

*IYM Sessions, July 23-26, at Quaker Haven, will feature some of our own great pastors serving as our speakers. Alex Falder, lead pastor at Wabash Friends, will speak on Thursday night, July 23. Brock Meyer, pastor of Fairmount Friends, will speak on Friday night, July 24, and the Sunday morning speakers will be Dan and Cara Burnham, pastors at Dewart Lake Community Friends. A recording service is planned for Saturday afternoon where Doug Shoemaker will bring the message.*

**Shirley Friends** recently had a short dedication service for new windows that were installed in their sanctuary, completing a project that was started earlier. We thank God for blessing this congregation!

**Sycamore Friends** sent a generous donation to the IYM 2016 budget in December and have also planned an ongoing fundraiser this spring with proceeds designated for IYM. Further, they plan to pay their 2016 assessment at the \$75 per member rate in 2016 instead of using the new formula.

**IYM Sundays** have been held by several meetings. Many have forwarded special offerings or contributions for the 2016 budget, some prior to scheduling an IYM Sunday. Thank you to Anderson First, Bear Creek, Bethel, Farmland, Friends Chapel, Hemlock, Mooreland, Peaceful Valley, Portland, Shirley, South Marion, Spencerville, Sycamore, Vermillion, Wabash, Walnut Ridge, West River, Westfield, and White River. Future IYM Sundays are being planned at Bethel, Dewart Lake, Knightstown, Little Blue River, Maple Run, Marion First, and Sycamore.

**IYM Committee Day** is scheduled for March 7 at Upland Friends beginning at 9 am. God is doing great work through our committees! The morning will include a joint meeting of the Trustees and Stewardship & Finance Committee. Committees will be submitting their 2016 budget requests.

**Don't forget some previously announced events:**

- **Cadiz Friends** will hold a Chili Cook-off, Saturday, March 14, 5-6:30 pm to raise funds to send their youth to Quaker Haven this summer.
- **Quaker Haven Sap Run** will be held March 14. Funds raised by this event support youth ministries at Quaker Haven. For more information and registration go to <http://quakerhaven.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/2015-saprun-regist.pdf>.
- **Friends Disaster Service work week** will be March 15-20. For more information, please contact Don Wimmer, 765-384-7429, [dwimmer@comteck.com](mailto:dwimmer@comteck.com) or Eldon Studer, 812-879-4236, [Eldon.studer@yahoo.com](mailto:Eldon.studer@yahoo.com).
- **Iglesia Amigos Meeting** will present pianist Jonatan Pinto in concert at **Westfield Friends**, Saturday, March 21, 5 pm. A Mexican dinner will be served, and a free will donation will be accepted to benefit Iglesia Amigos.
- **Tri-County Quarterly Meeting** will meet, March 22, at Sycamore Friends. There will be a meal at 5:30 and worship/program at 6:30 pm. Newly appointed IYM Assistant Superintendent Pat Byers will be the speaker for the evening.
- **Spring Break Family Work Retreat,** March 25-April 1, at Quaker Haven. Can you help? Food and lodging are provided.
- **The deadline to apply for the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program** is April 15. Details are now available at <http://www.cpx.cts.edu/renewal/news/2014/10/29/details-for-the-2015-lilly-endowment-clergy-renewal-programs-are-now-available#sthash.mEdlbezK.dpuf>
- **Dave Phillips and Paul Cochran** will facilitate Focused Living Workshops at **Farmland Friends**,

April 17, 18, and 25. The cost is \$35 per person which includes a workbook and supplies.

- **IYM Pastors Summit** is scheduled for April 28, 7 pm, at **Anderson First Friends**. Pastors are invited to bring their whole leadership team. "How to be Better Missionaries to Your Community" is the theme. There will be no charge for this event, but pre-registration is requested.

**From IYM Treasurer, Max Smith:** As the IYM Sundays are wrapping up, it is such a blessing to see funds coming in and the interest of folks wishing to learn more about IYM, what it has to offer meetings and members. We currently have pledged and donated funds totaling \$51,763, 61% of the \$85,000 goal needed to fully fund the 2016 budget. As the Stewardship and Finance committee meets on Committee day, March 7, please pray they will have clarity on how to proceed in forming the budget for Representative Council presentation in April, and please pray that the funds will be available to carry forth IYM's mission.

**Books available to you:** Byron Dealey, pastor at Portland Friends, has commentaries, Bible study books, children and youth books (over 60 and mainly by Group publishing), counseling books, etc. in practically new condition and at a very reasonable price. Contact Byron at [bmd68@hotmail.com](mailto:bmd68@hotmail.com).

**"Stoking the Fire,"** a Friends United Meeting program, will be held May 22-25 in Milford, Ohio. Registration is limited to 85 so get in on the early bird discount which ends March 15. Go to <http://fum.org/stoking-the-fire-2015> the get all the details of this special gathering in the power of Christ.

**"... You are a shield around me,  
O Lord, my Glorious One,  
who lifts up my head." Ps 3:3**

Good Morning!

*This is the 6th of a series of letters I'm writing to George Fox, the founder of Quakerism.*

Dear George,

I can't imagine how it must have felt to live in 17th century England; just as it would have been difficult for you to fathom what life in 21st century America would be like. There are a few things that would be similar, however. We've been experiencing a growing dissatisfaction with the church in our day, a trend that concerns many of us. An increasing number of people identify their religious affiliation as

"none" and even more alarming, many are regarding themselves as "done," giving up on the church altogether.

The Millennial Generation, those born between the early 1980s and early 2000s, are leaving the church in droves. Young adults in their 20s seem disinterested, disenfranchised, and disillusioned with the church, resulting in many being disconnected.

You understand that perfectly, don't you? In your early 20s you had apparently given up on the church, too. I wonder how your parents felt after you were "done" with the church, seemingly doing your own

thing instead of being a faithful attendee. I wonder if the older generation was lamenting your lack of church attendance, assuming the problem was with you, not with the church? But it was in that context, when all your hopes in clergymen and organized religion were gone, that you heard the voice saying, "There is one, even Christ Jesus that can speak to thy condition." I wish you were here today because there's a whole generation looking for the same Jesus you found, even when you were "done." -Doug Shoemaker

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### IYM Upcoming Calendar

3/7 Committee Day, Upland Friends, 9 am  
3/9 Executive Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm  
3/10 Area Pastors Meeting, Cadiz Friends, 8:30 am  
3/12 Nominating Committee, IYM office, 6 pm  
3/16 Work Group on Pastoral Ministry, IYM office, 6 pm  
3/18 Area Pastors Meeting, Maple Run Friends, 8:30 am  
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