

Yearly Meeting Sessions

Indiana Yearly Meeting is more than business! There are great opportunities to fellowship, like the ice cream social and popcorn pop. There are rich times of worship, with speaker Amy Cornell. There are also twelve informative workshops (six on Friday and six on Saturday), sponsored or presented by our IYM committees and affiliate organizations. Programs for children and teens and the many recreational opportunities at Quaker Haven Camp make IYM an event for the whole family. If you have not yet registered, do so today! Indiana Yearly Meeting is July 28-30 at Quaker Haven Camp.

We would love to hear from you!

To share your unique experiences at the Indiana Yearly Meeting Sessions this year, please use #IYMSessions2016 in your Facebook posts. You can add this hashtag to photos, videos, and general posts about IYM 2016. This will enable us to gather pictures and information to share this awesome event from everyone's individual perspectives. By using the hashtag, we will all have access to the wonderful memories and important information in everyone's posts.

Amboy Friends will have "Camp Sunday," August 21 during morning worship where they will celebrate all that God has done at camp this summer. They have three from their congregation that are on staff at Quaker Haven and they sent 22 youth to join the summer camp programs. The church provides all the camp fee except \$50 for each camper. On August 28, Amboy will have missionary Jon Birkey to speak about his ministry with Native Americans.

Center Friends will hold a concert with Michael Wayne Smith, a southern gospel artist who has been nominated numerous times for the Dove awards, July 24, 7 pm.

C.H.A.N.G.E. Ministries is proud to present #TELLTHEWORLD held at **Farmland Friends** featuring evangelist Clayton Jennings and musical guest Blackened White, Sunday, August 28, 6:30 pm. Doors will open at 6 pm and the event includes a free-will offering at the

door. Come join us for this amazing night of music and worship.

Knightstown Friends will present Jonatan Pinto, concert pianist from Guatemala, on July 24. He will bring music at their Sunday morning worship service with Katy Moran leading the worship.

Liberty Friends recently sent 20 youth and adults to Kings Island for Spirit Song. Pastor Clay Davis' daughter, Gabi, reported, "We went to Kings Island for two days and had the best time. We saw all sorts of Christian concerts like Toby Mac, For King and Country, and many others. We rode lots of roller coasters, and it was awesome."

Wabash Friends will hold their VBS (Deep Sea Discovery), July 26-28, 8:30 am-noon, for PreK through 6th grade. Also the church is accepting a challenge for Access to collect 40 backpacks for their School Supply Giveaway.

Walnut Ridge and Westland Friends invites you to PraiseFest, Sunday afternoon, July 24 at 5 pm, at Walnut Ridge Friends. You are invited to a pastors' prayer meeting at 3 pm, and a "joyful noise" practice for anyone who wants to sing or play an instrument in this event, also held at 3 pm. Coffee and snacks will be available at that time, and after the PraiseFest, ice cream will be served. Don't forget, you are invited to bring vocal or instrumental praises, readings or scripture, so come and bring some folks with you. Please reply back to Shirley Lukens metmission@aol.com or Paul Bravard westlandpastor@gmail.com with any requests or suggestions. RSVP is appreciated but not mandatory.

Walnut Ridge Friends was featured in a PBS documentary series, "Hoosiers: The Story of Indiana." The first two programs have been aired but two more will be shown, August 4 at 9 pm and 10 pm.

Quaker Haven 24th Golf Scramble will be held August 20 at the

Honeywell Golf Course in Wabash. Tee-off time will be at 2 pm. A banquet and awards will be given at 6:30 pm.

Fundraising for the 2017 Budget is in the homestretch. Our goal is to raise \$95,000 by yearly meeting sessions and we are nearing the target. Total contributions and pledges reached \$76,000 early this week, 80% of our goal! We rejoice that so many (63 individual donors and 23 churches) have felt such a sense of ownership of what God is doing in IYM. Many contributions of various sizes have been forwarded to the yearly meeting office - even individuals who no longer belong to IYM have contributed over \$5000! We need several last minute gifts to push us over our goal. If you've been considering making a contribution, today would be a great time to send your check to IYM at 4715 N Wheeling Ave. Muncie, IN 47304.

Winchester Quarterly Meeting Representatives Meeting will be at 3 pm on Sunday, July 24, at Jericho Friends. The representatives will meet to fill quarterly meeting appointments, so all churches are encouraged to send representatives.

The 45th annual USFW Fall Retreat will be September 12 & 13, featuring Eden Grace, Director of Global Ministries at FUM. She will speak on the topic, "Here I am Lord, Send Me," at Quaker Haven. Please contact Andrea Long (Jericho Friends) at along@pceaze.com for more details or for a flyer.

Mesquakie Friends Center gives a special thanks to Bethel, Marion First, and Westland Friends for their ministry at the Center. Recently Dr. Casey Church, who works for the well being of Native people, came to the Center and taught that it's okay to be a Christian, worshipping Jesus Christ through their ceremonies, and not turn their back on their Native American heritage and culture. The Center also reported that they have been growing deeper in their relationships with their youth through discussions and trust. They plan to bring youth to IYM Sessions.

Good Morning,

A classic *Leadership Journal* cartoon by Doug Hall shows a pastor addressing a sparse congregation in a large sanctuary with these words: "God calls us to evangelism! The bank that holds our mortgage has mentioned it, too." How sparse is your sanctuary on Sunday mornings?

I've mentioned to several how excited I was when I first looked at the 2015 statistical report for IYM. It showed that for the first time in decades we had grown in both membership and church attendance. My heart sank when I learned that the "growth" was really just a clerical error.

The temporary euphoria did feel good while it lasted though. In fact, soon as I learned that the accurate statistics didn't reveal growth, I sensed the Lord nudging me with a message that seemed to say, "See how good that felt? That's what I want your experience to be next year. Now pray for growth for the churches of IYM." So I am, and I invite you to pray with me.

Growth is already happening in several of our congregations. In fact about a quarter of our churches

experienced at least 5% attendance growth last year with three experiencing over 40% growth. There are more than just one or two places where there are fresh winds of the Spirit blowing! That's just one of the reasons I'm looking forward to our annual sessions at Quaker Haven next week. Acts 2 reports it was as the disciples gathered together that the Holy Spirit was poured out, resulting in thousands coming to faith. What happens at Yearly Meeting Sessions may impact thousands. Don't miss it!

-Doug Shoemaker

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

7/28-30 *Indiana Yearly Meeting Sessions, Quaker Haven*
8/14 *IYM Sunday at Maple Run Friends*
8/14 *Friends LDP Info Meeting at Wabash Friends*
8/16 *IYM Committee Night, Upland Friends, 6:30 pm*
8/28 *IYM Sunday at White River Friends*
8/30 *IYM Trustees, IYM office, 6:30 pm*

Friends United Meeting is excited to announce that they are one of two winners of the Everence Federal Credit Union's 2016 Rebate for Missions Grant. (Thanks for your votes!) They will be receiving \$8100 to be used to further ministries around the world. The other winner was the Christian Peacemaker Teams.