

Representative Council Saturday, November 11, 9:30 am Portland Friends

Scott Miller, former pastor of Lynn Friends, has founded Veritas Ministries in Wisconsin. To learn more or find how to support his ministry, follow this link: <https://youtu.be/j3W-ZVqJtvM>.

Tabitha Lumpkin, youth pastor at Farmland Friends, recently gave birth to premature twins. Liam Michael and Lincoln Gabriel were born October 11. Liam passed away early the next morning. Lincoln, who is facing several issues of concern, remains hospitalized at University Medical Center in Cincinnati.

Dr. Tony Wheeler has been called to serve as interim pastor at Westfield Friends. For seven years, Tony was a professor at Barclay College in both the undergraduate and graduate degree programs and developed the Master of Arts in Family Ministries Master's Program at Barclay. He has also been an instructor at Kansas State University, Manhattan Christian College, and Phoenix Seminary, and a guest lecturer at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago.

Bethel Friends will host Scott Snyder who will bring his "Saxopraise" Ministry on November 4 at 7 pm. They invite you to come and be blessed as you listen to Scott's message in music and words.

Danville Friends invites you to join them at 10:30 am on Sunday, November 5, to hear the amazing testimonies of Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Lataillade, survivors of the 2010 earthquake in Haiti. Also, **Danville Friends** will hold their annual **Chicken & Noodle dinner** (with desserts and carry-outs available), Saturday, November 4, 11-3 pm. Frozen noodles are available and may be pre-ordered by calling 317-745-2971 or email to mardisacres@sbcglobal.net. This dinner will feature artist Sandy Jackson who designs and sews 18" doll clothes (American Girl size).

Jericho Friends USFW is hosting a Harvest and Harmony Bazaar on November 11 in their Fellowship Center. An Italian meal with all the trimmings (free will offering to help needy families) and Craft Store will be available from 4 – 8 pm. Entertainment will begin at 6:30 pm, featuring the "Pete Mercer Band."

Shirley Friends will host their Community Thanksgiving Service, November 19, 6:30 pm.

Wabash Friends hosted **Jeff Klein** as speaker for a recent morning worship. Jeff speaks to people across North America at retreats, conventions, serve projects, and worship

services. He is the author of "Turning Point" and "On the Road to Connecting," two Youth Ministry training seminars, and he regularly consults with youth groups to help them minister more effectively. Also, **Dave Phillips** of Wabash Friends will leave soon on a mission trip for Cuba. He needs donated items to help Cuba Yearly Meeting minister to people there. If you can help, please contact Dave immediately at davewabash-friends.org or 760-953-7996.

Walnut Ridge Friends will hold a **Country CHRISTmas Bazaar** on December 1, 2:30-8:30 pm. More information later.

White River Friends and Farmland Friends will hold a workshop on nicotine addiction, "Rising from Ashes" this month at the Randolph County YMCA, 1524 E Washington Street in Winchester. A \$25 offering will be collected for the materials but if you don't have the fee, it will be waived. For more information, contact Jim Moreland, at 765-565-6589 or jameshmoreland@aol.com.



CE Information:

Fall Impact will be held at Quaker Haven from November 3-5 for 7th-12th grade students. Cost is \$80. Wayne Cox, from Arba Friends, will speak with Tabitha Lumpkin. Go to qhcyouth-programming.com to register. Questions: Contact Pat Byers. Upcoming youth events: Youth Invasion, January 14, Farmland Friends, 5-8 pm, plus Winter Sneak, February 2-4 at Quaker Haven Camp.

From IYM Treasurer, Max Smith: The 2019 Fundraising Campaign was launched at the July sessions. Activities have been slow since July, so we need to step up our activities. The committee has been meeting to lay out a plan for the 2019 Campaign which we hope to announce soon. We currently have \$12,615 in donations and pledges toward the goal. Thank you for your support thus far and be praying for how you can join us in IYM's activities to spread the Love of Jesus to our friends and neighbors.

IYM Pastors have several opportunities in the coming months. The next Pastors' Toolkit session will be held at Bear Creek Friends at 10 am, November 2. The 5th annual Christmas dinner for pastors and spouses will be held December 9

at Liberty Friends. Mid-Winter Retreat will return to Clifty Inn (Madison, IN) on January 19-21. Mark your calendars now and be watching for more information coming soon about these events.

