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**Ann Arbor Friends Meeting** 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor MI 48104 734-761-7435 **October 11, 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)

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**Sunday, October 11** (\* = 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  
11:30 Finance Committee; Corner Room  
11:30 Reading & Discussion; Fireplace Room \*  
6:00 YAF Dinner \*

**Monday, October 12**

7:30 Peace & Social Justice Committee; Zoom

**Wednesday, October 14**

7:00 Finance Committee; Zoom

**Thursday, October 15**

7:15 Traveling in the Ministry: Windy Cooler talk;  
Meeting Room and Zoom \*  
7:30 Indigenous Action Group; Zoom \*

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**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS****CCF Announcements:****First Day School:** Sunday, October 11th

This week's lesson for preschoolers and lower elementary aged kiddos will focus on kindness and generosity. Robin will read a story about ways community members support each other in times of need. She will then lead kids in a collaborative engineering activity. Childcare workers will have a story and songs on the same theme ready for preschoolers. Upper elementary and middle schoolers will work with Claire on mindful journaling exercises with queries that help foster self-exploration.

**Parents Group:** Sunday, October 25th

We invite all parents to participate in a meeting at 11:20am in the Corner Room. Childcare will be provided. This meeting will assess the interest in establishing an ongoing parent group meeting. Come with your ideas and suggestions! If you have questions or can't make it but have suggestions, reach out to Shannon Effler at [s.d.effler@gmail.com](mailto:s.d.effler@gmail.com).

**Call for 2027 Directory:** Dear Friends, the new directory is in the making! If you wish to add, remove, or change your contact information, please fill out the following form **by**

**November 10:** <http://tinyurl.com/aafm-sign-up>

If you have any questions or concerns, or if you are unable to fill out the form above, please contact Luiza in the office by call [\(734\) 761-7435](tel:734-761-7435) or email [office@annarborfriends.org](mailto:office@annarborfriends.org).

**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 at [lily.wiest@gmail.com](mailto:lily.wiest@gmail.com).

**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.

**Indigenous Peoples Day, October 12**

The Indigenous Action Group would like to remind Friends that Monday, October 12 is Indigenous Peoples Day, a holiday honoring Indigenous Peoples of the United States. There are ways you can learn more about indigenous peoples and their concerns, and ways to support them in ongoing efforts to be heard and have their cultures valued. A few options follow: *Aanikoobijigan*, a film depicting the fight of Native Peoples to reclaim and rebury human remains. October 12; 5:30 pm; Michigan Theater.

*Nocomis Cultural Heritage Center* in Okemos. information at <https://nokomis.org/>

Uniting Three Fires Against Violence: especially violence against women. <https://unitingthreefiresagainstvviolence.org/>  
*Friends Peace Teams: Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples:* offers educational workshops and ways to support Native Peoples. <https://friendspeaceteams.org/trr/>  
*IAG Meeting:* Thursday, October 15, 7:30 pm via <https://tinyurl.com/AAFM-Zoom>.

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

**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/>

**Indigenous Action group** will meet Thursday, **October 15**, 7:30 pm via Meeting Zoom.

**Meeting for Walking** – Our next walk will be on **October 20** when we will return to the Arboretum to walk among the tall prairie grasses, tinged red in the sunlight and interspersed with wildflowers. Trails are uneven and may involve some climbing to look down on the river. All are welcome. Park and meet at the dead end of Riverview Drive off Geddes.

As a reminder, **we're now walking at 1 pm (instead of 2 pm) on the first and third Tuesdays of the month**. This earlier time is more convenient for our regular walkers. If you have questions, please call Nancy Taylor at 734-368-6555.

**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 News

The Palestine Aid Society will hold its annual Walk for Palestine Event on Sunday, **October 11**, 2026, 10am-12:30pm at: [Island Park \(Shelter B\)](#), Ann Arbor.

The walk is in solidarity with Palestinians in the West Bank, Gaza, and Lebanon. If you cannot join in, please consider making a donation at the website below. On-site registration is available.

Please visit us at [www.palestineaidociety.org](http://www.palestineaidociety.org).

