

Liberty Friends sent a group of 14 for a long weekend to McLoud, Oklahoma to help Brad and Christine Wood with some work at the Kickapoo Friends Center. The ladies cleaned the youth building and painted in the community building while the men fixed the flooring on some playground equipment, built some fencing, did some wiring, and removed a hot water heater. A new volleyball net was hung and painting was done. They visited the Oklahoma Bombing Museum Sunday afternoon, and enjoyed worship with Brad and Christine at the morning and evening services, as well as sharing many meals together.

Maple Run Friends is again sending teams to serve at “Give Kids the World” in Central Florida where children with life-threatening illnesses and their families are treated to week-long, cost-free vacations. The first team of 14 will serve the week of March 6-13. The second team of 14 will be there, March 13-20.

Mooreland Friends is in the midst of a total renovation of the church parsonage for their new Family Minister, Phil Holden and his wife and baby. This project has had a unifying impact and they hope to have an open house sometime this spring.

West River Friends will hold a Maundy Thursday service on March 24, 7 pm. The guest speaker will be former IYM pastor, Sid Martin. They invite you to attend.

Westfield Friends has begun a search for a full-time youth pastor.

Thank you to the ten churches that have already paid their 2016 assessments in full: Anderson, Fairmount, Friends Chapel, Jericho, Kennard, Liberty, Peaceful Valley, Shirley, Walnut Ridge, and White River. Liberty, Peaceful Valley, and Walnut Ridge have sent in amounts exceeding their apportionment. Other churches are voluntarily paying 2016 assessments at the higher 2015 rates. These meetings include Mooreland, Portland, South Marion, Sycamore, and West River. The 2016 Missions

giving goal has already been met by Anderson, Friends Chapel, Shirley, White River – and exceeded by Amboy Friends.



CE Spotlight: The Indiana Youth Institute offers grants for “financial assistance for youth workers to attend continuing education opportunities that will help them promote the healthy development of children and youth” (taken from their website). A representative from IYI recently met with Pat Byers in the YM office and told him that these funds could be used for conferences like the Youth Specialties conference that many youthworkers in the Yearly Meeting have attended in the past. Follow this link for more details: <http://www.iyi.org/index.php/grants-fundraising/grants/professional-development-grants>.

Thanks to all who prayed, volunteered, financially supported, or otherwise loved kids through the recent Winter Sneak retreat at Quaker Haven. Speaker, Ben Makin from Wabash, brought a tremendous message of God’s grace and truth that had all 80 students and 32 adult volunteers captivated. Worship, led by Jacob Eaton (brother of Brandon Eaton – Youth Pastor at Wabash Friends), was uplifting and brought all attendees straight into God’s presence. All the games, activities, late-night devotions, meal discussions, and fellowship were fully enjoyable and engaging. Please ask any students or adults from your church who participated about their experience!

Attention Pastors—Upcoming Summits: On March 15 at 9 am at White River Friends, “Discernment” will be led by *Marlene Pedigo*, and on April 19 at 9 am at Maple Run Friends, “Prayer Ministries” will be led by *Jeff Nagell*.

The final Estate Planning Workshop sponsored by our Stewardship & Finance Committee and presented by Craig Foor of Everence Financial

Services will be held, February 20, 2 pm at Knightstown Friends.

A “**Focus Living Workshop**” will be held, March 4 & 5 (Friday, 6:30-8:30 pm and Saturday, 8:30 am-4 pm) at Wabash Friends. This workshop will help you explore God’s calling on your life and fulfilling God’s purposes in your life. Research has shown that one out of three Christian leaders finish well. This workshop is designed to help you to finish well. It is a tool for Christian growth and ministry. The cost is \$35 which includes a meal and a workbook. If you have questions, please call Dave Phillips at 260-563-5497.

Don’t forget to pray for the team sponsored by the IYM Missions Committee that will be traveling to Kenya, February 19-March 2. The team consists of Eric Dale (Wabash), Keith Huffman (Farmland), Max and Anne Smith (West River), and Superintendent Doug Shoemaker. They will be looking for ways that IYM can create partnerships in Africa that can yield fruitful and sustainable ministry.

Greatness from God’s Perspective will be the theme of 2016 yearly meeting sessions scheduled for July 28-30 at Quaker Haven. Worship will be led by The Kramer’s (<http://thekramersmusic.com>) who will also present a concert at our Saturday evening Feast of Faith. Amy Cornell from White’s will be our guest speaker. Add this to your calendar today!

Indiana’s USFW Spring Conference will be held Saturday, April 23 at Westfield Friends with registration and Continental breakfast at 9:30 am, business and singing at 10 am, message by Christine Wood from Kickapoo Friends Center at 10:30 am, and a catered lunch served at noon (cost \$10). An offering will be taken to support construction of a new parsonage at Kickapoo.

Good Morning,

Woodlawn is the name of a 2015 movie based on the 1973 desegregation of Woodlawn High School in Birmingham, Alabama. It includes the story of Tony Nathan who went on to play professional football with the Miami Dolphins and a powerful spiritual movement present in the country at that time. The success of Tony Nathan and his football team seems to be overshadowed by the amazing impact a revival movement had in this racially divided city at a time when tensions were high. "This is what happens when God shows up!" are the final words of this inspirational film.

While God was showing up in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1973 there were other places where His presence was felt as well. The Asbury revival of 1970 sent out shock waves that impacted many churches and communities across Indiana Yearly Meeting and beyond in the following years. I'll never forget numbers of fellow classmates of mine at Portland High School coming to Christ during those days. My own life and call to ministry was shaped by God during that season as well.

A similar thing happened in 17th cen-

tury England that birthed a movement eventually known as the Society of Friends. If we were to film a movie based on the genesis of Quakerism an apt concluding phrase would likewise be, "This is what happens when God shows up!"

There are signs of renewal in several places across IYM in this day. We can't produce a revival movement, but we can position ourselves for it. My prayer is that churches across IYM will have people declaring, "This is what happens when God shows up!" -*Doug Shoemaker*

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

2/19-3/2 IYM Missions Team trip to East Africa

2/20 Estate Planning Workshop, Knightstown Friends, 2 pm

2/28 IYM Sunday, Arba Friends

3/5 Committee Day, Upland Friends, 9 am

3/6 IYM Sunday, Bethel Friends

3/7 Program Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm

3/13 IYM Sunday, Wabash Friends

3/14 Executive Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm

3/15 Pastors' Summit, White River Friends, 9 am

3/17 Faith & Practice Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm

3/21 Investment Board, Muncie Red Lobster, 11 am

4/16 Representative Council, Hemlock Friends, 9:30 am

Committee

Day

March 5

9 am

at

Upland

Friends