

Yearly Meeting Sessions July 28-30

Featured Workshop: Clerk Please! (for all presiding clerks, committee clerks, or anyone interested in Friends business methods)

“Clerk Please!” is one of twelve helpful workshops planned for our Indiana Yearly Meeting sessions, July 28-30, at Quaker Haven Camp. Sponsored by the Executive Committee and led by Greg Hinshaw, you will learn the best practices and skills for leading a Quaker business meeting. This is for presiding clerks, M&O clerks, or anyone interested in Quaker business procedure. The workshop will take place at 1:30 pm on Friday.

Back Creek Friends had a great time hosting the fourth annual Back Creek Car Show, June 4, which is held the first Saturday of June each year. Over \$500 was raised to assist local charities.

Bethel Friends recently held their Annual All-Church Retreat at Quaker Haven with fun activities as well as information and worship times. John Key, Maple Run Friends pastor, facilitated discussions concerning local outreach. Brock Szelove, (Quaker Haven staff member) led a Q & A time on understanding Youth and Millennials and having effective ministry with them. The church met with Dewart Lake Friends for Sunday morning worship.

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

Farmland Friends held their 14th Annual Father's Day Car Show with 192 car entries, free food, and a grand time for their church and community.

South Marion Friends will hold 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 with good fellowship. All are welcome.

Wabash Friends held “The Scoop” on June 20 where new attendees to their church were welcomed with a dinner and dessert including a “meet and greet” time with the church staff. Also **Wabash Friends** is again partnering with Oakbrook Church in Kokomo to bring the Global Leadership Summit to their area on August 11 & 12. Join an expected 305,000 people around the world committed to getting better as leaders. Call Wabash Friends Church at 260-563-8452 for more information.

Walnut Ridge Friends will hold their second PraiseFest, Sunday afternoon, July 24 at 5 pm, followed by an Ice Cream Social Fellowship. PraiseFest is a time of worship in music, led by the Holy Spirit, a time to fellowship and refresh. Pastors are invited to meet with Walnut Ridge Friends pastor, Markus Dennis, at 3 pm for an hour of prayer and connection. PraiseFest Choir will also gather at 3 pm for practice. If you or your group feels called to participate in PraiseFest worship, please contact Pastor Markus Dennis (253-381-1358) or Shirley Lukens (metmission@aol.com). Come! Sing! Let's praise God together! Also, **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.

From IYM Treasurer, Max Smith:

We are now at a total of \$ 61,031.61 donations and pledges toward the \$95,000 goal for the 2017 budget fundraising campaign, or 64.2%. Although we have collected about the same amount of dollars as last year at this time, our goal has increased by \$10,000. We need your prayers and your contributions toward filling this nearly \$34,000 gap prior to the ses-

sions in July. At last week's Executive Committee meeting, action was taken to form an ad hoc committee to address this which you will be hearing more about. Thank you to all who have supported this fundraising effort.

To learn about the National Friends Church Multiplications conference view this brief video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OS7xPYKonwM&feature=youtu.be> It will be held at Barclay College in Haviland, Kansas, August 3-5. **Registration Fee** (includes meals, materials, conference expenses, and on-campus housing)

by July 1 - \$125/person
by August 1 - \$145/person
after August 1 - \$175/person

Quakers in Pastoral Care and Counseling will be held at the Quaker Hill Conference Center in Richmond, September 15-18. Stephanie Ford, former professor of Christian Spirituality at ESR, will lead the conference. Registration is now open and you may go to www.qpcc.us for more information.

The Quaker Women in Public Ministry gathering sponsored by New England Yearly Meeting is scheduled for October 21-23 in North Andover, Massachusetts. The event's primary purpose is encouragement and building connections between Quaker women ministers. Detailed information and registration is available at <https://quakerwomeninpublicministry.wordpress.com/>

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Louis Barrett, former IYM pastor, who passed away on June 8. A memorial service will be held 11 am, Saturday, July 2, at the Brown-Butz-Diedring funeral home in Anderson.

Good Morning,

In 2011, a Utah newspaper ran an article about a duck hunter who left his 12-gauge shotgun and dog in the boat as he stepped into a marsh to set up some decoys. Pat Reavy tells the story like this in KSL.com: *According to Kevin Potter, the local sheriff's deputy, that's when the dog did something to make the gun discharge. "Apparently the excited dog jumped on the boat's bow and stepped on the gun. The gun went off, shooting the man in the buttocks" with 27 pellets of birdshot. Deputy Potter wouldn't speculate about the dog's motives for the shooting. Police called the*

incident an accident. "No charges have been filed and the dog still isn't talking.

You'd expect something better from "man's best friend!" How many of us worry that our dog might shoot us? Just as unexpected, though are shots we take from fellow Christians and the resulting wounds that often heal slowly if at all. Have you ever been wounded by a brother or sister in Christ? Or maybe you are the "shooter."

Friends dare to trust God to lead us together. Our business meetings are

meant to be times of corporate discernment of His will. Sadly, at times we forget that and cause damage to unity and relationships. That's probably why in Paul's letter to the Ephesians he wrote, "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." (Eph. 4:3 NIV)

I once heard a devotional based on Nehemiah where the speaker observed that the story included some who were "rabble-rousers" and others who were "rubble-raisers." In your meeting, which describes you? *-Doug Shoemaker*

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

6/28 *Work Group on Pastoral Training, IYM office, 5 pm*
6/30 *Faith & Practice Review Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm*
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*
7/28-30 *Indiana Yearly Meeting Sessions, Quaker Haven*