

Ann Arbor Friends Meeting 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor MI 48104 734-761-7435 September 27, 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 27 (* = See announcement)

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 *

Monday, September 28

7:00 Personnel Committee Meeting; Fireplace Room & Zoom; email personnel@annarborfriends.org for link

Friday, October 2

7:00 339 Manumissions and Beyond Project; Zoom *

Saturday, October 3

3:00 Quaker Death Education; Meeting Room & Zoom

Sunday, October 4

9:00 Property Committee; Fireplace Room
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
11:30 CCF Meeting; Corner Room

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCF Announcements:

This **Sunday, September 27th**, First Day School for elementary and middle schoolers will be taught by Dwight Wilson. He will focus on the query “how do I love the ways that I am different?” Preschoolers will also have a lesson about embracing their unique gifts, which will be run by our childcare staff.

Friends younger than preschool age are welcomed into our nursery. **Nursery care is available from 9:45am-1pm.**

Older children are invited to join their families in worship for the first 15 minutes. Settling bags are available outside the Meeting Room to help keep hands busy and minds quiet. At 10:15am, children will be escorted downstairs or into Quaker House for their lesson. **First Day School will run from 10:15–11am.** Childcare will be available from 11am until 1pm, to offer coverage during refreshments, forums, committee meetings, etc.

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 announce-

ment 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 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).

Young Adult Friends, YAFS ages 18-35ish meet for dinner on the second Sunday of each month at the home of an older Friend. Our next dinner will be on **October 11**. For information on this and other YAF activities contact Lily Wiest at lily.wiest@gmail.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

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

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.

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. All are welcome and feel free to bring a friend.

Our next walk will be on **October 6** led by Jeff Cooper. He writes, "Having walked around Argo Pond, we'll now follow the river downstream, passing the Argo Cascades, curving around Riverside Park, and continuing to Island Park, either returning the same way or walking inland. This stretch is relatively level, except for a set of stairs, and mostly paved." Parking is at the canoe livery on Longshore Drive. If you have questions, please call Jeff Cooper at 734-377-1676

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

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](#).

Yard Worker needed for lawn, garden, some household chores. Contact Ed Morin: 734-356-0270.

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.

Marilyn Wedenoja – has moved home temporarily but will be moving to assisted living this weekend. I will post more information when I know it next week. Questions, please contact Naomi at naomig@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 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).

Verses for next week are Luke 7:28-30

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](#).

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.

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

Thursday, October 15, 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](#).

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>.