

Ann Arbor Friends Meeting 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor MI 48104 734-761-7435 **August 16, 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 16 (* = See announcement)

9:30 Meeting for Worship — Blended
10:30 Potluck Brunch; Fellowship Room
10:30 Learning about meeting groups with explicit emphasis
on Spiritual practice (hybrid tables at Potluck Brunch)*
11:00 Friends Lake Family Day *

Monday, August 17

6:30 Final Affairs Committee; Naomi's House

Tuesday, August 18

2:00 Meeting for Walking *

Wednesday, August 19

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

Saturday, August 22

3:00 Quaker Death Education; Fellowship Room & Zoom

Sunday, August 23

9:30 Meeting for Worship — In-person
10:30 Common Fellowship Time
11:00 Meeting for Worship — Blended
12:00 CCF Retreat; Fellowship Room

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCF Announcements:

This week, nursery care will be available from 9:15-10:45am. We invite children above nursery age to sit in worship with their families for the first fifteen minutes. After that, childcare workers will supervise crafts and free play from 9:45-10:30am.

Sunday, August 16th: Friends Lake Family Day

CCF is hosting our final Family Day of the summer at [Friends Lake](#) in Chelsea. Beginning at 11am, join us down by the water for a potluck lunch and an afternoon of swimming, boating, and sand play. Bring sunscreen, a bathing suit, a towel, and a dish to share.

Please email Molly Tinkerhess (mollymalc@gmail.com) if you plan to attend so we know how many people to expect.

Mark your calendars! First Day School resumes on Sunday, September 13th, during our new 10am worship hour! More details to come soon.

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.

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.

Learning about meeting groups with explicit emphasis on Spiritual practice: Sunday, **August 16th** 10:30am
We will have tables at the Potluck Brunch for people to learn more about five meeting groups with an explicit focus on Spiritual Practice/Learning: Spiritual Formation, Spiritual Companionship, Bible Hour, What does it mean to be Quaker?, and Reading and Discussion. Hybrid accessible: Online participants can join a table via the meeting zoom link.

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.

AMONG FRIENDS

Thomas Taylor has a new email address:
tylr37@gmail.com — please update your records accordingly.

Scott Neville would like a host for his stay in Ann Arbor from September 11-17 (with some flexibility on the dates). He is returning to give a talk at Umich. Needs a space to sleep that is either walkable to (or a bus ride away from) downtown Ann Arbor. If interested, please email: nevilles@umich.edu or text: (248) 923-5761.

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

Ed Morin penned lyrics to the melody of the blues classic, "Why Don't You Do Right," to reflect the socio-political condition of our country. Please listen and share "Do Right, Mr. President" on the blog of the Crazy Wisdom Poetry Circle: <https://cwcircle.poetry.blog/post-archive/>.

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. Thank you to those who have offered to give rides to Marilyn to worship for the next few Sundays in August. Marilyn shares that since experiencing two blackouts and restrictions following brain surgery, she is not allowed to drive and is facing radiation and chemotherapy.

Marilyn will need transportation to many medical appointments in the next month. Nancy Taylor and Naomi are assisting her in applying to A-Ride and Jewish Family Services but there are administrative delays and there will be a need in the interim before these are up and running. I have contacted those who earlier this year offered to provide transportation to Friends in need. If you would like to add your name to this list, please contact Naomi from the Care Committee at naomig@umich.edu. Many thanks!

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). **Verses for next week are: Luke 7, verses 7-10.**

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: Last session: **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/>.

LEYM Annual Fall Youth Retreat: Friday, October 2, to Sunday, October 4.

Families and friends are invited to bring their youth (K-12th grade) to the [Kirkmont Center in mid-Ohio](#) to explore our Quaker connections with each other and our environment.

The theme for the weekend is **Finding Hope, Joy, and Courage in Community**. You are welcome to bring crafts to share, a journal, musical instruments to accompany singing, word or board games, and your imagination. We will be cooking our own meals in the lodge kitchen.

The cost per person is \$70 but the Yearly Meeting gives a \$25 scholarship for any person who would like to use it. **The deadline to register for the retreat is September 10.** For registration, email Diane Mott (mottfam45@gmail.com) with the names and ages of people who are coming to camp.

You also need to give Diane any dietary restrictions/food allergies by September 10 so that there is time to plan the food menu. Late registration is not possible. See leym.org/fall-youth-retreat-2026 for more information.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Tuesday, August 18, 6:30-8pm the **American Friends Service Committee** will be offering a **Good Neighbor Volunteer Training**. 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](#).

August 29, 12-6 PM, the **Interfaith Fund for Immigrant Justice** will be holding a **D&D fundraiser for the Michigan Immigrant Rights Center**. This event is a mix of co-operative and competitive gameplay. Some comfort with playing Dungeons & Dragons may be helpful, but you do not have to be an expert at D&D to join in! Click [here](#) for more information or to buy tickets. FYI - MIRC just lost a federal contract to provide legal support for immigrant children which will leave about 500 children in Michigan without legal representation.