

Wayne Pennington is now filling the pulpit at West Milton Friends.

Jon Clark, pastor of Back Creek Friends, has announced that he is beginning a new position as a regional director for a right-of-way company in Columbus, OH. He will conclude his service as pastor at Back Creek this June.

Long Lake Friends has called Christopher Cox to serve as their pastor.

John & Carolyn Norris of Amboy Friends are representing IYM at the FWCC World Plenary Meeting in Peru, South America.

Center Friends reports that they collected many gloves, hats, scarfs and socks for the Kickapoo Indian Center and adopted a needy family for Christmas. Their children presented a wonderful Christmas program, they held their annual White Elephant Exchange, and held a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Their love offering brought enough to pay for two new kitchen stoves with some left to pay on roof project. They have started a monthly prayer breakfast and a study in the book of Revelation. They are praising God because their mid-week Bible study has outgrown home facilities. They covet your prayers as they move forward.

The IYM Missions Committee is sponsoring a team of IYM leaders who will be traveling to Kenya, February 19-March 2. The team consisting of Eric Dale, Keith Huffman, Max Smith, Anne Smith, and Doug Shoemaker, will be looking for ways that IYM can create partnerships in Africa that can yield fruitful and sustainable ministry. Please pray for the team as they prepare for this trip.

Attention Pastors: The February 16 Pastors summit originally scheduled at White's has been changed. Instead it will be held at Maple Run Friends with Doug Shoemaker leading on the topic, "Unloading Baggage that Undermines

Ministry." Here are the remaining Pastor Summits scheduled for this spring: February 16, 9 am at Maple Run Friends, "Unloading Baggage that Undermines Ministry," led by *Doug Shoemaker*; March 15, 9 am at White River Friends, "Discernment" led by *Marlene Pedigo*; April 19, 9 am at Maple Run Friends, "Prayer Ministries," led by *Jeff Nagell*.

From IYM Treasurer, Max Smith:

God continues to bless IYM with our fundraising campaign continuing to grow and our 2015 assessments collected exceeding the goal. The 2017 Budget Fundraising campaign is now at \$41,514.60 donations and pledges equaling 43.7% of the \$95,000 goal. As meetings have their IYM Sunday activities we look for this total to continue to grow throughout the winter. Thank you to all meetings and individuals that have joined a growing number in supporting the programs of IYM.

Has your church scheduled an IYM Sunday for 2016? Recent IYM Sundays were held at Hemlock (1/03), Walnut Ridge (1/10), and Hinkle Creek (1/17). Future ones are scheduled for Bear Creek (1/24), Arba (2/28), Bethel (3/6), Lynn (4/17), and Westfield (5/15). The Sundays are great ways to help your congregation become aware of the support, resources, and leadership of your yearly meeting.

For the third consecutive year IYM has received over 100% of our assessments! This, coupled with careful spending and generous voluntary giving has enabled the yearly meeting to post its third consecutive year with a modest budget surplus!

Mesquakie Friends Center has a school bus for sale. They need to invest in a 15-passenger van which will fit their needs more practically. The bus is a 1988 Chevrolet, C-60, 65 passenger, 5-speed manual trans-

mission, gasoline/carbureted engine 38,698 miles for \$2000 (VIN# 1GBJ6PIB8JV108807). They are not aware of any mechanical concerns and/or issues at this time.

Questions: contact Pastor/ Co-Director, Mac McDonald at 641-484-2329 or 515-339-1423 or Mesquakiefriends@gmail.com.

National Friends Church Multiplication Conference August 3-5, 2016

A gathering of evangelically-minded Friends leaders, students, and others who have a heart for church planting and who want to be faithful to do our part to fulfill the Great Commission through the Friends Church.

Quaker Men Groundhog Retreat

January 29-30 at Quaker Haven. Begins: Friday evening meal, 7 pm continues through the noon meal on Saturday.

\$60 includes 3 meals.

Register by January 22

Quaker Haven: 574-834-4193 or info@quakerhaven.com

Speaker Dana Brady,

Director of Development at White's

Work project: installing wire and fixtures in cabins.

Indiana became a state on December 11, 1816, celebrating the Bicentennial this year. A Quaker, Paul Hadley from Mooresville, Indiana, designed the state flag, and it was adopted on May 31, 1911. The 13 outer stars represent the original 13 states. The 5 inner stars represent the next states admitted and the star above the torch, the 19th, represents Indiana. The torch represents liberty and enlightenment and the rays are to illustrate the state's far-reaching influence.

Good Morning,

Most of us are familiar with the Nobel Prize, but did you know that for the past 25 years a science/humor magazine has been presenting "Ig Nobel" awards, recognizing outlandish research? For example, the 2014 Ig Nobel prize in medicine went to a team of four scientists for researching how to treat nosebleeds by packing the nasal lining with strips of cured pork! (Editor's note: Don't try this at home.) It's unlikely that I'll ever win a Nobel Prize; I just hope I never receive an Ig Nobel award. This raises a good question, though. What will I be remembered for? What will my legacy be? What will yours be?

A joyful task at the IYM office each January and July is the allocation of distributions from the Indiana Yearly Meeting endowment. As checks are written and accounts are funded I'm reminded of legacies that are making a continual positive impact for the Kingdom of God.

Several Friends remember Russell Nigh, a pastor in IYM during the fifties and sixties. I'm sure his ministry impacted Friends at Grant City, Nettle Creek, and Shirley, but today his estate is equipping instructors at Friends Theo-

logical College in Kenya.

Many knew Lorelei Lacy who passed away only a few years ago. Through her planned giving she continues to provide education for those called into ministry and her gift to Quaker Haven has been world changing for our camp that impacts many lives for Christ.

IYM is offering free Estate Planning workshops next month. These will be beneficial for anyone wanting to exercise good stewardship, and anyone wanting to leave a noble legacy.

-Doug Shoemaker

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

1/21 Faith & Practice Review Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm
1/23 Executive Committee Retreat, IYM office, 9:30 am
1/25 Program Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm
1/26 East Africa Mission Team, IYM office, 6 pm
1/29-30 Ground Hog Retreat, Quaker Haven
1/29-31 Pastors' Mid-Winter Retreat, Das Dutchman Essenhaus, Middlebury, IN
2/06 Estate Planning Workshop, Bethel Friends, 10 am
2/06 Estate Planning Workshop, Bear Creek Friends, 2 pm
2/08 East Africa Mission Team, IYM office, 6 pm
2/16 Pastors Summit, Maple Run Friends, 9 am
2/16 Recording Committee, IYM office, 6 pm

The 2015

statistical reports have been mailed to each meeting. Completed reports are to be returned to the IYM office by **January 31**. These reports can also be downloaded from www.iym.org.