

**Knightstown Friends** collected a \$300 offering in honor of former pastor Rod Dennis who passed away April 26. They have forwarded it to IYM to be used for ministries at Quaker Haven Camp this summer. The offering is being used to subsidize the programs for youth and young adults at yearly meeting sessions this week.

**A new program for Young Friends** is making its debut at the 2015 sessions of IYM. Under the direction of Pat Byers, Brock Sizelove, and Scott Miller, our youth will be stretched and challenged by a leadership program designed especially for our future leaders. Their sessions will be headquartered in one of the Activities Center classrooms. Welcome Young Friends!

**A Program for Elementary-aged children** is available in the Lower Level of Quaker Hall under the direction of Bethany Huffman and Amy Dennis. The children's program is available during all business sessions, workshops and worship services.

**Pre-school children/infants** will have caregivers available in the lobby of Friendship Lodge during all business sessions, workshops and worship services. Judi Shuck will be overseeing childcare for our smallest Friends this week.

**The IYM office has moved** to Quaker Haven this weekend. Office Secretary, Betty Ison, will be staffing the registration table in the lobby of Quaker Hall. Check with her for all registration, meals, lodging and payment questions and introduce yourself to her husband, Tom, who will be with her.

**Laura Key**, clerk of our Communications & Publications Committee, **will be staffing an information table** in the meeting-

house lobby. She will be publishing a daily newsletter on Friday and Saturday mornings. Please provide any announcements for the *Daily Communicator* to her by no later than 9 am on those mornings.

**Our Memorial Service** will be held late Saturday morning. Thank you to each meeting that sent in names of members who have passed away in the last year. We have compiled a booklet in their memory that is included in your packet. If you have additional names of deceased Friends to be remembered during the Memorial Service, please turn in their information to Laura Key or Tim Basford by 9 am Saturday morning.

**Following tonight's worship service**, a popcorn pop will be held around the campfire on the lakefront. Join Friends for this Quaker Haven tradition for some songs, fellowship and a great evening snack.



**Tonight's worship service** will feature Friends from Wabash Friends. Robin McIntire and Courtney McClure will be our worship leaders and Alex Falder will be our featured speaker. Alex lives in Wabash Indiana with his wife and four kids. He grew up attending Wabash Friends Church and has served as Lead Pastor for the last five years. He loves hanging with his family and being outdoors. His passion is helping people to discover their fullest redemptive potential for Christ's kingdom.

## Greetings from the Presiding Clerk

I love the theme of "Uncharted Territory" for the 2015 Indiana Yearly Meeting. It awakened the analogical part of my brain to think about Lewis and Clark's expedition through uncharted territory on their way to the Pacific. Listening to the Shoshone woman Sacagawea, and letting her help them build peaceable relationships with people they weren't familiar with was an excellent strategy and no doubt one of the keys to their successful expedition.

As Friends we are also on a kind of expedition through global cultures that, year after year, seem to be less accommodating to the Gospel than they were the year before. Fortunately, we have someone that has volunteered to guide us through the challenges of a constantly changing world. His name is Jesus Christ, He's our Lord and Savior, and He is going to be at yearly meeting.

It has been a source of joy this year,

working with so many gifted and dedicated people trying to improve and broaden the ministries of Indiana Yearly Meeting. A few of the things they have been working on are new ways to communicate with one another, expanding opportunities for pastoral training, improving the recording process, seeking direction for quarterly meetings, raising funds to continue the ministries of IYM, and updating our *Faith & Practice* to contend with a changing culture. All of the work I witnessed was done in a Christ-centered Spirit of unity in focus and purpose. Hence the joy!

Another group from history were the trappers and mountain men coming together at their "Summer Rendezvous" where they fellowshiped,

exchanged stories, discussed practices for trapping, stocked up for a hard winter of trapping and hunting in uncharted territory.

I want to invite you to the "Summer Rendezvous" of Indiana Yearly Meeting and the Teen Ambassadors 50 year reunion. It will be a time of fellowship, exchanging stories, discussing best practices for ministry, renewal and celebration. We have a good variety of workshops, and an excellent line up of speakers from within IYM that will be able to feed and equip us to take the love of Jesus Christ into "Uncharted Territory." Don't forget, Jesus promised that He will be there, as long as there are two or three of us. —*Steve Howell*

**This year's special offering** will support a new Samburu Friends Empowerment Center. The vision of Samburu leaders will serve as a vocational training center for the Samburu and provide much-needed goods and services to the local community. Samburu leaders in Kenya have recognized local demand for services such as photocopying and email, and goods such as school uniforms and textbooks. The empowerment center will become a local, sustainable means to better meet these needs, while providing an ongoing source of income for mission work. An offering for the Samburu Friends Empowerment Center will be received at the Missions Luncheon on Saturday. Checks can be made payable to Indiana Yearly Meeting.

**Indiana Yearly Meeting extends a special welcome** to members of the **Teen Ambassadors** who will be gathering for a reunion celebrating this teen choir's beginning fifty years ago! Dale Lewis, former pastor of Lynn Friends and director of the choir will be with us as will former choir members from several states. We look forward to their ministry as they present a reunion concert at Saturday night's Feast of Faith.

**Thank you to the IYM Program Committee** for their efforts in planning and preparing for the 2015 sessions of IYM. Kelly Haemmerle (Westfield) is clerk of the program committee. Other members include Keith Huffman (Farmland), Marianne Isaacs (Hinkle Creek), Jack Holliday (Hinkle Creek), Tim Basford (Knightstown) and Scott Miller (Lynn). IYM staff members Pat Byers and Doug Shoemaker also serve on the Program Committee. Feel free to contact any of them with questions or concerns while at yearly meeting.

**Once again, a complimentary golf cart shuttle service** will be available to transport Friends throughout the Quaker Haven Campus during yearly meeting. Feel free to flag down the cart and enjoy the ride!

"Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before. . . Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you." Joshua 3:4-5