

Steve Pedigo has resigned as pastor of Westfield Friends.

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Farmland Friends will host *The Children of the World Choir* performing at 7 pm on Wednesday, November 1. This will be a special night of great music and interesting cultures from around the world. Don't miss it!

Iglesia Amigos will hold a Festival of Friends, Saturday, October 21, 2 pm. There will be games, awards, food, bouncy house, and a concert at 831 N Edmondson Ave, Indianapolis. Contact Katy Moran for details: 317-450-4712 or pastor.katy.moran@gmail.com.

Maple Run Friends will make their famous apple pies on October 7 (includes sugar-free). They are \$8 each and the income goes to missions. If you would like to order any, please call Don Thompson at 765-661-2946. Also, Maple Run Friends has reservation information for a "Best of Israel" tour, March 22-31, 2019 if you are looking ahead for an inspirational trip. Contact pastor John Key at john.k.key@gmail.com or 765-661-4034. See www.pilgrimtours.com/groups/maplerunisrael.htm.


South Marion Friends recently began development of a webpage, a work in progress: www.southmarionfriends.org. The church leadership was invited on a tour of Cancer Services of Grant County learning about ministry opportunities. If interested contact them at southmarionfriends@gmail.com.

Disciplemaking 2.0 is a one-day workshop offered Saturday, October 21, at **Wabash Friends** from 9 am to 3 pm. Come learn the nine arts of spiritual conversations. Register at <https://wabashfriends.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/18/responses/new>.

West River Friends will host their fall Pork Chop Supper on Saturday, October 7, 5-7 pm. Come enjoy grilled pork chops, cheesy potatoes, green beans, applesauce, and homemade desserts, all for a free-will donation! Half the funds go for missions and half for other expenses.

White River Friends and Farmland Friends are sponsoring "Rising from Ashes" workshops starting October 3 through November 14 at the Randolph County YMCA, 1524 E Washington Street in Winchester for those desiring to be free from nicotine addiction. 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 jamesmoreland@aol.com.

Van Wert First Friends recently held another auto clinic for single mothers and widows. They were able to service 39 vehicles for oil changes.

 **IYM Youth Invasion** is happening this coming Sunday, October 8, at Russiaville Friends, from 5-8 pm. The event is FREE! Come out for three hours of Quaker Haven Camp programming with Brandon Eaton from Wabash Friends speaking, Brock Sizelove will lead games and the QHC House band will lead worship music.

Winchester Quarterly Meeting will meet on October 15, 6 pm at **Rural Friends** for business, youth meeting, and a program at 7 pm. Rural Friends is at 400 S, Winchester (south of Winchester on Rt 27 and turn west on 400 S till you come to the village of Rural). The youth will be led by Jerimy Stephan at 6 pm then they will attend the program at 7 pm. This program will be brought by Eric Dale, chairman of the IYM Mission Committee. He will speak about the concept of "giving wisely," explaining IYM's vision of missions.

2019 Budget donations and pledges are beginning to come in. Again this year we are seeking to

raise \$102,000 to supplement assessment income and fully fund the following year's budget. We greatly appreciate individuals and churches who generously give, freeing up IYM leadership to focus on ministry. Thank you for your continued support of what God is doing in IYM.

Don't Wait! Now is the time to apply to Barclay College for 2018 FMT courses coming this winter. The required class, *Orientation to Online Learning*, begins January 30. *New Testament Survey* begins February 12 with Paul Cochrane, and *Introduction to Pastoral Care* begins on March 26 with David Phillips. If you have questions about this program, created to equip IYM pastors and church leaders, please contact Paul Cochrane at Paul.Cochrane@Barclaycollege.edu or call 260-274-2257.

Leadership Development Training is being offered by World Renewal & IYM Pastors. Ten IYM trained pastors and leaders will be the instructors. Twelve (1 hour) training sessions that are clear, concise, and transformational will be offered in two segments: Part 1, November 7-December 12. Part 2, January 9-February 6 (all on Tuesdays) and all are at Back Creek Friends at 7 pm. We encourage churches to send at least one leader or potential leader who can return and train others in your congregation. Cost: \$10 for Training Manual. Please register by texting Gary Wright at 317-513-9042 or email gwright@worldrenewal.org.

Are you a nurse — active or recently retired? FUM announces an immediate opening for a volunteer to establish a new nursing program at the Upper School campus of Ramallah Friends School, in Ramallah Palestine. Minimum 6-month commitment needed. Housing is provided on the campus of Ramallah Friends School. As a "Living Letters" volunteer, you would work together with FUM staff to raise your airfare and living expenses. For more information, contact Eden Grace, at edeng@fum.org.

Good Morning!

Author Kevin Harney tells a story in his book *Seismic Shifts* about Margaret, who daily gave her small dog, Patches, a teaspoon of castor oil. A wrestling match was usually required to administer it, but one day Patches sent the dreaded bottle of castor oil flying across the kitchen floor. It was a momentary victory for the canine, as Margaret let him go so she could run to the pantry and grab a towel to clean up the mess. When Margaret got back, she was utterly shocked. There was Patches licking up the spilled castor oil with a look of satisfaction only a dog can make. Margaret began to laugh uncon-

trollably. In one moment, it all made sense. Patches liked castor oil. He just hated being pinned down and having it poured down his throat.

