Ann Arbor Friends Meeting 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor MI 48104 734-761-7435 **November 8, 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, November 8 (* = 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 IAG Fellowship & Refreshments; Fellowship Room *
11:30 Finance Committee; Corner Room
11:30 Reading & Discussion; Fireplace Room *
6:00 YAF Dinner *

Monday, November 9
7:30 Peace & Social Justice Committee; Zoom

Thursday, November 12
7:00 Membership & Outreach Committee; Zoom

Sunday, November 15
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

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCF Announcements:

First Day School: Sunday, November 8th

Lessons this week will highlight indigenous experiences and stories of resistance and resilience. Molly T. will read stories to the lower elementary schoolers and help them make their own dreamcatchers to hang above their beds at home. Vitalina will be with the older kids, focusing on how contemporary Friends are working to live in right relationship with Indigenous people. Childcare workers will have a Native book and song to share with preschoolers.

Parents' Group: Sunday, November 22nd

Join us from 11:30am-1pm in the Corner Room for a parents' meeting, which will continue on the 4th Sunday of each month - excluding December. Childcare will be provided. We invite all parents to attend, including parents of adult children who would like to share their wisdom with parents of younger children. November's topic will be on gender: how does our parenting reflect the Quaker testimony of equality, ensuring we do not limit a child's spiritual or personal growth based on worldly gender roles? If you have questions, reach out to Shannon Effler.

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

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 or email office@annarborfriends.org.

The Meeting will host the Daytime Warming Center on weekdays for two weeks, from **December 21 to January 1** (updated dates as of 11/4). Please consider signing up to help using this spreadsheet: tinyurl.com/dwc-aafm-2026. Luiza will be "on call" Mondays and Wednesdays, but asks that Friends sign up to be on call and/or volunteer in person on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Feel free to email her at office@annarborfriends.org if you have any questions. Your help is appreciated!

Jeff Cooper will be ordering new books for the Meeting Library in early December. If you have titles to recommend, please speak to or email Jeff in November (cooperdaub@hotmail.com). Note that the November issue of *Friends Journal* is the "book issue," with a greater than usual number of book reviews.

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.

Reading and Discussion will meet at 11:30am on Sunday, **November 8**, 2026, in the Fireplace Room. We will be reflecting on "truth" in life. The reading can be found at: https://tinyurl.com/26ar6ahp. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Indigenous Action Group is hosting Social Time today (Nov. 8) in recognition of Native American Heritage Month. Enjoy dishes reflective of Native American food and browse enlightening books for all ages. In addition, PBS is featuring related videos and books. Search "PBS Native American Heritage Month".

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 **November 8** at 6 pm hosted by Lauren Unger and Ram Mahalingam. For information on this and other YAF activities contact Lily Wiest at lily.wiest@gmail.com.

Meeting for Walking – Our next walk will be on Tuesday **November 17** at **1 pm.** Thomas and Nancy Taylor will lead a walk 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.

DONATIONS (Tax Deductible): Ann Arbor Friends Meeting relies on donations from members and attenders to cover over 60% of its budget. You can contribute by check via U.S. mail: c/o Treasurer, Ann Arbor Friends Meeting, 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104. You can also contribute cash or checks in the Contributions Box (on wall next to Meetingroom door) and online at the Meeting's website at: https://annarborfriends.org/wp/donate/.

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 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.**

Nominating Committee is offering a Harvest Tea on Friday **November 20**, 3-5pm. It will be at Quaker House in the living and dining rooms. We hope you will come to share some conversation and autumnal nibbles.

Potluck Sunday, November 29. Bring your Thanksgiving leftovers or bring a new dish for a potluck after Meeting for Worship. Come and celebrate our gratitude for this community and for all the wonderful people who are part of it!

We expect to have quarterly potlucks in 2027--details to be announced soon.

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

Online Friendly Eights: if you're interested in joining a group for conversation and fellowship but aren't able to attend in-person, you can still sign up for Friendly Eights. We will have one group meeting online. Email Molly Bachelor (mollybachelor@gmail.com) by 11/15 if you're interested

Save the date: this month, we will have a "**Third Thursday**" lunch (rather than Final Friday) hosted by Neil and Lillie Shadle and Susan Hartman, on Thursday, **November 19**, at Susan's house, 840 Starwick Drive, Ann Arbor, any time between 11:30 and 2:00. All are invited, no RSVP needed. Call Susan Hartman with questions.

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 at this link or 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 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/

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Outrage for Immigrants
Sundays (11/15, 11/29), 3-5 pm, 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



Meeting for Walking, 11/3/26; Photo by Steve Roush