

**Rob Clark** will conclude his service as pastor at Liberty Friends where he has served for 16 years.

**Drew Drage** has announced his resignation as Associate Pastor of Lynn Friends.

**Bear Creek Friends** will host special services led by Paul Hamrick on Sunday, March 29, at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm, and on Monday, March 30, at 7:00 pm. All IYM Friends are invited.

**Cadiz Friends'** recent chili cook-off raised \$686 to support youth and children from their church and community to attend camps at Quaker Haven.

**Center Friends** recently held their annual Valentine's Party and Spaghetti dinner (a fund raiser) with fun, fellowship, and games. Since February of 2014, they have been collecting coins and have reached \$10,000+, praising God for all those who gave. March 15, Center had "Recovery Sunday" with testimonies given by those who have had past addictions, and also had music by "The Prodigals" followed by a meal. April 5, Center Friends will have a "Son Rise" service followed by a breakfast and regular services.

**Knightstown Friends** will hold Quaker History sessions with Greg Hinshaw speaking, April 15, 22, and 29.

**Lynn Friends** has scheduled a School Workers Appreciation Day for March 29. Each educator/school worker attending will receive a gift, and a carry-in lunch will be provided by the church.

**Shirley Friends** will join six other churches for a community Good Friday service, April 3, 6:30 pm at the Wilkinson Church of Christ. You are invited.

**Sycamore Friends** will host the Tri-County Quarterly Meeting, Sunday, March 22, with a meal at 5:30 followed by Assistant Superintendent Pat Byers speaking.

**Wabash Friends** is having an impact in Africa. A team on Mt. Elgon is actively involved in mission work to reach the Sabaoth people for Jesus through the Quaker church. Two motorcycles have been delivered by John Muhajji. Jeremiah Kehenzi Akoto wrote: "On behalf of the mission I say thank you our brothers and sisters from Wabash Friends for assisting the mission work on the mountain. Once again God bless you." (*A percentage of the grant from Wabash Friends was raised by the new churches on Mt. Elgon.*)

**Westfield Friends** will host Jonatan Pinto, a graduate of Guatemalan National

Conservatory of Music and son of Friends' pastors, in concert, Saturday, March 21 at 5 pm. A Mexican meal will be provided by the sponsors, **Iglesia Amigos**. A free will offering will be received.

**Pat Byers** will travel to Spring Arbor University in Michigan on March 23 to network with potential pastoral candidates. **Doug Shoemaker** will make a similar trip to Barclay College in Kansas on March 24 where he will also be speaking in their chapel service.

**From IYM Treasurer, Max Smith:** We continue to gain on our goal of \$85,000 to fund the 2016 budget standing at \$52,550 which is almost 62%. Please continue to pray how you and your meeting can assist in this effort to fund the budget allowing IYM to continue its many programs and projects. Praise God for all of the support we have received. Assessments the first two months of 2015 have been coming in almost on track on a monthly basis. As of the end of February, we had received 15.44% for the YTD with 16.67% of the year behind us. Thank you to all the meetings paying monthly and especially for those 8 meetings who have paid their total assessments for the year.

**Live Your Life Young Adult Camp:** There are lots of you who have recently 'graduated' from camping programs at Quaker Haven who would love to continue to be a camper. Well, now it's possible! June 5-7, IYM is presenting the Live Your Life Young Adult Camp targeting (but not limited to) 16-25 year olds. Cost is \$50! We will have ample time to relax, reconnect with God and with others, and soak in the camp atmosphere. Registration information can be found on the camp page at [iym.org](http://iym.org) or at [quakerhaven.com](http://quakerhaven.com).

**Teen Ambassadors Reunion!** Those attending yearly meeting sessions in 1965 experienced a powerful move of God's Spirit that's still being felt today. One of the ministries birthed at yearly meeting that year was the Teen Ambassadors, a group of young people who travelled widely singing across IYM. All former Teen Ambassadors are invited to yearly meeting sessions 2015 for a 50-year reunion. Friends from across the yearly meeting are encouraged to attend the Feast of Faith, the Saturday evening banquet scheduled for July 25 at Quaker Haven, where the Teen Ambassadors will be presenting a reunion concert.

