

**IYM Sessions will be held July 24-27**  
at Quaker Haven Camp.

Please pray for the **Feast of Faith**, our annual Saturday night banquet at yearly meeting scheduled for **July 26** this year. Many meetings bring carloads of Friends to attend this event which includes attendance awards. Woody Wright, a member of the Gaither music family, will be in concert at this year's Feast of Faith.

**Rod Dennis** has announced his resignation from Bethel Friends. Please pray for Rod as he continues treatment for cancer.

**Keith Huffman** has announced his resignation from Dewart Lake Community Friends effective June 30.

**Farmland Friends** has called Keith Huffman to serve as their lead pastor.

**Farmland Friends Food Ministry** has an overflowing pantry that serves over 100 families a month in their Randolph County community. A monthly free community dinner and nutritional classes are offered on site through the local Purdue Extension office.

**Long Lake Friends** hosted "Messiah in the Passover" with Peter Shirokov on March 23. This included tasting foods of the Passover meal and teachings that showed how God's plan of deliverance are revealed in the ministry of Jesus.

**Representative Council** will be held at Westfield Friends on Saturday, April 12, beginning at 9 am. Westfield is located west of Noblesville 1/2 mile east of the intersection of US 31 and IN 32, then just over two blocks south on Union Street (324 S. Union Street.) Another Friends Church (Union Friends) is located two blocks away, so look for the white meetinghouse on the east side of Union Street.

**Missions Scholarships** were recently awarded by the IYM Missions Committee to 18 from Bethel Friends who are currently on a short term trip to Belize and to Kelsie Shoemaker who will leave March 31 for a short term mission trip to Haiti.

**Time to think about who you would like to recognize in your meeting at IYM Sessions!** The IYM Certificate of Recognition is a means of recognizing the faithful service of individuals in our monthly meetings during Indiana Yearly Meeting Sessions. The Ministry & Oversight Committee is asking meetings to select one of their members (not previously so honored) to receive this recognition. The intent of this certificate is to encourage those who are actively working "behind the scenes" in our various meetings. If the recipient cannot attend, they will still be recognized and someone else can receive the certificate for them. All nominations must be approved by the local M&O or Monthly Meeting clerk before being submitted, but anyone may be delegated to submit the information online on behalf of the Monthly Meeting. Complete the form at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PXZJGHH>. If any Monthly Meeting does not have online web access, please request a paper copy of this form from M&O and then submit it by mail to the IYM office, plainly marked for the attention of "M&O Certificate of Recognition Nominations". Please submit your nomination by **June 1**.

**Scholarships are available** for participants in the August 6-8 National Friends Church Multiplication Conference to be held at Barclay College. Our E&O Committee will be offering scholarships to cover up to 50% of the registration and travel costs for ten participants from IYM. Scholarship requests must be submitted to the IYM office by May 1. Conference registration will be available online soon with the early bird rate of \$95 per person covering conference costs and room & board for those who register by May 1.

**Leadership for Spiritual Growth:** Collaborative & Effective Ministry for Your Meeting, a retreat especially for M&O members, will be held April 4-5 at Quaker Haven Camp. For more information or to register go to [http://quakerhaven.com/wordpress/?page\\_id=3503](http://quakerhaven.com/wordpress/?page_id=3503).

**Day Away Retreat** at Cadiz Friends will be held on April 5. Sponsored by the IYM Ministerial Excellence Initiative, this one-day event is designed for church leadership teams/M&Os. Carol Wright and Dana Howard Russo will provide leadership. Pre-register your group online at <http://www.iym.org/>.

**Camp Staff Needed!** Positions are open for kitchen work, facility care, grounds keeping and life guard duties for young adults with a servants heart. Visit [www.quakerhaven.com](http://www.quakerhaven.com) to get the application and reference forms.

**Quaker Haven needs your help raising money** for laundry equipment by selling/buying Tide and Gain laundry detergent. For more information and order forms call 574-834-4193 or go to [www.quakerhaven.com](http://www.quakerhaven.com).

**The Friends United Meeting Triennial 2014** will be at Indiana Wesleyan University, June 11-14, ending with worship services on Sunday, June 15. There is a need for volunteers to host out-of-country guests coming to the Triennial for the two days before (June 9 & 10) and/or the two days after the Triennial (June 15 & 16). Arrangements can be made for guest transportation to and from the airport and also to and from Marion if a host is not going to attend the Triennial. If you are interested, please call 260-571-3403 or e-mail [rsd3501@comcast.net](mailto:rsd3501@comcast.net), letting Sandy Davis of Wabash Friends know of your willingness to host, contact information, and how many you can accommodate, i.e., a single adult - man or woman, a couple, etc. We will not know how many visitors there will be until at least mid-May after visas are awarded for these guests. However, as soon as we can make assignments, we will be able to make the calls and contacts to all the hosts who are willing to assist in this ministry of hospitality.

**Prayer Request for Tom Ison**, husband of IYM secretary, Betty Ison. Pray that Tom's health remains stable until a kidney donor is available for him.



Good Morning!

Albert Lexie was a shoe-shine man who set up shop at Pittsburgh's Children's Hospital. An AP story from February 2013 reported that this humble small businessman had donated more than \$200,000 to the hospital's Free Care Fund over a 30 year period. The Bible is full of warnings about loving money, but in Luke 16 Jesus counseled us to "use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves," and "...if you've not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?" I wonder if Jesus had men like Albert Lexie in mind when he spoke these words.

One interesting piece of Quaker history relates to early American Friends turning to commerce where many were very successful resulting in large amounts of money being funneled into the alleviation of suffering and other forms of philanthropy. Some have quipped that "Quakers came to America to do good - and they did well!"

A recent visit with some "Quaker" neighbors reminded me of this. They have never preached a sermon, but built a family business that created jobs including summer jobs for our sons and more than one

pastoral family, while generating profits that I'm certain were channeled to support Christian ministries. Maybe you've never thought of entrepreneurship or making money as a ministry, but it can be. Friends in the past earned reputations for hard work, integrity, high-quality products, wise investing, and generous giving. Employers long for those kind of employees, and business built on such values are refreshing. We need those kind of Friends today. Are Friends in your meeting "doing well?"

*Doug Shoemaker*

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### IYM Upcoming Calendar

3/29 *Financial Work Group: IYM Office, 9:30 am*  
3/29 *MEI Day Away Retreat; Maple Run, 9:30 am*  
3/30 *Quaker Haven's Spring Break & Clean; Quaker Haven*  
4/5 *MEI Day Away Retreat; Cadiz, 9:30 am*  
4/6 *Quaker Haven's Spring Break & Clean; Quaker Haven*  
4/7 *Program Committee; IYM Office, 6:30 pm*  
4/8 *Westfield Area Pastors; Cadiz, 9:30 am*  
4/9 *Passover Seder Meal; Quaker Haven Camp, 6:00 pm*  
4/12 *Representative Council; Westfield, 9:00 am*  
4/16 *Van Wert Area Pastors; Mrs. Wicks, 12:30 pm; Jericho 1:30 pm*  
5/13 *Committee Day Evening; Upland, 6:30 pm*

Are you interested in being an IYM representative to the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) or the Friends World Committee on Consultation (FWCC)? Please contact the IYM Nominating Committee at [lindacabe@ymail.com](mailto:lindacabe@ymail.com).