

## 2017 Yearly Meeting Preview:

**Yearly Meeting Registration** is now open. Brochures are in the mail and available online at [www.iym.org](http://www.iym.org). Lodging options at Quaker Haven Camp fill-up quickly so please submit your registration as soon as possible to reserve your spot. Again this year, the Brook Pointe Inn in Syracuse, will offer a discount to yearly meeting attendees staying there. Mention the "Friends and Family" discount when making reservations directly with them.

**Bear Creek Friends** has extended a call to Zach Kennedy (Courtney) to serve as their new pastor beginning July 1. They will host an open house to honor their current pastor and his wife, **Vernon and Joan Huffman**, who are observing their sixtieth wedding anniversary and retiring after forty-one years in Friends pastoral ministry, with an open house at the church on Saturday, June 3, from 2 to 5 pm. Vernon pastored at Rural for seven years, Bloomingport for fifteen years, and Bear Creek for the past nineteen years. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Knightstown Friends** is involved in their community by participating in the town's huge car show with the sale of food, helping with concessions at their Little League diamond, and involvement in their community Jubilee Days.

**Wabash Friends** will send a team to Kenya the first week of June to assist in an eye camp at Kaptama Health Center. To benefit the mission team, a "hog roast" was recently held with music provided by the DuBois girls. Their mission team consists of Eric Dale, Gary & Frankie Dawson, Jim McCann, Tommy Music, Danny Goff, and Janet Dale.

**John Moru, director of the Turkana Friends Mission**, will be available to meet with interested groups from IYM between July 21 and the start of yearly meeting sessions. Also, John Muhanji will be in Indiana between June 30-July 7th, and available to meet with interested groups. IYM Missions Committee clerk Eric Dale will be coordinating their schedules during these times. He can be contacted at [eredale@hotmail.com](mailto:eredale@hotmail.com) or 260-571-1574.

**The Communicator** will be published every other Tuesday through July. Please send us information about what's happening in your meeting!



*Summer Camp at Quaker Haven is nearly here! We are a week away from our Early Bird deadline! Please get your youth registered now. Also, let people*

*know that packing list information, etc. can be found at the [ghcyouthprogramming.com](http://ghcyouthprogramming.com) website. Don't let finances be a reason for kids to NOT go to camp. We have scholarships available. Contact Pat Byers with any of those needs. Thanks, in advance, for your prayers and help in getting kids to camp!!!!*

The workshop "**Stewardship Investing**" will be presented at Back Creek Friends at 10 am on June 24 and at West River Friends at 2 pm on June 24. Sponsored by the IYM Stewardship and Finance Committee, this free workshop led by Craig Foor of Everence Financial Services will describe how money and mission mix. You will discover how you can integrate your faith and values with your investments. Everence's investment philosophy incorporates company screens, shareholder advocacy, and community investing to help you live out your faith.

**Friends Theological College (FTC)** reached its landmark seventy-fifth anniversary last month. The college is planning for a special gathering later on.

**Darrell Boone**, clerk of Wabash Friends Church, has recently published a book detailing the life of his son, Peter Boone, who died two and a half years ago. "He Made us Better: A Story of Faith, Family, Friends (And Football)" is now available in local Christian bookstores or can be ordered online.

**Jeff Blackburn**, pastor of Greensburg Mennonite Church (Kansas), and formerly from IYM has recently published a book, "Light at the End of the Funnel," a story about his first-hand survival of the 2007 F-5 tornado that destroyed most of Greensburg including his church and home. This book can be ordered online.

**Friends Ministry Training (FMT)** courses to be offered soon include: **Orientation** (for new registrants only) begins on July 31 (two weeks) **Quaker History** August 14-Sept. 24 (taught by Greg Hinshaw)

**Introduction to Pastoral Preaching**, Sept 25-Nov. 5

**Basic Christian Doctrine** Nov. 6-Dec. 17 Register now at <https://www.barclaycollege.edu/forms/OnlineApply.aspx>. For more information contact Paul Cochrane at [paulbochrane@yahoo.com](mailto:paulbochrane@yahoo.com).

**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](mailto:pastor.katy.moran@gmail.com).

**Friends United Meeting Triennial** will be held in Wichita, Kansas, July 12-16, and they are offering the Stewards Program for young adults (ages 18-27). Meetings are asked to identify young adults who are showing interest in the Friends movement, have leadership potential, and could gain significant benefit from participating in leadership opportunities during the conference. The program will be facilitated by Pat Byers, Assistant Superintendent at Indiana Yearly Meeting. Up to 10 Stewards will be selected. Applications can be found at [FUM.org](http://FUM.org) and are due by May 30. To reserve your place now go to <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1877598>.

## Our Deepest Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to the family of **Kim Manwell** who died May 17 after a brief illness. Kim was a member of Marion First Friends and had served on IYM committees, and clerk of the IYM Stewardship & Finance Committee for several years. A memorial service was held Tuesday morning, May 23.

**Miriam Shugart**, life-time member of Bethel Friends, died April 23, at age 96. She and her husband, Maurice, were active in Indiana Yearly Meeting through the years. Also, she taught Sunday School and was active in many ways at Bethel Friends, and was known for her gift of hospitality and her "servant-like" spirit. She is survived by her husband, five children, 12 grandchildren, and 21 great grandchildren.

*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them." Rev. 14:13*

Good Morning!

A visitor to a church I once pastored remarked, "I like the way people stand up and spill their guts at your church." That's not the way I would have described our church, but I'm sure she was trying to describe what she perceived to be happening in our time of open worship.

Most of our congregations still include a time of open worship as part of our regular services. For some it feels like a required sixty seconds of silence; for others, it looks a lot like a time for prayer requests and announcements. In some

places, it is a frightening version of "open mike." I wonder how many people in our meetings really know the purpose of open worship, and how many of our churches use it appropriately. One of my fears is that although we say that we have discarded the use of empty rites, our present use of "open worship" might sometimes become just an empty Quaker ritual.

What is supposed to be happening during open worship? These lines from the Richmond Declaration of Faith found in our *Faith & Practice*

express it well: "*Worship is the adoring response of the heart and mind to the influence of the Spirit of God. It stands in neither forms nor in the formal disuse of forms: it may be without words as well as with them, but it must be in spirit and in truth. We recognize the value of silence, not as an end, but as a means toward the attainment of the end; a silence... of holy expectation before the Lord.*"

Does this describe open worship in your meeting?

-Doug Shoemaker

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### IYM Upcoming Calendar

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  
06/24 "Stewardship Investing" workshop, Back Creek Friends, 10 am  
06/24 "Stewardship Investing" workshop, West River Friends, 10 am & 2 pm  
07/3-5 Pastors Short Course at Quaker Haven  
07/12-16 FUM Triennial at Friends University, Wichita, KS  
07/27-29 IYM Sessions at Quaker Haven

Quaker Haven will have a cleanup/fixup day, May 27. Why not get a group together and enjoy a meal and a day of improving the camp. Make contact at [info@quakerhaven.com](mailto:info@quakerhaven.com).