

**2017 Yearly Meeting Preview:** Yearly Meeting Sessions at Quaker Haven, July 27-29, are approaching quickly. One of the workshops being offered both Friday and Saturday will be "Shaping the Future of IYM 2.0." Four meetings were held in the spring discussing IYM's relationship with Friends United Meeting (FUM). This workshop will report feedback from these meetings and continue the discussion.

**Chris Goff**, a member of Wabash Friends, was recently named by Governor Eric Holcomb as the newest Indiana Supreme Court justice. <http://www.journagazette.net/news/local/indiana/20170612/governor-picks-wabash-county-judge-as-state-supreme-court-justice>

The workshop "**Stewardship Investing**" will be presented at Back Creek Friends at 10 am on June 24 and at West River Friends at 2 pm on June 24. Sponsored by the IYM Stewardship and Finance Committee, this free workshop, led by Craig Foor of Everence Financial Services, will describe how money and mission mix. You will discover how you can integrate your faith and values with your investments. Everence's investment philosophy incorporates company screens, shareholder advocacy, and community investing to help you live your faith.

**Portland Friends** started a "Christian Growth Campaign" in May extending through October by Max Lucado entitled, "Glory Days." The CD and lessons are to help strengthen their relationship with Christ and one another, draw closer as a church, and learn evangelism helps to enable them to build attendance and membership. Extensive advertisement in the local paper has increased traffic four-fold on their website: [friendscare4others.net](http://friendscare4others.net). Also at Portland Friends, maintenance is being done on the outside of the church to enhance its appearance. A new handicap ramp has been built, a sidewalk was extended,

and work is being done on restoring the cement/stucco façade. Pastor Dealey has taken a break from remodeling houses and started the slow process of restoration on the church. Wabash Valley Restoration, Inc. had given an estimate of \$20,000 - 25,000 for this work. The money they saved by Pastor Dealey's volunteer work on the church will go toward the restoration of their stained glass windows.

**Wabash Friends** is sending a Peter's Team out to serve as short term missionaries to Joni and Friends Family Retreat. This mission team will minister to 114 families dealing with special needs.

**Amboy Friends** is sending a mission team of 15 people to Belize, July 8-15. They will work on local projects and help spread the news of the Gospel.

**From IYM Treasurer, Max Smith:** We are quickly approaching the IYM Sessions when we want to have the 2018 Budget Fundraising campaign completed. We currently have a total of \$77,668.85 donated and pledged toward our \$102,000 goal, or 76.15%. As we approach the end of the campaign, if you have yet to join us, please consider doing so with any size of donation. If you have already contributed, please consider increasing your contribution to enable IYM to continue all of the great programs we have serving the Lord each day. Thank you so much for each contribution you have already made.



**Summer Camp at Quaker Haven is in full swing.** The packing list information, etc. can be found at the [qhcyouth-programming.com](http://qhcyouth-programming.com) website. Don't let finances be a reason for kids to NOT come to camp. We have scholarships available. Contact Pat Byers with any of those needs. Thanks, in advance, for your prayers and help in getting kids to camp!!!!

**Pastors Short Course at Quaker Haven** will begin with lunch on Monday, July 3 and continue through lunch on Wednesday, July 5. "You've Got What it Takes" will be this year's theme. Programs for youth and children are planned so the whole family can enjoy this annual event.

**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. Also, John Muhanji will be in Indiana between June 30-July 7th, and available to meet with interested groups. IYM Missions Committee clerk Eric Dale will be coordinating their schedules during these times. He can be contacted at [eredale@hotmail.com](mailto:eredale@hotmail.com) or 260-571-1574.

Earlier this month, at Mt. Elgon, a **week-long medical and eye camp** took place starting Monday, June 5, organized by the Kaptama Friends Health Center Board and the FUM-Africa Ministries Office. There were teams of Friends from George Fox University School of Nursing (Newburg Oregon), Wabash Friends Church (Wabash, Indiana), and Friends Sabatia Eye Hospital (Vihiga Kenya). Over 1,000 patients received care during the camp.

**Friends United Meeting** is delighted to announce the appointment of Adrian Moody to the position of Head of Ramallah Friends School ([rfs.edu.ps](http://rfs.edu.ps)), effective August 2017. Adrian will succeed Joyce Ajlouny, who has served for thirteen years and who will be taking up the post of General Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee. Adrian comes to the Friends School with an extensive background in international education, having served in school leadership positions in Australia, New Zealand, Tanzania, Thailand, Kazakhstan, Vietnam, and India.

Good Morning!

A recent visit to a nearby shopping center triggered lots of memories. Kris and I walked past several storefronts trying to remember what shops had been there just a few years ago. A few stores had survived the last twenty years, but many had not. What was the story behind each one? Were their products no longer needed? Had they poorly advertised their products? Did mismanagement undermine their success? Were their sales staffs poorly trained or unfriendly?

Likewise, leisurely drives through the cities and towns often reveal buildings that once were houses of worship. Each one has its own story too. Why are those

buildings no longer housing worship? Was there poor "management"? Were their members rude to visitors? Was their reputation negative? Did their community regard them as irrelevant?

When the first Apple Store opened in 2001, there was no iPod or iPhone, and 97 percent of people in the U.S. were on dial-up Internet. For every hundred people who visited the store, one person actually bought something. Most people who walked through those glass doors in 2001 didn't own a single Apple product, and the team at Apple was totally comfortable with that, because they

knew that if they got it right, success would come off the back of becoming meaningful to people. The Apple Genius Bars became a place to belong. *Adapted from Bernadette Jiwa, Meaningful: The Story of Ideas That Fly (Perceptive Press, 2015).*

The Church of Jesus Christ deals with an amazing product, the gospel of Jesus Christ. You would think our pews would be full, but many of us have failed to become meaningful to people. *-Doug Shoemaker*

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### IYM Upcoming Calendar

6/24 "Stewardship Investing" workshop, Back Creek Friends, 10 am  
6/24 "Stewardship Investing" workshop, West River Friends, 2 pm  
6/25-30 Adventure Camp, Quaker Haven  
6/26 Faith & Practice Review "Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm  
7/3-5 Pastors Short Course, Quaker Haven  
7/5-8 Little Friends Camp, Quaker Haven  
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