### 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 5–6pm 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.

**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. It's a small space so it's recommended that you get tickets ahead of time.

**A family in our Meeting** is experiencing serious financial hardship, and is in desperate need of reliable transportation to get to work and to get to food banks. They are a family of

7, and they do house cleaning, so a minivan with room for the family and house cleaning equipment would be especially appreciated, but any working vehicle would be helpful at this time. If you know of anyone who would be willing to meet this need, email Karen Connor at [karenc456@gmail.com](mailto:karenc456@gmail.com), or text 734-717-6353.

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

**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 at [naomig@umich.edu](mailto: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 Riccobono.

### LARGER CIRCLES OF FRIENDS

Pendle Hill **Online Learning Opportunity, October 15**, 7-8:30 PM, ET - [Welcome, Friends: Stories of Hope and Hospitality with Immigrants](#) - A participatory conversation with Anton Flores-Maisonet about his book, *Welcome, Friends: Stories of Hope and Hospitality with Immigrants*.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**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=WU8cVPGtnzFWEMzDNKWLTS EJXGN46.1>

**The UM Penny Stamps Speaker Series is featuring *Aanikoobijigan***, a film depicting the fight of Native Peoples to return and rebury human remains, with focus on Michigan tribes and the possessors of sacred remains and artifacts. The film-makers will be present for Q&A. This is a very informative as well as instructive film about the ongoing efforts of MACPRA (Michigan Anishinaabek Cultural Preservation and Repatriation Alliance). The event will be held at the Michigan Theater on Monday, **October 12**, 2026; 5:30pm.

More information is available at:

<https://stamps.umich.edu/events/aanikoobijigan>

## **How the A<sup>2</sup>ZERO Plan Can Help Our Congregations Restore the Earth**

Join ICPJ's **Green Groups quarterly meeting** Monday evening, **October 12, 7–8:30 pm**, in an open session at **Beth Israel Congregation** or remotely (see below for logistical details\*) to hear from Dr. Christopher Fici, a member of the Engagement team for the City of Ann Arbor's Office of Sustainability and Innovations, about the A<sup>2</sup>ZERO Plan. How can this Plan benefit Houses of Worship in Ann Arbor and also individual members? Join Dr. Fici to learn more and be in conversation about the A<sup>2</sup>ZERO Home Energy Advisor program and the A<sup>2</sup>ZERO Rebates program which makes sustainability more affordable and accessible, as well as how the A<sup>2</sup>ZERO Plan is specifically designed to help provide your community with more sustainable energy use, through solar panels and heat pumps.

\*We'll meet at the Beth Israel Congregation Meeting Building (*Adjacent to and southeast of the main building*) [2010 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor](#).

\*Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82517902941?pwd=RpUwX3Btx5zEXNvCLTUZmgqn0vtevr.1>

Meeting ID: 825 1790 2941

Passcode: 271252

**If you are interested** in joining an interfaith group of clergy and laity preparing to have a public religious presence on Election Day and the day after, you can join a national "Faith in Us" zoom call on **Oct 14**, from 2:00–4:00 pm:

Join the [Faith in Us National Call](#) using this link.

There will also be an in-person training for "Faith in Us" rapid response in Dearborn and Detroit. Contact Karen Connor or Claire Tinkerhess if you are interested.

**Thursday, October 15, from 7–8:30 pm 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)

**On October 22** the UM and Fetzer Institute will host a panel discussion and community exploration, asking "Can humanity find a shared sacred story without erasing the distinct stories and traditions that make us who we are?" A reception begins at 4:30 pm, and the program runs from 5:30–7 pm Dwight Wilson is one of four panelists. The event is free and open to the public, [click to register](#).

**Elaine Wilson on Charting the Wolverine:** Elaine Wilson, formerly of AAFM, now in Washington, DC will be in Ann Arbor and share more stories of her adventures along the train route from Ann Arbor to Chicago which she chronicles not only in maps but in fascinating watercolors of scenes and sights that catch her attention. She will speak at the map library in Hatcher Graduate Library on **October 28**, 4–5:30 pm. Details here: [How I Came to Chart the Wolverine](#)