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

**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

**Monday, May 11**

7:30 Peace & Social Justice; Zoom

**Thursday, May 14**

6:00 YAF Common Hours Club; Corner Room  
 7:00 Membership & Outreach; Zoom

**Saturday, May 16**

3:30 Keira & Rosy Wedding \*

**Sunday, May 17**

9:30 Meeting for Worship — In-person  
 9:45 First Day School  
 10:30 Refreshments  
 11:00 Meeting for Worship with Attention to  
 Business — Blended  
 3:00 Joan Sampieri Memorial Meeting \*

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS****CCF/FDS Messages:****First Day School Plans for May 10**

May's theme is Quaker Life. This week's lesson is about inner light. Julie, Lily, and Hadden will be the teachers. After reading a story as a group, the big kids and elementary schoolers will make candles while the youngest kids will read an additional story about light and build a fort to light up with battery-powered tea lights.

- **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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**Problem with the Online Sign-Up Form!**

I'm sorry to share that I lost the file for the community sign-ups for 2026 for name tags, Directory, and newsletter. Here is a new link for the online form: [tinyurl.com/aafm-sign-up](http://tinyurl.com/aafm-sign-up). Please kindly **submit a new request** if:

- You requested a **name tag** or asked to be in the **newsletter** mailing list in the **past month**.
- You requested to be in the **Directory** anytime since **January 2026**.

The link and QR-code on the box in the lobby have also been updated.

Thank you and I'm sorry for the inconvenience! – Luiza

**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.

**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, this month's dinner was one week earlier on May 3. Many thanks to Laura and Ben for hosting the dinner and to Jane, Molly B, Nancy T, Catherine, Austin and Roomi for their contributions of food and drink. For information on this and other YAF activities contact Lily Wiest at [lily.wiest@gmail.com](mailto:lily.wiest@gmail.com).

**Sister Agnes** is a nun who has been a major catalyst for sending educational support to orphaned children in Kenya.

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She is presently visiting with the Williams family and will be attending May 10<sup>th</sup> 9:30 Meeting and will present a gift to the Meeting as a thank you to the Meeting's East Africa Education Fund efforts supporting students. She is also bringing some Kenyan Tea for people to enjoy during the refreshments period.

### WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT:

**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, [lein@umich.edu](mailto:lein@umich.edu)). Thank you.

**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 remaining May walk will be on **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)

**Women's meeting:** at our **May 20th** meeting (6:30 in the Meeting Room) we will explore how we change as we get older. We will start our conversation with the article "[The Midlife Unraveling](https://www.tinyurl.com/474bh3a5)" by Brene Brown ([tinyurl.com/474bh3a5](https://www.tinyurl.com/474bh3a5)). The article contains a quote from Maya Angelou, "There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you."

**The Indigenous Action Group** is meeting Thursday, **May 21**, 7:30pm via Zoom at <https://tinyurl.com/AAFm-Zoom>. All are invited to attend.

**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>

**Please join in celebrating** the upcoming discharge of baby Mateo from Mott Children's Hospital! (Autumn, Noah, and 8 yo big brother will soon welcome him home!)

Born at 26 weeks on August 1st, Mateo has shown his mettle by healing from several surgeries and procedures from hospitals in 2 different states!

Here from Indiana for Mateo's medical needs, the family is still looking for jobs and housing so they can stay close to Mateo's doctors after baby's discharge.

Since Mateo was born so early, they have very little in baby gear. If you are willing to contribute any of the following, please contact Jane Grimes @ (313) 408-5490.

Items can also be brought to the meeting house; we will make sure they receive them!

Any items can be used or new:

- Baby Clothes (9–12-month size and beyond)
- Crib/ Mattress/ Sheets
- Stroller
- Baby Bath items (tub, baby towels/washcloths)
- Baby Blankets and burp cloths
- Disposable Diapers (Size 2 Pampers) and Wipes for sensitive skin
- Diaper bag (Tote Style preferred)
- Gift Cards (Once Upon a Child, Meijer, Gas Cards, Restaurant Gift Cards, Visa Gift Cards)

**Margot and Todd** are trying to finish a renovation project ahead of schedule so Mateo and his family can live there after he gets discharged from the hospital as they work on getting more established in this area. It would help a lot to have 2-3 extra helping hands between the hours of 10a-2pm on the following days: Thursday **5/14**, Friday **5/15**, Thursday **5/21**, and Friday **5/22**. The work we need to do includes cutting and installing vinyl flooring, building wood frames for drywall and hanging, mudding, and painting the drywall, assembling and installing shower, sinks, toilet, cabinets, and countertops. If willing and able, please email [smargot@gmail.com](mailto:smargot@gmail.com).

**On Sunday May 17** at 3 pm there will be a Memorial Meeting for Worship to honor the life of Joan Sampieri who was a member of our Meeting. She served on the board of Friends School in Detroit, was a treasurer for FGC, and had leadership roles in Planned Parenthood, League of Women Voters, NAACP, and the local Democratic Party. The zoom link will be the same as our regular Meeting link. There will be fellowship and refreshments to follow with time to greet Joan's daughter, Jennifer. For questions or to offer help 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->

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[Butler?obld=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](mailto: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](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**. 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/>

**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.