

**Ann Arbor Friends Meeting** 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor MI 48104 734-761-7435 **October 4, 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, October 4** (\* = 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  
11:30 CCF Meeting; Corner Room \*  
11:30 Property Committee; Fireplace Room

**Monday, October 5**

7:00 Technology Committee; Zoom. Email  
[technology@annarborfriends.org](mailto:technology@annarborfriends.org) for link

**Tuesday, October 6**

1:00 Meeting for Walking \*

**Wednesday, October 7**

7:00 What Does it Mean to be Quaker? Corner  
Room & Zoom  
7:30 Quaker House Committee; Zoom. Email  
[ghec@annarborfriends.org](mailto:ghec@annarborfriends.org) for the Zoom link.

**Thursday, October 8**

7:00 Membership & Outreach Committee; Zoom

**Sunday, October 11**

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  
11:30 Finance Committee; Corner Room  
11:30 Reading & Discussion; Fireplace Room \*  
6:00 YAF Dinner \*

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CCF Announcements:**

This Sunday, October 4th, **First Day School will focus on queries - what they are and how they function in Quaker practice.** Kids will read a story filled with questions that encourage self-reflection and personal development, and try writing their own queries. We will share our queries as a group and then decorate a Queries Jar to use during opening circle of our lessons this school year. Molly T. will work with our lower and middle elementary-aged kids, and Vitalina will teach our upper elementary and middle schoolers. Preschoolers will have a related read-aloud and songs led by our childcare workers.

**CCF monthly committee meeting** will happen this Sunday, October 4th, from **11:30-1pm in the Corner Room.** Anyone interested in programming related to kids and families is invited 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.

**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** at the home of Cynthia Lempert, visitors are welcome. For information on this and other YAF activities contact Lily Wiest.

**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

**Reading and Discussion** will meet in the Fireplace Room at 11:30am on Sunday, **October 11, 2026.** We will be discussing how despair creeps into our lives. The meeting will be hybrid and those worshipping can stay online and others can join using the worship zoom link. The readings can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/yzetkta8>. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Windy Cooler will give a session Thursday, October 15** at 7:15pm in the Meeting Room and on Zoom about the **Friends Incubator for Public Ministry.** The Zoom link is: <https://tennessee.zoom.us/j/89716729162>, **not our usual AAFM Meeting for Worship Zoom link.**

Here is an article from the *Friends Journal* about the Friends Incubator for Public Ministry:  
<https://www.friendsjournal.org/what-would-spirit-have-me-do/>

**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

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

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

**Friends are urged** to register and watch the People's Tribunal on U.S. Government Complicity in Gaza on October 10. The organizers are WILPF, Veterans for Peace, and American Friends Service Committee. Please see the [website](#) to learn more. See the [flyer here](#).

### AMONG FRIENDS

**Shannon Effler**, the Director of the Office of Aging Services in Washtenaw County and an attendee at AAFM will be presenting a talk about new efforts to support the aging population in Washtenaw County on **October 14**, from 5 to 6 pm at University Commons, 817 Asa Gray Dr, 48105. If you would like to attend, let Christa and John Williams know you will be attending and they will give directions and help you manage the parking or bus routes.

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

**Our AAFM member, Hernan Drobny**, will be giving a presentation on his work at a migrant shelter in Mexico on **October 8** at Chelsea Retirement Community at 10:30 AM in the Chapel and Performing Arts Center.

Hernan works with the ABBA Shelter (Albergue ABBA) supporting the migrants who arrive there, both those in transit as well as those with medical and legal needs requiring extended stays. One of several organizations which support this work is LARF (Latin American Relief Fund) which our Meeting supports through our contributions committee.

Come and hear his presentation on the stories of these people before he heads back to Mexico to continue his service to the many migrants who pass through.

**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.

**Paul Tinkerhess**, long time local folk singer, will offer a mix of family-friendly singalongs from silly to socially relevant. At the North Star Lounge, 301 N. Fifth Street, Ann Arbor, MI. Saturday, **October 17**, 6:30-7:45 pm. See [this link](#) for more information.

**Final Friday Lunches** are starting up again! Lillie and Neil Shadle and Susan Hartman will again be hosting this gathering, on Friday, **October 30**, this time at the Shadle's. Please join us anytime between 11:30 and 2:00, for a simple meal and good conversation. Last season we occasionally shared favorite poems -- poetry continues to be invited, but not required!

Address: [5341 McAuley Drive, Apt. 110, Ypsilanti](#). This is St. Joseph's Village, a retirement center on the Trinity Health campus. Finding it can be difficult, so keep your GPS handy. All are invited. No rsvp necessary, but if you have questions, you can call Neil at [734-272-6564](tel:734-272-6564).

**Marilyn Wedenoja** -- please note Marilyn's new address: Brookhaven Manor, 401 W. Oakwood Dr., Apt. 231, Ann Arbor, 48103. For questions, contact Naomi Gilbert.

### 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 Riccobono. **Verses for next week are Luke 7:31-35**

### 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.](#)

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**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>.

**Guided Meditation for World Peace** by the School of Royal Yoga. Sunday, **October 11**, 7:00pm to 7:30 pm ET Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85013162467pwd=WU8cVPGtnzFWEMzDNKWLTsEJlxGN46.1>

**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](http://www.turnoutsunday.com)