

## Yearly Meeting Sessions, July 23-26.

It's time to reserve your place at the 2015 yearly meeting sessions. Registration brochures will soon be posted online [www.iym.org](http://www.iym.org) and hard copies will be mailed in the next week. Remember that rooms at Quaker Haven Camp fill up quickly, so get your lodging request in early to reserve your spot. For those staying off campus an arrangement has been made with Brook Pointe Inn (four miles north of Quaker Haven) to provide a 15% discount for those attending IYM. See the registration brochure for details.

**Charles Richtmyer**, former pastor of St. Mary's Friends, has recently become Associate Pastor of Visitation at Van Wert First Friends.

**Anderson First Friends** hosted 50 Friends from 17 meetings across IYM for a Summit led by Tim Roehl of OMS on April 28. For those who were unable to attend this excellent program, a two-minute video summarizing the evening's message can be viewed at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=arxfLK\\_sd68](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=arxfLK_sd68)

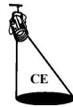
**Farmland Friends** will host its 13th Annual Father's Day Cruise-In/Car Show, June 21, 1-4 pm (rain or shine). Admission/registration of a show vehicle is FREE as well as hot dogs and soft drinks. There is a fenced playground on the site. For more information or to register a vehicle please visit: [www.farmlandfriends.org](http://www.farmlandfriends.org) or call (765) 468-6485 or (765) 212-1118.

**Kennard Friends** recently completed two community outreach projects. First, the Financial Peace University course was well attended. Five families now have a biblical understanding of personal finance. In addition to learning about financial peace, the course introduces the Prince of Peace. Secondly, an inaugural fish fry fundraiser was held. The main purpose was to raise funds for youth group activities. In addition, they were able to connect with their neighbors.

**Wabash Friends** recently concluded a 31-week sermon series on "The Story" an overview of the story of the Bible. On May 3, Wabash joined with two other congregations in their community also going through "The Story" for a joint worship service at the Honeywell Center, with nearly 700 in attendance.

**Van Wert First Friends** will host evangelist Mike Abernathy, from Georgia, for special services on May 16 and 17. The May 16 service will be held at the Antioch Chapel Meetinghouse beginning at 7 pm. Services on May 17 will be held at the Van Wert Meetinghouse at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm.

**From IYM Treasurer, Max Smith:** We currently have a total of \$58,083.78 in donations and pledges toward the 2016 budget, 68.3% of the \$85,000 goal. It is our prayer that the goal will be met by the IYM sessions this summer so the Stewardship and Finance Committee will know the 2016 budget will be adequately funded. Assessments continue to come in on the monthly track through April. What a blessing it is to see the support IYM is getting from across the yearly meeting. Thank you to all the meetings that are on track or ahead for the year to date.



**CE Spotlight!** The CE Committee is always looking for ways to keep information in front of everyone in our yearly meeting. One way is through the Communicator. In the future, be sure and check this 'CE Spotlight' section for the latest CE news.

For this installment we want to remind everyone to get all your kids registered for camp! Due to technical difficulties, the online registration is not available, but we want people to get signed up. So, please go ahead and use the paper registration forms that are available at [iym.org](http://iym.org) on the Youth Ministries tab. Please fill these out for your students and send them to Quaker Haven with your deposit. We will extend the deposit deadline to May 30.

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](http://iym.org) to get it!

**Marion Quarterly Meeting** will hold a "Fun Day" at Play Acres Park in Fairmount, June 13, starting at 10 am and going to around 4 pm. There will be food, games, worship, and a short message. Please come and bring friends and family.

**Thank you** to the 45 individuals and 21 churches that have already made pledges and contributions toward the 2016 budget.

We have received 21 contributions of \$1000 or more with \$10,000 being our largest. Gifts of any size are greatly appreciated. Please consider helping us reach our goal.

**Clerks of Ministry and Oversight**, June 1 is the next deadline for your MEI application for a matching grant, an opportunity for your meeting to explore possibilities for your pastor's support. MEI wants to present some options before 2015 ends. Applications are available on IYM's website. For more details contact Carol Wright [carol@iym.org](mailto:carol@iym.org) or 317-513-9052.

**Looking for books.** Frank Scurry, President of Carolina Graduate School of Divinity, is looking for "quality" book donations from retired pastors for the seminary (i.e. pertaining to those books that are helpful and relevant for pastoral ministry). If you can help, contact Steve Pedigo at [stevep@westfieldfriendschurch.org](mailto:stevep@westfieldfriendschurch.org).

**White's Residential & Family Services** new Greenhouse & Garden Center is now open, a project called "Growing Teens for Life." This program will provide hands-on experience for the teens in caring for produce and vegetation. You can partner with White's by purchasing your garden needs through this project. They are open Monday-Fridays, 8:30-6:00; Saturday 8:30-4:30.

We are saddened by the death of former IYM pastor, **Rod Dennis**, who passed away April 26. Our deepest condolences to his wife Judy and family. Judy's address is: 400 E 7th, Sheridan, IN 46069.

## Summer Camp Dates

### Live Your Life

(ages 16-25) June 5-7

### Junior High Camp

(7th & 8th grades) June 7-12

### Senior High Camp 1

(9th-12th grades & 2015 grads)

June 14-19

### Beginners Camp

(K-2nd grades) June 19-21

### Adventure Camp

(5th & 6th grades) June 21-26

### Senior High Camp 2

(9th-12th grades & 2005 grads)

June 28-July 3

### Little Friends Camp

(2nd-4th grades) July 19-22

**Family Camp**—September 4-7

Good Morning!

*This is the 9th of a series of letters I'm writing to George Fox, the founder of Quakerism.*

Dear George,

I once was asked to assist with an exorcism. The person performing it explained to me that she wanted someone with authority present. I privately chuckled at the irony of wanting someone with authority, yet calling on a Friends pastor! Many present-day Quaker leaders struggle with having lots of responsibilities and their accompanying expectations, without the authority needed to meet them. I think this paradox of "Quaker authority" has been fed by the

adoption of the pastoral system among many Friends. On one hand we want leaders to take responsibility, but on the other hand we are afraid of granting them authority to lead.

Our polity provides little organizational authority for Quaker leaders, but it assumes that those in leadership will have risen to those positions because of the evidence of spiritual authority in their lives. I've always been impressed with not only your deeply personal experience of Christ Jesus, but also the leadership that you gave to a movement that eventually became known as the Society of Friends. Your authority didn't come from

a position you attained, but from God's presence operating in and through your life.

You were not hesitant to exercise your authority to hold accountable Friends exhibiting "disorderly spirits," "looseness," or who had "strayed from Truth." My prayer is that present-day Friends will select leaders based on their spiritual authority, not their education, status, or length of years. My hope is that we will identify weighty Friends, and liberate them to throw their weight around for the good of the Kingdom.

-Doug Shoemaker

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### IYM Upcoming Calendar

5/12 *Committee Night, Upland Friends, 6:30 pm*  
6/1 *Executive Committee, 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*

### Committee Night, May 12, Upland Friends, 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.

*National  
Day of  
Prayer,  
May 7*