward Light and many experience it quite differently, if at all. During this two-and-a-half-hour workshop we will explore this power individually and together. How does it show up in our individual and corporate experiences? What difference does it make in our lives? How might we broaden and deepen our experiences and commitment to this Inward Teacher? The workshop will take place at the Detroit Friends Meeting House (19309 Greenfield Road in Detroit) on May 3 from 1:30 to 4:00. The workshop will be facilitated by Michael Wajda who will be in Detroit for the spiritual formation spring retreat held the day before.

Michael Wajda is a member of Goshen Friends Meeting (Philadelphia YM) who is currently sojourning at Bennington, VT Friends Meeting (New England YM). He is an active Friend who has traveled widely among Friends, leading retreats, giving talks, and helping to strengthen the spiritual

life of meetings and Friends. Michael delivered the 2006 plenary address at LEYM, Expectant Listening: Finding God's Thread of Guidance, which has been published as a Pendle Hill Pamphlet. Currently, Michael and another Friend in New England Yearly Meeting are convening full days of extended worship around the yearly meeting. Michael also serves as clerk of the Steering Committee for the Quaker Call to Protect Democracy.

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.](#)

Daytime Warming Center is having a **Gratitude Party** at Peace House, 706 Davis Street, Ypsilanti, Saturday, **May 16**, from 3–6pm. Come help us celebrate another year of volunteer and community dedication! Vegan, gluten-free, and dairy-allergy dishes will be available.

The Dispute Resolution Center will hold its 10th Anniversary **Unity Walk** on Saturday, **June 6**, from 10am to 3 pm. This will include a 5 mile walk starting at the United Way Building, a 1.5 mile walk starting at Ypsilanti Community High School, and an after-walk celebration at Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church. Friends are invited to register for the walk and/or sign on as a sponsor. This year's walk proceeds will be used in support of the DRC's Restorative Justice Youth Services Program. More information about the walk and the program is available at:

<https://thedisputeresolutioncenter.org/events/unity-walk-2026/>. In past years, several Friends have arranged to walk together Contact Susan Hartman if you have questions about the DRC or its programs.