

Ann Arbor Friends Meeting

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March 3, 2019

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* = See announcement

Sunday, March 3 [1ST SUNDAY]

9:00 Meeting for Worship. Meetingroom
10:00 Peace & Social Concerns. Fellowship Room
Environment & Social Concerns. ICPJ Office
Care & Visitation. Corner Room
10:05 Property. Basement Fireplace Room
11:00 Meeting for Worship. Meetingroom; childcare
First Day School. Living Room
12:30 Comm. for Children & Families. Corner Room
12:45 **FORUM: FCNL Fiscal Policy.** Meetingroom

Thursday, March 7

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

Sunday, March 10 [2ND SUNDAY]

9:00 Meeting for Worship. Meetingroom
10:00 Finance. Fireplace Room
10:05 Reading & Discussion. Corner Room *
11:00 Meeting for Worship. Meetingroom; childcare
First Day School. Living Room
12:45 **SPIRITUAL STATE OF MEETING WORSHIP.** *

Thursday, February 14

7:15 Quaker House Committee. Living Room
7:30 Midweek Meeting for Worship. Corner Room
(childcare with advance notice) *

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, March 31

12:45 **FIFTH SUNDAY FORUM: All About Carbon Pricing.**
Meetingroom *

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spiritual State of Our Meeting: On Sunday, March 10, 12:45 pm. We will gather in the Meetingroom for worship sharing:

- What is the spiritual condition of our Meeting, its strengths and challenges?
- What key events of the past year helped build the meeting in the Life?
- What is most needed to deepen the spiritual life of the Meeting and strengthen its witness of Friends' testimonies to the world?

Childcare provided.

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

- **March 10: Neil Shadle** will convene the promised follow-up session to November 11, on the broader topic of **Poetry of the Spirit**. Please consider bringing a poem with such personal meaning for you.

- **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**.

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 lklopfers@gmail.com.

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 one of the co-founders of 734 Brewing. Interested? Want to share a ride? Contact aa-yaf@googlegroups.com. Childcare with advance notice.

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.

Paris to Pittsburgh, Sunday, **March 10**, 4:00 - 6:00 pm, The New Center, 1100 N Main St, Ann Arbor, MI. Movie and discussion of bipartisan legislation introduced in Congress that would significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The film focuses on the incredible action individuals, communities, businesses and local governments in the U.S. have undertaken to combat the threat of climate change in their own backyards in the wake of the Trump Administration's withdrawal from the Paris Climate Agreement. It explores the very real social and economic effects of climate change-fueled disasters – from America's heartland to the nation's coastlines and the island of Puerto Rico. Free admission. Refreshments served.

AMONG FRIENDS

Helen Fox (convener of AAFM Peace and Social Concerns Committee) has a moving poem entitled "Court Watch" in the February Friends Journal (pp. 10-11). The poem is signed Helen Fox, Bokeelia, Fla, which is her winter address.

A former member of our meeting, **Lois Golightly**, informs the meeting that her husband, Warren Lang, died at the age of 96, in Traverse City, where he and Lois moved in the early 1980s. Lois hopes friends who remember him will post memories or pictures on his tribute page at reynolds-jonkhoff.com/obituaries/Warren

To subscribe to this Sunday handout or to send announcements for Sunday handouts (due Thursdays), newsletter (due third Sunday of the month) and website, contact Rabindar Subbian, at comm-cood@annarborfriends.org.

[Lange/](#). A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 18, at Central United Methodist Church in Traverse City. Contact Susan Hartman for Lois' contact information.

Phil Volk is hosting a meeting for worship at the downtown Ypsilanti Library (229 W. Michigan, Room A) on Tuesdays at 10:00 am. If you would like more details about the worship, please 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 his uncanny ability to find endearing songs about struggle and the human experience are a natural 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 general admission, \$50 sponsor (with CD), \$10 student/low income. Purchase online: <https://charlie-annie-aa.eventbrite.com> or contact charliekinginaa@gmail.com or 734-476-3399.

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

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.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Ann Arbor Senior Center (Burns Park, 1320 Baldwin Ave.): **A2 Community Sing** with Matt Watroba first Tuesdays through June 2019, next: **March 5**, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, drop-in fee: \$5. Qs? a2gov.org/senior Note: Matt Watroba will not be at the March 5 sing.

Interfaith Refugee Foster Care Info Night, Thursday, **March 7**, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, Temple Beth Emeth, 2309 Packard, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. Could you give a home to a refugee youth? Could you be a foster parent for unaccompanied refugee minors? Refugee foster care can be challenging and rewarding. For more information: Kayla Park, Samaritas' Refugee Foster Care, 517-321-7663 or RFCinfo@samaritas.org.

Doing Our Own Work: An Anti-Racism Seminar for White People, a program of Allies for Change, will be offered on Fridays and Saturday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, on **March 8, 9**, April 5, 6, and May 10, 11 at Bethlehem United Church of Christ (423 S. 4th Ave). Attendance at all six sessions is required, and the cost is \$475; scholarships and time payments are available. Details and registration: alliesforchange.org/doow-ann-arbor-2019. Questions and to apply for partial scholarships: melaniemorrison@alliesforchange.org. Register early, enrollment is limited to 20 participants.

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.

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, at the Friends Lake beach fire ring or in MFC, depending on the weather (look for a sign on the MFC door). Donations appreciated. Please register in advance if possible. Celebration of the balance of light and dark and the birth of spring with a pot luck dinner and a circle in which to share thoughts, poems, stories, songs, knowledge. All ages welcome. Bring something to share -- a verse, a story, a song you like, seasonal lore, or a readiness to partake in what others have brought. What is this season saying to you? Dress for the weather and bring a flashlight.

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.