Ann Arbor Friends Meeting 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor MI 48104 734-761-7435 **November 22, 2026**

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

Wednesday, November 25
9:30 FCNL; Washtenaw Advocacy Team; Chelsea Library

Thursday, November 26
Thanksgiving Day
11:00 YAF's Friendsgiving; Fellowship Room *
6:00 M&O Dessert Social; Fellowship Room *

Sunday, November 29
9:30 Singing
10:00 Meeting for Worship — Blended; Meeting Room
10:00 Meeting for Worship — In-person; Corner Room
10:15 First Day School
11:00 Potluck & Fellowship; Fellowship Room *

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCF Announcements:

First Day School: Sunday, November 22nd

Lessons this week will continue our theme of gratitude and giving thanks. Preschoolers will read a book and sing songs together. Robin will lead the lower elementary schoolers in a discussion about the role of awareness and appreciation in indigenous culture. Children will weave placements for their Thanksgiving tables. The older kids will work with Molly Bachelor.

Parents' Group: Sunday, November 22nd

Facilitated by Shannon Effler, our monthly group will meet this Sunday at 11:30am in the Corner Room. Childcare will be provided. Our topic will be 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? All parents and grandparents are invited to attend.

Mark your calendars! The children will perform The Friendly Beasts at rise of worship on Sunday, December 13th. Singing, costumes, merriment - not to be missed!

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.

WRITERS, EDITORS, PROOFREADERS NEEDED

The Handbook of the Ann Arbor Friends Meeting is an essential reference book for the care and keeping of our fellowship. It informs us of the purpose of our group and the structures which maintain our common life as a religious organization. Our first handbook was compiled in 1953-54 and updated in 1970, 1995, and 2007. Now almost 20 years since the last revision, it's time to take a fresh look at our practices and structure. Would you like to help with this task? If you have the skills and desire, please email either CC Barrick (ciara.barrick@gmail.com) or Nancy Taylor (netaylor324@gmail.com).

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 December 13. For information on this and other YAF activities contact Lily Wiest at lily.wiest@gmail.com.

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 for the event.

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.

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/.

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.

Meeting for Walking – Our next walk will be on Tuesday **December 1st** at 1 pm. Thomas and Nancy Taylor will lead a walk in Marshall Nature Area and adjoining Freeman Preserve. Please note this is hilly, uneven terrain. Meet in the small parking area off Dixboro Road just north of Plymouth 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.**

Peace House periodically updates the list of needed and accepted items for its outdoor food pantry. The latest version is 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 or Susan Hartman.

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

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 you anticipate needing childcare.

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/

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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Outrage for Immigrants
Sunday 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.