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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, May 17 (* = See announcement)

9:30 Meeting for Worship — Blended
 9:45 First Day School *
 10:30 Refreshments; Fireplace Room
 10:30 Library Open House *
 11:00 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business — Blended
 3:00 Joan Sampieri Memorial Meeting *

Tuesday, May 19

2:00 Meeting for Walking

Wednesday, May 20

7:00 Women's Meeting; Meeting Room *
 7:00 What Does it Mean to be Quaker? Corner Room & Zoom

Thursday, May 21

6:00 YAF Common Hours Club; Corner Room
 7:30 Indigenous Action Group; Zoom *

Sunday, May 24

9:30 Meeting for Worship — In-person
 10:15 First Day School
 10:30 Common Fellowship Time
 11:00 Meeting for Worship — Blended

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**CCF/FDS Messages:**

Sunday, May 17: First Day School from 9:45-10:30
****Following the Business Meeting Schedule****

This week, Claire is the teacher, and she and the kids will talk about how Quakers make decisions and then we will play some community building games.

- **Nursery care is available from 9:30-1:00 this week.** 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.
- **9:45–10:30** Children will be escorted downstairs for First Day School.
- **10:30--end of Business Meeting** there will be childcare until the end of Business Meeting or 1:00, whichever comes first.

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. 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

We're looking for people to serve as Meeting closers.

You can sign up at this link -

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1A-FQJSLbc62Vmwds57_i89unl_-zM1BUEM9IjKKOD6E/edit?gid=1643896035#gid=1643896035 with your name and email and you'll get a reminder email a few days before when you've signed up. You can sign up for either the 9:30 screen-free worship or the 11 a.m. hybrid worship (there are "x"s for Business Meeting Sundays when there is no later Meeting for Worship)
 Instructions on what to do are here - [In person meeting closing instructions Laura version](#).

Check out the Meeting Library today! Friends are invited to the Library (past the Fireplace Room through the French doors) between meeting for worship and the business meeting this Sunday. Jeff Cooper will explain how the Library is organized and how to find and check out books. Explore the new books on the west wall, as well. Friends are asked not to borrow these until June 21, so that everyone has a chance to browse, but you may sign the slips (in each book) to reserve titles you want to borrow then.

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. 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 next walk will be on **May 19** when we'll be walking in Bird Hills woods to see the spring

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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 (**7:00** in the Meeting Room, **note the new time**) we will explore how we change as we get older. We will start our conversation with the article "[The Midlife Unraveling](#)" by Brene Brown (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.

May Reading and Discussion will meet on Tuesday, May 26, at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. Use the worship link to access the discussion. We will be reading and discussing the topic of Quaker simplicity in today's world. The reading and a brief commentary will be available in the next few days. We look forward to seeing you on the 26th.

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

There will be a "Final Friday lunch" this month, hosted by Susan Hartman. All Friends are invited to stop by any time between 11:30 am and 2pm for a simple lunch and unprogrammed fellowship and conversation. If you want to bring a poem to share, that is welcome as well! This month's lunch is on Friday, **May 29th** at Susan Hartman's home at 840 Starwick. No need to RSVP, but you can direct questions to Susan at 734-623-8255. We look forward to seeing you then.

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 the 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
- 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 **5/21**, 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.

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-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.

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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.

[2026/](#). In past years, several Friends have arranged to walk together Contact Susan Hartman if you have questions about the DRC or its programs.

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/>.

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 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/>

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->

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.