

# Communicator

**Phillip D. Holden** (Claire) is the new Associate Pastor at Mooreland Friends.

**Hinkle Creek Friends** will hold their Homecoming service this Sunday, November 1, 10:30 am with an inspirational vocal duo, "Water in2 Wine," followed by a carry-in dinner. Last Sunday, 16 year-old Destry Pearce spoke to the congregation about his recent ten-day mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Pastor Jack Holliday is teaching Quaker history and process on Sunday evenings and a Bible study on Tuesday evenings. Saturday, December 5, 7 pm, will be their Christmas Carol Song-fest, and a Christmas program and candle-light service will be held December 20.

**Jericho Friends** will host "Harvest and Harmony," Saturday, November 14, 4-7 pm. A full dinner menu of pork chops and chicken, vegetables, and fall desserts will be served from 5-7 pm. They will collect a free-will offering for the meal. The "Daniel Edwards Family Singers" will sing starting at 6 pm. Along with the concert and meal, there will be a general store featuring homemade baked goods, canned goods, and handmade craft items. Please join them at 4010 E 100 S, Winchester. If you have questions, contact Kristi at 570-687-7800.

**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](http://www.wabashfriendscounseling.com/live-life-conference.html)

**Westfield, Carmel, and Wabash Friends members** built eight bunk beds with mattresses for the guest houses at the Kickapoo Friends Center in McLoud, OK, the week of October 5. In addition to the bunk bed project, the members attended Sunday morning and evening worship services and helped with Wednesday night children's church. The fall Board of Directors meeting was held as well. Westfield Friends will be traveling back to the Kickapoo Friends Center in early April 2016. Thanks goes out to all who donated funds for the bunk beds and for those who worked on the bunk beds.

**Representative Council will be held at Knightstown Friends, November 14, 9:30 am.** Each church in IYM is asked to send a representative. Non-representatives are also welcome to attend. 2015 IYM Minute books should be ready for pick-up at this meeting.

**Pastors and Spouses are invited** to the third annual "Pastors Christmas Dinner" scheduled for Thursday evening, December 17. A free-catered meal is being planned. More details will be coming soon.

**The November "Pastors' Summit"** will be held on Tuesday, November 17, at Bethel Friends beginning at 9 am. The free event will include worship, fellowship, and a presentation on "Spiritual Formation" by Carol Wright.

**"Mid-Winter Retreat" for IYM Pastors** is scheduled for January 29-31 at Das Dutchman Essenhaus Inn & Conference Center in Middlebury, IN. Again this year the program will include highlights from the most recent Global Leadership Conference. Details and registration information will be published soon. Save the date!

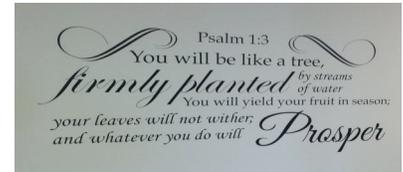
**From the Stewardship & Finance Committee: But it's only a story.** People remember stories. Maybe that's why Jesus spoke often in story. Stories connect us regardless of age, gender, or culture. One of Jesus' most popular themes in his stories was money/possessions – 16 of 38 parables were on this subject. The only subject spoken about in the Bible more than money is the kingdom of God. Over 2,300 passages in the Scriptures (Old and New Testament) address stewardship topics. This is a four-week study, including daily devotionals to be read Monday – Friday each week. The four topics covered are stewardship, wealth, greed, and generosity. This curriculum can be accessed online at <http://www.everence.com/resources-for-adults/>; then click on "Intro and Part 1 through 4."

**IYM Sunday:** Each IYM church is encouraged to plan an annual "IYM Sunday." Scheduling yours before the summer season begins would be ideal. We would love for every member and attender of your church to be exposed to the new life that characterizes IYM in these days. You are encouraged to invite a leader or staff member of Indiana Yearly Meeting to speak. The IYM Stewardship & Finance Committee also requests

that you consider a special offering or fund-raising effort benefiting IYM as part of your "IYM Sunday."

