

IYM Sessions Preview: "Where Love Grows" will be the theme of the 197th session of Indiana Yearly Meeting scheduled for July 26-28, 2018, at Quaker Haven Camp. Every farmer knows to wait until the climate is right to plant his crop. At yearly meeting this year we will be talking about creating environments that empower churches and individuals to be disciples and make disciples – environments where love grows.

Danville Friends is busy with making noodles and more noodles, plus quilting several hours throughout the year. The quilts are for fundraisers and to give to the Indiana United Methodist Children's Home in Lebanon.

Wabash Friends has called **Daniel Kelly** to serve as their new youth pastor beginning in April. An Ohio native, Dan has been serving most recently on staff at Alliance Friends, Alliance, Ohio. His wife, Rose, is originally from Indiana.

Riley Friends Church, our newest worship group, has been meeting regularly on Saturday evenings. A recent front-page article in the *Greenfield Reporter* features this exciting new ministry. Read about it at <https://www.facebook.com/GreenfieldDR/posts/10155497047723741>. Riley Friends will host Westfield Friends on Saturday, March 17, 8am-4pm, for Focused Living: a personal growth workshop, led by Paul Cochrane & David Phillips. There's still availability for this exciting one-day event; cost is \$40 and there is funding available. For more information contact Markus Dennis 253-381-1358 or Tony Wheeler 480-766-1184; Rileyfriendsmeeting@gmail.com. Also, that evening at Riley Friends, Benjamin & Audrey Skinner of Barclay College will be the guests speakers. Benjamin will graduate in May with a degree in Pastoral Ministry & Bible Studies.

Lauren Reynolds, Laura Key, Cara Burnham, Eric Dale, Max Smith, and Pat Byers are currently representing IYM in East Africa. They have already visited Turkana Friends Mission. Most of their time is being spent in Tanzania, looking for ways IYM can partner with the rapid multiplication of Friends Churches there.

Solar-Powered Radios: A dozen solar-powered radio receivers that will enable remote tribes and refugees in Turkana to hear the gospel through radio broadcasts have been

delivered! We are still raising money to pay for these. If you'd like to provide one or more of these radios, you can do so for just \$40 apiece. Please send your contribution to the IYM office and mark it for "Turkana radios."

National Friends Church Multiplication Conference dates have been changed to August 1-3, 2018. The main speaker, Dave Ferguson, founder of "Exponential," is one of the very top speakers and influencers in the country related to Church Multiplication. Plan now to bring a carload to this conference that will be held at Barclay College in Haviland, Kansas.

Membership records and meeting minutes should never be destroyed! When you clean out your attic or closets, remember that the IYM archives will carefully catalogue and preserve your records. Drop them off at the yearly meeting office or call for someone to pick them up.

Flourish, a March 2-3 conference planned by Everence at Quaker Hill Conference Center has been postponed to a later date.

IYM Sunday is scheduled for April 15 and we hope your congregation will be taking part! Your yearly meeting is working hard to be a source of life and blessing for your church. An information packet will soon be mailed with suggestions for making IYM Sunday a meaningful event for your meeting.

One of the resources used to fund the Indiana Yearly Meeting operating budget 2019 is contributions from individual donors. Thank you so much for your continued generous giving as we progress toward our goal of \$102,000. As of February 14, 2018, you have given over \$54,000! We are so blessed. Praise be to God for the F(f)riends of Indiana Yearly Meeting.

Is the Yearly Meeting the first resource you think of when your church needs a new pastor? If your church needs a speaker for a specific time, do you check the pulpit supply list? If so, you are already aware of some of the congregational services the Yearly Meeting provides. Assisting with pastoral searches and providing pulpit supply

are only two of its services. Through Evangelism and Outreach Committee, there are growth grants available to congregations. The Christian Education Committee is currently producing a pilot program for adult Sunday School curriculum. There are a variety of leadership development programs available. The Missions Committee offers missions scholarships. Even in the time of crisis, the Yearly Meeting is prepared to assist and counsel those congregations and pastors who seek pastoral care. What does Indiana Yearly Meeting do? The Yearly Meeting cares for its congregations. *The Advancement Committee*



Spot light on CE:

Youth Invasion will be held, April 22, at Fairmount Friends. Registration at qhcyouthprogramming.org. When Pat Byers returns from Africa, he will have more details for you.

Committee Day will be this Saturday, March 3, 9:00 am at Upland Friends.

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://getmegistered.com/saprunandbreakfast>. Cost is \$25 and includes a pancake breakfast and a t-shirt.

Quaker Haven Camp website, Quakerhaven.com.

Young Adult Camp Ages 20-35 June 8-10 \$50
Junior High Camp Ages 11-13 June 10-15 \$296
Beginners Camp Ages 5-7 (parent also attends) June 15-17 \$156
Senior High Camp I Ages 13-18 June 17-22 \$296
Adventure Camp Ages 9-11 June 24-29 \$296
Little Friends Camp Ages 7-9 July 8-11 \$196
Senior High Camp II Ages 13-18 July 15-20 \$296
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Good Morning!

If you stop by the IYM office in Muncie and offer to take me out to lunch, there's a good chance we might end up at Chick-Fil-A. I've become a fan of the food served there but, equally important, I'm a fan of the way I'm treated there. It's not unusual to be asked by a friendly employee if I'd like my drink "refreshed" or if they can take my tray and trash from the table. They never say, "you're welcome," instead they respond to any expression of thanks with a heart-felt "It's my pleasure!" Either Chick-Fil-A is fortunate to be able to find really good employees or they

have an orientation program that intentionally trains recruits how to make customers feel like they are at a luxury hotel.

"There must be 50 ways to leave your lover" were lyrics of a Paul Simon song popular in my youth. I was amused to find a book titled "*Unwelcome: 50 Ways Churches Drive Away First Time Visitors*," by Jonathan Malm. I've not read the book; I'm afraid I might recognize some of the examples! But if there are 50 ways to drive away first-time visitors, there must be at least two or three ways

we can become more welcoming to anyone walking through our church doors. My church may have really good people, but a little training on how to treat guests would still be valuable. When was the last time your church evaluated how people feel treated at your place of worship? Feel free to give me a call if you'd like to discuss how to do this. Better yet, let's do lunch!

-Doug Shoemaker

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

03/03 *Committee Day, Upland Friends, 9am*
03/06 *Faith & Practice Review, IYM office, 6:30 pm*
03/08 *Pastors Toolkit, Knightstown Friends, 10 am*
03/12 *Executive Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm*
03/15 *Nominating Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm*
03/19 *Bicentennial Committee, IYM office, 7 pm*
03/26 *Program Committee Conference Call, 6:30 pm*
04/15 *IYM Sunday*
04/21 *Representative Council, Marion First Friends, 9:30 am*
04/22 *Youth Invasion, Fairmount Friends*
04/24 *Advancement Committee, IYM office, 4 pm*

From Mac and Bernie McDonald, Mesquakie Friends. "As we continue to minister here, build relationships, and educate ourselves, we could not do this without your love, prayers, and your support. We ask you to continue to keep us lifted up in prayer."