

Communicator

Peggy Caldwell, a former IYM pastor, has accepted a call to serve as pastor of Sand Creek – Azalia Friends Church, located near Columbus, Indiana, in Western Yearly Meeting.

Dan & Cara Burnham, pastors of Dewart Lake Community Friends, welcomed a new daughter, Eve Kathryn Burnham, born on January 12. Rowan is her big brother. Congratulations!

Lynn Friends recently held a leadership retreat at Quaker Haven with 30 participants.

Area Pastors Meetings will resume in February and March. All pastors are welcome to attend any of the pastor gatherings where there is a brief presentation followed by lively discussion and an opportunity to pray together. Check the IYM calendar for meeting dates and places.

IYM Sundays are being held across the yearly meeting. White River will observe theirs on January 25 with Greg Hinshaw speaking, West River on February 8 with Steve Howell speaking, and South Marion has tentatively scheduled February 15. Howard Lee will speak at Anderson, January 25; Steve Howell will speak at Bear Creek, February 2; Doug Shoemaker will speak at Wabash, February 8; and Dewart Lake, South Marion, and Westfield are working on scheduling their IYM Sunday meetings.

The IYM office has recently received generous contributions over and above normal assessment giving from Friends Chapel, Hemlock, and Peaceful Valley. We are also grateful to those faithful Friends who continue to support IYM although their meetings are no longer in IYM.

We just keep marching toward our 2016 budget goal of \$85,000, now having cash and pledges totaling \$42,548, just over 50%. Praise God! Many of you have scheduled your IYM Sunday's. If you have not, please consider scheduling one soon to help your meeting learn more about IYM, how IYM is helping to spread Christ's gospel across Indiana,

Ohio, Michigan, and the world. God is truly blessing IYM with many positive things happening daily so let's keep the momentum building getting our 2016 budget funded. 2014 ended with assessments received of 102% or \$3001.81 over the assessed goal—two years in a row of exceeding the assessments! Praise God for this change from years past when we had significant deficits! Thank you to all meetings that met or exceed your goal!

Max Smith, Treas.

Indiana Yearly Meeting Sessions "Unchartered Territory" July 23-26, 2015 Quaker Haven Camp

How to be Better Missionaries in Our Community will be the topic for a pastor's summit tentatively being planned for late April. This will be an evening event, scheduled to enable many of our bi-vocational pastors to also attend. Be watching for more information and plan to take advantage of this outstanding opportunity.

Guidelines for a Fruitful Ministry is a workshop sponsored by the Center for Congregations scheduled February 11 at Avon Christian Church. Led by Gary McIntosh, this one-day event will address leaders' questions about planning, operating, or growing their congregations. Cost is \$30 per person. For details or on-line registration visit www.centerforcongregations.org

Quaker Men Ground Hog Retreat will be held January 30-31 at Quaker Haven. Speaker will be Lane Sims presenting the *Fully Alive* video series by Ken Davis. Your fee is your age up to \$60. Registration begins at 5:30 pm, dinner is at 6:30. There will be time to work alongside each other and build some much needed picnic tables for Quaker Haven in the new heated maintenance building. This will start at 1 pm on Friday and go to dinner and then will resume after lunch

on Saturday. To reserve your spot, please call the camp at 574-834-4193 or email to info@quakerhaven.com, www.quakerhaven.com.

Mike Hammerle, a member of Westfield Friends, is available to lead worship or bring special music at your church. You may contact Mike at (317) 691-3272 or at haemmertime@gmail.com

Stoking the Fire is a retreat being planned by Friends United Meeting, May 22-25 in Cincinnati. For more information visit www.fum.org

Friends United Meeting has requested that contribution checks for field staff should be made out to "Friends United Meeting," not to those being supported, to comply with bank security regulations. Individuals and churches are welcome to support FUM directly, but did you know that your contributions can be sent to IYM? They will be recorded as part of your meeting's annual missions goal and then forwarded to FUM by the IYM office.

Summer Camp Dates

Live Your Life

(ages 16-25) June 5-7

Junior High Camp

(7th & 8th grades) June 7-12

Senior High Camp 1

(9th-12th grades & 2015 grads)

June 14-19

Beginners Camp

(K-2nd grades) June 19-21

Adventure Camp

(5th & 6th grades) June 21-26

Senior High Camp 2

(9th-12th grades & 2005 grads)

June 28-July 3

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Senior High Camp)

Little Friends Camp

(2nd-4th grades) July 19-22

Family Camp—September 4-7

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name given to men by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12

Good Morning!

This is the 3rd of a series of letters I'm writing to George Fox, the founder of Quakerism.

Dear George,

You sure didn't care for the "hirelings" of your day, did you? - college educated men whose vocation was ministry. I guess I can understand why. I think you were spot-on to recognize that ministry was a calling, not a career. I'll never forget your account of how the Lord opened to you, "...that being bred at Oxford or Cambridge was not enough to fit and qualify men to be ministers of Christ."

I've noticed that the days when the Society of Friends had its greatest growth was nearly two centuries before the "pastoral system" became common. I've also noticed that the first-century church got along quite well without professional ministers, and in many third-world cultures today, where there are seldom resources to support ministers financially, the church is thriving!

I've been glad to be a pastor in Friends churches and now a Superintendent in Indiana Yearly Meeting. I'm grateful that the churches, including IYM, that I've served that have

provided financial support releasing me to be able to minister. Is that the same as being paid to do a job? We've got a big problem when churches have a "hired-hand" attitude toward their pastors and an equally large problem when pastors view ministry as a profession they've chosen.

I may be wrong, but I wouldn't be surprised if self-supporting pastors might soon be the norm. If so, that might not be bad; maybe it will break us of some of the "hireling" mentality that has crept in over time.

-Doug Shoemaker

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

1/23-25 *Pastors' Mid Winter Retreat, Essenhaus Inn in Middlebury, IN*
1/26 *Recording Committee, IYM office, 6 pm*
2/6-8 *Winter Sneak for grades 7-12, Quaker Haven*
2/10 *Westfield Area Pastors Meeting, Westfield Friends, 8:30 am*
2/10 *Program Committee, IYM office, 7 pm*
2/18 *Back Creek Area Pastors Meeting, Back Creek Friends, 8:30 am*
2/24 *Jericho Area Pastors Meeting, Jericho Friends, 10:30 am*

Winter Sneak for grades 7-12 will be held at Quaker Haven,
February 6-8. Cost is \$100.
Registration is due to the IYM office by January 31.