

Anderson First Friends will have a "Legacy Celebration," Sunday, August 30. They invite you to this special service as they transition into a new phase of ministry. A male singing duo, "Water Into Wine" will minister at 10 am. The service will be followed by a carry-in.

Arba Friends is hosting its 13th Annual Antique Tractor and Car Show, August 15, 1-4 pm, rain or shine. Free food and beverages. Awards given at 4 pm. Pre-registration fee, \$5; Day of show fee, \$7. For more information, call 765-874-1848.

Farmland Friends will host a live simulcast, Living Proof, with Beth Moore, September 12 at 10:30 am until 5:15 pm. This day will offer renewal in your spiritual life. Beth has authored dozens of Bible studies, books, and devotionals specifically for women. Tickets are \$15 and a box lunch is available for \$7 but must be purchased prior to August 28. One free ticket will be given with every ten purchased. Call 765-468-6485.

Iglesia Amigos will host Festival de Amigos on Saturday, August 29 at 11 am, with music, food, and games. Friends are welcome to come and enjoy the day or volunteer. If Friends can't come to the festival but would like to come and see how Iglesia Amigos works there will be an opportunity to do outreach during the week. Contact information 317-909-3106, 831 N. Edmondson Ave, Indianapolis 46219.

Jericho Friends will kick-off their Shining Stars (pre-school-6th grade) youth group with a special event on September 20, 5 pm, featuring Stan the MAGIC Man. A carry-in meal will follow the event.

Manantial de Vida celebrated their third anniversary, August 1&2. Several from area Friends churches were present.

Westfield Friends recently approved Danny Wohlschlaeger as a part-time young Friends staff member. Also they received word that they would soon receive a gift of \$150,000 to pay off the balance on their mortgage. Fall plans include a Quaker Haven Camp Retreat on October 2-4, and a trip to Kickapoo Friends, October 4-10, to help build bunk beds.

Upland Friends will again be hosting Committee Days in 2015-2016. The following IYM Committees are scheduled to meet there at 6:30 pm on August 18: Christian Education, Communications & Publications, Evangelism & Outreach, Mis-

sions, and Stewardship & Finance. The IYM Ministry & Oversight will also meet. Other Committee Days for 2015-2016 are: December 5 at 9 am; March 5 at 9 am; May 17 at 6:30 pm. Representative Council meetings are scheduled for the Saturday mornings of November 14 and April 16.

Also reserve the following dates: Monthly Pastors' Meetings will begin meeting in September. Instead of regional gatherings, this year will feature Tuesday morning "Pastor Summits" for all IYM pastors. On September 15, October 13, November 17, February 16, March 15, and April 19. Locations, topics, and a great line-up of speakers will be coming to you soon. Another important date for pastors to include on their calendar is the **Pastors Mid-Winter Retreat**, scheduled for January 29-31 at the Essenhaus Inn & Conference Center in Middlebury, IN. Pastors, please plan to attend; churches, please plan to release your pastor(s) to participate. Encourage them to attend, offer to watch their children or pets, and pay their way. It's a great investment!

The yearly meeting office will be undergoing renovation soon which will include new flooring, ceiling tiles, fresh paint and several upgrades. The work has tentatively been scheduled to begin August 24 and it is hoped that it will be completed by September 4. The office in Muncie will be closed for up to two weeks while this work is done.

USFW's 44th Annual Retreat: Women's Fall Retreat will be held September 14-15 at Quaker Haven with retreat leader, Katherine Murray. She is a hospice chaplain, spiritual director, publications coordinator for Quaker Earthcare Witness, and adjunct faculty at ESR. The retreat theme is "Choose Gratitude" - a mode of worship, a means of relationship, a change agent, an antidote to despair, a true hope for peace and plenty in the world. Talent Time will be Tuesday morning so come prepared to share your talent. Cost is \$65 (includes 3 meals and a night's lodging). Bring bedding, towels, Bible, notebook and flashlight. Fun ends after lunch on Tuesday. Make checks payable to WYM USFW to Liz Nielander, 1503 S Union, Kokomo, IN 46902. Registration due by Sept 5.

It's time to submit your application for a MEI matching grant for your pastor. **This is the final application deadline as**

the MEI grant ends December 31. Go to iym.org, click on the Ministerial Excellence Initiative on the left column, then click on Meeting Application. If you are submitting an application make sure to read the additional information we need from your meeting on the application (budget for the current year or a balance sheet). You have the opportunity to support your pastor with up to \$2,500 matching monies to be used for retirement, education, education debt reduction, health insurance, health savings, sabbatical support, or emergency needs. For more details contact Carol Wright (carol@iym.org) 317-513-9052.

