

Ann Arbor Friends Meeting 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor MI 48104 734-761-7435 **September 13, 2026**

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<https://tinyurl.com/AAFM-Zoom> (Zoom Meeting ID: 818 7021 4329).

Sunday, September 13 (* = See announcement)

9:30 Singing; Meeting Room
10:00 Meeting for Worship — Blended; Fireplace Room
10:00 Meeting for Worship — In-person; Meeting Room
10:15 First Day School *
11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments; Fellowship Room,
Backyard
11:00 Finance Committee; Corner Room
11:15 Reading & Discussion; Fireplace Room *
11:30 CCF Meeting; Living Room
6:00 YAF Dinner *

Monday, September 14

7:00 Spiritual Exploration Group forming; Zoom *
<https://umich.zoom.us/j/3247188797>
7:30 Peace & Social Justice Committee; Zoom

Tuesday, September 15

11:45 Interfaith Round Table; Fellowship Room
1:00 Meeting for Walking *

Wednesday, September 16

7:00 Women's Meeting; Meeting Room *
7:00 What Does it Mean to be Quaker? Corner
Room & Zoom

Thursday, September 17

7:30 Indigenous Action Group; Zoom *

Friday, September 18

5:00 FCNL Potluck; Fellowship Room *

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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCF Announcements:

First Day School Kick-Off: This **Sunday, September 13th**, is the first session of First Day School for the 2026-2027 school year. Claire T. and Lily W. will lead the children in a photographic art activity aimed at building connections between kids and helping them re-introduce themselves to our larger Meeting community. **First Day School will run weekly from 10:15-11:00am.**

Nursery care is available for our youngest Friends from 9:45am-11:15am.

Children ages 4 years and older are invited to sit in worship (either in the Meeting Room or Fireplace Room) with their families for the first 15 minutes. After that, they will be escorted downstairs by First Day School teachers for their lesson.

NEWLY UPDATED Settling Bags: If you or your child would appreciate having quiet toys or fidgets for use during silent worship, please help yourself to one of the settling bags. They are located in the lobby in a basket to the left of the Meeting Room doors.

Monthly CCF Meeting: This Sunday, September 13th, is our monthly CCF committee meeting from **11:30am-1pm** in the **Quaker House Living Room**. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Announcements Basket: if you would like an announcement to be made in the room that you are not worshipping in, there are Meeting Room and Fireplace room announcement baskets on the main table. You can use a pink index card next to the baskets for the announcement. If you can't attend meeting and you would like to leave an announcement for both rooms for the following week please use the baskets. Please write the date of meeting on the announcement card so there is no confusion as to which week the announcement is intended for. Please keep these announcements very brief and include your name on the card. Please leave announcements by 9:55AM on Sunday morning.

Old Items Needing New Homes: Johanna and Laura have started an experimental bulletin board in the small room behind the fellowship hall kitchen to offer up some of our cherished possessions that need a new home. Please browse the items posted and get in touch if you'd like to provide that home. And please use the bulletin board if you'd like to give away a special item. Instructions on how to do this are on the bulletin board.

The Contributions Committee is looking for contact persons for the following organizations:

1. Corner Health Center (Ypsilanti-based): www.cornerhealth.org
 2. Friends in Deed, Circles Program (Ypsilanti-based): www.friendsindeedmi.org
 3. Pendle Hill: www.pendlehill.org
- As a reminder, a contact person is someone who is willing to contact an organization at least once a year to determine financial needs and current status. This person need not be active in or a member of the organization. If interested, Please contact Marilyn Siegel: marsiegel25@gmail.com, Donald MacGregor: Donald.macgregor@att.net, or Austin Kieffer: akieffer120@gmail.com. Thank you.

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.

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Young Adult Friends, YAFs ages 18-35ish meet for dinner on the second Sunday of each month at the home of an older Friend. The next dinner will be on **September 13** at the home of Laura and Ben. For information on this and other YAF activities contact Lily Wiest at lily.wiest@gmail.com.

Spiritual Exploration Group forming for the year: Anyone interested in being part of our Meeting's Spiritual Exploration Group in 2026-27 is invited to an informational/organizational meeting by Zoom on Monday evening, **September 14**, at 7:00 pm. Use the Zoom link:

<https://umich.zoom.us/j/3247188797>. The group meets monthly to share where our spiritual journeys are taking us. For more information, talk to Tom Blackwell or Peggy Daub.

Meeting for Walking – We have changed 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 next on **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 paths through woods. Parking is at the canoe livery on Longshore Drive. If you have questions, please call Jeff Cooper.

Women's Meeting: Please join us for the September women's gathering on Wednesday, **September 16** from 7:00-8:30 in the Meeting Room. We'll have an evening of conversation and also discuss ideas for upcoming meetings. Come and let us know what you'd like this group to be for the coming year!

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.

Join our local FCNL Advocacy Team!

The Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) supports a network of 135 advocacy teams across the country, including our active Washtenaw County group. We use the guidance from FCNL experts to build relationships with our US Senators and Representatives, advocating for issues of peace and justice.

Join us on **Friday Sept 18th**, 5 pm, in the Fellowship room at the Ann Arbor Friends Meetinghouse for a potluck and informational session with FCNL staff person Jane Nunn. All are welcome!