**Sabbatical Grants for Congregations:** Details and application materials for the 2016 Lilly Endowment National Clergy Renewal Program and the 2016 Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program for Indiana Congregations will be available in November 2015. Eligible congregations will be able to apply for grants of up to \$50,000 each to support a renewal program for their pastor. Up to \$15,000 of the grant may be used for congregational expenses associated with the renewal program. See more at: <http://www.indianaclergy.org/>

**Renovation of the IYM Office is now complete** with just a few decorating details currently being finished. All Friends are welcome to stop by and take a look at the office. An open house



is being planned for Thursday afternoon, December 3 from 3 to 6 pm. Susan Kirkpatrick Dennis, Rowena Holliday, and Kris Shoemaker have served as an ad hoc committee charged with selecting colors, flooring, etc. and have beautifully decorated the office with a theme based on trees as an extension of the new office logo.

**FUM is seeking a pastoral minister** who is called to incarnational and relational evangelism in Belize. This position will be as a Field Staff. Further information can be found at [www.fum.org](http://www.fum.org) in the near future.

**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, with Dr. Tony Wheeler from Barclay College speaking. For more information call 317-467-9899.

**USFW/Quaker Men Triennial Conference,** will be held July 7-10, 2016, at the Marriott Hotel in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Registration has begun at [www.usfw.org](http://www.usfw.org) or through the *Advocate*, USFW presidents, or yearly meeting offices.

Good Morning!  
*This is the 17th in a series of letters to George Fox, the founder of Quakerism.*

Dear George,

Sometimes I like to imagine how you would fit into Indiana Yearly Meeting in 2015. If you wanted to pastor one of our churches I'd probably first ask you to provide a resume and if you were interested in being recorded as a minister, we would inquire about your educational accomplishments. My guess is that you might actually resist those requests and assert, as you did years ago, that "being bred at Oxford or Cambridge was not

enough to fit and qualify men to be ministers of Christ." I can't say that I disagree.

I thought of you when I recently read Jesus' words from Matthew 11:25 where He thanked God who had "hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children." I don't mean to insult your thoughts as childish, but your faith was admirably childlike and your education was primarily based on revelation from the Father; not diplomas from an institution.

"The Lord opened to me" is a phrase that you used often. These

"openings" were direct revelations from God, not second-hand truths. You knew them to be true, not because their source was something you read in a good book or heard from a renowned teacher, but because the revelations from God resonated with your heart (as well as with scripture) and gripped your soul. I wonder what would happen if today we would depend less upon what we have been taught and depend more upon Jesus who has come to teach us Himself.

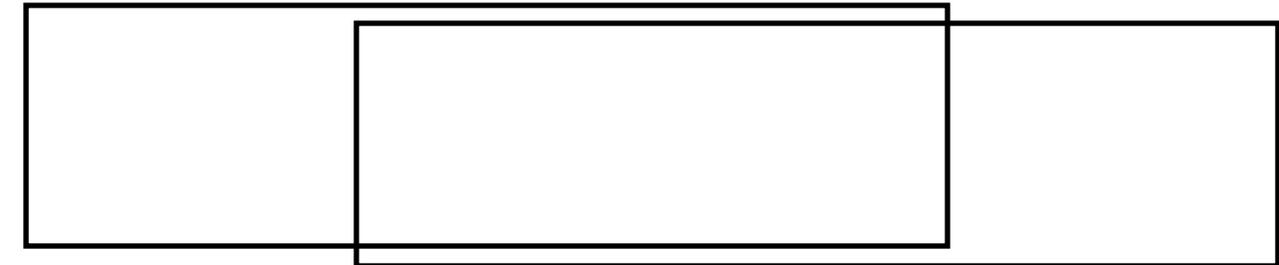
-Doug Shoemaker

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### IYM Upcoming Calendar

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*  
12/3 *Open House, IYM office, 3-6 pm*  
12/5 *Committee Day, Upland Friends, 9 am*

**Westfield Friends announces that the Dave Anderson concert will be postponed one week to November 1 at 5 pm (originally it was scheduled for 10-25-15).**

**Friends United Meeting** will hold their "Chain of Prayer," January 1 to Pentecost Sunday, May 15, 2016. For more information contact FUM at 765-962-7573 or [info@fum.org](mailto:info@fum.org).