

Ann Arbor Friends Meeting

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July 19, 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/AAFM-Zoom> (Zoom Meeting ID: 818 7021 4329).

Sunday, July 19 (* = See announcement)

9:30 Meeting for Worship — Blended

10:30 Refreshments

11:00 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
— Blended

Tuesday, July 21

2:00 Meeting for Walking *

Wednesday, July 22

9:30 FCNL – Washtenaw Advocacy Team;
Chelsea Library

Friday, July 24

7:00 New Draft Law presentation; Meeting Room & Zoom *
Contact Pamela Bogart for Zoom link

Saturday, July 25

2:00 Memorial Meeting for Anne Remley; Meeting House *

Sunday, July 26

9:30 Meeting for Worship — In-person

10:30 Common Fellowship Time

11:00 Meeting for Worship — Blended

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCF Announcements:

Sunday, July 19th:

This Sunday is Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, so the hours of available childcare and nursery care are extended. Childcare staff will supervise free play and arts and crafts time.

Nursery care is available from 9:15am-1pm.

Children above nursery age are encouraged to spend the first 15 minutes of worship with their families. They will then be escorted down to the Children's Room. Childcare will be available from 9:45am-1pm when Business Meeting ends.

NEXT Sunday, July 26th:

Get ready for water day! Childcare workers will supervise water play - sprinkler fun, sponge balls, buckets, chalk painting, and water balloons! Send your kiddos with a towel, sunscreen and a bathing suit.

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.

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.

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 July dinner was hosted by Alex Houser. Many thanks to Alex and to those contributing food and drink – Laura L, Molly B, Allie, Nancy S, Johanna, Laura S, Cynthia, Roomi and Naomi. There will be no Meeting sponsored dinner in August, but we will resume on September 13. 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 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 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).

Friday July 24, 7:00-8:30 pm: New Draft Law: Why it's a Problem and What can we DO?

Join us for a video presentation and discussion of the new Draft registration law which will register ALL Men 18-26 starting Dec. 2026.

Come IN PERSON to Ann Arbor Friends Meeting house, 1420 Hill St. Ann Arbor, 7-8:30pm

OR

Contact Pamela Bogart for the hybrid LINK:

Melabogart@gmail.com

Sponsored by: Keaka Cagle of AAFM Peace and Social Justice committee, and Cassie Cammann of Friends Peace Teams.

Presented by: The Pittsburgh Friends Meeting by Melanie Siaw from Friends Peace Teams & Pablo Doral from Veterans for Peace

DONATIONS (Tax Deductible): Ann Arbor Friends Meeting relies on donations from members and attendees to cover over 60% of its budget. You can contribute by check via U.S. mail: c/o Treasurer, Ann Arbor Friends Meeting, 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104. You can also contribute cash or checks in the Contributions Box (on wall next to Meetingroom door) and online at the Meeting's website at: <https://annarborfriends.org/wp/donate/>.

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

Memorial Meeting for Anne Remley

Saturday, **July 25**, 2 pm at the Friends Meeting House, 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 1** st at 3 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Ann Arbor. For those not able to attend in person, there will be a "view and hear only" YouTube link available closer to the time.

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

Keaka Cagle would like to hear about your concerns about the current state of the world. Call them at 817-475-2291 to talk or set up a time to talk IRL, Keaka can drive to your location if necessary!

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: 43-45**

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

[Join the Great Lakes PFAS Action Network on Monday, July 20, at 5:30 pm ET on Zoom for an informative webinar exploring the connection between data centers, water quality, and PFAS contamination.](#)

You'll hear from leading experts about how data centers use water, the role PFAS can play in cooling systems and infrastructure, the current regulatory landscape, and what these trends could mean for communities across Michigan and the Great Lakes.

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.](#)

Join the Friends Committee on National Legislation's Zoom webinar on **July 22** at 8:00 pm EDT. The upcoming August congressional recess (July 24 – September 11) is our prime window of opportunity to mobilize for accountability and lay the groundwork for bold action in the months ahead. [Link for more information and to register.](#)

Opportunity for service:

American Friends Service Committee, Ypsilanti Office is beginning a new project to serve formerly incarcerated, long-serving women to support their path to reintegration into the community. AFSC was given a plot of land (Approx. 11 acres) in Petersburg, Michigan which will be developed into a home and working farm for the women but it needs a lot of work!! If you would like to help with clearing the land and restoring a house, please join our work day, planned for **July 26**. Volunteers should wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts, work boots and work gloves. If anyone has a chainsaw or other tree-cutting tools, please take them. The location of the soon-to-be **Healing Homes Farm** is 5755 Rauch Road, Petersburg, MI 49270. **11am to 3pm**; food will be provided. Call AFSC at 734-216-4764 for further info.

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](#).