

Yearly Meeting Sessions, July 23-26 Workshops at 2015 Yearly Meeting:

Friday

Estate Planning Basics by Craig Foor
(Financial Advisor with Everence)

A Glimpse into Midwestern Quaker

History by Greg Hinshaw

(former IYM Presiding Clerk)

Who Stole my Church? by Scott Miller

(Senior Pastor of Lynn Friends)

Saturday

Young Adult Perspectives by Pat Byers

(IYM Assistant Superintendent)

Nature Walk by Kevin Lipsey

(Quaker Haven Program & Event Director)

Center Friends reports that their revival with Paul Hamrick went very well, and that they held their annual Mother/Daughter Banquet with a carry-in dinner.

Farmland Friends will host its 13th Annual Father's Day Cruise-In/Car Show, June 21, 1-4 pm (rain or shine). Admission/registration of a show vehicle is FREE as well as hot dogs and soft drinks. There is a fenced playground on the site. For more information or to register a vehicle please visit:

www.farmlandfriends.org or call (765) 468-6485 or (765) 212-1118.

Hinkle Creek Friends announces that three of their congregation recently earned degrees including Heather Ramey (Master's), Nick Griffith (Master's), and Jacob Isaacs (Doctor's). Earlier, Marianne Isaacs earned her Master's Degree. Congratulations to all of you!

Marion Quarterly Meeting has planned a "fun day" at Play Acres Park in Fairmount on June 13, from 10 am -4 pm. Games will include plinko, corn hole, croquet, and three-legged races, plus there will be inflatables, a hay ride and food. For worship they will sing familiar gospel songs, led by Alissa Meyer, and a message by Brock Meyer.

From IYM Treasurer, Max Smith: We continue to receive donations toward the 2016 budget with a total of pledges and paid donations of \$58,133.78, 68.4% of the \$85,000 goal. Please continue to pray for God's leading as to IYM meet-

ing our budget needs for 2016 prior to our IYM sessions in July. Thank you to all who have generously donated to the 2016 budget.

Pastors and Recorded Ministers

are asked to complete an annual report and submit it to the IYM office by June 15. Report forms can be downloaded from www.iym.org.

June 1 is approaching. It's time to submit your application for a MEI matching grant for your pastor.

Go to iym.org, click on the Ministerial Excellence Initiative on the right column, then click on Meeting Application. If you are submitting an application make sure to read the additional information we need from your meeting on the application (budget for the current year or a balance sheet). You have the opportunity to support your pastor with up to \$2,500 matching monies to be used for retirement, education, education debt reduction, health insurance, health savings, sabbatical support, or emergency needs. The final application deadline is October 1, 2015. The MEI will be ending December 31, 2015, for more details contact Carol Wright (carol@iym.org) 317-513-9052.

The IYM CE Committee, in an attempt to make the camp experience go beyond the five days of a camp week, is making *three lessons* of Pre-Camp Curriculum available that will help youth leaders get kids prepared spiritually for a life-changing time at camp. Go to the Youth Ministries tab at iym.org to get it!

You may find the IYM brochure and registration form on line at www.iym.org/yearlymeeting.

TransforMissional Coaching Training will be held May 22, 8:30 am-5 pm at "The Landing," 18 W South Street, (across from fire department) Greenfield, IN. Dr. Tim Roehl,

trainer coach and author, will lead the training. Cost is \$40. Register at: gwright@worldrenewal.org or call 317-467-9899.

Kickapoo Friends Center Report:

Directors Brad and Christine Wood thank you so much for praying for and supporting their ministry at Kickapoo. Easter Sunday their church was full, volunteers have made improvements at the center, and they have finished their first session with the Work Training Program where the youth enjoy working in the wood working shop. Please pray for their need of teachers and adult church leadership.

Friends United Meeting 2015

Summer Mission Project is "A Place to Play." The Amari Play Center has become an important Christian presence within the Amari Refugee Camp and the project will allow the outdoor playground to be repaired, renovated, and resurfaced.

We are a congregation looking for help with...How would you complete this sentence? What are your congregation's challenges? Do you want help with technology, building issues, financial matters, conflict resolution? The Congregational Resource Guide (CRG) can give you a list of top-notch resources related to your topic of choice. A short explanation is provided about each of those resources so your research time is greatly abbreviated. You can search, save, and discuss your findings on this interactive web application. Give it a try at <http://thecrg.org>.

Our Sympathy

Hazel Oakes, mother of Little Blue River Friends pastor, David Oakes, passed away this week. Her funeral will be May 23, 11 am at Wilkinson Church of Christ. The calling will be May 22, 4-7 pm at Condo and Son Funeral Home in Wilkinson, IN.

Good Morning!
This is the 10th of a series of letters I'm writing to George Fox, the founder of Quakerism.

Dear George,

This morning I read someone's suggestion that, "For every Quaker, there exists an equal and opposite Quaker." Sadly, that observation may be more accurate than you or I would care to admit. One reason there are different kinds of Quakers today has much to do with how Friends have regarded Scripture over time. For some, personal leadings and inward impressions, often regarded as continuing revelation, have

come to carry more weight than Scripture itself. I'm sure you can't fathom Friends tolerating such a mindset.

At times early Friends were criticized for not quoting chapter and verse from the Bible in their teachings, but that didn't mean they neglected its instruction. It seemed like they breathed Scripture. I was impressed to read in your Journal that there were times you carried your Bible with you. You had harsh words of rebuke for some who "undervalued the Scriptures of Truth" or referred to them as a "temporal word." It was

common for you to challenge opponents of Quakerism to prove their points according to Scripture.

I especially appreciate these words written in your Journal, "Yet I had no slight esteem of the holy Scriptures. They were very precious to me; for I was in that Spirit by which they were given forth; and what the Lord opened in me I afterwards found was agreeable to them."

Thanks for highly valuing the Bible and its teachings. Your experience of the Spirit of God naturally led you to value the Scriptures that were inspired, breathed, by the same Spirit.

-Doug Shoemaker

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

5/28 Program Committee Conference Call, 7 pm
6/1 Executive Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm
6/9 MEI Steering Committee, IYM office, 4:30 pm
6/11 F&P Review Committee Meeting, IYM office, 6:30 pm
6/15 Work Group on Pastoral Training, IYM office, 5 pm
6/15 Recording Committee, IYM office, 7 pm
6/22 Investment Board, Muncie Red Lobster, 11 am
6/30 Trustees, IYM office, 6:30 pm

"Stoking the Fire," a Friends United Meeting program, will be held May 22-25 in Milford, Ohio. Go to <http://fum.org/stoking-the-fire-2015> to get all the details of this special gathering in the power of Christ.