

## Missions Luncheon Preview

Indiana Yearly Meeting sessions, July 28-30, at Quaker Haven, will include a variety of experiences that will inspire and encourage you. One of those is the Missions Luncheon at noon on Saturday. In addition to great food, you will hear of the recent trip to Kenya by representatives of IYM, a visit John Muhanji, director of the Africa Ministries Office, called "historic." Come find out why he used that term, and learn of a new partnership that is being formed between IYM and Kenyan Friends in carrying out the Great Commission!

**Katy (Palmer) Moran** (Carlos) has been called as the new part-time Family Life Pastor at Knightstown Friends. We welcome Katy back to IYM.

**Gene Moser** (Rexa) has been called as pastor of Arba Friends beginning July 1 following the retirement of Brooks (Louise) Martin. We wish Brooks and Louise well in their retirement, and welcome Gene and Rexa back to IYM.

**Bethel Friends** will hold their Annual All-Church Retreat at Quaker Haven, July 8-10.

**Center Friends** celebrated their fathers with a Father/Son Grill-Out and a Sunday-morning recognition. On June 26, Gary Wright held a service for Center Friends with special music. On July 24, 7 pm, they will hold their annual concert with Michael Wayne Smith, a southern gospel artist who has been nominated numerous times for the Dove awards.

**Fairmount Friends** will celebrate their 125th year of ministry in Fairmount on Sunday, July 17.

**Kennard Friends** hosted their second annual fish fry fundraiser June 18. They raised money for the youth, and made it a special time of outreach by connecting with their community.

**Knightstown Friends** will hold a "Big Picture Meeting," July 13, to discuss several new exciting ideas for their ministry. They will worship, sing, and pray as they plan towards their future (and eat some pizza). Also Doug Shoemaker will bring the message, July 17, for IYM Sunday. On July 24, Jonatan Pinto, concert pianist from Guatemala, will bring music at their Sunday morning worship service with Katy Moran leading the worship.

**Rural Friends** has had Vacation Bible Schools for over 62 years, and recently held this year's VBS with several newcomers. A class for adults is also held with parents/grandparents participating with their own lesson, crafts, songs, and snacks, so fun and learning are had by all in this family-oriented adventure.

**South Marion Friends** invites you to their Sunday morning service on their church lawn, July 10, at 10:30. This will also be their "Indiana Yearly Meeting Sunday." Following the service there will be a cookout.

**Walnut Ridge Friends** will be featured in a PBS documentary series, "Hoosiers: The Story of Indiana" that will be broadcast on Thursdays, July 7 and 14 at 9 pm and August 4 at 9 pm and 10 pm on Indiana Public Television stations. And don't forget their PraiseFest, Sunday afternoon, July 24 at 5 pm.

**Westfield Young Friends** visited Chicago Fellowship of Friends in the Cabrini-Green public housing development in Chicago in June led by Steve and Marlene Pedigo. The team learned about this urban ministry, why it is important for churches to reach out to others and walk and talk with them, and met numerous individuals who were a part of the ministry. And the team visited Six Flags, went swimming, and worshipped with the Gospel Temple Missionary Baptist Church. Also, Westfield will have a "Prayer Walk," July 9, through areas of Westfield praying for people to come to Christ.

**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.

**A team from Indiana Yearly Meeting** is leaving July 9 (returning July 20) to conduct a business training for pastors and evangelists working under John Moru at Turkana Friends Mission in northern Kenya. Team members include Max & Anne Smith (West River) and Eric Dale, Becky Eppley, and Mark Dubois (Wabash). The training, developed by Global Disciples, teaches basic business skills. Perhaps more importantly, it helps trainees recognize the potential business

they have as a context for evangelism and discipleship, and the Biblical support for such an approach. IYM will provide start-up loans for select business plans, with the hopes that these businesses will succeed, and a revolving loan fund can be established for future business start-ups in Turkana. Please pray that the business income will help decrease dependence upon Western giving, effectively equip local leaders, spark growth and strengthening of the local church in and around Turkana, and for the team as they travel and minister there.

**The IYM Missions Committee** has approved providing a grant to send Friends Theological College graduates to locations outside of Kenya for a six-month post-graduate cross-cultural mission experience. The offering at the missions luncheon to go toward this grant.

**From IYM Treasurer, Max Smith:** We have had a good two weeks of the 2017 fundraising campaign with our total now at \$65,338.50 of donations and pledges equaling 68.8% of the \$95,000 goal. Thanks to the Executive Committee recently appointing an ad hoc committee to help in the fund raising effort, we understand there are additional IYM Sunday's scheduled and additional pledges/donations coming soon. Thank you to everyone and please continue to pray for this effort and how you and your meeting can assist in this important campaign.

**The Executive Committee** recently appointed an ad hoc fundraising committee to help us reach our goal of raising \$95,000 for next year's budget by yearly meeting sessions. We are looking for churches and individuals who can help us reach our goal in a few short weeks. As of July 5 our total contributions and pledges are \$65,338.50.

**Memorials:** Has your meeting sent names of members of your meeting who have passed away in the last year? A Memorial service will be held at yearly meeting sessions on July 30 and we would like to recognize all of our valued Friends who are no longer with us. The date these need to be submitted to the IYM office has been extended. Please send them by July 15.

Good Morning,

I refuse to participate in the summer slump! This was a frequent mantra of mine when I served as a pastor. Many churches experience a decrease in attendance during the summer months. A North Carolina pastor described his summer attendance as "up and down," observing that in the warm months his congregation was either up in the mountains or down at the beach. I'm glad that many families have the opportunity and the means to take some vacation time; the church shouldn't fight that. What we should fight is the expectation that nothing of significance is going to happen between May and September.

Have you noticed that God doesn't take a summer break? I've actually seen churches grow and people come to Christ during summer months. I'm reminded of the sobering account found in Mark 6 where it was reported that Jesus could do few miracles in a particular town due to the lack of faith on the part of the people there. Could it be that Jesus is unable to do as much as He would like in our lives or our churches simply due to our low expectations?

Would you join me in refusing to participate in the summer slump? Expect hundreds of youth and children to be eternally impacted for Christ at Quaker Haven Camp. Expect your pastor to be spiritually refreshed and renewed at Pastors Short Course. Expect yearly meeting sessions to be a source of instruction and inspiration for you and your congregation. And come to meeting for worship in your church with the expectation that God will speak to you and perform transformational ministry in your life.

-Doug Shoemaker

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### IYM Upcoming Calendar

7/5-7 *Pastors Short Course, Quaker Haven Camp*  
7/10 *IYM Sunday at Marion First Friends*  
7/10 *IYM Sunday at South Marion Friends*  
7/17 *IYM Sunday at Knightstown Friends*  
7/17 *IYM Sunday at Little Blue River Friends*  
7/28-30 *Indiana Yearly Meeting Sessions, Quaker Haven*

**Registration deadline for Yearly Meeting Sessions  
is July 14,  
after which there will be a 10% late fee.**