

Ann Arbor Friends Meeting

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March 17, 2019

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* = See announcement

Sunday, March 17 [3RD SUNDAY]

7:45 Meeting for Worship. Meetingroom
9:00 Meeting for Worship for Business. Meetingroom
11:00 Meeting for Worship. Meetingroom; childcare
First Day School. Living Room

Thursday, March 21

7:00 Young Adult Friends. 734 Brewing
(childcare with advance notice) *
7:30 Midweek Meeting for Worship. Corner Room
(childcare with advance notice) *

Sunday, March 24 [4TH SUNDAY]

9:00 Meeting for Worship. Meetingroom
10:05 Reading & Discussion. Corner Room *
11:00 Meeting for Worship. Meetingroom; childcare
First Day School. Living Room
12:30 Potluck (all welcome). Fellowship Room

Thursday, March 28

7:30 Midweek Meeting for Worship. Corner Room
(childcare with advance notice) *

Sunday, March 31 [5TH SUNDAY]

10:00 Meeting for Worship. Meetingroom; childcare
First Day School. Living Room
12:45 **FIFTH SUNDAY FORUM: All About Carbon Pricing.**
Meetingroom *

based on Robin Lovin's essay, *Church in an Amoral Time*.

The "final Friday" lunch will be at Susan Hartman's house on Friday, **March 29**. All are invited to share soup (meatless), bread, and fellowship any time 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. Questions? Susan at (redacted in web version).

Fifth Sunday Forum: All About Carbon Pricing

Despairing about climate change and government inaction? Learn about a flicker of hope at the forum on Sunday, **March 31**, 11:30 am, in the Meetingroom. Presentation by the Citizen's Climate Lobby. A Federal bill to price carbon is in the works! Experts agree that carbon pricing is the most efficient way to curtail the use of fossil fuels and lower carbon emissions.

Our Meeting is hosting the Lake Erie Yearly Meeting **Representatives' Meeting** on Saturday, **April 6**, 9:00 to 4:30. Friends planning to attend were asked to *register in advance* – by Saturday, **March 16**, and make a donation of \$10, more or less, as able. Registration forms were on the lobby table and in the Winter LEYM Bulletin (p. 3), downloadable from leym.org. Those not yet involved with LEYM but interested in learning more are welcome to drop in for a brief meeting for worship at 9:30, committee meeting at 10:15, and/or the meeting for business at 1:30, but *must have registered by March 16* if they need childcare or wish to have lunch at the Meetinghouse.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Young Adult Friends (YAF) will meet Thursday, **March 21**, 7:00 pm, 734 Brewing, 15 E. Cross St, Ypsilanti, MI. YAF attender Brian Jones-Chance is a co-founder of 734 Brewing. Interested? Want to share a ride? Contact aa-yaf@googlegroups.com. Childcare with advance notice.

Midweek Meeting for Worship scheduled on a month to month basis on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm will continue through April. Childcare will be provided with advance notice. To ensure childcare, please contact Lisa Klopfer at 734-436-1031 or lklopfer@gmail.com.

Reading & Discussion meets on the second and fourth Sundays from 10:05 to 10:55. All welcome. Please look for readings on the lobby table on the preceding Sunday.

- **March 24: "You'll Never Be As Radical As This 18th Century Quaker Dwarf."** A discussion of Marcus Rediker's account of "The Fearless Benjamin Lay..." led by **Neil Shadle**.
- **April 14: Palm Sunday Singing.** **Thomas Taylor** will lead in singing Palm Sunday hymns in the Meeting Room. Come join us. Bring instruments and voices.
- **April 28: The Quaker Meeting as An "Alternative Community".** **Neil Shadle** will lead the discussion

Hospitality needed for LEYM Representatives' Meeting. Five women and one man need housing on Friday night, April 5. One woman needs a bed for both Friday and Saturday, April 6. Please be forthcoming and generous in your offers of housing by contacting Nancy Taylor (redacted in web version).

DISCUSSION: A discussion will be held, **April 7**, 12:45 pm in the Meetingroom on the **revision** of the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) statement of legislative policy, **The World We Seek**. This is an opportunity to ask the FCNL General Committee to consider inclusion of topics, not previously included or needing enhancement, which you feel are urgent matters for lobbying U.S. Congress by us and the FCNL staff.

To facilitate a close and careful reading of the booklet ahead of the discussion, 25 copies of the policy are on the lobby table, marked for the April 7 discussion. Results will be sent to FCNL before their April 26th deadline. Enhanced refreshments are planned for the day. ☺

AMONG FRIENDS

Dwight Wilson will be reading poetry at the Common Cup Coffeehouse, Washtenaw Ave, Ann Arbor on March

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29, 8:00 pm. Most of the reading will be from his book *Modern Psalms in Search of Peace and Justice*, written prior to the current presidential administration. There will also be selections from three upcoming books.

Phil Volk is hosting a meeting for worship at the downtown Ypsilanti Library (229 W. Michigan, Room A) on Tuesdays at 10:00 am. Questions? Contact Phil Volk at philvolk2004@yahoo.com.

