
Ann Arbor Friends Meeting 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor MI 48104 734-761-7435 **September 20, 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, September 20 (* = See announcement)

9:30 Singing; Meeting Room
10:00 Meeting for Worship — Blended; Meeting Room
10:00 Meeting for Worship — In-person; Fireplace Room
10:15 First Day School *
11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments; Fellowship Room,
Backyard
11:30 Meeting for Worship with Attention to
Business — Blended; Meeting Room

Wednesday, September 23

9:30 FCNL – Washtenaw Advocacy Team;
Chelsea Library

Sunday, September 27

9:30 Singing; Meeting Room
10:00 First Day School
10:00 Meeting for Worship — Blended; Fireplace Room
10:00 Meeting for Worship — In-person; Meeting Room
11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments; Fellowship Room,
Backyard
11:30 Threshing Session: Envisioning Meeting for Worship
with attention to Business; Meeting Room *

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**CCF Announcements:****Sunday, September 20th:**

First Day School this week will focus on Quaker understandings of God, Spirit and the Inner Light. Robin will work with the lower and middle elementary aged kids. She will read a book and lead them in a collage craft activity to depict their own image of that of God within themselves. Preschools will also have a story time and craft, led by our childcare workers, and Molly B. will work with our upper elementary and middle schoolers.

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

After sitting in worship with their families for the first 15 minutes, children above nursery age will be escorted downstairs and will attend **First Day School from 10:15-11am**. As a reminder, childcare staff are not available to watch children during the first 15 minutes of worship because they will be setting up for the lesson. If your child cannot attend the beginning of worship with you for any reason, please plan to stay with them in the Meetinghouse lobby until First Day School begins at 10:15am.

Goats at Friends Lake!

Until next Tuesday, September 22nd, a herd of **10 goats from Twin Willow Ranch in Milan** is living out at Friends

Lake in Chelsea. The hosts are helping clear out underbrush and invasive plant species near the campsites. Families are welcome to visit the lake to enjoy these furry friends. Not only are they fun to watch, but the goat visit might even spark a conversation with your kids about environmentally sustainable land management techniques. Friends Lake members hope that the goats will return again in the spring.

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

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. *** The deadline for replying to us is Wednesday, September 30, 2026.

Join us! The Spiritual Exploration Group will begin its year of fellowship in October by reading the Pendle Hill pamphlet *Letting Go: Steps in the Spiritual Life*, by Jennifer Kavanagh. "This pamphlet explores what might get in the way of being open to the Spirit, and the joy and freedom of letting it go. The clutter that separates us from God, our

¹ Errata: Luiza Duarte Caetano (Meeting Worker) was incorrectly listed as Quaker House Resident Host in the issues between July 12 and September 13, 2026. Please contact Daniel Luzarraga (973-908-2612) instead for Quaker House Resident Host matters. Please contact Luiza for Meeting Worker matters through the office's phone number and e-mail address.

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essential selves, or our life's purpose is different for everyone, and different at each stage of life." We would love to have you join us -- we meet two evenings a month by Zoom. Let Peggy Daub know if you're interested (peggydaub@hotmail.com).

Threshing session: Envisioning Meeting for Worship with attention to Business. **September 27, 11:30 am**, Meeting Room. We will explore how we may nurture our ability to enact business in the presence of Spirit.

Singing Resistance Ann Arbor will "**Sing Forth The Vote**" in the Meeting Room on **Sunday September 27, at 2 pm**. Come learn songs to help celebrate and encourage participation in the election process. We will also hear about ways we can engage to help **protect the election**. Claire and Paul Tinkerhess's Peace Pod will host this singing and information sharing event. Click [here](#) to see the flyer.

339 Manumissions and Beyond Project firsthand accounts: Alanna Mora and Whitney Grinnage were interns this summer helping with research on the stories of those once enslaved by Quakers of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. AAFM sponsored their internships and they will share with us some of their efforts and experiences in a Zoom session. The lead genealogist for the Project, Shamele Jordan, will also attend.

Last January many of us attended an online presentation by Shamele and others about the project and their findings (LEYM link to recording of that session available on the Reparative Justice webpage). **Please join us Oct. 2, 7:30 pm** for another chapter of that journey. We will meet on the meeting's worship Zoom account.

Young Adult Friends, YAFS ages 18-35ish meet for dinner on the second Sunday of each month at the home of an older Friend. Many thanks to Laura and Ben for hosting the last dinner on September 13. And many thanks to all the older Friends who contributed food and drinks including Jane G, Molly B, Catherine S, Roomi and Naomi. For information on the next dinner on **October 11** and other YAF activities contact Lily Wiest at lily.wiest@gmail.com.

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

Looking for housing? Molly and Martin Tinkerhess are searching for a subletter for their light-filled 4 bed, 2 bath ranch home with fully fenced backyard in Upper Water Hill. The sublet would begin in November and run through the lease's end on June 30, 2027. There is an option to renew

the lease for another year at that time. Contact Molly for more details: mollymalc@gmail.com.

Tuesday, September 29, at 7 p.m. ET, Lori Saginaw, a former attendee of Ann Arbor Friends Meeting, and daughter of attendee May Watanabe, will be having a Zoom book launch for **Windows of Light** is the first anthology of **Nikkei Write Now!** the collective storytelling voices of a small group of women of Japanese descent, sharing the untold stories of their Japanese and Japanese American family members. [Click here to register](#)

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.me²— **this is her one and only email address**; 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 – will be moving from Regency on the Bluffs to a different care home on a date undetermined at the time of this writing. For up-to-date information contact Cynthia Lempert at clempert@umich.edu. Marilyn would enjoy visits and cards. She requests 'call first' but if no answer, 'come anyway'.

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).

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:

² Errata: Hue Huynh's email address was incorrectly given as sheabodypress@gmail.com; that is not her email address. This one (fordheritage2010@proton.me) is.

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[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.](#)

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>.

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.

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

Registration (<https://www.fgcquaker.org/event/outreach-conference/>) **is 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

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.

Monday, September 28, from 7-8:30 p.m. ET, Faith United to Save Democracy (FUSD) is offering a **FREE Poll Chaplain & Peacekeeper Training** to help prepare faith leaders and laypersons to help protect the freedom to vote during Early Voting and on Election Day. For more information [click here](#). **Register at:** www.turnoutsunday.com

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](#).