

Jeff Nagell has announced that he will be concluding his pastoral ministry at **Marion First Friends** at the end of the year.

After serving as administrative pastor since 2017, **Little Blue River Friends** has called **Markus Dennis** to be their senior pastor.

Cara Burnham, Anna Reese, and Velma Ulrich from Dewart Lake Friends and Eric Dale from Wabash Friends recently travelled to Tanzania where they presented Leadership Training for pastors and leaders in Tanzania Yearly Meeting.

Center Friends hosted their annual Garage & Bake Sale, November 1-3. The proceeds go for missions. On November 4, Mike Haemmerle blessed them with a message in word and song. Also, they need a piano player (non paying position). If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the church at 937-698-3114.

Jericho Friends will host the USFW "Harvest & Harmony" on Saturday, November 10, 4-7 pm. "Glory Bound Quartet" will bring music at 6:30 pm, and the meal will feature homemade chicken pot pie with a salad bar and desserts (meal—freewill donation). You may shop at the "Country Store" filled with homemade treats, crafts, and much more. Proceeds will go towards mission projects.

Knightstown Friends: In the aftermath of the fire at the Knightstown Friends office/parsonage, their needs are bookshelves, file cabinets, desks, etc. Please contact pastor Tim Basford if you can help at 765-969-3154 or quakerfamily@msn.com.

Mooreland Friends recently held their "Trunk or Treat, served their "Ham and Bean Dinner" with good attendance, and youth pastor Ross took a group of youth to the recent Fall Impact. Christmas shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse are being filled by people from their congregation. The church is looking for a guitar player to share in praise and worship for Sunday morning services (a non-paid position). If interested, email Ross Smedley at mfcfamilyministry@gmail.com.

Shirley Friends will participate in their Community Thanksgiving Service, November 18, 6:30 pm at the Warrington Church of the Nazarene located at 8439 N St Rd 109 between Anderson and Knightstown. They invite all of you.

Wabash Friends is seeking a full-time youth pastor. Resumes can be emailed to brandon@wabashfriends.org. Interested

parties can contact the IYM office or Wabash Friends for a full job description.

The Walnut Ridge Friends Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held, Friday, November 30, 2:30 to 7:00 pm. They will have their well-known country candies, cookies, and pies along with Christmas crafts. Homemade hot soups will be served all day. Come out and enjoy! Proceeds goes to missions. Email the following for more info: dannydavina1205@gmail.com or lmuegge@myninestar.net or 771albrecht@gmail.com

Westfield Friends will host **Gary Wright** who will speak on Sunday, November 18, at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm. All Friends are invited to attend.

Contributions are being received for the 2020 budget. Thank you to those who have already made a pledge or sent a check. Your generosity enables the staff and valuable programs of our yearly meeting to help breathe life into churches.

Representative Council will meet Saturday, November 10 at Riley Friends Church, 20 W South St Greenfield, IN, beginning at 9:30 am. Parking is available along the street or in a parking lot southwest of the building. Handicap accessible parking is available along the west side of the building. Each church should send representatives, but all interested members of IYM are welcome to attend. Minute books will be distributed, so please come prepared to pick up your church's allotment. Staff and committees will be making reports, and it would be helpful to the Recording Clerk, Janet White, if everyone with reports would send them to her at larry_white_5@comcast.net. Come prepared to hear an update on our revised *Faith & Practice* and be part of a discussion that will determine our fundraising goal for the 2020 budget.

Adult Sunday School Curriculum for the December 2018 – February 2019 quarter has been printed and is being distributed this week. Thank you to everyone who ordered copies. Over 400 copies were pre-ordered.

Pastors' Toolkit Sessions are monthly gatherings designed to equip pastors to lead effectively. This month, Portland Friends, 226 E Main Street in Portland, will host the Toolkit session on Thursday, November 15, beginning at 10 am. We will continue discussing the topic, "Leading Your Church to the Next Level."

The Annual Pastors Christmas Dinner will be held Saturday, December 15, begin-

ning at 5 pm. Pastors and spouses are invited to this complimentary catered dinner that will be served at South Marion Friends. The evening will include a catered meal, great fellowship, and an enjoyable program.

Mid-Winter Retreat for pastors and spouses is scheduled for February 15-17 at Hueston Woods Lodge and Conference Center near Oxford, Ohio. Churches are encouraged to release their pastor for the weekend, so he/she can attend.

Pastor Reports are being sent out to pastors and recorded ministers this week and are to be completed and returned to the yearly meeting office by December 8. Check www.iym.org or email iyminfo@iym.org if you did not receive a copy of the report. Annual ministerial status cards will be mailed to pastors and ministers who send in a completed report.

Sharpen Your Axe – Enroll in FMT (Friends Ministry Training) for Courses in 2019: A dull axe or knife is dangerous to use. Useless chops and self-inflicted wounds are likely because of a dull blade. Secondly, it takes twice the effort to achieve the desired results. When did you last sharpen your toolkit for ministry? If it has been years since you have done systematic study, FMT may just be the right way to sharpen yourself. The Winter/Spring session begins February 4 with **Orientation to Online Learning**. Then Paul Cochrane teaches **Old Testament Survey** from February 18 to March 31. This is followed by David Phillips' course, **Introduction to Pastoral Ministry** from April 1 to May 12. **Enroll Now for 2019.** Contact Paul Cochrane at 260-274-2257 or at paul.cochrane@barclaycollege.edu or the IYM office for more information.

We were not able to get enough men for a traditional LDP (Leadership Develop Program) group this year, so we are piloting a four-day LDP Intensive at Quaker Haven Camp on March 15-18 (Friday through Monday) for men. This program uses readings, teachings, and relationships to identify and work through obstacles to our leadership potential. We are still working on the price. If you, (or someone you know) is interested, please contact Pat Byers or Keith Huffman.

Good Morning!

You've probably heard about the parents who moved several times – but their kids kept finding them! Kris and I recently moved from the place that has been our home for 15 years to a farm in Howard County that has been in her family for 110 years. And yes, our kids have found us. We aren't moving away from IYM. This is a change of location, not vocation.

Neither of us is used to moving. Packing up all our worldly possessions and having them loaded onto trucks only to be unloaded and stacked up has been a big deal. I've gained a new appreciation for men like

Abram (Abraham) who in Genesis 12 was told to move to a land that God would show him. We are told he took his wife, his nephew (Lot), all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired, and set out for the land of Canaan. Now that's a big deal!

God calls churches to move too. Occasionally a church is called to relocate, but more often churches are asked to move on from the patterns and processes that have been part of our traditions for years but may seem

awkward or confusing to a new generation. I'm so grateful for men and women of faith who have been willing to move on, sacrificing the comfort and familiarity of the way they have worshiped for decades, to reach the next generations. Lot's wife, however, had trouble moving on. That didn't turn out well for her, and it won't turn out well for us either.

Is God calling your church to move? It's a big deal!

-Doug Shoemaker

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

11/10 *Representative Council, Riley Friends (Greenfield), 9:30 am*
11/13 *Advancement Committee, IYM office, 4 pm*
11/15 *Pastors Toolkit, Portland Friends, 10 am*
11/19 *Program Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm*
12/01 *Committee Day, South Marion Friends, 9 am*
12/15 *Pastors Christmas Dinner, South Marion Friends, 5 pm*
12/17 *Investment Board, Muncie Red Lobster, 11 am*
12/21— 1/1 *IYM office closed*
01/05 *Executive Committee Retreat, IYM office, 9:30 am*

The 2018 USFW transmittal form is on the IYM website for all USFW treasurers and at large members to use when submitting donations and membership assessments.