

**Carthage Friends** has called Troy Underhill (Deb) to serve as their pastor.

**Farmland Friends** will host a night of music and ministry featuring evangelist Clayton Jennings on Sunday, January 10. Special musical guests, Pete Mercer and The Protest, will be doing an acoustic performance. Doors open at 6 pm and the event starts at 6:30, free will offering at the door. This ministry is specifically targeted to youth and young adults, but all are welcome!

**Hinkle Creek Friends** enjoyed their Christmas program and candle-light service with a full house.

**Shirley Friends** invites you to their "Evening of Fun" with an indoor wiener roast and games, January 15, 6 pm.

**Beginning January 1, 2016**, the IRS standard mileage rates for the use of a car is 54 cents per mile for business miles driven, down from 57.5 cents for 2015.

**The Communications & Publications Committee** has produced a new IYM brochure that would be ideal to use as a handout on IYM Sunday. Please call the IYM office to let us know how many copies your meeting would like to receive.

**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](http://www.iym.org).

**Informative seminars coming in February:** Craig Foor, Financial Advisor with Everence Financial, will present "Estate Planning and Charitable Giving" this February at three central Indiana churches. Plan now to attend, and learn how estate planning can help you reduce taxes, support ministries important to you and care for those you leave behind. You'll also learn about wills and who makes medical decisions on your behalf if you can't. Finally, you'll learn some charitable giving techniques that will help maximize

your efforts. Join Craig for one of the following seminar dates:

Saturday, February 6, 10 am at  
Bethel Friends Church

Saturday, February 6, 2 pm at  
Bear Creek Friends Church

Saturday, February 20, 2 pm at  
Knightstown Friends Church

#### **From IYM Treasurer, Max Smith:**

As I welcome in the New Year, I am so thankful for all of the Lord's blessings for our family and our IYM family as the 2017 fundraising effort continues to move forward. We currently have a total of \$40,479.60 (42.6% of the \$95,000 goal) in cash and pledges. The Stewardship and Finance Committee has sent information regarding IYM Sundays that offer a great opportunity for members to learn more about Indiana Yearly Meeting and becoming a financial partner in all of IYM's programs and activities. As your meeting schedules IYM Sunday activities, please let the office know of those plans. If the committee or office can be of assistance, please contact them. Thank you to everyone that has participated in the fundraising effort thus far.

**Thank you** to the many meetings who have already paid your 2015 assessments and missions goals in full. The IYM office will continue to accept payment towards 2015 assessments or missions goals through January 15.



#### **CE Spotlight**

**Camp Interns:** IYM and the Evangelism & Oversight Committee are sponsoring two Interns for the summer camping program at Quaker Haven this summer. We are also offering an option for the churches those students come from to use the month of August to invest in that intern (since many college students do not go back to school until September). If you, or someone you know would like to

apply, contact either Pat Byers or visit the Youth Ministries tab at [iym.org](http://iym.org) for application materials. Applications are due by February 1.

**The IYM Christian Education Committee** has accumulated many resources, games, and other materials to be used at Quaker Haven summer camps. CE clerk, Brock Sizelove, says that if you need a game, an activity, or some other material for a youth or other church function, contact him at [brock@quakerhaven.com](mailto:brock@quakerhaven.com) to see the material list.

**More CE Information:** For the last year or so, we have been working on getting an online system for camp registration up and going. Well, it is now live, and we are so excited for you to use it! You can now go to [www.qhcyouthprogramming.com](http://www.qhcyouthprogramming.com) to register and pay for students for Winter Sneak and summer camps. Please be patient with us as we get the kinks worked out. Winter Sneak is February 5-7 at Quaker Haven, cost is \$100, and registrations are due by February 1. Contact Pat Byers or Brock Sizelove if you have questions.-

**Tri-County Quarterly Meeting** will be held at Hinkle Creek Friends on Sunday, January 17. Dinner will be served at 5:00 pm and worship and business will begin around 5:45 pm. In business, we will discuss the future of quarterly meetings within IYM. If you are not a member of Tri-County but would like to attend, you are welcome.

**The Program Committee** announces that yearly meeting sessions in 2016 are scheduled for July 28-30. We plan to conclude on Saturday night, but an afterglow option will be available for Friends wishing to stay at Quaker Haven Saturday night and enjoy breakfast, lunch, and worship on Sunday morning.

Good Morning,

I hope you've enjoyed the letters I wrote to George Fox in 2015. He didn't answer any of them, so I'm giving them a rest for now. I hope they helped you better understand the times in which he lived, but now I'm concerned about understanding the time in which you and I live. In 1964 Bob Dylan sang "The Times They are a Changin'." I don't intend to start a new series of "Dear Bob" letters, but I have to agree that he nailed it. Those of us who have been around for a while are keenly aware that our world has

changed exponentially in the last 50 years with no end in sight.

One of my favorite stories is about a single man who had six theories about raising children. Later he married after which he had had six kids and no theories. I only had three kids, but every time I figured out how to respond to a stage in a child's life, that stage had already passed and we were on to something different. I learned that treating a teenager like a preschooler wasn't wise and knowing what my now

adult children need from me is sometimes a challenge, too.

The Old Testament mentions men of Issachar who understood the times and knew what Israel should do (1 Chron. 12:32). Similarly Romans 13:11 tells us to understand the present time. Just like our approach to parenting needs to adapt to changing seasons in our families, maybe the way we witnessed for Christ 50 years ago needs to be updated, too. Do you have any theories about how to do that?  
-Doug Shoemaker

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### IYM Upcoming Calendar

- 1/07 East Africa Mission Team, IYM office, 6:30 pm
- 1/11 Recording Committee, IYM office, 6 pm
- 1/18 Investment Board, IYM office, 10 am
- 1/19 East Africa Mission Team, IYM office, 6:30 pm
- 1/21 Faith & Practice Review Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm
- 1/23 Executive Committee Retreat, location TBA, 9:30 am
- 1/25 Program Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm
- 1/26 East Africa Mission Team, IYM office, 6:30 pm
- 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