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

Sunday, July 26

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

Saturday, August 1

3:00 George Ferrel's Memorial; UUAA Church *

Sunday, August 2

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

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCF Announcements:

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

Other childcare runs from 9:45am-12:15pm.

We welcome those under 3 years old to try out a few minutes of silent worship before heading to the nursery, if they are interested. All children 3 and over are encouraged to sit in worship with their families for the first 15 minutes. After that they will be led downstairs to the Children's Room or outside for supervised playtime.

Sunday, July 26th:

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

NEXT Sunday, August 2nd:

Nora will lead the kids in a knitting tutorial. Whether it's their first time exploring the craft, or they want to strengthen existing skills, we hope children will join us during childcare to learn all about knitting! Yard and knitting needles provided.

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.

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](#).

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, YAF's ages 18-35ish usually meet for dinner on the second Sunday of each month at the home of an older Friend. 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 August walks will be on **August 4** and **August 18** when we'll be returning to Eberwhite woods where we haven't walked since August 2023. It's a perfect month to walk at Eberwhite, under the dense trees and while the school is closed. Trails are unpaved and mostly level. Parking is at the far back of the Zion Lutheran Church on Liberty.

A Memorial Meeting will be held in the manner of Friends for Rick Plewa's husband George Ferrell on Saturday August 1 st at 3 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Ann Arbor. For those unable to attend in person, there will be a "view and hear only" YouTube link: <https://youtube.com/live/7yh047mqYul?feature=share>

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.

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

There won't be a **July Reading & Discussion**, but look for an announcement of an August session.

AMONG FRIENDS

Our sanctuary guest, Mohamed Soumah, is in serious danger of being deported to the Republic of Guinea. This would put his life in danger because the medications that keep his body from rejecting the new kidney he received in 2022 are not available there. Mary Anne Perrone (maperrone@ameritech.net) is assembling letters of support with a new deadline of August 3. For details see the [Sanctuary Committee report on July 19](#).

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: 46-49**

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.

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>

Conscientious Objection: Is This for You?

Discerning, Deciding, Documenting, and Defending a CO Claim with Selective Service:

A workshop in three sessions: August 10 | August 13 | August 17, 7:00 to 8:00 PM ET

Effective December 18, 2026, eligible males (assigned at birth) aged 18 to 25 will be automatically registered for the military draft pool using existing federal and state records,

removing the need to register manually. **How do we respond as Friends, and prepare the young people in our lives and communities?**

The workshop provides extensive materials, including a workbook to document personal reflection, activities, and discussion.

Online with Zoom from anywhere. [Link to register](#)

The workshop is a collaboration between [Quaker Religious Education Collaborative](#) (QREC), [Durham Friends Meeting](#) (DFM), and [Quaker House](#) (QH).

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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.

Community Conversation on Supporting Unhoused Folks in Washtenaw County

The Daytime Warming Center of Washtenaw County has always worked to fill in the gaps. Some new, big policy changes mean there are more gaps and more people in need in our community than ever before in our 12-year history. We urgently need support if we are going to continue our work. Join us for a conversation on **Monday, July 27** from 12-2pm at First Baptist. A bigger event will be held on **Sunday, August 2** from 2-3:30pm at Zion Lutheran Church.

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](#).

The Kairos Center (the group that brought you the modern Poor Peoples' Campaign) is organizing Freedom Trail Caravans for the August 1st National March into Marquette Park. This March will mark the 60th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Chicago Freedom Movement's march into Marquette Park to confront entrenched segregation, redlining, and organized racial violence. Sixty years later, our communities are confronting multiple and different crises. This will be a time to march together, and to gather energy and strength to bring back to our communities for the struggle ahead. The bus from Detroit to Chicago will depart on Friday, July 31st @ 7:00 AM EDT and is scheduled to return on Sunday, August 2nd @ 3:30 PM EDT. [Here is the link for more information and to register](#).