

Indiana Yearly Meeting Sessions will be held July 23-26 at Quaker Haven Camp. Full details can be found at www.iym.org/yearlymeeting Deadline for registration is July 9.

Andy Davis has been call by Sycamore Friends to serve as their new part-time youth pastor. He is beginning his service there this week.

Austin Downey is concluding his service at Knightstown Friends where he served as their Director of Youth and Families.

Jerry Alexander has announced that he will be concluding his ministry at Walnut Ridge Friends at the end of June.

Ben Johnson's ten years of service to Maple Friends is very much appreciated but they have accepted his resignation as youth pastor. The church is seeking candidates for this part-time position. Interested applicants are invited to contact davidmc@ohusc.k12.in.us 765-457-5903 or bmauller@yahoo.com.

Bear Creek Friends held its annual VBS the week of June 8 with over forty students in attendance each day. VBS has been held at Bear Creek each year for over thirty years and always has a positive impact on the community. The meeting is also paying to send at least sixteen campers to Quaker Haven this summer.

Farmland Friends will host its 13th Annual Father's Day Cruise-In/Car Show, June 21, 1-4 pm (rain or shine). Admission/registration of a show vehicle is FREE as well as hot dogs and soft drinks. There is a fenced playground on the site. For more information or to register a vehicle please visit: www.farmlandfriends.org or call 765-468-6485 or 765-212-1118.

From IYM Treasurer, Max Smith: Praise God for his continuing blessings. In the past two weeks, we have received pledges of \$5,000 and \$2500 as well as donations of \$355 raising our grand total of donations and pledges to \$67,783.78, or 79.7% of the \$85,000 goal. Please

continue to be open to God's leading on how you and your meeting can help IYM carry out our important mission in this part of God's world which extends way beyond Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan. If you still have an outstanding pledge, please consider getting that filled within the next month so we can finalize this endeavor prior to the IYM sessions next month.

CE Spotlight

Our first week of summer camps at Quaker Haven saw  127 Jr High campers and around 30 counselors and program staffers experience Christ in a way that is unique to camp. Thanks to Dave Phillips (Wabash Friends) for speaking and Brettan Cox (sister-in-law to Wabash Youth Pastor, Brandon Eaton) for ushering in God's presence in worship music. We will post the week's highlight video to the IYM website soon!

IYM pastors and recorded ministers are asked by Ministry & Oversight to complete an annual report. Forms were due June 15. Late reports are still being accepted at iyminfo@iym.org.

2015 is the last year for our MEI (Ministerial Excellence Initiative). We have seen 72 different grants awarded since 2009. If your meeting received a grant for your pastor, would you be willing to send a photo with a short caption of the result of the grant? I would like to have them displayed during IYM's summer session. Thanks for helping your pastors and IYM. Send the photo and caption to Carol Wright, 206 S 850 E, Greenfield, IN 46140 or email me carol@iym.org. Looking forward to seeing and reading about God's blessings.

Calling all former Teen Ambassadors! We are trying to contact all who participated in this teen choir that got its start 50 year ago. A reunion is being planned at Quaker Haven during yearly meeting sessions.

Please contact Ed Weirrick cowboy-ed72@embarqmail.com or Stephanie (Varner) Morgan sam5986@yahoo.com.

Sam & Becky Barber, former FUM field staff continue to serve in Belize. They will be in the IYM area July 27-August 2 and are willing to share in meetings, committees, Bible studies, or with individuals or businesses who may have a heart for helping children and young people in a deprived part of the world. To schedule the Barbers contact slbisme@hotmail.com

Friends United Meeting has partnered with Everence to offer a new Friends Retirement Plan available to all Friends organizations, churches/meetings, camps and schools. For more information contact colinsa@fum.org. Also, FUM is seeking a 1/2 time Web/Media specialist and is very interested in finding someone from IYM to serve in this role. For more information go to <http://fum.org/jobs/>.

Solar Grants are being offered by Hoosier Interfaith Power & Light, which can reduce a congregations utility bill by 25% to 40%. Orientation sessions for the grants will be held at Plymouth Congregational Church, 501 W Berry St, Ft Wayne on June 12, 12:30-1:30 and at Riverside United Methodist, 1201 N Wheeling Ave, Muncie, June 12, 9-10 am. All congregations/denominations are eligible and the grant size is \$24,000 with no financial match required. The application deadline is June 30. Contact info@seventhdayinitiative.org or 317-654-1524.

Congregational Resource Guide is a great place to find tools for those addressing challenging daily congregational life. By creating a free account, you can set up topical workspaces where you can save resources, share information with others, invite those from your congregational team to participate, discuss the topic, and invite an expert into the conversation. Check it out at <http://thecrg.org/>.

Good Morning!
This is the 12th of a series of letters I'm writing to George Fox, the founder of Quakerism.

Dear George,

What do you think about evangelism? I'm asking this because today lots of Quakers are afraid of it. My liberal Quaker friends are even afraid to use the "E" word. My conservative Quaker friends talk a lot about evangelism - but we tend to be afraid to do it! I don't recall ever reading about you using the "E" word; but there's no question that you evangelized. A lot.

The concept of evangelism carries a lot of baggage for some of us. I confess that I've encountered "evangelists" who seemed pretty pushy, and when pastors encouraged me to share my faith I feared coming across as pushy myself. What impresses me about you is that you didn't allow fear to dictate your approach. Well, maybe that's not entirely true. It seems you were motivated by the fear that anyone would miss experiencing God personally.

I like what you wrote in *The Great Mystery*, "It was the minister's work...

to go from house to house, and warn all both small and great, yea, with tears; this was the work of the ministry of the spirit." And in your Journal you wrote, "I saw the harvest white, and the seed of God lying thick in the ground, as ever did wheat that was sown outwardly, and none to gather it; for this I mourned with tears." You had a vision of a great people to be gathered, and then did something about it. Thanks for leaving such a great example and evangelistic heritage.

-Doug Shoemaker

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

6/22 *Investment Board, IYM office, 10 am*
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6/30 *Trustees, IYM office, 6:30 pm*
7/6-9 *Pastors Short Course, Quaker Haven*
7/ 23-26 *Indiana Yearly Meeting Sessions, Quaker Haven*

Friends United Meeting 2015 Summer Mission Project
is "A Place to Play." The Amari Play Center has become an important Christian presence within the Amari Refugee Camp and the project will allow the outdoor playground to be repaired, renovated, and resurfaced.