LARGER CIRCLES OF FRIENDS

Charlie King & Annie Patterson – Benefit Concert for **Interfaith Council for Peace & Justice (ICPJ)**, Saturday, March 23, 7:30 pm, Church of the Good Shepherd. An evening with two of North America's finest activist folk singers. Charlie's witty political satire and uncanny ability to find endearing songs about struggle and the human experience naturally fit with Annie's own performing and song-leading work. Annie, an active Friend, co-created the beloved *Rise Up Singing* and *Rise Again* songbooks with her husband, Peter Blood. Tickets sales benefit ICPJ; \$20 admission, \$50 sponsor (with CD), \$10 student/low income: 734-476-3399 or charlie-annie-aa.eventbrite.com or charliekinginaa@gmail.com.

The **2019 White Privilege Conference (WPC 20)** will be held Wednesday – Saturday, March 20 – 23, in Cedar Rapids, IA. Friends are encouraged to attend. In order to receive the FGC discount, they must FIRST register with FGC, BEFORE registering for the conference. For more information see: fgcquaker.org/deepen/enrichment/help-your-meeting-challenge-racism/fgc-white-privilege-conference. AAFM also offers financial support for attending WPC20. Contact Lisa Klopfer, Convener, Ministry & Counsel at mnc@annarborfriends.org.

Contemplation & Joy: A Contemplative Retreat in the Manner of Friends, April 11 – 14, Siena Retreat Center, Racine, WI offered through The School of the Spirit. Details at: schoolofthespirit.org/programs/silent-retreats-2/wi-retreat/

Friends General Conference (FGC): 2019 Gathering will be held Sunday, June 30 – Saturday, July 6 at Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA. This year's theme is *Peace in our Hearts, Justice in the World*. This year deep discounts are available for children and teens due to a generous donation to support family and youth attendance. Children and Teen's Program fee is waived; 50% of their meals are covered by the donation and scholarships are available. Program Fee for Friends 18-35 years, also has also been reduced. For FGC 2019 Gathering information and updates: fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering. For workshop details: fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering/programs-and-events/workshops

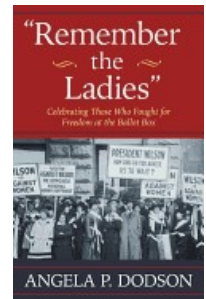
Friends Couple Enrichment, a ministry within Friends General Conference (FGC), holds workshops and facilitates growth groups to help couples grow in their

relationships and strengthen their bond. Upcoming programs include:

- June 30 – July 6: **Couple Enrichment Workshops at the FGC Gathering** in Grinnell, Iowa. Look for Workshop #47, led by Pam and David Minden. Early Registration from April 1. For more information see: fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering/registration-details.

QuakerBooks is a ministry of Friends General Conference that serves Quakers, Quaker meetings, and interested individuals who are spiritually inquisitive.

Among highlighted books is *Remember the Ladies* by Angela P. Dodson (\$15.99). Releasing in paperback edition, *Remember ...* features "unforgettable stories of the courageous leaders who secured women's right to vote. When the Second Continental Congress of the thirteen colonies convened to draft the Declaration of Independence, Abigail Adams admonished her husband, John Adams, to "remember the ladies" to no avail. From the birth of our nation to the crushing defeat of the first female presidential nominee for a major party", *Remember ...* highlights "women's impact on United States politics and government". Available for purchase at quakerbooks.org/products/remember-the-ladies.



COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Mending the Gaps - Why do so many people feel left behind? How to make a difference in the current political and economic climate? RESULTS Fundraiser with Sister Simone Campbell of Nuns on the Bus and Executive Director of NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice, Sunday, March 31, 2:30 pm, Bethlehem United Church of Christ, 423 S. 4th Ave., Ann Arbor.

Interfaith Round Table (IRT) of Washtenaw County seeks to replace leadership retiring in September 2019. Candidates who value multi-religious engagement, have a commitment to creating a local culture of understanding and inclusion among religious identities, and can focus on taking this organization to the next level of growth and expansion sought. Apply by March 31. For more details, contact Bryan Weinert (Board Chair, IRT) bryanweinert@gmail.com / 734-883-5720.

Ann Arbor Senior Center (Burns Park, 1320 Baldwin Ave.): **A2 Community Sing** with Matt Watroba first Tuesdays through June 2019, next: April 2, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, drop-in fee: \$5. Qs? a2gov.org/senior.

MICHIGAN FRIENDS CENTER EVENTS

1000 Long Lake Road, Chelsea, MI 48118

Vernal Equinox Celebration – a multi-generational celebration of balance and rebirth, Wednesday, March 20; potluck 5:30 – 7:00 pm, bonfire/circle 7:00 – 9:00 pm.

DONATIONS (Tax Deductible): Friends can donate to the Meeting at www.annarborfriends.org/Donate.shtml via PayPal (which takes 1.9% plus 30c per transaction). You can also contribute by cash or a check in the contributions basket on the lobby table or US mail: c/o Treasurer, Ann Arbor Friends Meeting, 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104.