

Joseph John Hinshaw was born to Greg and Katie Hinshaw, October 7. "John" came four weeks early but is doing fine weighing in at 6 lbs. and 10.9 oz.

Bethel Friends has schedule a special time of prayer for October 25, from 4:30–6:00 pm with Carol Wright facilitating as they seek the Holy Spirit's direction on becoming more missional in their ministry.

Cadiz Friends will have a Spaghetti Dinner, October 24, 4-6 pm. The freewill offering will benefit their Quaker Haven campers. Contact person is Leah Steven 765-533-6303.

Center Friends held their annual Ladies Retreat, October 10, with guest speaker Carol Wright. They had a wonderful time with 15 in attendance. November 5-7 Center Friends will hold their annual Garage/Bake Sale. Half of the money will go for missions and half will go for their roof project. They will be selling gently used items, baked goods, and cabbage rolls. Thursday and Friday the sale will be 9-5 and Saturday, 9-noon.

Charlottesville Friends will hold their annual Ham and Bean Supper (and vegetable soup) with trimmings, Saturday, October 24, 4-7 at the Charlottesville Lions Club. A freewill offering will be taken.

Farmland Friends will hold "Rising from Ashes Ministry" on Monday evenings, October 19 through November 30, 6-8 pm. This ministry is a Christ-centered cigarette smoking cessation program. There is a \$25 sign-up fee to cover the cost of materials. For more information contact Jim Moreland at 765-565-6589 or email jamesmoreland@aol.com.

Jericho Friends is hosting Greg Hinshaw, who will speak on history, authority, and influential people of Indiana Yearly Meeting, October 18 at 6:30 pm. Child care will be available for those 12 and under. Winchester Quarterly Meeting will meet at Jericho and enjoy the 6:30 pm presentation on October 18.

Knightstown Friends will be hosting the November 14 meeting of the IYM Representative Council. Starting time will be 9:30 am.

Liberty and Bethel Friends men met for an outdoors retreat, Oct 9-11 which included a cook-out, pitched tents, skeet shoot, speaker, and worship services.

Marion First Friends will celebrate its 145th year of ministry and its 35th year in their present building, October 17 & 18. On Saturday there will be Sunday School class reunions from 3 pm on into the evening. Sunday the celebration will begin with Sunday School at 9 am followed by worship and a noon meal. Former pastors will attend, and current pastor, Jeff Nagell, will speak. A musical program will be held at 1:15 pm.

The Wabash Friends Counseling Center will sponsor "The Annual Live Life Conference," Saturday, November 7, (registration at 8 am) held in Wabash at the Honeywell Center. Nathan Foster, keynote speaker/workshop leader, is an associate professor of social work and theology at Spring Arbor University and an author. Twenty other workshops will be offered. www.wabashfriendscounseling.com/live-life-conference.html

West River Friends will hold their Pork Chop Supper with all the trimmings, Saturday, October 17, 5-7 pm. If you would like a carry-out meal, please call 765-489-5512. A freewill offering will be taken.

Westfield Friends will hold a chicken/noodle dinner, Saturday, November 7 from 11-2 pm. Adults, \$8 and children, \$5. Also on November 7, they are launching a new contemporary service at 7 pm. A group at the church recently had a retreat at Quaker Haven, and another group spent a week working with Kickapoo Friends.

IYM Sunday: Thanks to the many churches that scheduled an "IYM Sunday" over the past year. Many included a speaker from Indiana Yearly Meeting and/or an offering designated for the IYM program budget fundraising goal. We are asking every congregation to plan an IYM Sunday between now and next summer. Be watching for a mailing that will provide more details and ideas.



CE Spotlight: Fall Impact Retreat will be at Quaker Haven Camp on October 30-November 1. It is for all students from 7th-12th grades. The theme is on *Service*, so bring your work clothes, because we're going to do some outside work at the camp. Cost is \$50. You can register online at www.quakerhaven.com. Contact Pat Byers if you have any questions.

From IYM Treasurer, Max Smith:

Each meeting will soon be receiving material formally kicking off the 2017 Budget Fundraising Campaign of \$95,000. We currently have received \$9,213.90 in cash and \$7,500 in pledges totaling \$16,713.90, 17.59%. Please pray about how you and your meeting can help make this another successful campaign, but more importantly is funding all the great efforts of IYM. Thank you to all who have already pledged and/or donated toward the campaign.

From Stewardship & Finance Committee: This is the first in a series of reviews of the online training tools available for free on the Everence Financial website. "*All the days of my life*" reflects on your past, focuses on the present, and prepares for the future. This six-session curriculum is designed to help you gain appreciation for how God's goodness surrounds you and where God's mercy meets you in your everyday relationships. This course is designed for people in all stages of life. This will help you think through the best ways to use the many gifts God has placed in your care as you continue and ultimately complete the journey. A 40-page leaders guide, complete with handouts and discussion questions, can be downloaded at <http://www.everence.com/resources-for-adults/>.

World Renewal International invites you to their Guard Your Heart Leadership Conference presenting "Aware," October 30, 9 am-4 pm at Brandywine Community Church, 1551 E New Rd, Greenfield, IN. For more information call 317-467-9899.

Our Deepest Sympathy

Tom White, pastor at Long Lake Friends, unexpectedly died on October 6 while doing one of the things he loved, playing tennis. He is survived by his wife, Daiva; daughter, Madelaine; and step children Jade, Jared, and Natalie. The family asks that Tom be remembered through memorial contributions to a trust fund for his daughters' college funds. Contributions can be mailed to "Madelaine and Natalie College Fund" c/o Huntington Bank, 427 West Front Street, Traverse City, MI 49684. Please pray for Tom's family and for Long Lake Friends.

Good Morning!
*This is the 16th in a series of letters to
George Fox, the founder of Quakerism.*

Dear George,

A few years back I had some neighbors visit the church where I served as pastor and began attending regularly, and then abruptly stopped. I visited them to see why and learned they had been researching Quakerism on the internet and became concerned they were involved with a cult. When they showed me what they had found, I became concerned too!

There are a variety of Quaker flavors in the world today and most would agree

wholeheartedly with the voice you heard declaring, "There is one, even Christ Jesus that can speak to thy condition." Sadly though, a number of folks who still identify as Friends would suggest that there is not just "one" who can speak to our condition. I've never been able to understand those who identify as Buddhist Friends or, even worse, non-theist Friends. When my neighbors read about these Friends, understandably they were concerned.

I'm glad that from the beginning Quakerism was primarily about knowing Jesus Christ experientially.

You didn't emphasize just Jesus' teaching or example. Your focus was upon the person of Christ. You used words like Redeemer and Savior to describe Him and were clear that it was only through the shedding of His blood that we could know Him.

I'm really sorry when anyone promotes a faith that discounts Jesus and His atoning sacrifice for us, especially under the banner of Quakerism. I think we need to talk about Jesus more, lest we become just a curious sect that began strong, then faded or strayed away.

-Doug Shoemaker

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

10/27 Program Committee, IYM office, 6 pm
11/14 Representative Council, Knightstown Friends, 9:30 am
11/16 Recording Committee, IYM office, 6 pm
11/17 Pastors' Summit, Bethel Friends, 9 am
11/19 Faith & Practice Review Committee, IYM Office, 6:30 pm