I wonder how many times our well-meaning efforts to share the gospel are like Margaret pouring castor oil down Patches' throat? Many of us have become convinced that people today just aren't receptive to the Christian message, when it may be the way we have presented it that's the real problem. I see examples across IYM of individuals and con-

gregations seeking ways to enable un-churched friends and family members to taste and see that the Lord is good!

Instead of waiting for unsuspecting visitors to walk into our meetinghouses so we can pour something down their throats, what are our churches doing to make the good news of Jesus easily understandable and readily available.

Don't buy the lie that people just aren't interested in spiritual things today. The truth is, many would lick it up! *-Doug Shoemaker*

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

10/05 *Pastors' Toolkit Session, Walnut Ridge Friends, 10 am*
10/09 *Program Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm*
10/31 *Trustees, IYM office, 6:30 pm*
11/02 *Pastors' Toolkit Session, Bear Creek Friends, 10 am*
11/11 *Representative Council, Portland Friends, 9:30 am*

Mid-Winter Retreat for pastors and spouses will be held, January 19-21 at Clifty Inn. Save the date and watch for more information soon.

Friends United Meeting is in the process of searching for the position of FUM General Secretary. Application deadline is November 30. For more information go to search@friendsunitedmeeting.org.

Darrell Boone, clerk of Wabash Friends Church, has recently published a book detailing the life of his son, Peter Boone, who died two and a half years ago. "He Made us Better: A Story of Faith, Family, Friends (And Football)" is now available in local Christian bookstores or can be ordered online.

Friends Ministry Training (FMT) courses to be offered soon include:

Quaker History August 14-Sept. 24 (taught by Greg Hinshaw)

Introduction to Pastoral Preaching, Sept 25-Nov. 5

Basic Christian Doctrine Nov. 6-Dec. 17

Register now at <https://www.barclaycollege.edu/forms/OnlineApply.aspx>. For more information contact Paul Cochrane at paulbcochrane@yahoo.com.

Jeff Klein, Midwest Regional Leader for Q Place, is leading a one-day workshop here at Wabash Friends on **Saturday, October 21st** to teach us the 9 Arts of Spiritual Conversations geared toward reaching people who do not attend church. We would like for all of you to put this very important date on your calendar because you will not want to miss it! The sign up process will start soon. Anyone wishing to purchase one of the books that is the foundation for this workshop, The 9 Arts of Spiritual Conversations, can contact the church office at 260-563-8452. Cost of the book is only \$10. For more information about Q Place, visit www.qplace.com.

Jericho Friends is planning for their USFW Fall Event to be held, November 11.

There will be a meal, the country store, and entertainment by "The Pete Mercer Family Music Group."

Pastors are invited to participate in six monthly "Pastors' Toolkit" sessions led by Doug Shoemaker offered in September, October, November, February, March and April. The first will meet at the yearly meeting office in Muncie from 10 -11:30 am on Thursday, September 7. There is no cost to attend and all IYM pastors are welcome to attend. "Preaching in the Power of the Spirit" will be September's topic.

Everence – Friends Partnership:

Doug Shoemaker invited me to let IYM Friends know about an exciting new partnership between FUM and Everence. Everence is a financial service organization that helps individuals and faith communities integrate Christian values with their financial decisions. In March Everence called me to serve Friends communities on behalf of this partnership. As a Friends pastor, I am excited by services Everence provides to help local churches strengthen their stewardship programs and expand Christ's mission of generosity. For example, every year Everence awards nearly a million dollars in Sharing Fund grants through local congregations to assist people in need. During the week of September 5-10, I am visiting Indiana and welcome opportunities to connect with pastors and leaders to learn more about your stewardship hopes and discern how Everence can work with you to strengthen your vital ministries. In the meantime, feel free to contact me if you have questions or if I can serve you in specific ways: Kelly R. Kellum, Stewardship Consultant, kelly.kellum@everence.com—336-870-2776.

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Everence and Friends Partnership:

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White's Residential & Family Services board of trustees announces they have chosen Ron Evans as the organization's next chief executive officer. Evans will succeed Dee Gibson, the company's longtime CEO, effective January 2018. Since 2013, Evans has served as head of school at Traders Point Christian Academy in Indianapolis. Prior to that, he was president of Lenawee Christian Ministries and head of Lenawee Christian School in Adrian, Michigan. He also was director of The Lodge and director for Life Action Ministries.

Bethany Theological Seminary will host an Everence Financial Coaching training workshop on October 7, 9-3 pm. This ministry is for congregations wanting to help people deal with budget, debt, and savings habits. The workshop is free. Contact Kelly Kellum, Stewardship Consultant, kelly.kellum@everence.com or 336-870-2776 if