Ann Arbor Friends Meeting 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor MI 48104 734-761-7435 **November 15, 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 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

Tuesday, November 17
1:00 Meeting for Walking *

Wednesday, November 18
7:00 Women's Meeting; Meeting Room *
7:00 What Does it Mean to be Quaker? Corner Room & Zoom

Friday, November 20
3:00 Harvest Tea; QH Living Room & Dining Room *

Sunday, November 22
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 Parents Group Meeting; Corner Room *
11:30 Quaker Voluntary Service Presentation; Meeting Room & Fellowship Room *

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCF Announcements:

First Day School: Sunday, November 15th

Lessons this week will focus on gratitude and appreciation. Kate will work with the oldest kids. They will discuss strategies for being respectful of people with whom you have little in common and/or have different beliefs or points of view. Lily will teach the lower elementary schoolers about the tradition of breaking bread together and giving thanks, and read the picture book Gather Grateful. Preschoolers will also have a story on the same theme.

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.

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.

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 hosted by Lauren Unger and Ram Mahalingam on November 8 with 12 YAFs attending. Many thanks to Lauren and Ram and to those who contributed food and drinks – Laura L, Nancy S, Molly B, Jan W and Naomi. For information on 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.

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.**

Women's Meeting: Please join us for the November women's gathering on Wednesday, **November 18** from 7:00-8:30 in the Meeting Room. Robin and Claire W will guide us in beginning crochet -- or bring your own project if you already have something going. We'll have yarn and hooks available.

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/.

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

Indigenous Action Group will **not** meet on November 19 since the Convener and two Friends will be attending the Uniting Three Fires Against Violence Leadership Summit at that time. And Miigwech (thank you!) to all who helped with and attended the IAG Social Time last Sunday!

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.

Are you a young adult interested in Spirit, **service**, **and community?** Do you want to support young adults who are? Greg Stefanski from Quaker Voluntary Service (QVS) will join Ann Arbor Friends for worship on Sunday, **November 22**. Following worship, Greg will share about the QVS 11-month Fellowship program in Boston, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, and Portland, Oregon and ways to support it. Greg can be reached at Greg@QuakerVoluntaryService.org or (802) 730-2720 with questions or to schedule a time to meet or talk. Here is a flyer with more information.

Young Adult Friends is hosting a Friendsgiving event on Thursday, **November 26th**, in the Fellowship Room. It will be from about 11am until 4 or so, drop-bys welcome. It will be mostly potluck-style but there is no need to bring something to participate. Older Friends and non-Quakers are all welcome.

M & O is sponsoring a Thanksgiving dessert gathering at **6:00 pm** on **Thanksgiving Day,** in the Fellowship Room.

Bring leftover desserts or other snacks for an evening of board games and fellowship. Everyone is welcome, but we particularly welcome those who will not be gathering with family.

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

Kate Kelley has started **Grave and Seed**, a small business that plans celebrations of life and memorials in Washtenaw County. She's also put together free guides — what local funeral homes charge, what to do in the first week after a death, and places to hold a memorial — at graveandseed.com. Kate is glad to talk with Friends anytime, whether or not it's about hiring her: kate@graveandseed.com or 248-761-0773

Tuesday, November 17, 11:45-1 PM, on **Zoom**, the **Interfaith Round Table** will be hosting **"Stories that Shape the Spirit:** Children's literature and spirituality across faith traditions." Click here for more information**.** Click here to attend.

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.

Kellie Butler Memorial — A memorial service for Kellie Butler will be held at **2 pm** on Saturday **December 12** in the Meeting House and on Zoom. A reception will follow in the fellowship room with an opportunity to talk with Matt and others online in the corner room. Finger food contributions will be welcome, please contact Naomi Gilbert (naomig@umich.edu) of Final Affairs Committee if you wish to contribute food or drink. Please also contact Naomi if childcare needs are anticipated.

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

Click here for the **Detroit Friends Meeting November Newsletter.**

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. Here's more info.

Sunday, 11/15, at 4:00 PM, please join the **Interfaith Round Table** of Washtenaw County for our annual **Fall Gathering**, at the **Unitarian Universalist Congregation,** 4001 Ann Arbor -Saline Rd. for a contemplative afternoon exploring how nature, breath, and shared wisdom can restore balance in ourselves, our relationships, and our world. This gathering is open to the whole community, whether you're religious, seeking, or non-religious. If you're able, please bring canned goods or non-perishable food items. All donations will go to the **Back Door Food Pantry** to support local neighbors experiencing hunger. This is a free event, and registration is encouraged. Register Here.

Tuesday, November 17th at 10 AM-12 PM , at **300 N. Washington Square, Lansing** will be the *LAST* Michigan Economic Development Corporation (**MEDC**) Executive Committee meeting of 2026. **Michigan's economy will not be a war economy. Michigan Israel Business Accelerator (MIBA)** has played a key role in helping Israeli weapons manufacturers establish themselves in our state, including helping Capture Systems obtain over $3 million in state public funds to open operations here, including $1 million from the **MEDC**. Come and demand an end to public funding of **MIBA**. Click **here** to learn 3 ways to make your voice heard.

Tuesday, November 17, 3:30-5 PM, join **Friends General Conference** and **Everence** for **"Estate Planning with Quaker Values in Mind."** Learn how to approach wills, trusts, and legacy giving in a way that reflects Quaker testimonies, and receive simple talking points so you can have important conversations with family and friends. Led by **Chad Campbell** and **Dennis LeFevre**, Certified Financial Planners with Everence.

Tuesday, November 17, at **8:00 PM ET,** join the **Friends Committee on National Legislation** for a special call - ***"Our Path Forward" to hear FCNL's election analysis, learn how you can make a difference in the final weeks of the 119th Congress, and plan for the 120th.*** Click here to ***register*** and to get the Zoom link.

Saturday, November 21,1-4:30 PM, Life and Power: Quaker Discernment on Abuse is offering an **Interpersonal Peacemaking workshop.** This workshop focuses on practicing peace with one another. The cost is Pay as Led, with a suggested $25 donation.

Saturday, 11/21, **1-3 PM,** join **MIRA** and **Ann Arbor Indivisible** for **Washtenaw Witness at Baldwin** at **North Lake Detention Center--the largest ICE detention facility in the Midwest (**currently holding over 1400 people)**.** We will sing, chant, and join together to help shut down this cruel and inhumane place! We know that our presence is appreciated by those who are detained and the families who come to visit. Here is the flyer about the event. Here are FAQs about witnessing. Please fill out this form if you need a ride or can offer a ride. Please consider bringing money for commissary accounts for phone calls and food. Visits with detainees may be possible. North Lake houses most of the detainees taken from Washtenaw County.

Friends General Conference's Ministry on Racism hosts a **bi-weekly online Meeting for Worship for white Friends/Friends of European** descent confronting racism and white supremacy. This worship seeks to nourish white Friends' communal anti-racism commitment and provide a space for the work we have to do together. It is held **every Thursday at 8 PM ET and Friday at 12 PM ET .** It is in the care of a rotating team of volunteers. Register here to attend. To view past and recent queries from Online Worship for White Friends Confronting Racism click here.