

Ann Arbor Friends Meeting 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor MI 48104 734-761-7435 **July 5, 2026**

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For all Meetings for Worship, including Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, the Zoom link is:
<https://tinyurl.com/AAFMM-Zoom> (Zoom Meeting ID: 818 7021 4329).

Sunday, July 5 (* = See announcement)

9:00 Singing; Meeting Room
9:30 Meeting for Worship — In-person
10:30 Common Fellowship Time
11:00 Meeting for Worship — Blended
CCF; Living Room *
Property Committee; Fireplace Room
3:30 Resistance Songs Sing-along; Meeting Room *

Tuesday, July 7

2:00 Meeting for Walking *

Wednesday, July 8

7:30 Quaker House Committee; Zoom

Thursday, July 9

7:00 Membership & Outreach; Zoom
7:30 Finance Committee; Zoom

Saturday, July 11

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

Sunday, July 12

9:00 Singing; Meeting Room
9:30 Meeting for Worship — In-person
10:30 Common Fellowship Time
11:00 Meeting for Worship — Blended
2:00 Memorial Meeting for Debs Roush
6:00 YAF Dinner *

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCF Announcements:

A friendly reminder that Molly Tinkerhess has taken over as the CCF assistant following Julie Kim's departure. She can be reached by email (mollymalc@gmail.com) or by texting/calling 401-749-4986.

Sunday, July 5th

Nursery care is available for our youngest friends from 9:15am-12:15pm. Children over 3 years old are encouraged to attend the first 15 minutes of worship with their families. Afterwards, kids are welcome downstairs, where childcare workers will supervise craft time and free play for all kids. This care is available from 9:45am-12:15pm.

CCF Monthly Meeting

The Committee for Children and Families has our monthly committee meeting this Sunday, July 5th, from 11am-12noon in the QH Living Room. All are welcome to join us as we discuss our end-of-summer retreat, First Day School plans for the fall, and scheduling considerations given the new worship structure AAFM approved at Meeting for Business last week.

Friends Lake Family Day

Join us Saturday, **July 11** for a day of summer fun at Friends Lake! Beginning at 10am, we will gather at Michigan Friends Center for a child-centered worship with songs, stories, and movement. A potluck lunch will follow around 12:00. The afternoon will include time for playground fun, swimming,

sand play, boating, and hiking. Bring a swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, and a lunch dish to share.

AADL Summer Game

For those of you that play Ann Arbor District Library's Summer Game, we have a code this year for the first time! Our Meeting's code is PEACENOTWAR. During hybrid worship last week, kids came to consensus on what our code should be. It was satisfying to see them put into practice what they have learned about Quaker decision-making.

Personnel Committee is preparing for employee evaluations in July. You can provide confidential feedback about employees (Meeting Worker: Luiza Duarte Caetano, Communication Coordinator: Eric Wozniak, and Maintenance Worker, Michael Ferguson) to personnel@annarborfriends.org via email or by phone with Jeff Cooper at 734-668-8063 or Kate Kelley at 248-761-0773.

A volunteer is sought to do **light copyediting for the Lake Erie Yearly Meeting Annual Records** this summer. Familiarity with LEYM is useful but not essential. Interested Friends should contact Jeff Cooper at cooperdaub@hotmail.com or (734) 668-8063.

Come hangout with baby Aaron! Luiza asks for Friends' help with Aaron as she transitions into getting back to work and caring for the baby on her own while Elliott continues his residency program in Wayne. Help in the mornings is especially appreciated. You can contact Luiza using her personal contact information available in the Directory, or sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/babysit-acab>.

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](#).

The Contributions Committee is looking for someone to act as contact person for Pendle Hill for 2026. This person would replace Joan Sampieri, long time contact person for this organization. As a reminder, a contact person is someone who is willing to contact an organization once a year to determine its financial needs and its current status. There is no need to be active in or be a member of this organization. If interested please contact Marilyn Siegel: marsiegel25@gmail.com, Donald MacGregor:

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

Donald.macgregor@att.net; Austin Kieffer: akieffer120@gmail.com. Thanks.

Resistance Songs Sing-Along July 5, 2026, 3:30-5:00 pm: at the AAFM Meeting Room. Join us to celebrate our country's heritage of protesting injustice & championing freedom for all! Presented by Friends for Justice & co-sponsored by ICPJ. See Kel Anders for details.

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 July walks will be on **July 7** and **July 21** when we'll be walking in Saginaw Forest. Saginaw comprises 80-acres of woodland, Third Sister Lake, and surrounding wetlands. It is owned by UM for the study of forestry and sustainable ecosystem management. Trails are unfinished, mostly flat but with one steep hill down to the lake. On July 7 we'll be celebrating the impressive 5-year anniversary of Meeting for Walking, come and join us!

Meet and park in the 2/42 Community Church parking lot, 648 S. Wagner Road. Park at the south-west corner of the church lot. You will see a sign pointing to the Saginaw Forest Trail Head and a map of the forest. If questions, contact Nancy T (netaylor324@gmail.com) or Naomi (naomig@umich.edu).

A memorial meeting for Debs Roush will be held on Sunday, **July 12**, at 2 pm in the Meeting Room and on the regular Meeting Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/AAFM-Zoom> (Zoom Meeting ID: 818 7021 4329). Childcare will be available. All are welcome.

A reception in the Fellowship Room will follow. To honor the memory of Debs, Friends can provide finger food, baked goods, fruit or vegetable plates, cool drinks, and anything you specialize in (including help with set-up and clean-up). There will be a sign-up sheet on the lobby table to let Nancy Taylor know what you can bring, or you can contact her at 734 368-6555 or netaylor324@gmail.com. Thank You.

Debs' obituary appears at:

<https://www.niefuneralhomes.com/memorials/deborahroush/5715788/>.

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. Our next dinner will be on **July 12**. For information on this and other YAF activities contact Lily Wiest at 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

A Memorial Meeting will be held in the manner of Friends for Rick Plewa's husband **George Ferrell** on August 1st at 3:00 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Ann

Arbor. For those not able to be there in person, there will be a "view and hear only" YouTube link.

Please email, text or talk with Naomi naomig@umich.edu by **July 15** if you plan to come, as this will help with food planning. This will not prevent you from making an alternate last-minute decision but will be appreciated.

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). **Our verses for next week will be Luke 6: 39-40.**

LARGER CIRCLES OF FRIENDS

Kalamazoo Friends Meeting will host the traditional summer gathering at Quaker Park in Battle Creek on First Day, **August 2**, at 11:00. A potluck will follow the meeting for worship. All are welcome; bring a dish to share, if you can. This has traditionally been the summer gathering of Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting, but with the Quarter being laid down, Kalamazoo has taken responsibility for this event.

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/>.

From the Newsletter: You can view Joe Volk's Plenary talk from this year's LEYM here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9WCBKNhR6K0>

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Wednesday, July 8, 7:00-8:30 pm join **Apartheid-Free Communities** for [a special conversation](#) lifting up institutional solidarity with Palestine. In November 2025, St. Stephen's University (SSU) became the first university to sign the Apartheid-Free pledge. This event will explore SSU's journey to signing the pledge and delve into institutional solidarity more broadly. The conversation will be moderated by **Apartheid-Free BC** leader, **Jeeda Musleh**, whose Apartheid-Free work is [blazing a trail](#) in Canada and beyond. [Sign up for the webinar!](#)

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 counteract increasing prices. 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/>