
Ann Arbor Friends Meeting 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor MI 48104 734-761-7435 **August 9, 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 9 (* = 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

Monday, August 10

7:30 Peace & Social Justice Committee; Zoom

Thursday, August 13

7:00 Membership and Outreach; Zoom

Saturday, August 15

5:00 Social Saturday; Fellowship Room & Backyard *

Sunday August 16

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

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.

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](#).

Last chance to explore new library books. These have been on display on the Library's west wall but will soon be moved to their permanent place in the collection. Have a look!

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.

There will be a **Social Saturday** coming up on August 15th with a Circus theme. If you have any skills that might be considered circus-like or nearly circus, come join us for fun and food. Jugglers, unicyclists, trick bicyclists, gymnasts, fire eaters, face-painters, clowns, etc. are more than welcome. It's a time for young and old to have fun and make memories. Side dishes or desserts are welcome but not required. Contact Dennis Gregg 931-210-3611 with questions or to offer your services. A grand time will be had by all!

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 August walk will be on **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

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

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).

Registration (<https://www.fgcquaker.org/event/outreach-conference/>) **is now open for the September 25-27**, Friends General Conference virtual Outreach Conference. There will be two plenaries, four workshops, and a free resource journal for all registrants (full-color PDF). This conference is ideal for Friends who are interested in the growth of the Religious Society of Friends, invitational outreach in the local community, and best practices in visibility and communications.

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

Monday, August 10, 3-4:30pm, and Tuesday, August 18, 6:30-8pm the **American Friends Service Committee** will be offering **Good Neighbor Volunteer Trainings**. This project pairs volunteers in the community with long-serving incarcerated women at the Women's Huron Valley Facility to help develop mutually supportive relationships and co-mentorships. This session will provide training and guidance in how to facilitate conversations and build a successful relationship with your co-mentor. For more information and to register [here is the link](#).

If you're interested in the conversation about where ICPJ is going as an organization, a **Network Convening** facilitated by Yodit Mesfin Johnson will take place next Thursday, **August 13**, 5:30-7:30pm, at St. Luke's, 120 N. Huron St., Ypsilanti. This will be a continuation of the conversation around aligning ICPJ's mission, vision, values, structure and theory of change. We'd love to have you there!

Please [see the event details and RSVP](#).