
Ann Arbor Friends Meeting 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor MI 48104 734-761-7435 **August 2, 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, 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

Monday, August 3

7:00 Technology Committee; Zoom
Email technology@annarborfriends.org for Zoom link

Tuesday, August 4

2:00 Meeting for Walking *

Wednesday, August 5

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

Thursday, August 6

6:00 M&C Committee; Zoom

Saturday, August 8

2:00 Earthcare Committee; Zoom

Sunday, August 9

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

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCF Announcements:

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

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

We welcome those 3 years old and younger to try out a few minutes of silent worship before heading to the nursery, if they are interested.

We invite all children over 3 years old to sit in worship with their families for the first 15 minutes. After that, children will be escorted downstairs (or outside) for supervised play time and crafts.

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 this summer. 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. Park at the far back of the Zion Lutheran Church on Liberty.

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

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!

Marilyn Wedenoja is seeking transportation to medical appointments for radiation and chemotherapy and to Meeting on Sundays. Because of her medical condition she is not allowed to drive. Currently her need is for transportation to Meeting. The Care Committee (Lauren and Naomi) will be seeking rides to medical appointments when we have information on dates and times.

Marilyn is in the directory, her address is 2200 Fuller Court, 612B, Ann Arbor. Please call her directly at 734-355-1364 if you can help on Sundays.

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

Friends from Michigan and northern Ohio are invited to attend our annual summer gathering at Quaker Park in Battle Creek, Michigan (Fremont & Groveland). Meeting for worship will be on First Day **August 2, 2026**, starting at 11:00 am, followed by a picnic lunch or potluck. Be sure to bring a chair and food or a dish to pass. The Kalamazoo Meeting will be providing table service along with water. As in the past, we will have a portable toilet available. Hoping for a good turnout.

Any questions, please contact Joseph Mills at 269/599-6563 or millrae@juno.com.

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?**

Curt Tolles, in connection with Durham Friends Meeting, will offer a three-part online workshop on Conscientious Objection and the new draft registration law. A more detailed announcement and link to register for the workshop are at leym.org/conscientious-objection-workshop.

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

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.

Unite & Rise for Voting Rights

Saturday, **August 8**, 4:30–7:30pm

UUAA Congregation, 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann Arbor

Join in the National Day of Action to commemorate the signing of the Voting Rights Act of 1965!

The film screening is followed by a potluck dinner and panel discussion led by Voting Access for All Coalition (VAAC). Panelists will discuss personal experiences with voting access and will reflect on what it takes to build a system where every voice is valued and heard.

Co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters Washtenaw County, the Restorative Justice Committee of UUAA, and Voting Access for All Coalition (VAAC).

[Register to attend!](#)