

Ann Arbor Friends Meeting 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor MI 48104 734-761-7435 **October 18, 2026**

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

Sunday, October 18 (* = See announcement)

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

Tuesday, October 20

1:00 Meeting for Walking *

Wednesday, October 21

7:00 What Does it Mean to be Quaker? Corner Room & Zoom

Sunday, October 25

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
11:20 Parents Group Meeting; Corner Room *

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCF Announcements:

First Day School: Sunday, October 18th

This week's lesson for lower elementary schoolers will focus on ways to share joys and sorrows and how emotional vulnerability can often strengthen connections between community members. Lily will read the story The Rabbit Listened and the kids will illustrate and share joys and sorrows of their own. Upper elementary and middle schoolers will work with Kate and discuss how to hold, process, and share big feelings. Childcare workers will have a story and songs for preschoolers about how to identify and communicate our emotions.

Parent 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.

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:7347617435) or email 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 last dinner was on October 11 at the home of Cynthia Lempert and we had 11 YAFs attending. Many thanks to Cynthia and to those who contributed food including Laura L, Bill R, Nancy T, Jane G, Roomi and Naomi. For information on our next dinner and other YAF activities contact Lily Wiest at lily.wiest@gmail.com

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.

Please join the Carbon Footprint Committee on Sunday **November 1, 2026, 11:45–1 pm** in the Meeting Room and on line for a presentation on technical aspects of replacing the Meetinghouse heating system by electric heat pumps to reduce the Meeting's carbon emissions. With support from the Washtenaw 2030 District, the committee commissioned a technical study by engineer Caleb Kline (linked on page www.annarborfriends.org/resources-forms just above Forms). Caleb will present a summary of his conclusions and recommendations with ample time for questions.

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](#)

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

[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

Peter Beinart will be speaking on Antisemitism, Islamophobia, and American Democracy on Monday **October 19** at Rackham 4-5:30. Beinart is the author of *Being Jewish after the Destruction of Gaza: A Reckoning* and other books.

AMONG FRIENDS

October 20, 11:45am-1 pm: Interfaith Round Table will host Sheri Wander, **founder and coordinator of Peace House and of the Daytime Warming Center**, democratically-governed space run by the homeless community for the homeless community. Each year, the Daytime Warming Center of Washtenaw County provides cold weather shelter and community for dozens of people in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti. Local congregations have typically taken turns hosting the Daytime Warming Center. Reduced funding this year means that the DWC will have fewer resources to do a bigger job. Join the IRT for an important and timely conversation with Sheri. [Register Here](#)

Friendly Eights: M&O is reviving the Friendly Eights program where small groups of 8 or so gather for dinners. M&O will arrange groups and provide occasional support, with the individual groups responsible for scheduling and other details. If you'd be interested in participating, please sign up at tinyurl.com/2vxuzhd8 or let Molly Bachelor know by November 1.

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, 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 -- the Care Committee is looking for people to give Marilyn a ride to Meeting on Sundays. If I did

not include you in a group email and you would like to help, please contact Naomi at naomig@umich.edu.

Marilyn enjoys visitors, she responds best to phone calls, she does not regularly check texts or email.

Please note Marilyn's new address below. On the last handout I had the street address wrong.

Brookhaven Manor, 401 W. Oakbrook Dr., Apt. 231, Ann Arbor, 48103.

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 Naomi at naomig@umich.edu. Verses for next week are **Luke 7: 40-43**.

LARGER CIRCLES OF FRIENDS

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/>

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Movement for Immigrant Rights Action (MIRA)

asks for supporters of immigrant rights to attend the City Council Meeting on **Monday, 10/19 at 7:00pm**. The proposed [City of Ann Arbor - File #: 26-1540](#) ordinance would require folks to mark any vehicle being used for services-- construction, cleaning, etc.--to include large business-identifying information on the side of their vehicles, supposedly in the name of public safety. But this would not help keep our immigrant community safe, but could draw more ICE attention to hard-working people. We also think it violates the intention of the ICE-free zone resolution recently passed.

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](#). Flyer [here](#).

Saturday October 24, 3pm, "This Land," a chamber music benefit concert to support MIRC. Temple Beth Emeth / St. Clare's Episcopal Church [2309 Packard, Ann Arbor](#). Suggested \$25 donation; all are welcome regardless of donation amount.

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](#).

Please send any questions, recommendations, and **announcements for Handouts** to Eric Wozniak at publications@annarborfriends.org by Thursday afternoon (for inclusion in the next week's handout) and include "Handout" in the subject line.