

**Cadiz Friends** will have “Dinner and Movie Night” on February 17 and March 17. Dinner is at 5 pm and the movie will be shown at 6 pm. Join them if you can.

**Farmland Friends** operates a food pantry which is open on Tuesdays from 2—6 pm. The public is welcome.

**Hinkle Creek Friends** was blessed to have former pastor Bob Stubbs, Mike Haemmerle, and Carol Wright fill in for pianist Rowena Holliday for the seven Sundays she missed due to illness.

**Kennard Friends** held a Praise Fest, February 11, praising Jesus through music. Light snacks were served during the fellowship time.

**Maple Run Friends** has reservation information for a “Best of Israel” tour, March 22-31, 2019, if you are looking ahead for an inspirational trip. Contact pastor John Key, [john.k.key@gmail.com](mailto:john.k.key@gmail.com) or 765-661-4034. See [www.pilgrimtours.com/groups/maplerunisrael.htm](http://www.pilgrimtours.com/groups/maplerunisrael.htm).

## CE News:

**Youth Invasion will be held, April 22, at Fairmount Friends.** Stay tuned for more details to come. The registration is live at [qhcyouthprogramming.org](http://qhcyouthprogramming.org).

**Winter Sneak** was a cold and warm experience at the same time! Even though it was very cold and snowy outside (about 3 inches of snow fell during the actual weekend), the warmth of the presence of Christ was just as evident. Bill Quigley from Malone University brought messages on distinct aspects of the person of Jesus, and the Student Worship Band from Malone brought deep musical worship. At least one student decided to follow Christ for the first time! Also, several students, leaders, and adults attended a workshop for anyone who had ever felt a call to ministry! God continues to move in amazing ways amongst our young people.

-Pat Byers

## Why should you give to IYM?

Your generous contributions support IYM in accomplishing its priorities, especially in leadership development. As the Yearly Meeting identifies, trains, and holds leaders accountable in our local meetings,

we encourage Friends to use their natural abilities and their God-given spiritual gifts. The training and recording of ministers equips those called to ministry through the Friends Ministry in Training program. Other educational opportunities exist, including the Leadership Development and Focus-Living programs. Financial assistance is available for formal ministerial education. Opportunities for pastors to gather for mutual support and inspiration are provided as Pastors Short Course, Mid-winter Retreat, and monthly Pastors Tool Kit gatherings. Access to professional pastoral coaching is available. Qualifying retired pastors and missionaries are supported with financial assistance. Your gifts to the Yearly Meeting help support all of these efforts to develop leaders. We are doing together more than any one church could do alone. Thank you for your gifts!

*The Advancement Committee*

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**Reminders: Statistical Reports were due January 31, 2018. If you have not sent your church report to the Yearly Meeting office, please remit as soon as possible.**

**Committee Day, Saturday, March 3, 9:00 am at Upland Friends.**

**IYM Sunday will be April 15. Watch for more information about this day where we seek to remind our members and attendees of the benefits of being part of IYM.**

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**Quaker Haven Camp** will host a 5k Sap Run, one mile Sap Stroll, and a pancake breakfast on March 10. Registration begins at

7:30 am or pre-register at <http://getmemeregistered.com/saprunandbreakfast>. Cost is \$25 and includes a pancake breakfast and a t-shirt.

**Dale Graves**, Belize Project Manager, returned to the United States in late January for diagnosis and treatment of fluid on his lung. He has since been diagnosed with adenocarcinoma. Please hold Dale, his family, and his co-workers and friends in Belize in prayer as he begins medical treatment in Indiana.

**Richard Foster's now-classic book on the spiritual disciplines** is entering its fifth decade. It is one of the most influential books in creating spiritual renewal among followers of Jesus worldwide. A conference with this Quaker author will be held at George Fox University, June 10-13, in Newberg, Oregon. This conference is especially designed for pastors and church leaders, but all interested in going deeper into their relationship with Christ are welcome. Early registration expires March 1, and 50 \$100 scholarships have been offered to pastors and church staff members registering before May 1. For more information, contact Paul Anderson, Professor of Biblical and Quaker Studies at George Fox University ([panderso@georgefox.edu](mailto:panderso@georgefox.edu)).

**The next "Stoking the Fire" spirituality gathering** will be held on May 17-20 at the Stony Point Center in Stony Point, New York. “Stoking the Fire” is an annual Pentecost gathering in the presence and power of Christ, for those hungering for the spiritual fire of renewal. Stoking the Fire is sponsored by Friends United Meeting's North American Ministries program and is open to participants from all branches of Friends. Register at <https://goo.gl/forms/T9fOFyZBI5fhYym93> or by calling the FUM office in Richmond at 765-962-7573.

Good Morning!

What have I been up to recently? Glad you asked! The last ten days or so provide a snapshot of some of the ways God is at work in our yearly meeting.

A week ago Monday, I enjoyed travelling to Georgetown, Illinois, where I had a wonderful visit with leaders from Georgetown Friends, who have requested membership in IYM. I'll be back there this Saturday as our E&O Committee visits them, too. On Saturday I travelled to Louisville, Kentucky, where Kris and I worshiped with Friends originally from Congo and Burundi who also desire to be part of IYM. What a wonderful group!

On Tuesday I was able take part in a nationwide web-conference hosted by Multiplication Catalyst Ministries where our newest church plant, Riley Friends, was featured. It was good to be able to pray with the core group from Riley Friends that day as they prepared for their initial worship service later in the week. A "Pastors Toolkit" session on Thursday found a dozen of our pastors gathered for a lively discussion about "Life-Changing Preaching" at Bethel Friends. When I returned to the office there were thank-you notes to write to Friends who had

sent in contributions that week for next year's budget.

As I write this, Kris is speeding (literally) along the interstate as we travel to Barclay College in Kansas where I will have the opportunity to speak in a chapel service and connect with potential future pastoral candidates. It is a blessing to serve in a yearly meeting that enjoys new churches, great pastors, a growing reputation, and committed members who are supporting what God is doing here!

-Doug Shoemaker

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### IYM Upcoming Calendar

02/15 *Advancement Committee, IYM office, 4 pm*  
02/19 *Program Committee, Conference Call, 6:30 pm*  
03/03 *Committee Day, Upland Friends, 9am*  
03/06 *Faith & Practice Review, IYM office, 6:30 pm*  
03/08 *Pastors Toolkit at Knightstown Friends, 10 am*  
03/12 *Executive Committee at IYM office, 6:30 pm*