

**David Oakes** will be concluding his ministry at Little Blue River Friends at the end of March.

**David Steinke** has provided pulpit supply for Bethel Friends for several months and is now serving as their interim pastor.

**Farmland Friends** will have a “Guys Retreat” and a “Girls Retreat” for 7th-12th graders in February and March. They are also making plans for “Upward Soccer,” and have designated February as “Love My Church” month with special events planned.

**Knightsdown Friends** is making plans for a mission trip to the Mesquakie Friends Center in Iowa, March 27 - April 2.

**Wabash Friends** will send a team to Kenya the first week of June to assist in an eye camp at Kaptama Health Center. Also, they will sponsor a Marriage Retreat, held at Shipshewana, February 17-18, and they are hosting their first “IF:Gathering” February 3 & 4, where they will look at one of the most influential generations that has ever lived—the early church. The “IF:Gathering” exists to gather, equip, and unleash the next generation of women to live out their purpose.

**West Milton Friends** has several things they’ve been working on this past year: New Website: [www.westmiltonfriends.com](http://www.westmiltonfriends.com); New Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/westmiltonfriends](http://www.facebook.com/westmiltonfriends); New YouTube Channel: [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)—just type in search box, West Milton Friends. Also, they have new “Worship His Majesty” hymnals and Backing Track and Karaoke Channel is coming soon. They’ve made backing tracks for congregational singing with 40 hymns completed along with several contemporary songs, as well as backing track video’s with chords for musicians. All IYM Friends churches are free to download and use during their worship service. Contact Wayne Pennington [awpennington@hotmail.com](mailto:awpennington@hotmail.com) for instructions on how to download. Also, he has the software to change chords of the hymns if the key is too low or too high.

**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.

**IYM Sunday** will be held in churches across Indiana Yearly Meeting on March 12. How is your meeting planning to observe IYM Sunday? Each congregation will soon receive

promotional materials and resources to help your congregation tell the IYM story on March 12.



**CE News: 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 continue to receive donations and pledges for the 2018 Budget Fundraising Campaign currently totaling \$29,968.34, 29.3% of the \$102,000. Please continue to pray about how you and your meeting can engage with IYM through this campaign to fund our programs for 2018. Thank you for those who have already joined us and to those who soon will.

**We Praise God** for helping IYM meet our budget in 2016. We received over 100% of 2016 assessments and many churches and individuals made additional meaningful voluntary contributions to make it possible. We are off to a good start in 2017. Five meetings - Bear Creek, Hemlock, Jonesboro, Peaceful Valley, and Shirley - have already paid 100% of their 2017 assessments. Peaceful Valley has sent an additional \$800 over and above their required assessment. Shirley and Bear Creek have also paid 100% of their 2017 missions’ goals.

**A Pastors Summit** for all IYM pastors and spouses will be held Tuesday, March 14, at Knightsdown Friends Church. Bob Vajko, an International Church Planting Consultant sent out by TEAM (The Evangelical Alliance Mission), will be the speaker. Registration will be \$10 and includes the cost for the program and lunch.

**IYM Pastors Mid-Winter Retreat** was held at Clifty Inn, Madison, IN, this past weekend with 45 pastors and spouses attending. One pastor stated that it was a very meaningful time of learning, worshipping, praying, and connecting with other pastors—a wonderful gift to us from Indiana Yearly Meeting.

**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.

**Planning a Super Bowl Party?** Many churches reach out to their communities by hosting game day parties. The NFL grants churches permission to show the game as long as they follow a few specific guidelines, which include:

- The game must be shown on equipment your church regularly uses, in a space the church owns.
- Your church cannot charge admission to attend your party.
- Avoid using the logos of the NFL, the Super Bowl, and the participating teams.

**Dear Friends,**

*We would like to take this gracious opportunity to thank Indiana Yearly Meeting for allowing Keith Huffman to come to Kenya and be one of our facilitators during the Africa Pastors’ Conference at Lugulu Girls High School in December. Your support, prayers, and encouraging him to attend the conference made it more successful and we have to confess that you made the conference more successful by his presence at the conference than we envisaged. His presentation to the conference on the “Servanthood Leadership” will ever remain in the memories of participants who still talk about it and I believe they will apply what they learned from him.*

*Please express our gratitude to pastor Keith Huffman and Robin his wife for their faithfulness in ministry. We miss them here and may the Lord bless them and the Indiana Yearly Meeting. On behalf of the pastors in Africa who attended and the Quaker fraternity in this region, we send our appreciation and blessings to the entire Indiana Yearly Meeting. The spirit of learning is endless for our church in order to remain relevant in the fast changing communities of the world. Thank you for remaining faithful to your calling as a yearly meeting and we believe we shall remain in relationship of building the kingdom of Christ all the time. Thank you for your friendship.*

**-John Muhanji, Director,  
Africa Ministries Office.**

Good Morning!

“Automation Makes us Dumb” was the title of a November 2014 Wall Street Journal article. In it, Nicholas Carr suggested that although the invention of “autopilot” has generally made air travel much safer, aviation experts now worry that we’ve shifted so many cockpit tasks from humans to computers that pilots are losing their edge. A report from the Federal Aviation Administration concluded that pilots have become “accustomed to watching things happen, and reacting instead of being proactive.”

Is your church on autopilot? I will never forget a fellow-pastor who had

moved to my community to plant a church. Early in the process he enthusiastically told me how his fledgling congregation was dependent upon God weekly to provide every need. They didn’t have a lot of money; they didn’t have the momentum of an existing program; they didn’t even have a building. What they had was faith in God and they cried out in prayer. If God didn’t come through, they were done. He also had more answered prayers than I did, because my church could continue to exist for years without God’s intervention. I didn’t have

to pray. Now, you tell me, which pastor had the healthier church?

I’ve been challenged with another “Prayer Dare.” I believe we seldom see large numbers of people coming to Christ simply because we don’t cry out in prayer for them. I confess that I often pray generally for churches to grow spiritually and numerically, but would struggle to provide a list of individuals for whom I am specifically praying. It seems like I’m often just watching things happen. Are you on autopilot too?

-Doug Shoemaker

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### IYM Upcoming Calendar

2/3-5 *Winter Sneak, Quaker Haven*  
2/7 *IYM Bicentennial Committee, IYM office, 6 pm*  
3/4 *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*  
3/20 *Executive Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm*  
3/27 *Nominating Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm*  
4/22 *Representative Council, Kennard Friends, 9:30 am*