

Good Morning!

Christian Reader printed this story told by Mary Cooper from Lowell, Michigan: One of my preschool students had a habit of patting me on the seat of my pants. I tried several things to make him stop, but nothing worked. Finally, I resorted to a time-out chair. Later, when his father came to pick him up, I quietly mentioned the problem, asking whether he had any insight on the situation. Smiling, the father explained his son's fascination with football – and his curiosity as to why the players "spanked" each other: "I told my son that they were telling each other what a good job they were doing." It seems the

same applied to me.

At recent yearly meeting sessions no "spankings" were administered, but we did say "good job" more than once. We celebrated the faithful service of Greg Hinshaw and Janis Sizelove, who have served as Presiding and Recording Clerks during the past six years. We thanked Aaron Hughs for eleven years of service to IYM as our Director of Youth & Camping Ministries and honored Rowena Holliday for serving as office secretary from 1991-2013. Charles H. Johnson was also presented with a

minute of appreciation for sparking an outpouring of support for IYM over the past year.

Nearly everyone who attended yearly meeting sessions found reasons to be encouraged. We heard reports of God's faithfulness repeatedly and experienced His presence powerfully. Times of fellowship were rich, times of worship were deep, and times of business were even fun! My prayer is that yearly meeting will be a continual source of blessing and encouragement for each of our churches.

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

8/6-8 *National Friends Church Multiplication Conference*
8/15-11/16 *Doug Shoemaker, Sabbatical*
8/19 *Committee Meetings; Upland, 6:30 pm*
8/23 *Quaker Haven Golf Scramble; Honeywell Golf Course in Wabash*
8/29-9/1 *Family Camp; Quaker Haven*

Send us Your News! Please let us know what's happening in your meeting. We would love to share your announcements in The Communicator.

Great News! Pledges and contributions received for the 2015 IYM Program Budget have now reached \$56,140! By the end of IYM \$18,210 had been pledged or given for the 2016 budget!

Highlights from Yearly Meeting

- *Hemlock Friends Church was accepted as a new Monthly Meeting in IYM!
- *We heard reports that our endowment increased in value last year despite a withdrawal of over \$528,000 as part of the reconfiguration process
- *The Trustees reported that our shopping center units are fully leased for the first time in several years with new tenants investing significant amounts of their own money to remodel
- *The 2015 budget was approved with the assessment remaining at \$75 per adult member
- *2015 Missions goals will also remain at \$75 per adult member
- *In 2016 assessments will be reduced for most meetings with a greater emphasis on voluntary giving/fundraising to meet financial needs
- *Committee presentations inspired, encouraged and informed
- *A David Letterman wannabe interviewed leaders of our affiliate organizations resulting in lots of laughter and a deeper appreciation for FUM, White's and Quaker Haven
- *A new ongoing workgroup devoted to the training of pastors will be appointed
- *Five revisions to *Faith & Practice* received final approval and several new proposed revisions will be sent to monthly meetings for review/input
- *At the Missions Luncheon, Brad & Christine Wood gave an inspiring presentation, resulting in an offering of \$2,426.12 for Kickapoo Friends Center
- *175 attended the Feast of Faith where certificates of recognition were awarded to:
Peg Beatty; (Knightstown)
Kathy McFarland; (Lynn)
Janice Hanes; (Bethel)
Esther Nicholson; (Arba)
Velma McGrew; (Van Wert First)
Mary Harris; (Jericho)
Amanda "Amy" Dennis; (Dewart Lake)
Kenny Ramsey; (Little Blue River)
Lyman "Pete" Hall; (Marion First)
Darrell Monroe; (Back Creek)
Debi Howell; (Farmland)
- *Attendance banners were awarded to Farmland, Bear Creek, and Van Wert First Friends at the Saturday banquet.

Aaron Hughs is concluding his service as our Director of Youth & Camping Ministries. He has been part of our staff since 2003. His last day in the office will be Thursday, August 7. We are thankful for Aaron's ministry and wish him well as he and his family move to Bryan, Ohio.

Isaias and Leyda Gutierrez are parents of a new son, Benjamin Joel, born July 2, 2014. Isaias is pastor of Manantial de Vida, our Hispanic congregation in Logansport.

Dave Phillips and Paul Cochrane will be leading "Focused Living," a personal growth workshop Sept. 12-13 & 20 at Wabash Friends. The goal of the workshop is to give you tools to identify your personal life purpose and map a path for life-long spiritual growth. Cost will be \$25. Contact dave@wabashfriends.org for more information or to register.

Cadiz Friends is hosting a "Gospel Fest" featuring The Prodigals from Greenfield along with music from other churches on August 23, 6-8 pm. Bring your lawn chair, bug spray and an attitude for worship. For more details contact Amos Taylor (AmosT@Selahhouse.com) or Carol Wright (carol@iym.org).

IYM Session Pictures can be found online at <https://plus.google.com/u/0/photos/+KellyHaemmerle/albums/6041212369989986305> The IYM office would welcome pictures taken by other Friends. Please send them to iyminfo@iym.org.

Assistant Superintendent Position: A search committee (Doug Shoemaker, Steve Howell, Laura Key, Paul Hubbard, and Amos Taylor) has been named to search for a new staff person. An expanded job description is being created which will include responsibility for Communication, Leadership Development/Young Adult Ministry, and Technology in addition to Youth & Camping Ministry. It is our goal to identify and call a person who can begin in December or January. Interested applicants are invited to send a current resume and letter of interest to Steve Howell at sh3893@gmail.com or PO Box 128, Farmland, IN 47340.

Sabbatical Plans: Doug Shoemaker will be on sabbatical August 15 through November 16. In his absence a team of IYM Friends will be covering several responsibilities. Dave Phillips will serve as a resource for pastors, pastoral transitions, and churches in crisis. Steve Howell and Betty Ison will monitor day-to-day operations of the IYM office and refer any needs that arise to the appropriate person or committee. Carol Wright will oversee monthly pastors' gatherings and Rowena Holliday will assist with publications. Watch for articles from several volunteer writers that will be appearing in future issues of the Communicator.

Cheerful Givers have blessed IYM by contributing over \$56,000 for the 2015 budget. With this outpouring of generosity we feel that, along with anticipated assessments from monthly meetings and other identified sources of income, we will have sufficient resources to fund our 2015 budget. Praise the Lord! We are now beginning to raise money for the 2016 budget. In 2016 assessment obligations will remain steady or be drastically reduced for most meetings. We hope to make up the gap by raising approximately \$85,000 from individuals and churches. We already have gifts and pledges that total over 20% of our need. Be watching for more info on how you can be part of this exciting new faith adventure for IYM.

Jim Le Shana's worship recordings on "Building Bridges to Change the World" can be found on the following links.

- http://www.4shared.com/mp3/gmUxDqQ9ce/140724_Thursday7PM.html
- http://www.4shared.com/mp3/nvISIFpPba/140725_Friday7PM.html
- http://www.4shared.com/mp3/nORcZZcZce/140727_Sun10AM.html