

Ann Arbor Friends Meeting 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104 734-761-7435 **May 9, 2021**

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* = See announcement

Sunday meetings for worship feature
FELLOWSHIP at rise of meeting.

Sunday, May 9 [2ND SUNDAY]

9:00 Meeting for Worship
10:00 Finance
10:30 Family Check-In
11:00 Meeting for Worship
First Day School. Online *
12:45 Reading & Discussion *

Monday, May 10

10:00 Ministry and Counsel

Tuesday, May 11

10:00 Meeting for Worship
6:00 Justice Action Group

Wednesday, May 12

7:00 (pm) Ad hoc Committee on Reopening

Friday, May 14

3:00 Contributions

Sunday, May 16 [3RD SUNDAY]

7:45 Meeting for Worship
9:00 Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
(no Fellowship after business meeting)
10:30 Family Check-In
11:00 Meeting for Worship
First Day School. Online *
7:00 Seekers' Session *

Tuesday, May 18

10:00 Meeting for Worship
6:00 Justice Action Group

Full Calendar is available on the home page of the Meeting's website: annarborfriends.org. All meetings via Zoom. See "Changes" webpage of the Meeting website (annarborfriends.org/wp/changes) for Zoom information.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee for Children and Families (CCF) calls four **Meetings for Canoeing** this summer at Argo Livery, on the fourth Sunday in May (5/23), June (6/27), July (7/25), and August (8/22) at 4:00 pm.

Reading & Discussion features the following discussions on 2nd and 4th Sundays at 12:45 pm.

- **May 9:** Britain Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice: "Conflict Resolution Skills": 20.71

Please see this month's "Reading and Discussion" page (<http://annarborfriends.org/wp/rd-2021-04/>) for reading text, Zoom connection info, and other details.

Meeting Clerks bring the attention of Friends to the Draft **Spiritual State of the Meeting** that is available at: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MrKlx3B2KV4mmudmMhLUTHlOLjtbQoo22eGlfmuRLg/edit?usp=sharing>
Please send comments and questions to the Clerks at clerks@annarborfriends.org.

Are you new to Meeting? Are you an attender considering membership in Meeting? **Membership and Outreach (M&O)** hosts **Seekers' Session** on Sunday, May 16, 7:00 pm. Rick Plewa, Lisa Klopfer, Margot Finn, and Elliott Brannon provide their perspectives and experiences as a Friend and will answer questions from participants. All welcome. Qs.? Contact co-conveners, Naomi Gilbert (naomig@umich.edu) and Cassie Cammann (cassie.cammann@gmail.com). Zoom Link: <https://tinyurl.com/AAFm-MfW-Zoom>, Meeting ID: 227 076 571. Details about the session are at <http://annarborfriends.org/wp/seekers-2021-05-16/>.

Young Adult Friends and others will restart gathering in-person in May outside of the **Injustice Center** (301 E Huron Street) in downtown Ann Arbor for worship and connect to our Meeting's 11:00 am Sunday Zoom meeting for worship. Anyone is welcome to join and you can contact Elliott at esbrannon@gmail.com or 773-580-4833 if you'd like more information. Bring cushion to sit on if you feel it may be beneficial to you.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Family Check-In: half hour prior to Sunday 11:00 am (10:00 am on 5th Sundays) meeting for worship. Families with children are invited to share a little about how they are doing, and, if they wish, to share a story or song or activity or recipe they've been enjoying. **First Day School:** features online **Storytelling** and discussion with Ben Kuipers, Sundays at 11:00 am (10:00 am on 5th Sundays). Contact Margot Finn smargot@gmail.com for Zoom information.

Two resources that may be of interest to parents and other caregivers are the newly relaunched **Quaker Religious Education Collaborative** website, including a wonderful resource library always accepting new submissions: <https://quakerrecollaborative.org>, and **Quaker Parenting Initiative**, a site for conversations and resources related to nurturing children and spiritual growth: <https://quakerparenting.org>.

