

Michigan Friends Center

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A Quaker-Oriented Facility for Meetings, Retreats and Conferences

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Current Programs:

Meeting for Worship in the manner of Friends

Second Sunday of every month / 10am

Under the auspices of Ann Arbor Friends meeting, a Quaker worship group has been meeting in one form or another since the early days of the Friends Lake Community and Michigan Friends Center. John Deikis currently carries on the tradition as coordinator. To become part of this group, email

director@mfccenter.org

Together: The Search for Community

a film series co-sponsored by Transition Town Chelsea

Fridays from April 25 through June 20 (no film June 6) / **7:00 to 9:00 PM**

All films are FREE [donations welcomed]

Transition Town Chelsea's spring film series on Community examines a variety of both intentional and traditional communities, covering the internal dynamics of the communities, governance, how communities strive to preserve themselves, and how communities interact with the wider world. Join us in expanding horizons of what community can be. Participate in lively discussion following each thought-provoking film.

Earth Day Celebration

2:00 Saturday, April 26

Commemorate Earth Day at the Michigan Friends Center with live music from Tom Girard and friends, a nature walk with Linda Diane Feldt, and a one-hour nature-writing workshop with Deborah Bayer.

Active Hope Workshop with Claire Maitre

Three-session series: **9:30-4:00 May 10, May 24, June 7**. Please plan to attend all three sessions.

Donations of \$60-120 for the series support this offering. If money is an issue, register and pay what you can.

Based on the book, Active Hope: How to Face the Mess We're In Without Going Crazy by Dr. Joanna Macy and Dr. Chris Johnstone. The workshop is a facilitated book discussion group that includes Ritual & Group Exercises from the extensive work of the authors, as well as reading assignments and creative expression. Better than merely reading the book, Claire Maitre's group allows you to experience it. Claire's insights and teachings expand on the reading, group sharing invites community, fosters an understanding of our 'radical interconnectedness,' and invites exploration of each person's understanding of how they may participate in the most important social [r]evolution of our time.

Pre-registration requested: Contact the Center at (734)475-1892 or email Carolyn manager@mfccenter.org

Summer Solstice Celebration

a multi-generational celebration of the light

Saturday, June 21

Potluck 6-7 pm; bonfire 7-9 pm – join us for any part – at the Friends Lake beach

We will celebrate the longest day with a potluck dinner followed by a bonfire around which to share thoughts, stories, and songs. All ages welcome. Bring food to share and your own place settings. We will provide herbal iced tea. Bring something to share for after dinner as well-- a story, poem, song, some Solstice lore, or just your readiness to partake in what others have brought. This will be a time to explore various ways of celebrating the light. We welcome your spark. Bring long sleeves in case there are mosquitoes.

A Day of Solitude and Meditation Practice led by Carol Blotter

9 am to 4 pm Sunday, June 28

Suggested donation \$30 or as able. Pre-registration requested; contact Carol Blotter at 475-0942.

Each retreat is an opportunity to enjoy the quiet of the country while practicing sitting and walking meditation. This day is appropriate for anyone interested in meditation: beginners will have break-out instruction; experienced meditators can be in silence all day; those in-between can practice and have their questions answered. These retreats are fundraisers for the benefit of Michigan Friends Center.

Visioning Our Future

a planning retreat for Friends Lake and the Michigan Friends Center

9 am Saturday, 13

A day-long retreat to consider together how we want our community to evolve in the years ahead. What sort of community is Friends Lake now, after fifty years? What are the central values that have defined the community? Looking to both the near and the more distant future, what do we want this community to be for ourselves, for our children, and for those who come after us? How can we work together most effectively to achieve our vision, spreading initiative and responsibility widely? We encourage all community members and friends to participate on January 25 and beyond. Let's generate and share fresh ideas about how we as a community move into the climate-challenged future. . Updates will be posted to www.friendslake.org/events.htm.

