

Ann Arbor Friends Meeting 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor MI 48104 734-761-7435 **August 30, 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 30 (* = See announcement)

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

Monday, August 31

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

Tuesday, September 1

1:00 Meeting for Walking *

Wednesday, September 2

7:00 What Does it Mean to be Quaker? Corner Room
& Zoom
7:30 Quaker House Committee; Zoom

Thursday, September 3

6:00 M&C Committee; Zoom

Sunday, September 6

9:00 Property Committee; Fireplace Room
10:00 Meeting for Worship — Blended; Meeting Room
10:00 Meeting for Worship — In-person; Fireplace Room
11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments; Fellowship Room,
Backyard

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCF Announcements:

Nursery care will run from 9:15am-12:15pm and cover both worship hours.

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

We invite all children 4 years and older to sit in worship with their families for the first 15 minutes. After that time, they will be escorted downstairs or outside for supervised free play and craft time.

A reminder that **First Day School begins again on Sunday, September 13th**. It will run during our new worship time of 10am. Regardless of which worship format families attend, we invite children to sit with their families for the first 15 minutes. Then Claire Tinkerhess and Lily Wiest will gather all children together downstairs for a time of community building. They will engage in a photographic art project to help re-establish connections for the coming school year.

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.

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.

Reading and Discussion will meet at 11:15 am on Sunday, September 13, 2026 (note new day and time) in the Fireplace Room. We will be discussing Quakers and Anger. The readings can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/4cn75h8n>. We hope to see you all there.

The Indigenous Action Group will reconvene Thursday, September 17, 7:30 pm via Meeting Zoom. Please join us to learn more about what we do and how you can support our efforts.

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

We have received news of the death of Michael Fuson, a member of the Granville (OH) Friends Meeting whom many of us knew through his participation in Lake Eire Yearly Meeting, his many years of service for FCNL, including as LEYM Representative and as Clerk of the General Committee from 2023-2025, and his visits to AAFM, including one very recently. His obituary is available at <https://www.online-tribute.com/michaelfuson>. A memorial service is planned in Granville on October 10th. Details are in the obituary notice.

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

Hue Huynh has a new email address:

sheabodypress@gmail.com — please update your records accordingly.

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 – if you can help with transportation for Marilyn for Meeting and medical appointments, please contact Naomi 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 7:16-17.**

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](#) 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

Nontheist Friends Network, Creative Conversations. Please join us on Thursday, **September 3, 2026 at 2PM EDT** for our next conversation. Harvey Gillman will be presenting on the topic of “Transtheism.”

I came to Friends almost fifty years ago to embrace the sacred through silence, community, and a way of life. Though a man of many words I find words them limited. I am neither theist, nor non-theist, nor atheist. I dare to talk of transtheism, but this is only a temporary oasis on the way to somewhere else.

We look forward to a lively conversation and hope that you will come and add your voice.

If you have not already done so, we urge you to visit our website at: <https://nontheist-quakers.org.uk/>

You may join the conversation by clicking on this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84812726990?pwd=QugCR6EyQVDI0XkyWQMyP1uxrsZdRr.1>

Meeting ID: 848 1272 6990
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