Membership and Outreach (M&O): Meeting now has a supply of yard signs in support of the Black Lives Matter movement. Signs are near the back entrance of Quaker House. If you cannot pick one up for yourself, please

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 US mail: c/o Treasurer, Ann Arbor Friends Meeting, 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104. You can also contribute online at the Meeting's website via PayPal (which takes 1.9% plus 30c per transaction) at: <https://annarborfriends.org/wp/donate/>

contact Naomi Gilbert (naomig@umich.edu) for assistance with delivery to your yard. Donations appreciated but not required (\$10/sign or more as you are led). Checks can be sent to Ann Arbor Friends Meeting, 1420 Hill St, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 with memo line "BLM yardsign" or made through the Meeting website <http://annarborfriends.org/wp/donate>.

State College Friends Meeting series on Adult Religious Education with Friend **Windy Cooler** from Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting, and a recent graduate of Earlham, who presents **The Parable of the Good Samaritan: Developing a Common Language for Pastoral Care**. The workshop "explores pastoral care in the context of traumatic experience ... through the art of Edward Hicks' Peaceable Kingdom as well as the Gospel parable of the Good Samaritan".

The workshop seeks to help Friends increase their "emotional literacy and develop a common vocabulary" to "engage with difficult pastoral care needs in our community of Friends". As our meeting "works to respond to the concerns raised by Palline Plum's letter to the Meeting and clearness and ongoing concerns about how we uphold and practice racism and white supremacy, Windy's ministry may help us think about how and why we may fail to respond to painful situations adequately--especially as she says, "in response to cultural violence, victimization, or abusive relationships." Recording of Cooler's workshop is available at: <https://tinyurl.com/Windy-Cooler-part2> (passcode 2W\$Lf0a0).

AMONG FRIENDS

Phil Volk and **Bill Riccobono** will be facilitating a 'Bible Hour', **Thursdays**, 9:30 am for "an open discussion on various Bible verses" to "discuss [the Bible] with other Quakers". (Zoom: us02web.zoom.us/j/87284937438 | Meeting ID 872 8493 7438).

Friends are welcome to a new **Meeting for Walking** each Monday 2:00 – 3:00 pm at County Farm Park, Platt Road entrance (meet in the parking lot). Connect in person with Friends amid nature. Please use your own discretion with the weather. Any questions email **Rick Plewa** at rplewa@aol.com.

(Photo courtesy **Naomi Gilbert**, featuring **David Rusch**, **Sheila Johnson**, and **Rick Plewa**.)



Solarize Ann Arbor is a community bulk-buy solar program that gathers neighbors and friends together, along with participating solar installers, to learn about residential solar, and provide the option to come together to bulk purchase solar, allowing for significant savings. **John Barrie** is organizing a Solarize A2 program that will

meet via Zoom on Monday, June 12. Interested? Contact john@apptechdesign.org for more information.

LARGER CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

LAKE ERIE YEARLY MEETING (LEYM)

Submissions to Spring LEYM *Bulletin* due Saturday, **May 15**. This issue will provide information about Annual Meeting – the program, schedule, workshops, etc., to be held virtually, from Wednesday – Sunday, July 28 – August 1. Other news about Yearly Meeting business, reports on activities in AAFM, and individual contributions such as essays, poetry, or artwork are also welcome. A query Friends might address is, "How has the last year affected the spiritual journey of you or your meeting?" Please send items for the Spring Bulletin to the editors, **Jeff Cooper** and **Peggy Daub**, by May 15 at bulletinleym@gmail.com.

FRIENDS GENERAL CONFERENCE (FGC)

GREEN PASTURES QUARTERLY MEETING (GPQM)

Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting Spring business meeting will be held Saturday, **May 15**, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm, via Zoom (<https://umich.zoom.us/j/91769618384> | Meeting ID: 917 6961 8384). In addition to business items, Friends will hear updates from the Michigan Friends Center and the Michigan Quakers for Environmental Action. To add an item to the agenda, please contact Co-Clerks, **Deb Wickering** (wickedeb@aquinas.edu) or **Elliott Brannon** (esbrannon@gmail.com). GPQM monthly newsletter is at: <https://leym.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/GPQM-newsletter-2021-04-20.pdf>.

