

2017 Yearly Meeting Preview:

One of the workshops at Indiana Yearly Meeting Sessions will address the weighty issues of Baptism and Communion. Friends have a rich tradition of seeking the presence of the Lord in His fullness as we gather for worship. This workshop, offered on both Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, will allow a discussion on historical understandings of Friends' teachings while wrestling with the question of what place, if any, outward symbols can have in modern Friends worship. Register now for yearly meeting sessions, July 27-29, at Quaker Haven.

Center Friends honored mothers, high school graduates and a college graduate on Mother's Day. They also held a Mother/Daughter Banquet served by the men, enjoying poems, stories, and testimony from a stage-4 cancer survivor plus vocal music accompanied by the playing of a harp. On June 16, Center will hold their annual Father/Son Cookout.

Long Lake Friends hosted Bay County Christian Youth Choir from Panama City, Florida, June 4. This youth choir of 8th-12th graders consists of 40 singers coming from more than 20 churches of different denominations.

Rural Friends has extended a call to **Ray Slick (Debbie)** to serve as their new pastor.

Shirley Friends recently enjoyed worship and a Song Fest along with the music ministry of Chris Rayment.

Wabash Friends does one big fundraising activity each year to help with events such as camp. In mid-July, they will have a food booth at their 4-H Fair. Why not support them if you are attending this fair.

Michael Gerrish, a long-standing member of Walnut Ridge Friends, was recently honored with the award of "Distinguished Hoosier" by Governor Eric Holcomb.

From IYM Treasurer, Max Smith: Praise the Lord for donations during May toward the 2018 budget fundraising campaign. We now stand at a total \$75,748.65 in donations and pledges which is 74.3% of the \$102,000 goal. The Fundraising Ad Hoc Committee is working hard to get the campaign wrapped up prior to the sessions in July. If you have yet to pledge or donate, please prayerfully consider your participation, or if you are led to make an additional donation, that would be wonderful. We are truly grateful for all of you who have joined

together in this effort to continue the work of IYM.

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 out your faith.

Summer Camp at Quaker Haven is



nearly here! The packing list information, etc. can be found at the ghcyouthprogramming.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 with Doug Shoemaker, Rob Schwarze, Dave Phillips, and Gary Wright serving as speakers. Christopher Cox will lead worship and several great workshops will be presented. Programs for youth and children are planned so the whole family can enjoy this annual event. Please encourage your pastor to attend!

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 or 260-571-1574.

The Communicator will be published every other Tuesday through July. Please send us information about what's happening in your meeting!

Friends Ministry Training, a new program offered by Barclay College and

IYM, started last January 30. IYM students began this learning adventure with Barclay's free (and required) Orientation to Online Learning class. For some, re-entering college may be daunting. A question asked was, "What fear did you have about doing Barclay's FMT and how was it resolved once you started?" Pastor Bob Lines of Kennard and Cadiz Friends responded, "My initial fear was whether or not I had the mental capacity to do the college-level work, as my last college course was in 1977. There was trepidation about having the time to complete the reading and writing each week. Lastly, I wondered about the logistics of communicating with the professor and classmates. But all my fears were alleviated as I realized this "old dog could be taught new tricks." I managed to complete all my assignments without any problem, all the while working a full-time job and fulfilling my part-time pastoral duties. The logistics worked out fine, as the interaction with the class was a matter of reading what others posted and then responding.

An extension for the FUM Triennial regular registration fee date has been changed to June 15. The cost is \$210, after that date it will be \$275. The Triennial will be held in Wichita, Kansas, July 12-16, and they are offering the Stewards Program for young adults (ages 18-27). Meetings are asked to identify young adults who are showing interest in the Friends movement, have leadership potential, and could gain significant benefit from participating in leadership opportunities during the conference.

Bob & Hope Carter, Friends missionaries in Kenya with SIM, will be in the states from mid-July through December. They expect to be based in central Indiana until early/mid-September, then move to Siloam Missionary Homes in Snow Camp, NC until around mid-November. After that they will return to Indiana until departing again for Kenya. A few weekends have already been booked. If you would like to schedule them for a visit, please e-mail as early as possible. bob.carter@sim.org

All interested in Indiana USFW please send your contact information to indianausfw@gmail.com or Attn: Andrea Long in care of Jericho Friends or the IYM office.

Good Morning!

“What can we do to make our church grow?” If I were to compile a list of “Frequently Asked Questions,” I’ve fielded over the past decade this one – or some variation of it – would top the list. This morning I’d like to respond to the question, but like Jesus, I’m going to respond to it with some questions of my own.

1. How often do you pray by name for unbelievers to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ?

2. When was the last time you shed a tear while praying for someone’s salvation?

3. Who are the unchurched friends with whom you have intentionally cultivated relationships?

4. And how often is the name of Jesus mentioned in a normal meeting for worship at your church (count them).

5. Does your church have small groups or classes where the Bible is taught?

6. Are sermons based on the Bible?

7. Are worship services marked by a deep sense of God’s presence resulting in a sense of awe?

8. How would the Sunday morning routine at your church look through the eyes of someone who has never attended a Christian worship service?

9. Is your congregation ready to

embrace the chaos and conflict that accompanies church growth?

10. And do you personally have time and energy to devote to messy lives in need of forgiveness, deliverance, emotional healing, and discipleship?

The purpose of Indiana Yearly Meeting is to create environments that empower churches and individual to be disciples of Jesus Christ, and to make disciples of Jesus Christ. We want to help your church experience climate change that results in discipleship!

-Doug Shoemaker

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

6/9-11 *Live Your Life Camp, Quaker Haven*

6/11-16 *Jr High Camp, Quaker Haven*

6/12 *Ad Hoc Fundraising Committee, IYM office, 9:30 am*

6/16-18 *Beginner Camp, Quaker Haven*

6/18-23 *Sr High 1 Camp, Quaker Haven*

6/19 *Investment Board, Muncie Red Lobster, 11 am*

6/24 *“Stewardship Investing” workshop, Back Creek Friends, 10 am*

6/24 *“Stewardship Investing” workshop, West River Friends, 10 am & 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*