

**Becca Clouse** has announced that she will be concluding her service as pastor of Rural Friends in mid-June.

**Jericho Friends** recently hosted Dr. Tony Wheeler from Barclay College at their meeting. He spoke at morning worship and held a workshop on the topic, "The Choice of Healthy Relationships" following a carry-in dinner.

**Walnut Ridge Friends** invites you to an evening of Holy Spirit-inspired praise and worship on Sunday evening, February 19 at 5 pm. If you feel called to participate, contact Pastor Markus Dennis at 253-381-1358 or Shirley Lukens at [metmission@aol.com](mailto:metmission@aol.com). Following the service there will be food & fellowship.

**Westfield Friends pastor, Steve Pedigo**, will speak in Iowa Yearly Meeting, March 25, in the concluding special revival meeting at Mesquakie Friends Church. Iowa Yearly Meeting is holding "50 Days of Prayer for Revival" which started February 4 with a Concert of Prayer.

**IYM Sunday** promotional materials were mailed to pastors and Ministry & Oversight clerks recently. A link to an IYM promotional video prepared especially for IYM Sunday has also been distributed via email. The video can be easily downloaded from the link, but the IYM office can also provide a copy of the video on DVD upon request.

**Shaping the Future 2.0**; In 2014 over 200 Friends gathered in regional gatherings across IYM to discuss the future of Indiana Yearly Meeting. In that same spirit, the Executive Committee is planning four regional gatherings this spring to discuss IYM's relationship with Friends United Meeting (FUM). The sessions will include some history and background, but will primarily focus on hearing your thoughts about our role in FUM. Plan now to attend one of these sessions scheduled for:

March 19 at Sycamore Friends; 3 pm  
March 19 at Walnut Ridge Friends; 3 pm  
April 2 at Farmland Friends; 3 pm  
April 2 at Marion First Friends; 3 pm

**The Friends Ministry Training** certificate program, a joint venture of Barclay College and IYM, is up and running. Four students are enrolled in the initial online class that began February 13. Be planning now to enroll in the next class, Introduction to Pastoral Ministry, led by Dave Phillips and beginning in late March. See [www.iym.org](http://www.iym.org) for more information.

**Bob Vajko** served in evangelism, church planting, church development, and leadership training for twenty-nine years in France, then seven years at the Adelaide College of Ministries in Australia where he taught missions. He will also be the leader of a **March 14 Pastors Summit, designed for IYM pastors and spouses, at Knightstown Friends**. The summit will begin at 10 am and include worship, presentations, lunch, and great fellowship, concluding by 2:30 pm.



**CE Spotlight:** Winter Sneak 2017 is now in the books! Last weekend 80 students and 41 adults met at Quaker Haven Camp for a weekend of fun, worship, and spiritual growth. The weekend continued the theme of REWIRE, encouraging students to allow Christ to make any necessary changes within them in order to be life-long followers of Him. Thanks to all the people who worked so hard in order to be there with the kids, send kids, or encourage kids to go! Be sure and ask any students from your church about their experience. The next Youth Invasion will be hosted by Lynn Friends at Randolph Southern High School (2 Rebel Dr., Lynn, IN 47355) on April 23 from 5 pm to 8 pm. All Junior High and Senior High students are welcome as well as any youth workers. The event is free, and it will feature a 'slice' of Camp (camp-type worship music, camp-type speaking, camp-type games, and 'not-so-camp-type' pizza). Contact Pat Byers with any questions.

**Camp dates** and prices for summer 2017 camps at Quaker Haven are now posted on the yearly meeting website, [www.iym.org](http://www.iym.org). Make plans now to send your youth as well as youth and children from your community to Quaker Haven Camp this year.

**From IYM Treasurer Max Smith:** We have increased the fundraising total slightly the past two weeks. Currently we have a total of \$30,468.34 of donations and pledges, 29.9% of our goal. I hope all meetings are planning activities for IYM Sunday on March 12. If you have any

questions or need additional material, please contact the office. Please be prayerful as to how you and your meeting should support this important fundraising effort, but more importantly how you and your meeting will further engage with IYM to spread the Gospel.

**Quaker Haven** is seeking a full-time assistant food service director to manage day-to-day operations in the kitchen. Candidates must have food service experience and a desire to prepare dishes from scratch to please youth and adults. Management of seasonal staff is key in the summer. Willingness and flexibility to serve in other areas of camp are necessary as well. Contact Kevin Lipsey at 574-834-4193.

**"Hoosiers: The Story of Indiana"** is a four-part series celebrating the bicentennial of Indiana that has aired on local PBS television channels across the state. Walnut Ridge Friends and the role of Friends in Indiana's history are featured. Copies of the series on DVD are available for loaning from the IYM office.

**Joyce Ajlouny** has been appointed as the next General Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC). Joyce has served as the Director of Ramallah Friends School since 2004. She says: *It is with a heavy heart that I leave FUM and RFS – a place that has become very much my home for the past 13 years. I truly feel blessed and very fortunate to have had the chance to serve the RFS community of staff and students – they have given me much more than what I have given them, and for that I will forever be grateful. I have always said that my time working at RFS was by no means "a job" – it was a true calling to work in service of my people and my school – which has now found a permanent place in my heart.*

**Our sympathy** and prayers are extended to the family of Bonnie Lines who passed away on February 2. Bonnie was the mother of **Bob Lines**, pastor at Kennard and Cadiz Friends.

**Our sympathy** and prayers are also extended to the family of Sandra Harris, daughter of former IYM pastors, **Lester Snyder** and **Marjorie Snyder**.

Good Morning!

I'm old enough to remember some men and women who God used mightily to keep Indiana Yearly Meeting anchored to Christ during times of cultural change and upheaval. Paul and Madeline Todd were two of my heroes from days gone by. In her later years, Madeline's vision was deteriorating. I'm told she once saw someone that looked familiar in a restaurant, only to realize later that she was looking into a mirror. I feel the same way when I consider the culture in which we live. It seems familiar, but it's hard to recognize as ours.

Last weekend I attended a retreat

where the featured speaker was a Christian attorney from an organization that focuses on defending religious liberties. He cited the differences between cultural changes, cultural shifts, and a cultural revolution. Someone has described three characteristics of a cultural revolution: 1. What was condemned is now celebrated. 2. What was celebrated is now condemned. 3. Those refusing to celebrate are condemned. Sound familiar?

The book of Esther tells the story of a young woman in a culture that

had turned hostile toward her and her people. Rather than being a victim of her circumstances, however, God used her as an instrument of deliverance. It was Mordecai who said to her in Esther 4:14, "And who knows but what you have come to this royal position for such a time as this." Have you ever considered that it is no accident that you and I are alive in such a time as this? How is God using you and your church as instruments of deliverance in this culture?

-Doug Shoemaker

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### IYM Upcoming Calendar

3/04 *Committee Day, Upland Friends, 9 am*

3/12 *IYM Sunday*

3/13 *Program Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm*

3/14 *Pastors' Summit, Knightstown Friends, 10 am*

3/19 *Process Committee, Iglesia Amigos, 3 pm*

3/19 *Shaping the Future 2.0, Sycamore Friends, 3 pm*

3/19 *Shaping the Future 2.0, Walnut Ridge Friends, 3 pm*

3/20 *Executive Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm*

3/27 *Nominating Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm*

4/02 *Shaping the Future 2.0, Farmland Friends, 3 pm*

4/02 *Shaping the Future 2.0, Marion First Friends, 3 pm*

4/22 *Representative Council, Kennard Friends, 9:30 am*