Friends General Conference (FGC) Gathering 2021 will be held virtually from Sunday – Saturday, June 27 – July 3. Workshops list and schedule available at: <https://fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering/2021-schedule-glance>. To register and for more information, see: <https://fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering>.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

ANN ARBOR DISTRICT LIBRARY (AADL)

Ann Arbor District Library offers contactless lobby or locker pickup for library materials, including books, DVDs, magazines, and more. AADL has expanded their online and remote services to offer print-job pickup (aadl.org/printing), a no-computer help line, shelf service (aadl.org/shelfservice), new database subscriptions (aadl.org/services), and more. For more information about AADL services contact **Hanna DeMarcus** (she/her/hers), Library Technician - Outreach and Neighborhood Services at demarcush@aadl.org.

AADL also offers a **Homebound Service** and **Washtenaw Library for the Blind and Print Disabled (WLBPD)**. For those eligible, the Homebound Service provides for no charge home delivery of library materials via mail. WLBPD makes available, free of charge, audio and large print books (4000+ titles), talking book players, DVDs with descriptive narration, Ebooks/E-audio/E-

video, books in Braille, and the BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) service with access to thousands of books and dozens of magazines. Those interested can call the Outreach team at 734-327-4224, or outreach@aadl.org for more information.

INTERFAITH COUNCIL FOR PEACE & JUSTICE (ICPJ)

ICPJ Latin America Caucus – Virtual Movie Series.

The Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice presents movies and discussion the second Tuesday of each month this spring at 7:00 pm. The screening on Tuesday, May 11 will be of two short films: **Brazil: Guardians of the Amazon** and **Brazil: Impunity in the Amazon**. These will be followed by a discussion with conservationist, legal scholar, and extinction researcher, Ethan Shirley. Register to view the films at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/brazil-guardians-of-the-amazon-brazil-impunity-in-the-amazon-tickets-150971713459>.

Heat Pump Workshop: The City of Ann Arbor's **Office of Sustainability and Innovations** is hosting a workshop for residents to learn more about heating and cooling their homes with heat pumps (air and ground source) as an alternative to gas-burning furnaces and less efficient AC units. Come learn about this greener and more efficient option. Wednesday, May 12, 7:00 pm. <https://a2gov.zoom.us/j/9585028282>

Washtenaw Congregational Sanctuary April newsletter features our own Mohammed receiving his first dose of the Covid vaccine. <https://mailchi.mp/d18b96e6de76/washtenaw-congregational-sanctuary-april2021-newsletter>

INTERFAITH ROUNDTABLE (IRT)

Interfaith Round Table of Washtenaw County (IRT) invites all for their events for the month. All events virtual via Zoom. For RSVP, Zoom information and Questions: Renee Roederer at roederer@umich.edu.

- **Book Study: *The Book of Joy* by Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu** (Wednesdays, May 12, 19, 26, 7:00 – 8:00 pm). Three-week book discussion of *The Book of Joy*, co-authored by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama. These two men are among the most respected spiritual leaders of the 21st century. In an intimate discussion, the book study will help us learn to experience sustainable joy even amidst pain and confusion. In a series of three virtual evening discussions, we will consider concepts shared in their best-selling book. It is not necessary to have previously read the book before coming, but it will enrich your perspective to do so. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9585028282>. This book study will be led by **Dwight L. Wilson**, IRT Board Member and former Co-Director.
- **IRT Day Forum: Grow and Tell** (Tuesday, May 18, 11:45 am – 1:00 pm). On the third Tuesday of each

month, the Interfaith Round Table invites the wider Washtenaw County community to join us for interfaith dialogue and friendship over the lunch hour. This month, we'll give a nod to our growing years (we mean this in more than one way!) Remember when we had show-and-tell as children? We'd like to do that together as adults. For this session, we invite you to bring something – an object, a symbol, a photo, something you've created, a story, or something else – to share a time when you've grown spiritually, emotionally, or socially. We will show these to one another and share our stories of growing personally. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9585028282>

COVID-19

VaccineMI is offering a community-driven effort to help Michiganders learn accurate, up-to-date, verified information about the coronavirus vaccine, and to learn about when they will be eligible and how to take their place in line. Volunteers call potential vaccination sites daily, asking them if they have the vaccine and how to get an appointment. Information collected is published at: <https://www.vaccinemi.com/vaccination-sites>

COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA): The Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) is administering the COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) Program through its network of local nonprofit agencies since March 15, 2021. CERA can provide rental and utility assistance for eligible renter households so that they retain their housing stability. <https://www.michigan.gov/mshda/0,4641,7-141-5555-533463--,00.html>.