Quaker Haven Golf Scramble will be held August 22, 2 pm, at the Honeywell Golf Course in Wabash. Cost is \$75 which includes 18 holes, the cart, and a meal at 6:30 pm. Meal only is \$13. If anyone would like to sponsor a hole, contact Quaker Haven by August 13 at 574-834-4193 or info@quakerhaven.com.

Recently recorded pastor, Tim Basford, stated: *I would like to thank Indiana Yearly Meeting, IYM Recording Committee, and all those who assisted in my recording. It is truly a blessing to be recognized in such a wonderful way. I know that my ministry has benefited tremendously from all of your love, guidance, and prayers. Also I would like to extend a special thank you to all of the great people of Knightstown Friends for both their support during the process and attendance at the recording ceremony.*

Dewart Lake Community Friends included the following description of IYM in their bulletin on yearly meeting Sunday, July 26: Indiana Yearly Meeting is our extended family. It consists of churches who hold to the same beliefs outlined in *Faith & Practice*. It provides oversight to the churches; assisting churches find pastors, providing training opportunities, incredible camp ministry at Quaker Haven for a variety of ages and stages, and reaches the world through carefully chosen mission partners. Dewart Lake Friends is proud to be a part of IYM, being part of something bigger to transform the world together.

Good Morning!

**Here's the 13th in a series of letters
I'm writing to the founder of
Quakerism, George Fox.**

Dear George,

Last night I attended a worship service featuring a song with these lyrics, "Set a fire down in my soul that I can't contain, that I can't control." I couldn't help but think of you and early Friends as I sang this chorus. Honestly, it scared me a bit. I've experienced some moments and seasons where the Spirit of God moved powerfully, and in every single instance I had this feeling of being out-of-control. I'm sure you know what I mean.

I'll never forget hearing John & Carol Wimber speak at a conference in Richmond nearly 25 years ago. Prior to leading the Vineyard Church movement they were at a Friends Church in California where faithful believers regularly prayed for revival. They reported when "revival" came in forms that were uncomfortable, however, it wasn't well received. It's made me question if I'm willing to receive a fresh movement of God's Spirit if it is packaged in a way that feels uncomfortable to me.

We tend to speak sentimentally of you and early Friends, longing for the Spirit

of God to move among us today as it did during your lifetime. But truthfully, such a movement might rapidly exceed our "weirdness threshold." I fully expect the outpouring of God's Spirit on IYM to continue and deepen in intensity. Thank you for providing an example that valued experiencing the Living Christ above being comfortable, and valued obedience above image maintenance. I'm glad God set a fire in your soul that couldn't be contained or controlled.

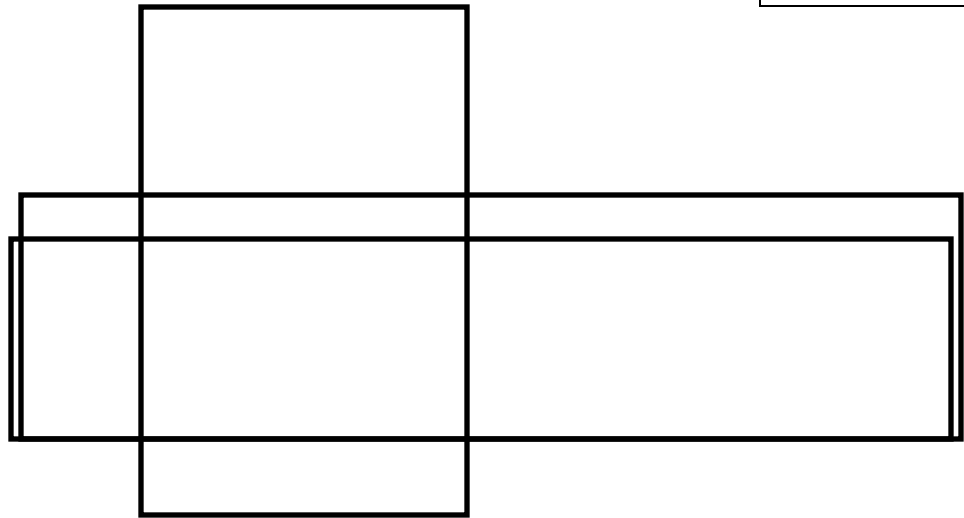
-Doug Shoemaker

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

- 8/17 *Work Group on Pastoral Training, IYM office, 5 pm*
- 8/17 *Recording Committee, IYM office, 7 pm*
- 8/18 *Committee Night, Upland Friends, 6:30 pm*
- 9/14 *Executive Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm*
- 9/15 *Pastors Summit, 9 am (location TBA)*
- 9/29 *Trustees, IYM office, 6:30 pm*

A big thank you to all the churches that submitted pictures or captions for the MEI display board at yearly meeting sessions. God is working to change the culture of IYM, let's keep growing and trust the Lord for great things. *-Carol Wright*

This will be the last Communicator until September 9.

August 12, 2015