

Thank you for your support! IYM is pleased to report that in 2013 we experienced unprecedented levels of financial support from our member meetings. Of our 44 churches with assessment obligations, 43 paid 100% or even more resulting in a year-end collections level of 103%. A few churches that left IYM during the year also paid back assessments directly to IYM which pushed the collection total even higher to 108% of what was expected. Additionally, Friends from inside and outside of IYM continue to make individual contributions that will help defray the anticipated 2015 budget shortfall.

Shaping the Future of IYM sessions are being held across the yearly meeting with strong participation and much helpful input being offered. Despite harsh winter conditions Friends are making an effort to come together to shape our future. These sessions are open to all Friends in IYM. Please make plans to take part in one of the remaining sessions listed below:

Feb 9 Farmland; 4 pm
Feb 15 Long Lake; 3 pm
Feb 16 Center; 3 pm
Feb 16 Lynn; 4 pm
Feb 23 Charlottesville; 2 pm
Mar 2 Maple Run; 6 pm (following a fund-raiser dinner benefiting Hispanic ministry that begins at 4:30 pm.)

Jerry Alexander has been called by Walnut Ridge Friends to serve as their pastor. He is from Anderson, Indiana, and has over 30 years of pastoral experience in Wesleyan and United Methodist churches.

Bethel Friends is sending a team of nine adults and 10 youth to Belize Friends School March 22-19. They will be assisting FUM field staff, Sam & Becky Barber, with any projects needed at the school or their home and providing a VBS at the school.

Kennard Friends will once again be hosting Financial Peace University. FPU is a biblically based curriculum that teaches people how to handle money God's ways. Classes will start on Sunday, Feb 16, at 1:30 pm at the

church. The course is 9 weeks long; ending on Sunday, April 13. You can find all the details, order materials, and register for the class online at the following link: <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/org/40438/class/249905>. Contact Pastor Bob Lines at 317-408-8811 or boblins@embarqmail.com.

Maple Run Friends has 22 people going on a mission trip Feb 15-22. Their destination is "Give Kids The World" located in Central Florida. It is a 70 acre non profit resort that creates magical memories for children with life threatening illnesses and their families. The team will help prepare and serve meals, engineer the train, and help with crafts and activities.

Busy Hands Group from Marion First have been "busy" making hats, scarves, quilts, lap robes, premie hats, and lots more. The items are given to hospitals, nursing homes, local missions and sold. The group raised \$600 this year to be given to area missions.

Van Wert First Friends will be holding special service Feb 22-24 at 6:30 pm nightly and 10:30 am Sunday morning featuring Frank Campbell, a Wilmington Yearly Meeting Friend, from Tennessee.

Winter Sneak for youth in grades 7-12 will be held Feb 7-9 at Quaker Haven Camp. Speakers this year will be Rusty & Tabitha Lumpkin of Farmland Friends. Cost is \$100 and registration deadline is Jan 31. Contact Aaron Hughs for more information aaronhughs@iym.org.

E&O Grants for Quaker Haven Campers will be available for campers with financial need this year. Churches (not individuals) are asked to determine financial need and submit requests to the IYM E&O Committee by May 1.

Statistical Reports were sent to meetings earlier in Jan and are to be returned to the IYM office by Jan 31. IYM is dependent upon accurate and timely reports from our churches. Thank you to those who have already completed and returned your reports.

MEI Grant application deadline is Feb 1. Please notice we have an additional option, Sabbatical Funding, for Meetings to discuss with their Pastor for a matching fund grant. Please contact Carol Wright (carol@iym.org) for more details or questions about your application.

Barclay College Choir will be touring in the IYM area on May 6-12. Their goal is ministry thru music. If your church is willing to host the choir group, please contact Jared Ross at jared/ross@barclaycollege.edu.

FUM Triennial will be hosted by IYM June 11-15, at Indiana Wesleyan University. Sandy Davis is coordinating the hosting of Kenyan guests two days prior and two days after the conference. If you can help host either prior and/or two days after the conference, please contact Sandy at 260-571-3403 or rsd3501@comcast.net.

Mesquakie Friends Center needs a seven passenger mini van. They have a 15 passenger van that they want to trade. For more information contact Dan Crookshank at dandc5472@gmail.com.

Friends Theological College Board of Governors, together with Friends United Meeting, is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Robert J. Wafula to serve as Principal of Friends Theological College (Kaimosi, Kenya) beginning in mid-2014.

Joe White, 101, passed away on Jan 26. He was a member of Knightstown Friends and had served faithfully on the White's Institute Board for many years. He was also a strong supporter of Friends missions in Kenya, traveling there in 2007 to attend the dedication of the chapel at Friends Theological College.



Good Morning!

During a tourist bus excursion to a volcanic canyon in Iceland, a woman was reported missing when she failed to return to the bus. The bus driver waited an hour before notifying the Icelandic police. Soon after the missing person's report, search and rescue teams and even a helicopter arrived to search for the missing woman. About 50 people also participated in the search.

But the search was called off within about 12 hours when authorities discovered that the missing woman wasn't really missing. She was actually on the bus and had even been a part of the search party. Ap-

parently before reentering the bus after the stop to tour the canyon, she changed her clothes and "freshened up." The other passengers didn't recognize her. Chief of police Sveinn K. Runarsson told reporters that the woman was innocent of the mistake. She recognized the description of herself and "had no idea that she was missing." (Adapted from "Lost Woman Looks for Herself in Iceland's Highlands," Iceland Review 8 -27-13.)

I couldn't help but think of the American church as I read this story. While we consistently call for our

members to search for the lost and devote plenty of resources to staffing and sending out search parties – maybe we are the ones that are lost. Maybe we are the ones needing to repent. A recent article in Leadership Journal chronicles a church in Southern Indiana that faced its dysfunction and publicly repented: <http://www.christianitytoday.com/le/2014/january/widowmaker-repents.html>

If the revival you long for came, would your church be healthy enough to handle it? Are there unresolved issues in your church that need to be addressed?

- Doug Shoemaker

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

2/9 "Shaping the Future of IYM", Farmland, 4:00 pm
2/10 MEI Steering Committee, IYM Office, 6:30 pm
2/11 Westfield Area Pastors, Cadiz Friends, 9:30 am
2/13 Van Wert Area Pastors, Van Wert, 10:30 am
2/15 "Shaping the Future of IYM", Long Lake, 3:00 pm
2/16 "Shaping the Future of IYM", Center, 3:00 pm
2/16 "Shaping the Future of IYM", Lynn, 4:00 pm
2/17 Program Committee, IYM, 6:30 pm
2/19 Marion Area Pastors, South Marion, 9:30 am
2/19 Scholarship & Loan Committee, Marion Bob Evans, 11:30 am
2/23 "Shaping the Future of IYM", Charlottesville, 2:00 pm
3/2 Fundraiser meal for Hispanic ministry, Maple Run, 4:30 pm
3/2 "Shaping the Future of IYM", Maple Run, 6:00 pm (English & Spanish sessions)
3/8 Committee Day, Upland, 9:00 am