

Good Morning!

“Morning by morning new mercies I see,” is a phrase from Thomas Chisholm’s hymn, *Great is Thy Faithfulness*, based on Lamentations 3:22-23. This summer I’ve experienced the truth of this great affirmation repeatedly as I’ve experienced especially meaningful times of worship with Friends week after week.

The final worship session of the FUM triennial was hosted by South Marion Friends and it was very moving to see that meetinghouse filled with Friends from across the yearly meeting and across the world worshipping together with one voice. The following week I was privileged to

join Center Friends as they celebrated their 150th anniversary and once again experienced a meetinghouse filled with Friends who had come back home to worship God together.

On the last Sunday of June I was blessed to join with Bethel Friends as they celebrated 15 years of ministry given by Rod and Judy Dennis. Gratitude to their retiring pastor and to their living God was palpable as Friends filled yet another meetinghouse. And last week I was privileged to attend the annual IYM Pastors Short Course at Quaker Haven

Camp. Over 75 gathered and experienced the presence of God together. In each of these cases I drove home feeling much like Moses must have felt after meeting God face-to-face on the mountain. Aaron Hughs would probably tell you that’s how he feels after every camp is completed at Quaker Haven.

A high point of each summer comes when Friends gather together for Indiana Yearly Meeting Sessions. I’m eagerly anticipating the corporate experience of His presence in our midst as we gather at Quaker Haven later this month. See you there!

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

7/14 *Executive Committee Meeting; IYM Office, 6:30 pm*
7/24-7/27 *IYM Sessions; Quaker Haven*
7/29 *Trustees; IYM Office, 6:30 pm*
8/6-8 *National Friends Church Multiplication Conference*
8/15-11/15 *Doug Shoemaker, Sabbatical*
8/23 *Quaker Haven Golf Scramble; Honeywell Golf Course in Wabash*
8/29-9/1 *Family Camp; Quaker Haven*

Great News! Pledges and contributions received for the 2015 IYM Program Budget have now reached \$53,880! Thank you to the many individuals and meetings that are giving generously to support the future of IYM!

Aaron Hughs, our Director of Youth & Camping Ministries, has served IYM since August of 2003. Aaron recently announced his resignation and will conclude his service with us on August 7. He will be moving to Bryan, Ohio, where his wife, Abbey, has been offered a teaching position. Please join us at yearly meeting sessions as we express our thanks to Aaron and wish him well.

Steve & Marlene Pedigo (Westfield) need our prayers. On Thursday, July 3, Marlene experienced multiple injuries in a serious fall. The following day their 20 year-old son, Nathan, tragically died. A memorial service for Nathan Pedigo is scheduled for Saturday, July 12, at Western Yearly Meeting meetinghouse in Plainfield beginning at 3 pm. A memorial fund to help with expenses has been set up by Westfield Friends, 324 S. Union St. Westfield, IN 46074. Condolences can be mailed to the Pedigos at 17172 Tilbury Way, Westfield, IN 46074.

Dewart Lake Community Friends is continuing a pastoral search, but has called Dennis Judy to serve as interim minister. He is a local Church of God (Anderson) ordained minister.

Kennard Friends Church will be hosting a recognition service for members of the Kennard Volunteer Fire Department and their local police department on Sunday, July 13 at 9:30 am.

Knightstown Friends is hosting its 1st annual croquet tournament on Saturday, July 19th. Awards will be given with food and drinks available. Registration begins at 10 am prior to playing at noon and it's FREE. Donations to help cover costs will be accepted. For more details contact Austin Downey at 765-571-0685.

West Milton Friends Church has given their pastor, Kerry Baker, a brief sabbatical during the month of July. Doug Shoemaker is providing pulpit supply for them.

Westfield Friends took lunch to the Habitat for Humanity volunteers helping Nancy, Marco, and John build their new home. Marco and John attended the Young Friends this past school year.

IYM Registration deadline is July 10. Registrations received after that date will be subject to a 10% late fee. No meals will be refunded after July 21.

- Jim Le Shana from Barclay College is this year's featured speaker and will be addressing the theme, "Building Bridges to Change the World."
- Doug Newnum, pastor of Rush Creek Friends Church, will be leading worship during the week.
- Brad & Christine Wood from Kickapoo Friends Center will speak at our missions luncheon on Saturday. This year's yearly meeting offering will be received on Saturday at the luncheon and will be designated for the ministry at Kickapoo.
- Friday afternoon workshop leaders will include Carol Wright (Treasurer's Workshop), Jeff Mosier (Building Bridges with Youth in Your Community,) Eric Fleck (Entrepreneurship to Build the Church,) Scott Miller (Building Bridges with Your Community,) Alex Falder (Safe Bunkers,) and Linda Ostewig (Opening Doors to All While Maintaining Biblical Standards.)
- Childcare and programs for children and youth will be available
- Woody Wright will be in concert at the Saturday Feast of Faith.
- Delicious meals, good fellowship, TAG (Time Alone with God,) and evening fellowship times will be a blessing to all
- New committee presentations (Friday morning) promise to be informative and sometimes entertaining
- Affiliate ministry leaders will be interviewed by our General Superintendent on Saturday morning
- Hear the report of our Financial workgroup and a recommendation on how to fund IYM in the future
- Attendance awards will be presented at the Feast of Faith. Will your church go home with a banner?

The Advance Report is being mailed this week to IYM representatives, monthly meeting clerks, Ministry and Oversight clerks and pastors. So, if you receive one and would like to refer to it at yearly meeting sessions, please bring it with you.

Youth Leaders (paid or volunteer) from across IYM are invited to join members of the IYM Christian Education Committee for a round table discussion at yearly meeting sessions on Friday, July 25. Please register now and plan to gather with other youth leaders from across IYM during the Friday lunch hour at Quaker Haven.

FUM Triennial Messages: Several have asked for copies of Richard Foster's Johnson Lecture and the Thursday evening and Sunday morning messages. These will soon be on the FUM website www.fum.org and excerpts will be used in the next issue of Quaker Life. Unfortunately, FUM does not have text of Jim Smith's devotionals. They will, however, have video of the gathering available online soon.

Joe Fick, director of Earlham Christian Fellowship, recently sent this message to IYM: "Thanks again for your ongoing prayers and support for my work with InterVarsity at Earlham and across Indiana. God is doing amazing things in student's lives, and your partnership helps me to play my part in it." Joe also reports that he will be concluding his ministry at Earlham later this year.

Wabash Friends sent a team of seven people to Kenya recently. The Kenya team, in conjunction with John Muhanji, planned and executed an eye clinic on Mt. Elgon in an effort to strengthen the local church. The team worked with doctors and nurses from Sabatia Eye Hospital to do eye exams and cataract surgeries; they saw over 1000 patients.