
Ann Arbor Friends Meeting 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor MI 48104 734-761-7435 **October 25, 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 25 (* = 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, Backyard
11:20 Parent Group Meeting; Corner Room *

Monday, October 26

6:30 Final Affairs Committee; Naomi's House & Zoom
7:15 Personnel Committee Meeting; Zoom. Email personnel@annarborfriends.org for link

Wednesday, October 28

9:30 FCNL Washtenaw Advocacy Group; Corner Room

Sunday, November 1

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
11:45 Carbon Footprint Committee; Meeting Room & Zoom*

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**CCF Announcements:****First Day School: Sunday, October 25th**

This week's lesson will explore the changing seasons and discuss how we can slow down to appreciate the lessons found in nature. Robin will lead lower elementary schoolers, reading a book and making leaf garlands. Molly B. will work with upper elementary and middle schoolers, and childcare staff will lead preschoolers in an autumn themed story and craft.

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.

The Meetinghouse lift is now working! Please carefully follow the instructions inside the lift to operate it and make sure to close all folding doors when exiting.

Meeting Worker out of the office this week! Luiza will be out of the office from Sunday 10/25 until Saturday 10/31. She will work remotely checking emails and voice messages on Tuesday 10/27. She will be on break the rest of the week and will return to her normal in-person work hours (which are Sundays through Thursdays) on 11/1, next Sunday. See you then!

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.

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. For information on our next dinner and other YAF activities contact Lily Wiest at lily.wiest@gmail.com.

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.

Meeting for Walking – Our next walk will be on **November 2 at 1 pm**. Thomas and Nancy Taylor will lead two walks in Cherry Hill Nature Preserve. Cherry Hill offers a variety of grassland, hardwood forest, marsh and pond. Paths are unfinished and do have a little climbing. The leaf colors should be beautiful. All are welcome.

Directions: take Plymouth Road east into the center of Dixboro, turn right on Cherry Hill Road. Drive past the Humane Society, keep going when it becomes a dirt road, and you will see a sign on the left side. Park on either side of

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

the road. If you have questions, please call Naomi at 734-476-4555. 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.

On **Sunday, November 8, IAG will be hosting the Social Time** following Meeting. We will be featuring dishes reflective of Native American foods and providing a book browsing table with books for all age groups. We need help with food preparation, setup and cleanup. You don't need to be a regular member of IAG to volunteer for this special project. If interested in helping, contact Sandra Frey Stegman in person or by email: sfstegman@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

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).

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.

Rides Needed – the Care Committee is looking for people to give Marilyn Wedenoja a ride to Meeting on Sundays. Marilyn lives at Brookhaven Manor off Ann Arbor Saline Road and Eisenhower. Please sign up on the link below or contact Naomi at naomig@umich.edu.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1YINrPfqrRoHprwfWb9DyPspgsgAoSG0giSvidKZ8a_8/edit?usp=sharing

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

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/>

November 1, 4-6:00 PM, [Grounding through Grief and Gratitude](#), a **Pendle Hill** online program offering our broken hearts the medicine of community.

November 2, 7:30-9 PM, Pendle Hill's [November First Monday Lecture](#) - Hybrid: "Reclaiming the Politics of Jesus" with Obery M. Hendricks, Jr., PhD.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Outrage for Immigrants

Sundays (10/25, 11/15, 11/29), 3-5pm, Gather at Detroit Filling Station, [300 Detroit St, Ann Arbor](#), join activists, artists and outraged folks to march, rally, sing, drum and dance resistance. March to the Federal Building. Get updates on local abductions. Bring signs of your outrage and your support for our immigrant community. Questions? Contact MIRA at mirawashtenaw@gmail.com

Wednesday, 10/28 from 2-3pm on Zoom, the LAST Virtual Detroit Faith Leader Election Protection Training. Contact Karen Connor at karenc456@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

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](#).

On Sunday October 4, 2026, over 100 local walkers joined the 52nd Annual CROP Hunger Walk. Thanks go to Church World Service and our host, First United Methodist Church, Ann Arbor. To date we have raised \$16,906 on-line, with more expected by check. 25% of funds raised will go to local organizations and 75% to Church World Service. You can sponsor a walker on-line at "<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/annarbormi>" or by mailing a check payable to CWS/CROP to Mary Pratt, [2406 Pittsfield Blvd, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104](#). Earmark checks "Ann Arbor Friends Meeting". Thanks for helping the hungry, "one step at a time".