

Communicator

2017 Yearly Meeting Preview:

A presence in the midst — perhaps the best way of describing the prevailing Spirit at IYM sessions last year. If you were in attendance, perhaps you felt the warming sense of the Holy Spirit in times of worship, fellowship, and business. That presence might be described as the kindling for a coming revival. As preparations are being made for IYM's 2017 annual sessions, there is an expectation — a pregnancy if you will, a fervent hope that the seeds of revival that were planted last year will grow into a full bloom. As we invite the presence of God into our worship and business again, we invite you to come and see what our mighty God is doing among Friends.

Center Friends was blessed to have Zach Kennedy hold three revival services, and to have his wife and two children with him. Pastor Duane Cox and their Praise Team held a special service for the residents at Covington Care Center, and on May 14 the meeting will honor mothers and four high school graduates. May 18 they will hold their Mother/Daughter Banquet. Recently, Brian Bittorf from Center gave a talk on the Creation Museum.

Friends at Hemlock were treated to a wonderful Easter Breakfast served by their pastor and wife, Rob and Brenda Schwarzee. It was a great morning, celebrating their church family and their Lord's resurrection. It was followed by a wonderful Easter worship service, with several guests in attendance.

Iglesia Amigos would like to thank folks from IYM for joining them in prayer for one of their mothers who was facing deportation. God answered those prayers! She was given one more year at her immigration check-in on May 3. Thank you for interceding on her behalf. Also, Iglesia Amigos Meeting is looking for IYM churches who would partner with them in a Sunday evening Kids' Ministry this summer. If you can help, please contact Katy Moran at 317-450-4712 or pastor.katy.moran@gmail.com.

2018 Fundraising: Thank you to the many churches and individuals who have already contributed to our 2018 budget. We have received just over \$66,000 in cash and pledges, leaving \$36,000 remaining to reach our goal.



CE News: In order to save \$50 on your camp registration, be sure and register yourself or your child by May 31. To register, go to qheyouthprogramming.com and follow the prompts. If you have registered a camper on your profile in the last year (camp last year, Fall Impact or Winter Sneak), the system will have all your information. All you will need to do is update anything that has changed! Pretty colo... right? Contact Pat Byers or Brock Sizelove if you have any questions.

Camp Scholarships: Please do not let funding be a reason for kids to not attend summer camp. There are scholarship funds available. If you know of students who would like to attend, and church funding will not cover the registrations, please contact Pat Byers for a Quaker Haven Scholarship application.

Update: Beginners Camp has been changed to June 16-18. The date in the IYM Minute Book list is at another date, so take note.

Quaker Haven will have cleanup/fixup Saturdays, May 20 & 27. Why not get a group together and enjoy a meal and a day of improving the camp. Make contact at info@quakerhaven.com.

Yearly Meeting brochures are at the printers and should be mailed to your church next week. A promo video for the 2017 sessions can be found on the yearly meeting website, www.iym.org.

Committee Day

Tuesday, May 16, 6:30 pm

Upland Friends

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Missions

Peace & Christian Social Concerns

Stewardship & Finance

will all hold regular meetings.

Friends Ministry Training, the new program offered by Barclay College and IYM, started on January 30, 2017. IYM students began this learning adventure with Barclay's free (and required) Orientation to Online Learning class. Immediately after those two weeks, four brave souls began the Old Testament Survey with Paul Cochrane as instructor. For some re-entering college was daunting. However, fear of the online learning method disappeared after a week or two. The blessings of studying the Bible together became more evident every day. Long-standing questions got answered. New understandings were discovered. Most of all, deep fellowship between students and with the teacher made the entire experience a joy. With the completion of the Old Testament Survey, David Phillips opened his Introduction to Pastoral Ministry class. Again, rich sharing on practical foundations for pastoral work empowered the heart and mind of every student.

Colin Saxton, General Secretary of Friends United Meeting, has announced that his service with FUM will conclude by June 30, 2018. We are grateful for the excellent leadership he has provided and wish him well as he returns to the Northwest where his family will get to see him much more often. A search for a new General Secretary is being organized.

Good Morning!

Last year *The Telegraph*, a United Kingdom news source, published a list of "20 awful Mother's Day cards that you absolutely should not buy." Some samples include the following:

* Mom, thanks for always checking up on me (with a picture of a cell phone with 24 unanswered calls from "Mom").

* Well I guess this Mother's Day card is late. Looks like someone wasn't raised properly.

* I'm awesome. You're welcome. To the luckiest Mom ever.

* Mom I love you loads. (A picture of a

laundry basket overflowing with clothes.) Speaking of loads ... can you do my laundry?

My mother left this world for a better one just days before Christmas in 1995. I was blessed to have a good mother who loved me, loved my dad, and loved Jesus. I took this for granted for much of my life, only later realizing what a rare treasure it was to have had such a parent. I don't know how many times her influence and prayers saved me from wrecking my life. I think of her when I read

Isaiah 51:1-2, "...Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn; look to Abraham, your father; and to Sarah, who gave you birth..."

I'm also reminded of spiritual ancestors from the first century that we read about in the book of Acts, and those from the 17th century that we read about in Quaker history. Let's live up to their examples, remembering the quarry from which we've been hewn!

-Doug Shoemaker

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

05/16 *Committee Day, Upland Friends, 6:30 pm*

05/30 *Trustees, IYM office, 6:30 pm*

06/05 *Executive Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm*

06/12 *Ad Hoc Fundraising Committee, IYM office, 9:30 am*

06/19 *Investment Board, Muncie Red Lobster, 11 am*

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