

**Dewart Lake Community Friends** has two services throughout the summer, one by the shore for the boaters and one later in the meeting house. They recently had their annual unity breakfast where both services join together at the same time and enjoy one another's company.

**Iglesia Amigos** is seeking those in IYM to perhaps commit to one Sunday evening a month or one Sunday evening a quarter to help minister to their congregation. For more information, contact [katy.s.palmer@gmail.com](mailto:katy.s.palmer@gmail.com) or 317-450-4712.

**Lynn Friends** recently held their "Blessing of the Peacemakers Sunday" with approximately 300 in a spirit-filled, awesome service, followed by a carry-in dinner. To view moving scenes from this big day follow this link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H0tCKXP\\_ANk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H0tCKXP_ANk). On September 11, at 12:30, they will have a motorcycle run with a dinner that evening to support a couple in their community who had a bad accident. September 18, they will have their annual "Friends Day."

**Portland Friends** continues in their outreach ministry at two assisted living places (Orchard Park and Portland Place). Once each month both co-pastors along with people from the church take munchies and have a Bible study, prayer, and fellowship time. It is well supported by the church averaging 12-20 people at each location.

**Rural Friends** had a booth at the Randolph County 4-H Fair in July and sold cotton candy and sweet tea. Money will go to mission projects. In August they had their annual White Elephant Auction to raise money for missions. This year the monies go to two local families in their community that have children with medical needs. Also they will host a journaling workshop on September 17, 9 am till noon, led by Becca Clouse. This workshop is open to anyone wanting to know more about this discipline that can help with their spiritual growth.

**Sycamore Friends** cancelled their Block Party and took food to Kokomo for the tornado victims. Thankfully the town of Greentown, and Sycamore Friends were spared of any damage.

"**A Family Reunion**" revival will be held September 30-October 2 with IYM Superintendent, Doug Shoemaker, speaking. Westland, Little Blue River, and Walnut Ridge Friends are sharing in God's Spirit of revival as one. Services will begin Friday, September 30, 7 pm at Westland; Saturday, October 1, 6 pm at Little Blue River; and Sunday, October 2 at Walnut Ridge. Sunday events include a 9 am class, "Basics of Quaker Decision-Making" led by Greg Hinshaw. Worship at 10:30 with Doug Shoemaker and again at 5 pm for a closing service of praise and worship. A light meal and time of fellowship will follow the evening service.

**White River Friends** will hold an outdoor benefit concert, Saturday, September 10, 1 pm, to raise money for their community outreach. They will serve free hotdogs and chips starting at noon. There will be a free-will offering for their outreach ministry.

**IYM will hold the first Youth Invasion**, hosted by Wabash Friends, on October 9, from 5-8 pm. This is an event for 7th-12th graders to get a glimpse of camp, see some of their camp friends, play some camp games, sing some camp songs, etc. Garrett Howell (speaker at Senior High 2 Camp) will speak. Go to the Youth Ministries tab at [iym.org](http://iym.org) to download a flier to pass out at your church.

**Focused Living** is a tool that can make you a wiser follower of Christ, strengthen your local church, and bless Indiana Yearly Meeting. These workshops will be held at Wabash Friends, September 30-October 1 and November 4&5. For more information contact Dave Phillips at 260-563-5497 or email to [dave@wabashfriends.org](mailto:dave@wabashfriends.org).

**The IYM Communications and Publications Committee** is offering a monthly bulletin insert about what we believe as Friends. Most of the material they plan to use will be excerpts from *Faith and Practice*. Their intent is to have one available by the first Sunday of each month through next July. If your meeting is not receiving these printable documents by email but would like to, please contact Laura Key at [lrkey5158@gmail.com](mailto:lrkey5158@gmail.com).

**Contributions and pledges are coming in** for the 2018 budget. We have not officially kicked off our fundraising effort but already we have received cash contributions of \$7,100 and \$3,000 in pledges. Please be considering what you or your meeting's part in raising funds for the 2018 budget will be.

**Amy Cornell** will be the speaker at an IYM Pastors Summit scheduled for Tuesday, October 11 at Sycamore Friends Church. The day begins at 10 am and includes worship, great teaching sessions, and lunch. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend.

