

2017 Yearly Meeting Preview:

Yearly Meeting Sessions at Quaker Haven will be held July 27-29. Are you registered yet? Highlights include guest speaker, Mark Wright and worship leaders, Drew and Nikki Drage. Nine different workshops covering a variety of topics will be offered. John Moru from Kenya will be speaking at the Saturday missions luncheon. Four friends are scheduled to be recorded at the Saturday afternoon Recording Service, and the Feast of Faith on Saturday will feature the musical group, Zion's Joy. Bring the whole family – there's something for everyone. Also, please encourage the Youth Workers in your church to attend the Youth Worker Roundtable at Yearly Meeting Sessions at lunch on Friday. The Christian Education Committee is paying, so it will be free for those who attend. Please contact the IYM office to register.

Amboy Friends presently has a mission team of 15 people in Belize. They will work on local projects and help spread the news of the Gospel.

Iglesia Amigos will hold their annual Festival de Amigos, August 26. They invite the Hispanic community in Indianapolis to a day of food, fun, and fellowship in this annual outreach event. They need help to make this happen so if you can help, please contact Katy Moran at 317-450-4712 or pastor.katy.moran@gmail.com

Knightsdown Friends has a box-top savings project for their local school, has Sunday afternoon golfing for their attendees, recently attended an Indianapolis Indians baseball game, and had a special music worship service with musicians from Raysville Friends, Robin Richey and Marilyn Wicker.

Long Lake Friends has resurfaced their church parking lot.

Marion First Friends ladies, known as "Busy Hands," meet twice a month to make such things as quilts, lap robes, etc. Over the past two years their ministry has provided 155 baby blankets, 263 lap robes and quilts, 55 pillow cases, and 292 knitted hats for those in need. In the fall "Busy Hands" will have items for sale at the church, and over the past two years from the sales of many items, they have given over \$2000 to various mission projects.

Wabash Friends recently hosted their mission partner, Dr. Samson Retnaraj. Dr. Samson serves in Nepal with Evangelical Friends Mission and conducts community health education. He and his wife, Priscilla, provide Bible-based holistic training to ordinary villagers using Jesus' example to help ordinary peoples' lives. Also, Wabash Friends partnered with Sabatia Eye Hospital and a group from George Fox University to provide one of the biggest medical camps ever organized by the Kaptama Hospital Board and the Africa Ministries Office in Kenya. More than 500 clients or patients converged on Kaptama Hospital for the much needed general medical and eye camp. For a more complete account go to <http://www.friendsunitedmeeting.org/news/2017/06/19/friends-fight-blindness-in-africa/>

Westfield Friends recently sent a work crew to Quivering Arrow Camp in Oklahoma for a week where many of the 60 campers made first-time commitments to the Lord and many more chose to recommit themselves to God. Kelly Haemmerle of Westfield Friends brought a message to the campers. On July 9 the church held a BBQ Fund Raiser for Native American Friends Centers. Also the meeting will have a Day of Prayer on Sunday, July 23.

From IYM Treasurer, Max Smith: With just over two weeks till the IYM sessions, we are approaching the \$102,000 goal. We currently have \$84,088.85 in donations and pledges, 82.4% of the goal. As you are preparing for the sessions, please keep this effort in your prayers and if you feel led to make that first donation or an additional one, it would be greatly appreciated to help provide the funds for the 2018 budget. Thank you to all who have donated over this past year.

Focused Living, a one-day workshop presented by Paul Cochrane and Dave Phillips will be offered at Wabash Friends on August 19. The workshop begins at 8:30 and goes to 4:00. The cost is \$40 which includes a workbook, materials, and a lite lunch. If you write a check, please make it out to DWP Consulting. This is a hands-on workshop that examines how God has worked in

your life over time to prepare you to fulfill God's call. It will help you discover God's unique calling in your life. Need help in knowing what to say "Yes" to and what to say "No" to? This workshop experience can give direction to do that. Any alumnus/alumna can take the workshop over at no cost; we do ask for a donation for the meal. Email Dave Phillips at david.phillips.dwpconsulting@gmail.com or call Dave at 260 563-5497 to register.

FUM Triennial is being held this week, July 12-16, at Friends University in Wichita, Kansas. Please pray for several friends from IYM who are attending.

Friends Ministry Training classes will begin again soon. The fall semester courses will include "Quaker History" taught by Greg Hinshaw (August 14 – Sept. 24), "Introduction to Pastoral Preaching" taught by Gary Wright (Sept. 25 – Nov. 5), and "Basic Christian Doctrine" taught by Gene Pickard (Nov. 6- Dec. 17). The required "Orientation to Online Learning" class starts July 31! It usually takes **at least two weeks** to complete the admissions process, so if you are interested apply now by going to <https://www.barclaycollege.edu/forms/OnlineApply.aspx>. You can find more information at <https://www.barclaycollege.edu/undergraduate/online/certificate/friends-ministry-training/index.html>.

John Moru, director of the Turkana Friends Mission, will be available to meet with interested groups from IYM between July 21 and the start of yearly meeting sessions. IYM Missions Committee clerk Eric Dale will be coordinating his schedule during these times. He can be contacted at eredale@hotmail.com or 260-571-1574.

Kaleo Academy, the first Theology Camp held, recently met at Barclay College in Haviland, Kansas, with 20 students from seven yearly meetings; two from Spanish-speaking Friends, one from Nepal, and one from Bangladesh. The Academy was a great success and was directed by Katy Moran of Indiana Yearly Meeting and Brockie Follett of Mid-America Yearly Meeting.

Good Morning!

A piano tuner often scolded one of his clients for waiting too long between tunings. "If you would send out a postcard reminder like the dentist," the client declared, "I would make sure to call you for an appointment in a timely fashion." Without hesitating, the tuner replied, "From now on, when the dentist sends you a postcard, call me." If you've been thinking about attending yearly meeting sometime, consider this your postcard!

Several years ago, Henry Blackaby co-authored *Experiencing God* where he urged believers to discern where God was at work, and then join Him. Our yearly meeting isn't perfect, but it's not hard to

find example after example of God at work among us.

Youth camps at Quaker Haven have been packed with many campers making life-changing commitments to Christ. Several IYM congregations have sent teams on short-term missions trips this summer that are impacting those being served as well as those serving.

At yearly meeting later this month, we will have the opportunity to welcome a new church into IYM and we are aware of at least two other congregations who have expressed interest in getting to know us better.

Several pastors are talking about planting churches and at least one core group is already forming. Our committees are working in unity and are actively developing leaders, fostering evangelistic partnerships, encouraging struggling churches, promoting stewardship, and more.

There are many events scheduled for yearly meeting sessions this year, but our goal is not to run a program. Our goal is to experience God together. Would you join us this year? *-Doug Shoemaker*

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

7/12-16 *FUM Triennial at Friends University, Wichita, KS*
7/16-21 *Sr High 2 Camp, Quaker Haven*
7/27-29 *IYM Sessions at Quaker Haven*
8/21 *Ad Hoc Fundraising Committee, IYM office, 4:30 pm*
8/22 *Committee Night, Upland Friends, 6:30 pm*
8/29 *Trustees, IYM office, 6:30 pm*
9/18 *Executive Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm*

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to IYM Assistant Superintendent, Pat Byers, at the death of his father. Glen Phillip Byers passed away on July 2 in Richmond, Virginia.