



Near and Farr Friends 2026

This will begin our eleventh year of programs and game days with Near & Farr Friends. Attendance continues to build with new and repeat residents.

We also will have an additional offering each month. Our collaboration with First Congregational Church will begin in January on the 4th Friday with lunch and speakers on issues of Aging in Onkama. Everyone is invited at 11am in the church 's lower level at the corner of Spring and Zosel Streets. A catered lunch and speaker are provided with a grant that Pastor Alison Young has obtained. Seven forums will be held this year – five this winter/early spring and two others in the fall. These will culminate with the public determining the most needed service for us to age well in the Onkama area.

The Onkama Township Hall will be the meeting place for the Near and Farr Friends. Starting at 11am pm Fridays there will be speakers and/or game days.

January 16th will feature Josh Locke from Arcadia Bluffs, the history of the storied golf course and restaurant.

January 23th will be the first Aging Well Forum at the church at 11am

Feb 6 Game Day with Dawn

Feb 13 stay tuned for more details

Feb 20 Invasive species expert

Feb 27 Lunch and Aging Well Forum

March 6 Game Day with Dawn

March 13 Dave Maylen's Magic Show

March 20 Mark Fedder Ethnic Communities in Early Days of Manistee

March 27 Lunch and Aging Well Forum

April 3 Karen Goodman, Manistee County Commissioner

April 10 stay tuned for more details

April 17 stay tuned for more details

April 24 Lunch and Aging Well Forum

May 1 John Wemlinger

May 8 stay tuned for more details

May 15 stay tuned for more details

May 22 Lunch and Aging Well Forum

Send your email address to nearandfarrfriends@gmail.com to be added to notifications each week of our speakers and games.