For more information contact:

Claire Tinkerhess ctinkerhess@comcast.net

or Susan Hartman SusanDHartman@gmail.com

Save the Date: Oct 2, 7:30 pm. Alanna Mora and Whitney Grinnage were interns this summer helping with research on the stories of those who were once enslaved by Quakers of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting: **The 339 Manumissions and Beyond Project**. AAFM sponsored their internships and they will share with us some of their efforts and experiences in a Zoom session.

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.

PIAG Update

The UK government's announcement last week of boycotts against products from Israeli settlements is a sudden policy shift that's being followed by ten other nations. Eminent historian Ilan Pappé's Oxford Union Debate furnishes a context for this momentous change:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ZYiBwciN5k>

AMONG FRIENDS

Breathing a sigh of relief: Mohamed Soumah, our guest in sanctuary, had an uneventful meeting at the ICE offices in Detroit last Tuesday. He was simply asked to come back in six months for the usual check-in. Tom Blackwell and Peggy Daub from our Meeting were part of a group of six supporters accompanying him and are happy to share additional details if you have questions.

Check out the [Interfaith Roundtable September Newsletter](#), with information about

- In-person Day Forum: **Modern Psalms, with Dwight Wilson**, Tuesday, **September 15**, 2026 | 11:45 am - 1:00 pm
- Interfaith Table in the Zen Tradition, Sunday, September 27, 2026 | 4-7 pm

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 Erie 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.

Hue Huynh has a new email address:

fordheritage2010@proton.me— this is her one and only email address. I'm sorry for sharing a wrong email address recently; 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" from the blog of the Crazy Wisdom Poetry Circle: <https://cwcircle.poetry.blog/post-archive/>.

Marilyn Wedenoja – Marilyn is now at Regency on the Bluffs, a rehab facility at 355 Huron View Blvd, Ann Arbor. Regency will provide transportation to her medical appointments. Marilyn would enjoy visits and cards. Visitation is easier on the weekends as she is busy during the week with medical appointments. She requests 'call first' but if no answer, 'come anyway'. For more information contact Cynthia Lempert at clempert@umich.edu.

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

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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 7:21-23.**

LARGER CIRCLES OF FRIENDS

Over the summer, hundreds of grassroots advocates on [Friends Committee on National Legislation Advocacy Teams](#) organized in their communities and lobbied members of Congress to stop the illegal war on Iran. To build on this momentum, FCNL is looking for people to join Advocacy Teams. As a member of an Advocacy Team, you get support from your team and FCNL staff while building local power to drive change in Washington. Here are three ways to learn more about Advocacy Teams and join a growing movement for peace:

[Sign up for an Intro to Advocacy Training.](#)

[Fill out our interest form to join a Team near you or start your own.](#)

[Attend the Advocacy Teams National Call on Wednesday, October 7.](#)

Interfaith event to write letters to individuals detained by ICE:

Friends are invited to join a letter-writing event organized by Temple Beth Emeth to communicate support and care to individuals incarcerated at the Baldwin, Michigan "North Lake Processing Center."

Date: Saturday **September 19** (RSVP for the start time)

Location: Temple Beth Emeth (and St. Clare Episcopal Church) [2309 Packard St, Ann Arbor, MI 48104](#)

Please RSVP by Monday September 14 to Pamela Bogart, melabogart@gmail.com (or her phone number in the directory). Event organizers will ask for the number of addresses based on expected turnout. Please bring a few postage stamps if you have the capacity to do so.

Detroit Friends Meeting will commemorate 100 years in the city's life next Saturday and Sunday, **September 19-20**, and they invite all Quakers to join in the celebration. For details, see the website detroitfriendsmeeting.org.

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 center for Spirit-led learning, retreat, and community:

Daily worship 8:30 - 9:10 ET via Zoom -

<https://pendlehill.org/worship/>

Upcoming events - <https://pendlehill.org/programs/>

The Seed podcast - <https://pendlehill.org/learn/podcast/>

Calendar: <https://pendlehill.org/calendar/>

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Saturday, September 19, from 12:00-4:00, join AFSC MI and Second Chance Battalion for the **Healing Homes Farm Open House**. Tour the grounds, meet our two new resident collaborators, and celebrate freedom and the work to get long-serving women free from prison. There will be food and music and a whole lot of love to share! [Healing Homes Open House Registration](#). Questions? Please email Megan at meganenl@umich.edu.

Trash Talk Tour: ICPJ encourages you to join the 6th annual Trash Talk Tour on **September 26 &/or 27!** Tour the country's largest stadium and learn about its zero-waste policies or visit Recycle Ann Arbor's facilities and get a behind-the-scenes look at what happens to your recycling after it leaves the curb. (Reservations required; spots go fast!) The fantastic Zero Waste Fall Festival is also returning to Kiwanis with family-fun activities, live music and tours (no reservations required). Details and RSVP at trashtalktour.org for prize entries including a \$100 gift card to Zingerman's Deli, \$25 gift card to Blank Slate, a jar of Coco Miel from Mindo & more.

Join the 52nd Annual Ann Arbor Area CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday **October 4**, 2026. Help the hungry, locally and worldwide. 25% of funds you raise will go to local organizations, and 75% to Church World Service worldwide.

Start at First United Methodist Church, [120 South State Street, Ann Arbor](#).

Register between 1pm and 2pm, join the outdoor send-off service, and walk a 1-mile route (twice if you wish) in a large crowd!

Visit <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/annarbormi>.