

IYM Preview: Registrations are coming in for yearly meeting sessions, July 26-28 at Quaker Haven. Lodging fills up quickly, so we encourage you to register early. We have also reserved a block of rooms at Brook Pointe Inn for additional lodging options. You may contact Brook Pointe (10 minutes away) directly at 574-457-4466. This year's noon missions luncheon on Saturday will feature Mac & Bernie McDonald, directors of the Mesquakie Friends Center in Iowa. Don't miss this great chance to hear first-hand what God is doing in this ministry to Native Americans.

NEW for June 6: White River Friends will celebrate 200 years of ministry, July 21. The program will begin at 2 pm. IYM General Superintendent Doug Shoemaker will be the speaker. Also, Friends historian, Dr. Greg Hinshaw, will present an overview on the church history. The group, "A Better Day," will provide the music. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

Stephen Green has concluded his service as youth pastor at Amboy Friends. Stephen was recently married and is beginning a new ministry at a camp in Michigan.

Marion First Friends has called Kyle Pitt to serve as their Evangelism Pastor. He will begin this ministry on June 3.

Back Creek Friends has called Ron Forsythe, who had been serving in an interim role, to serve as their pastor.

Danville Friends has called Greg Albert to serve as their pastor beginning July 1. They will also have the music ministry of Phil and Rhonda Foley on June 3 in celebration of Mike Thornburg's years of service. June 24 is Mike's last Sunday as pastor, and an outdoor worship and pitch-in is planned and will be held at their shelter house. Worship begins at 10:30. Everyone is welcome!

Kennard Friends and Cadiz Friends will host "A Better Day" in concert at the Kennard Friends Church, June 10 at 5:00 pm.

Portland Friends will be hosting southern gospel singer Warren Lowe on Sunday morning May 27. On Thursday, June 28 at 6 pm, they will have a speaker from "The Southwest Indian Missionary Association." There will be a carry-in meal at 5 pm.

Pastors Short Course will be held July 2-4 at Quaker Haven Camp. Kyle McCutcheon, an attorney with Alliance Defending Freedom, will be our speaker. For details see www.iym.org.

Faith & Practice revisions have been mailed to each monthly meeting, with feedback requested by July 1. Proposed revisions can be viewed at www.iym.org

Quaker Haven Camps are accepting registrations! Early-bird pricing ends May 31. To register go to <http://www.qhcyouthprogramming.com/>.

Friends Church Multiplication Conference, August 1-3 at Barclay College, will feature special speaker Dave Ferguson a pastor, author, and president of the Exponential Conference. Register by June 1 for just \$125 per person at <http://www.barclaycollege.edu/pdf/nfcmc-information.pdf>. **IYM E&O is offering \$250 scholarships** to the first 10 IYM registrants who request one from the yearly meeting office.

Friends United Meeting sent out the Summer Mission Project information to all monthly meetings. There are three books mentioned in the Summer Mission Project available at Friends United Press! Please call or send an email to info@fum.org if you would like to order them.

Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf or Barclay's Friends Ministry Training (FMT) Program? If you are not afraid, then why have you not enrolled in FMT? Step out and:

Think, "Professional Development." It is Barclay College's certificate program designed by and for IYM to allow church leaders – pastors, youth leaders, clerks, Sunday Bible teachers – to obtain a solid foundation for their ministry.

Talk to current IYM students: Edie Keese-Henry, Martin Wells, Bob Lines,

Ray Slick, Pat Byres, and/or Zach Kennedy. (Explore their experience to see what difference FMT has made.)

Tackle current IYM professors: David Phillips, Paul Cochrane, Greg Hinshaw, Gary Wright, Carol Wright. (...that is...tackle them with hard questions to see if FMT is worth your time!)

Trepidate No More! Step out by faith to join your colleagues in sharpening your ministry skills. You will be glad you did.

2018 Fall Schedule of Courses: Orientation to Online Learning (July 30-Aug 12 *required of all new Barclay students*)

Introduction to Friends Theology (Aug 13-Sept 23)

Introduction to Church History (Sept 24-Nov 4)

Introduction to Evangelism, Missions and Church Growth (Nov 5-Dec 16)

To enroll, go to <https://www.barclaycollege.edu/undergraduate/online/certificate/friends-ministry-training/index.html> or contact Paul Cochrane if you have questions: paul.cochrane@barclaycollege.edu.

Quivering Arrow Friends Camp is in need of post teenage males to serve as camp counselors for their male campers. Camp is from Monday June 25 - Saturday June 30. Indiana staff would travel to QAF on Sunday June 24. Anyone interested in serving as a camp counselor, contact Jeff Beals at 317-460-4844.

Western Yearly Meeting is accepting applications to fill the full-time position of Christian Education Director. Please send resumes to Mark A. Tope – Paoli Friends Meeting - 301 North Gospel Street – Paoli, IN 47454 c/o Search Committee for WYM CE Director, or email k9chester@gmail.com.

Live Life - Young Adult Camp at QHC: Just because you have graduated from high school does not mean there is not a camp for you. Over the past few years, those who program the summer youth camps at

Good Morning!

I thought of Gene as I sprayed my apple trees last week. He passed away just weeks ago, but a few years back I sought his advice on how to prune my small orchard. He said he could show me easier than tell me, so he showed up one day with huge clippers and skillfully, artfully began lopping off branches and limbs that I never would have had the nerve to cut. Since then I've tried to use the insights I learned from watching him to prune the trees each year. It was last week with sprayer in hand it hit me: Gene is no longer here, but these trees have been shaped by him.

It's likely that your church has also been shaped by some faithful Friends who are no longer here. You probably can name some of them, but others you never knew. Have you ever considered that today, by your attitudes and actions, you are shaping your church in a manner that will continue long after you are gone? Are you shaping your church skillfully, artfully, or are you doing so in a careless, haphazard manner?

Like families that can either be healthy or dysfunctional, your church

likely enjoys health or emotional/spiritual disease because of the contributions of members like you. While you are still alive, is a good time to consider your contribution to the well-being of your congregation. Does your life point others to Jesus? Are you quick to address differences in a direct and loving manner? Do you refrain from criticism and fault-finding? What kind of church would your church be, if every member was just like thee?

-Doug Shoemaker

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

05/29 Trustees, IYM office, 6:30 pm
05/30 Advancement Committee, IYM office, 4 pm
06/04 Executive Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm
06/8-10 Young Adult Camp, Quaker Haven (ages 20-35)
06/10-15 Jr High Camp, Quaker Haven (ages 11-13)
06/15-17 Beginners Camp, Quaker Haven (ages 5-7)
06/17-22 Sr High Camp 1, Quaker Haven (ages 13-18)
06/18 Investment Board, Muncie Red Lobster, 11 am
06/24-29 Adventure Camp, Quaker Haven (ages 9-11)
06/25 Advancement Committee, IYM office, 4 pm