**Johan Maurer**, former Executive Secretary of FUM recently visited the IYM office and sends greetings. He and his wife Judy are serving God in Russia and would be grateful for any support from Friends in IYM. For more information go to [www.nwgfriends.org/maurers](http://www.nwgfriends.org/maurers).

**Representative Council** will be held at the Chapel of White's Residential & Family Services on April 11, beginning at 9:30 am. We hope every meeting will be represented as we hear encouraging reports of how God is at work in IYM.

**Quarterly Meetings** – what do you think about Quarterly Meetings in IYM? If you are a member of an IYM congregation please follow this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5LKMPHV> to answer a brief six-question survey. We would highly value your insights and opinions.

**Does your church have a newsletter** or regular announcements distributed by email? The IYM office would love to be on your mailing list! The *Communicator* is normally published every other week and we would like to share what God is doing in your meeting.

**March 28 – April 25 are the dates for the next Barclay College Advantage course** being offered at Brandywine Community Church in Greenfield. It is titled "Models of Conflict Management: Philippians and Acts" This Barclay course presents Biblical models of conflict resolution. Philippians presents Paul's theology of conflict management and Acts the historical record. We also work through the methods presented in Ken Sande's PeaceMaker material. If you have every considered completing your degree, or know someone who desires to have a degree in Christian Ministry Leadership, come experience this class. For more details contact Carol Wright ([carol@iym.org](mailto:carol@iym.org)) 317-513-9052.

**Clerks of Ministry and Oversight:** look for mail concerning an opportunity for your meeting to explore some possibilities for your pastor's support. MEI (Ministerial Excellence Initiative) wants to present some options before the calendar of 2015 wraps up. For more details contact Carol Wright ([carol@iym.org](mailto:carol@iym.org)) 317-513-9052.

Good Morning!

*This is the 7th of a series of letters I'm writing to George Fox, the founder of Quakerism.*

*In a classic Leadership cartoon by Mary Chambers, two couples are seated in a living room engaged in Bible study. One of the women is speaking. "Well," she says, "I haven't actually died to sin, but I did feel kind of faint once."*

Dear George,

One thing I respect about you is that you were a man with convictions. You believed that it wasn't only possible to

live in the same state that Adam and Eve enjoyed before "the fall," you saw that as the standard for all Christians. You faithfully called men and women to lives of holiness decades before holiness preacher John Wesley was even born. You took issue with those who suggested that we could never overcome sin in this life and labeled preachers who taught this as those who "pled for sin."

Some folks probably regarded you as peculiar, but according to 1 Peter 2:9 that's more compliment than insult. When you read Jesus' admoni-

tion to "swear not at all" you got this peculiar idea that it meant you were to "swear not at all." You could have avoided a lot of jail time if you had been willing to compromise on that point. But that's just what impresses me. In fact I feel sheepish as I think of all the times I've compromised convictions just to avoid standing out or making waves. You showed us what it looks like to die to sin, no matter what the cost. Compromisers seldom get persecuted, but seldom accomplish much for the Kingdom of God either. -Doug Shoemaker

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### IYM Upcoming Calendar

3/22 *Tri-County Quarterly Meeting, Sycamore Friends, 5:30 pm*  
3/30 *Program Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm*  
3/31 *Area Pastors Meeting, Van Wert First Friends, 10:30 am*  
3/31 *Trustees, IYM office, 6:30 pm*  
4/11 *Representative Council, White's, 9:30 am*  
4/16 *Nominating Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm*  
4/28 *Pastors Summitt, Anderson First Friends, 7 pm*

**Evangelism & Outreach of IYM** announces that they have financial aid available for churches who send campers to Quaker Haven this summer if the church nor the camper can pay the fee.

**FWCC (Friends World Committee on Consultation)** invites yearly meetings to appoint representatives to participate in FWCC gatherings regionally and globally. Please contact Doug at the yearly meeting office if you are interested in serving as an IYM representative to FWCC.