

Center Friends enjoyed Rally Day and the “Meadowdale” quartette in September, followed by a carry-in dinner. Also, in September, IYM Assistant Superintendent Pat Byers was their special speaker in word and song. October 6, USFW had their annual ladies retreat with guest speaker, Carol Wright. The following day, Brooks Martin was their special guest speaker. On October 14, they will have their annual “Hot Dog Roast” at Swigart Park, and on the 15th and 16th, the USFW will be making cabbage rolls—taking orders (\$6.50 for three rolls per container). The proceeds go for missions.

Hinkle Creek Friends will celebrate its many years of ministry during “Homecoming,” Sunday, October 28, at 10:30 am with Mike Haemmerle bringing special music. A meal will follow—all are invited!

Mooreland Friends is looking for a guitar player who wants to share their God-given abilities in praise and worship for Sunday morning services. This is not a paid position. If interested, email Ross Smedley at mfcfamilyministry@gmail.com. Their recent youth trip, “Destination Unknown,” (with 23 youth) was held the first week of October and included a visit to Gatlinburg, Florida, and Mammoth Cave. Also in October they had a carry-in dinner and the 2nd and 4th Tuesday the food pantry (3-5 pm) is open. Their “Ham and Bean Dinner” will be held, October 27 (4-7 pm) at the church. The “Children’s Fall Party” will be Sunday, October 28 (4-7 pm) and “Trunk or Treat” will be in the parking lot, October 31 (6-8).

Portland Friends has planned a series of Max Lucado Studies starting, October 25, (weekly studies for five consecutive Thursday nights starting at 6:00 pm).

Sycamore Friends invites you to a special night, October 28, 6 pm, with Doug Shoemaker and Pat Byers, along with the vocalists and musicians from several other monthly meetings for a

night of worship and encouragement. They are seeking to “fan the flames of revival” that we have been experiencing at the IYM Sessions. Pat Byers and the IYM band will lead in a time of music and worship. Doug Shoemaker will bring a message of encouragement and hope through his anointed preaching. In addition, Brock Sizelove from Quaker Haven Camp will give an update on the work at QHC. *Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Heb. 10:23-24*

Fall Revival Services will be held at Walnut Ridge Friends, Friday, October 12, at 7 pm; Riley Friends, Saturday, October 13, at 5 pm; and at Little Blue River Friends, Sunday, October 14, at 6 pm. There will be a time of food and fellowship after each service. Hubert Nolen will be the speaker, formerly the Senior Pastor of Brookville Road Community Church for 33 years and currently serving as the Executive Director of Hope Center in Indianapolis.

Pastor Appreciation Month: Caring for your pastor is as important as managing a healthy congregation for your members, visitors, and attendees. The Congregational Resource Guide created by the Indiana Center for congregations recommends numerous relevant resources to support clergy health. For more information go to: <https://editor.des08.com/vo/?FileID=af6f5d8f-6b8f-4f1e-b265-7b9a788aa7f5&m=7499faec-6a08-4678-ba20-185da9e4ba93&MailID=35872857&listid=336&RecipientID=16748471547>

Pastors’ Toolkit gatherings will continue in October with the next session being held at Sycamore Friends on Thursday, October 11, beginning at 10 am. All current or former pastoral staff members are welcome to attend. “Leading Your Church to the Next Level” will be the topic.



Youth News: The first event of the 2018-2019 ministry year in IYM Youth Ministries is the Youth Invasion that will take place at Mooresville Friends from 5-8 pm this coming Sunday, October 14. This free event is for teens and will include Andrew Heald (new Associate Pastor at Fairmount Friends) as speaker and the Quaker Haven House Band leading worship. If you are planning to come and/or bring students, please contact Pat Byers with your numbers so we get enough pizza: pat@iym.org or 260-571-2406.

Apex Workshop coming soon! Dave Phillips and Paul Cochrane invite you to attend the upcoming Apex workshop, Saturday, October 27, 8 am-4pm. If you have previously attended a Focused Living workshop and have experienced the incredible ways God has been shaping and calling you, Apex is the next step. Apex builds on the new purpose and meaning you found in Focused Living and helps you discover more about your unique contribution. The cost is \$40 which includes a workbook, other materials, and a light lunch. Alumni and alumnae may attend at no cost. Contact Dave Phillips to register or for more information at dave@wabashfriends.org.

You are invited to a catered lunch and presentation on the history of the Underground Railroad in Grant County—the history of resistance, free black settlements, and the work of Christian abolitionists in the area. Presenters will be Dr. Bob Priest of Taylor University and Dr. Kersten Priest of Indiana Wesleyan University. This is a part of the *Theological Research Seminars* series led by Dr. Patrick Eby of Wesley Seminary to be held Monday, November 5, 11:30-1:15. Lunch will be provided by Wesley Seminary. Registration is required to participate in lunch. Register: abolitionlunch.eventbrite.com

Good Morning!

Did you hear about the father who funded all six of his children through college? He got poorer by degrees. I'm thinking about college degrees because I just returned home from my first Board of Trustees meeting at Barclay College in Kansas. Several IYM pastors have Barclay degrees with others currently taking classes through our Friends Ministry Training (FMT) online program, and at least one other pastor enrolled in a Barclay Master's program.

Barclay is a small college in a small town on the Kansas prairie, yet 1% of all current ministerial students in the U.S. are being trained there. It is also one of only a

few schools offering free tuition for residential students. More importantly, Barclay College is a Friends School (formerly known as Friends Bible College) that intentionally embraces the Bible and seeks to serve evangelically minded Friends churches. Indiana Yearly Meeting is blessed to have a growing relationship with a school that reflects the Christian faith of Friends as we understand it.

Education is no substitute for the work of God in a person's life. It was George Fox who intimated that being educated at Oxford was not what

qualified one to be a minister. The call of God is far more important. We believe, however, that anyone truly called by God will naturally want to be educated and equipped to be the best minister possible. IYM has a scholarship and loan program for ministers to assist them to be prepared for pastoral ministry. Is your church identifying members who have a calling for ministry? Are you encouraging them to seek valuable training? Have you recommended them to be recorded?

-Doug Shoemaker

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

- 10/11 *Pastors Toolkit, Sycamore Friends, 10 am*
- 10/25 *Program Committee Conference Call, 6:30 pm*
- 10/30 *Trustees, IYM office, 6:30 pm*
- 11/10 *Representative Council, Riley Friends (Greenfield), 9:30 am*
- 11/13 *Advancement Committee, IYM office, 4 pm*
- 11/15 *Pastors Toolkit, Portland Friends, 10 am*

