

Ann Arbor Friends Meeting 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor MI 48104 734-761-7435 **July 12, 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 12 (* = 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
Finance Committee; Corner Room & Zoom
Email Steve Morehouse for Zoom link
2:00 Debs Roush's Memorial *
6:00 YAF Dinner *

Monday, July 13

7:30 Peace & Social Justice; Zoom

Wednesday, July 15

7:00 What Does it Mean to be Quaker? Corner Room & Zoom

Sunday, July 19

9:30 Meeting for Worship — Blended
10:30 Refreshments
11:00 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business — Blended

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCF Announcements:

Saturday, July 11th:

Join us for our next Friends Lake Family Day! 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 12noon. The afternoon will be a time for swimming, sand play, boating, and community building. Bring a swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, and a lunch dish to share.

Sunday, July 12th:

Nursery care is available for our youngest friends from 9:15am-12:15pm. Children over 3yo 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.

AADL Summer Game

Friends Meeting is playing the Ann Arbor District Library's Summer Game! Our code (decided on by the kids) is **PEACENOTWAR**.

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.

New library books have been on display in the Meeting Library for several weeks. *These may now be borrowed*, but please return them to the display shelf within three weeks. If

the slip in the book has been signed, please remember that it is reserved for the first name there.

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.

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

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/AAFMM-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.

Women's Gathering: with people out of town and energy directed elsewhere, we've decided to skip our July meeting. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September.16 from 7:00-8:30. Please let Molly Bachelor or Laura Scott know if you have a topic suggestion or offering.

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 July walk will be on **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

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

unfinished, mostly flat but with one steep hill down to the lake.

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).

Memorial Meeting for Anne Remley

Saturday, **July 25**, 2 pm at the Friends Meetinghouse, 1420 Hill St.

If you are able to bring refreshments for the reception, please sign up on the sheet in the lobby AND let Nancy Taylor know at netaylor324@gmail.com or phone her at 734-368-6555.

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. The reception will be catered but we are seeking volunteers to be greeters and runners for the microphones.

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

Friends Peace Team has written a letter, and planned an event around the new draft law, due to take effect in December 2026. [View this information here.](#)

Mature U-M graduate student seeking interim housing — I'm a 3rd-year PhD student in Mechanical Engineering seeking a room to rent for the month of August before moving out of state for an internship. Ideally looking for a cat-friendly host, though I can arrange for friends to care for my cat if needed. I am happy to compensate my host and contribute to the household as appropriate. If you or someone in your community has a room available, I would be grateful to connect. Tel no. — 567-429-9160, email — timtho@umich.edu. Thank you. Timothy Thompson

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: 41-43**

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

July 20-22 in Battle Creek - The Second Sandbox Gathering is offering this free event to honor the life, memory, and legacy of [Zilphia Horton](#) with activities for people, pre-k through adult, focusing on eco-spirituality, activism through arts and culture, play and singing. The Second Sandbox is an affinity space for kids, youth, and families who racially identify as White (if you are in a multiracial family and wonder if this workshop is a good match for you, **please be in touch with Emily Joye McGaughy** :emilyjoye@gmail.com) It is a space where they will be using and testing curriculum materials from "DELIBERATE: White Antiracist Ancestors for White Youth." [Here is a link to detailed information about this event.](#)

Tuesday, July 28 Free Nonviolent Communication webinar with Marianne van Dijk, an NVC trainer and trauma-informed coach. This webinar will address connecting with kids while staying connected to yourself while navigating difficult moments. More info [available 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 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/>