

Committee Day

Sat, March 4, 9 am, Upland Friends

2017 Yearly Meeting Preview:

What a time in Indiana Yearly Meeting to gather! We have more happening in our yearly meeting than ever before with camping programs, mission trips, and general health in our churches. There is more unity in our yearly meeting than we have experienced in this current generation, whether you are 6 or 96. This is a great time to worship the Lord together. Our speaker this year is Mark Wright, born in IYM and his father was a pastor in Indiana Yearly Meeting. We have Drew and Nikki Drage from Lynn Friends to lead us in worship. Our times of worship are going to be truly that—worship filled. We want you to join us in the excitement of a generation, as we celebrate in “Show us Your Glory!”, July 27-29 at Quaker Haven.

Bear Creek Friends recently collected a love offering to present to Vernon and Joan Huffman. The gift will fund a retirement trip to Washington State, the only state that the Huffman’s have not previously visited.

Knightstown Friends Family Ministries Committee will visit Iglesias Amigos, March 26, and will work with the youth of that meeting. Also, attenders from the church will take a mission trip to the Mesquakie Center in Iowa, March 27-April 2.

Wabash Friends will send a team to Kenya the first week of June to assist in an eye camp at Kaptama Health Center.

Walnut Ridge Friends recently hosted a Praise Fest with a full house with the following Friends churches represented: Cadiz, Hinkle Creek, Kennard, Little Blue River, Raysville, Walnut Ridge, Westland, and White River.

Westfield Friends will welcome members of Danville Friends, March 12, as they prepare to become members of Indiana Yearly Meeting. Also, the meeting’s men will attend a one-day retreat in Terre Haute, March 4, “Iron Sharpens Iron.” This will be a time of inspiring worship, workshops, and fellowship and a great way to begin the Lenten season.

IYM Sunday will be observed in churches across Indiana Yearly Meeting on March 12, with a few congregations holding their observance on a later date. Packets of information

were mailed to pastors and M&O clerks to help each meeting prepare for this special day, including a link to a six-minute video introducing the value of IYM. Bulletin insert samples were also mailed. Contact the IYM office to order free quantities of the bulletin insert if desired.

“**A Vision for Multiplication**” is the theme for a one-day Pastors’ Summit scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, at Knightstown Friends Church. Pastors (and spouses) are invited to come and enjoy presentations by Bob Vajko, an international church planting consultant. Registration is \$10 per person and lunch will be provided. Advance reservations by noon March 13 are requested to the IYM office at iyminfo.org or 800-292-5238.

Pat Byers is in Kansas this week where he spoke at the Barclay College chapel on February 28.

From IYM Treasurer, Max Smith: Our Fundraising campaign for the 2018 budget now stands at \$31,928.34 of donations and pledges equaling 31.3% of the \$102,000 goal. Please continue to pray for how you and your meeting can engage with all of IYM to successfully fund the 2018 budget and how to participate in the upcoming IYM Sunday effort.



CE Spotlight: Be sure and check the Youth Ministries tab at IYM.org for the dates of the camp you or your child will be attending this summer. We have moved a few of the camp dates from previous summers due to the FUM Triennial that many will be attending. Also, anyone interested in getting a sample of some **teen curriculum** written by Garrett Howell’s Awaken Ministries can follow the link below. If you like what is there, you can get in touch with Garrett through his website awakenministries.net to find out how to get more material they have produced. <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/0kpachkuikpe5bd/AAAKTQGuEE8BFthRczQpd0rVa?dl=0>

Shaping the Future 2.0 sessions will be held at 3 pm at Sycamore and Walnut Ridge Friends on March 19, and at Farm-land and Marion First Friends on April 2. These regional gatherings, sponsored by

the IYM Executive Committee, will allow opportunity for us to discern together our yearly meeting’s role in Friends United Meeting (FUM). All Friends are invited to take part in one of these sessions. Your participation in this process is requested and will be highly valued.

Representative Council will be held Saturday morning, April 22, at Kennard Friends beginning at 9:30 am. Each church is asked to send your representative(s), but other interested Friends are also welcome to attend.

Kaleo Academy is a new Friends Leadership Development program beginning this year for high school students. We do not have any applicants from IYM yet and we’d love to have some young leaders from this Yearly Meeting beginning the process of exploring God’s call into leadership. We have a deadline quickly approaching. The price for this program will increase after March 1. Check out more information at: <http://www.barclaycollege.edu/kaleo/> or contact Kaleo’s Program Manager Katy Moran at: 317-450-4712 or katy.moran@barclaycollege.edu

Quaker Haven Family Sap Run & Walk, March 11

Bring your family and enjoy the outdoors and have a delicious pancake breakfast.

Friends United Meeting Triennial early-bird registration deadline is March 31 (save \$30). Make plans now to gather with Quakers from all over the world in Wichita, Kansas, July 12-16, on the Friends University campus for fellowship, learning, and service. To reserve your place now go to <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1877598>. If you cannot travel to Wichita, FUM mission speakers can travel to you! Multiple field staff will be traveling in the ministry and raising support among North American Friends through the late spring and summer. If you would like one of the mission speakers to come visit your church, either before or after Triennial, please contact Eden Grace at edeng@fum.org. FUM will handle all the logistical aspects of their visit, so your offering will go directly toward supporting the work of your visiting field staff member.

Good Morning!

Elizabeth Charles Gomes wrote in *Today's Christian Woman*: My cousin's daughter, Kathy, usually stays in children's church on Sunday mornings, but one Sunday she went with her parents to the regular adult service. When Communion was served, she turned to her mother and whispered loudly, "The snack in children's church is much better. And we get a lot more juice." This story likely didn't come from a Friends church since we do "communion" differently than most denominations.

Recently I was up early on a Sunday morning and found myself excitedly

looking forward to attending worship later that day. I think what I was really anticipating was "communion." Actually, I was already enjoying a great time of communion alone with God, but the anticipation of experiencing it with a group of brothers and sisters in Christ unexpectedly bubbled up from somewhere deep inside.

I wonder how it must have felt to be part of that Passover meal Jesus shared with his disciples just hours before his crucifixion. I can visualize Jesus breaking the bread, handing me a piece and saying something about

the next time we do this. What a powerful moment! And when I gather with 21st century disciples, Jesus is every bit as present with us as He was with the twelve years ago.

I find myself moved as my pastor, or someone speaking out of the silence, breaks the Bread of Life from the Bible and shares it with those of us gathered together. And I can't wait until next time.

Do you experience frequent communion with Jesus? Is worship in your church a time of deep communion? Don't settle for less!

-Doug Shoemaker

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

3/04 *Committee Day, Upland Friends, 9 am*
3/12 *IYM Sunday*
3/13 *Program Committee Conference Call, 6:30 pm*
3/14 *Pastors' Summit, Knightstown Friends, 10 am*
3/19 *Shaping the Future 2.0, Sycamore Friends, 3 pm*
3/19 *Shaping the Future 2.0, Walnut Ridge Friends, 3 pm*
3/20 *Executive Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm*
3/27 *Nominating Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm*
4/02 *Shaping the Future 2.0, Farmland Friends, 3 pm*
4/02 *Shaping the Future 2.0, Marion First Friends, 3 pm*
4/20 *Bicentennial Committee, IYM office, 6 pm*
4/22 *Representative Council, Kennard Friends, 9:30 am*
4/23 *Iglesia Amigos Process Committee, 3 pm at Iglesia Amigos*

Make a note!
Daylight Savings Time
begins at 2:00 am
on Sunday,
March 12.
Remember, we
will "spring"
forward.