**John Townsend** will speak and The Kramer Family will be in concert at White's Open Door Dinner on October 15. This annual dinner raises funds for White's Spiritual Life fund.

**The Indiana Center for Congregations** seeks to strengthen Indiana congregations by helping them find and use the best resources to address their challenges and opportunities. One of the ways they fulfill this mission is through educational events. You can find upcoming workshops sponsored by the Center for Congregations at this link: <http://centerforcongregations.org/workshops>. New offerings are being added regularly, so check back often.

"**IYM Team Trains Turkanan Church Planters**" was the headline of a recent news article from FUM. Here are excerpts from this piece: George Fox once exhorted, "Bring all into the worship of God. Plough up the fallow ground. Thresh and get out the corn; that the seed, the wheat, may be gathered into the barn: that to the beginning all people may come; to Christ, who was before the world was made." A group of Indiana Yearly Meeting Friends did just that this summer. Under the leadership of John Moru and John Mullanji, this group implemented the Global Disciples Business Plan training for 16 Turkanan church planters in a recent mission trip to Turkanan, East Africa. IYM participants received hands-on training from Global Disciples in order to teach business lessons and to train local church planters in small business development, so new church planters can be equipped to be self-supporting—while at the same time forging new relationships and bringing people to Christ. These Friends from Indiana Yearly Meeting truly are "examples and patterns" traveling over the world to bring people to a living Christ.

**The 45<sup>th</sup> annual USFW Fall Retreat** will be September 12 & 13, featuring Eden Grace, Director of Global Ministries at FUM. She will speak on the topic, "Here I am Lord, Send Me," at Quaker Haven. Please contact Andrea Long at [along@pceaze.com](mailto:along@pceaze.com) for more details or for a flyer. Also the **USFW Fall Gathering** will be held at Fountain City Friends Meeting House, October 15. As you meet there, a 9:30 am field trip to the Levi and Catharine Coffin house will be held. Please contact Penny Sitler at [indianausfw@gmail.com](mailto:indianausfw@gmail.com) if you plan to take the tour.

**An International Leadership Institute Training Sessions**, sponsored by World Renewal International, will be held September 27-29 (five sessions per day, 9 to 6:45 pm) at Brandywine Community Church, 1551 E New Rd, Greenfield, IN. Cost is \$45, lunch and snacks provided. Go to <http://iliteam.org/#equippingleaders> for more information.

Good Morning,

One of my childhood memories from Portland Friends Church was the day some Hispanic visitors, assumedly migrant workers, showed up for worship. I recall one of the women remarking that they saw the name "Friends" on the church and thought they would find friends there. They aren't the only ones looking for friends. An article in Hemisphere Magazine (April 2013) explored a number of websites dedicated to helping you find online friends. These companies will create fake users or pay real account holders to follow and like you on various social media sites.

The spiritual movement derisively labeled as "Quaker" is also known as the Religious

Society of Friends, based upon Jesus words in John 15:14-15 where He declared, "I have called you friends." Have you ever considered how mind-blowing it is that God would call us friends? Early Quakers were not casual about matters of faith – they were filled with reverence and awe that a personal experience with God Almighty was within reach. But being Friends didn't end with a relationship with God. A deep and rich sense of community developed among those who experienced God first-hand.

At yearly meeting sessions our speaker, Amy Cornell, and worship leaders, the

Kramer family, were not from a Quaker background, but both testified to how being present among us deeply ministered to their souls. As Amy told me the following week, "These are my people!"

God is building an amazing community of faith in IYM. People from different religious backgrounds or no religious backgrounds are being drawn to many of our churches and are coming to a similar conclusion, "These are my people."

- Doug Shoemaker

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### IYM Upcoming Calendar

9/2-5 Family Camp, Quaker Haven  
9/6 Program Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm  
9/18 IYM Sunday, Rural Friends  
9/26 Executive Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm  
10/11 Pastors Summit, Sycamore Friends, 10 am

Family Camp, September 2-5, Quaker Haven, featuring speaker Bill Quiggley, Professor at Malone University and Worship Leader, Kevin Lipsey, Program Director at Quaker Haven. Child care will be available and there will be organized activities, a kids carnival, and a Sunday night talent show. Monday will be pier removal day. For more information go to [www.quakerhaven.com](http://www.quakerhaven.com).