
Ann Arbor Friends Meeting 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor MI 48104 734-761-7435 **August 23, 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 23 (* = See announcement)

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

Wednesday, August 26

9:30 FCNL – Washtenaw Advocacy Team; Corner Room *

Sunday, August 30

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

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**CCF Announcements:**

This week, after spending the first 15 minutes in worship with their families, children four and older will have supervised free play and craft time either downstairs in the Children's Room or outside on the playground. That childcare will run during both worship hours, and is available from 9:45am-12:15pm.

Nursery care is available from 9:15am-12:15pm for babies until age 4.

CCF Retreat:

This Sunday, August 23rd, anyone interested is invited to join CCF committee members for our annual retreat. We will gather from **11am-3pm** in the Corner Room, and plan the upcoming year of First Day School. We will have lunch together at 1pm. Additionally, we will discuss ways to ensure our new worship schedule works for children, and plan other activities and events to support the spiritual and educational growth of children and families in Meeting. All are welcome. Email Claire Tinkerhess (ctinkerhess@comcast.net) to RSVP and for more details.

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.

There will not be an August Reading & Discussion, due to difficulties with scheduling. However, Reading & Discussion will resume in September on the second Sunday, **Sept. 13**, in the Fireplace Room, at 11:30 a.m. in person and on Zoom. We're planning a session on Quakers and anger. We hope to keep to this second Sunday schedule throughout the fall.

Meeting for Walking – We are changing our schedule! At the request of the regular walkers, we will now walk at **1 pm instead of 2 pm each first and third Tuesday of the month**. We will walk on September 1 and September 15, with walks led by Jeff Cooper and Steve Roush around Argo Pond. All are welcome and feel free to bring a friend. Trails are a mixture of paved and unpaved, level and undulating. Parking is at the canoe livery on Longshore Drive. If you have questions, please call Naomi Gilbert or Jeff Cooper.

Friends Committee on National Legislation's Washtenaw Advocacy Team

Wednesday, **August 26**, 9:30–11:30, Corner Room
Join the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) Advocacy Team when we meet every month on the fourth Wednesday from 9:30 a.m.–noon. Because we have both Ann Arbor and Chelsea members, we toggle between the two locations for meetings. Our purpose is to build relationships with our members of US Congress, and to support bills promoting matters of peace and justice. Sometimes we meet with the staff of our Senators and Representative; more often we make phone calls, or write letters to the members or to newspaper editors. We are amply supported by the large, expert staff in the Washington DC office of FCNL and by other Advocacy Teams in Michigan.

Our elected officials need constituents who will encourage, teach, appreciate, and hold them accountable to work for the common good. Governed by members of the Religious Society of Friends, FCNL acts in faith to create a world free from war, a society with equity and justice for all, a community where every person's potential may be fulfilled and an earth restored. One current issue is urging congressional members to oppose the transfer of more weapons of war and military support to Israel.

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

Questions? Contact John Gourlay (john@weathervanefarm.net) or Nancy Taylor (netaylor@comcast.net).

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: nevvilles@umich.edu or text: (248) 923-5761.

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 I are assisting her in applying to A-Ride and Jewish Family Services but there are 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: 11-15.**

LARGER CIRCLES OF FRIENDS

Quaker Voluntary Service, an 11-month service opportunity for young adults aged 21-30, is offering virtual information sessions this fall. If you are interested in learning more or registering for an info session, please visit their website at www.quakervoluntaryservice.org/apply.

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](https://pendlehill.org/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

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.