Yearly Meeting Sessions 2018 will be held at Quaker Haven Camp, July 26-28. A block of rooms has already been reserved at Brook Pointe Inn, just four miles north of the camp. It's not too early to reserve a room at Brook Pointe for Thursday and Friday nights. To save your spot call 574-457-4466 and ask for one of the rooms reserved under the name of "Indiana Yearly Meeting." A discounted rate of \$99 per night has been negotiated.

New Minute Books will be available for distribution at the November 11 meeting of Representative Council at Portland Friends. Please be sure that your meeting is represented to pick up your copies, and to learn about what God is doing in IYM.

Dee and Kathy Gibson are celebrating 40 years of service to White's Residential and Family Services and the Board of Directors invite you to join them at an Open House, Thursday, November 16, 4-6 pm at the Hodson Campus Center on White's campus upon their retirement at the end of this year.

Friends Ministry Training for 2018: Please let Paul Cochrane know if you plan to take one or more courses next year. Also, please share FMT information with leaders in your congregation. It will help in planning. Remember, this training was created with you in mind! Even if you are not in the recording process, the FMT courses are great for enrichment and ministry growth. Just ask anyone who has taken a course about its value. Applications for 2018 are being processed now. For more information go to <https://www.barclaycollege.edu/undergraduate/online/certificate/friends-ministry-training/index.html>. Contact Paul Cochrane at paul.cochrane@barclaycollege.edu or call him at 260 274 2257. Doug Shoemaker is also happy to talk with you about the program.

FUM announces that the next "Stoking the Fire" spirituality gathering will be held on May 17-20, 2018, at the Stony Point Center in Stony Point, NY. Stoking the Fire is an annual Pentecost gathering in the presence and power of Christ, for those hungering for the spiritual fire of renewal. Stoking the Fire is sponsored by Friends United Meeting's North American Ministries program and is open to participants from all branches of Friends.

Good Morning!

The story is told of monks at a remote monastery who followed a rigid vow of silence. Their vow could only be broken once a year—on Christmas—by one monk who could speak only one sentence. One Christmas, Brother Thomas had his turn and said, "I love the delightful mashed potatoes we have every year with the Christmas roast!" Then he sat down. Silence ensued for 365 days. The next Christmas, Brother Michael got his turn and said, "I think the mashed potatoes are lumpy, and I truly despise them!" Once again, silence ensued for 365 days. The

following Christmas, Brother Paul rose and said, "I am fed up with this constant bickering!"

You may be fed up with conflict as well. I never enjoy it. In fact, for much of my life I did everything I could to avoid conflict. I've learned, however, that instead I need to learn to manage it. I've often said jokingly that I once prayed for a New Testament church, only to find myself in a church with every problem described in the New Testament! If things in your meeting are agitated or

stirred up (Acts 17:13) you may be in a New Testament church. If someone opposes you abusively (Acts 18:6) or is being obstinate (Acts 19:9) you are in good company. If you find yourself in an uproar (Acts 19:29), in confusion (Acts 19:32) or in a shouting match (Acts 19:34), you are not alone. The gospel has always had opposition, sometimes coming from unexpected sources. Don't let it derail you. The church has been managing conflict for nearly 2000 years. -Doug Shoemaker

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

11/02 *Pastors' Toolkit Session, Bear Creek Friends, 10 am*
11/02 *Missions Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm*
11/11 *Representative Council, Portland Friends, 9:30 am*
11/13 *Program Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm*
12/02 *Committee Day, Upland Friends, 9 am*
12/09 *Pastors' Christmas Dinner, Liberty Friends, 5 pm*
12/18 *Investment Board, Muncie Red Lobster, 11 am*

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Jim Besaw (wife Miriam), a long-time member of Long Lake Friends, who passed away, Tuesday, October 31, following a lengthy illness. Jim was 86 years old and had been active in his church and a representative to Indiana Yearly Meeting sessions through the years. A memorial service is being planned. Also, our deepest sympathy to Tabitha Lumpkin (youth pastor at Farmland Friends) and her husband Rusty on the death of their premature twin, **Liam**.