

Phil Abram has begun ministry as the pastor of Van Wert First Friends.

Amboy Friends is looking for a new youth minister. It is a part-time position, and they invite any inquiries to be in contact with them either at 765-395-7190 or info@amboymfriends.org.

Cadiz and Knightstown Friends Men recently met together for a wonderful retreat at New Garden Friends Meetinghouse in Fountain City. Bob Lines led their time together and David Oakes organized the Day's events which included a guided tour of the Levi Coffin House. Future Men's events are being planned.

Hinkle Creek Friends will have their annual Fall Weiner Roast in the church woods on Saturday, September 15, with horseback rides at 4 and the roast at 6 pm. All food will be provided and all are welcome!

Knightstown Friends is sponsoring their second annual "Concert on the Square" featuring Zion's Joy and Mike Haemmerle on Saturday, September 29. In case of bad weather the concert will move into Knightstown Friends Church. A pulled pork (John's Famous Recipe) dinner will be available (free-will offering). Money collected will go to Knightstown Friends Activities Committee. Serving of food begins at 5 pm and music starts at 5:30 pm. Also, Knightstown Friends will hold "Quakerism Classes" beginning on Tuesday, September 18. They are planning eight different sessions with eight different topics. Each class will begin at 6:30 pm and last approximately 90 mins. Childcare will be available.

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.

Mooreland Friends Youth "Destination Unknown 2018" will be

held, October 6-9. Where they are going, nobody knows! Also, Mooreland Friends furnishes food for those in need from their food pantry on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. Their Ham and Bean Dinner will be held, Saturday, October 27. Check their church website at www.moorelandfriendschurch.org.

Sycamore Friends will have a Garage Sale, Saturday, September 15.

West River Friends will hold their annual Pork Chop Supper, Saturday, September 29, 5-7 pm (free-will offering). For carry-out meals, call 765-993-0835.

Pastors' Toolkit first gathering of this season will be held at Westfield Friends on Thursday, September 13, beginning at 10 am. All current or former pastoral staff members are welcome to attend. "Becoming a Discipleship Hub" will be the topic of our September meeting.

Friends Curriculum: Orders are due by October 1. The series of 13 lessons for adults is designed for the December 2018 – February 2019 quarter. Cost is \$5 per booklet plus postage if applicable. The Christian Education Committee will review this pilot project to determine if we can provide curriculum like this on a regular basis in the future. Thanks to all churches who are helping test this curriculum. It's not too late to order yours!



IYM Youth News: Each church should receive several cards about the upcoming Friends Summit event for young adults (ages 16-25), December 28 through January 1 in Denver, Colorado. We would like to take as many people to this event as possible. If you have questions, contact Pat Byers at the IYM office or visit www.friendssummit.com.

Other IYM Youth Ministry Dates:
***Youth Invasion**—Mooresville Friends (WYM) October 14, 5-8pm
***Fall Impact**—Quaker Haven November 2-4

***Youth Invasion** - Knightstown (Hoosier Gym) January 13, 5-8pm

***Winter Sneak**—Quaker Haven February 1-3

***Youth Invasion**—April (Date and place TBA)

***2019 Summer Camp**—Quaker Haven (Early Bird registration due by May 30, 2019)

Ways to Give: At yearly meeting sessions, Craig Foor made a helpful presentation describing gifts that give now, gifts that give later, and gifts that give back. Do you know how to make charitable contributions that maximize tax benefits? Would you like to learn about donor advised funds, commodity gifts, charitable gift annuities, charitable trusts, and more? Contact Craig at Craig.Foor@everence.com or 800-222-5054 (Ext. 3418).

LDP Groups (Leadership Development Program) are forming and we hope that two groups, (one for men, the other for women) will be offered next month. Contact the yearly meeting office if you are interested in participating or have questions.

Focused Living and Apex workshops will again be offered at Wabash Friends. Dave Phillips and Paul Cochrane will be facilitating these workshops. The cost is \$40 which includes a workbook, other materials, and a light lunch on Saturdays. Alumni and alumnae may attend at no cost. Focused Living is scheduled for Saturday, September 22, from 8:00 to 4:00. It will also be offered on four consecutive Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:30, September 18 and 25, and October 2 and 9. Apex will be held October 27 from 8:00-4:00. Contact Dave Phillips to register for the workshops or for more information.

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the family and friends of Dr Betty Cobbs who died in a tragic auto accident in Iowa that also seriously injured Mike and Melinda Gerrish – all from Walnut Ridge Friends.

Good Morning!

“You Know You’re in Church Planting when... your spouse is ill - and attendance dips 20%, ...your attendance matches the temperature – in January, and ...anything that breathes is counted in Sunday attendance.” *Rich Geigert in Leadership, Vol. 7, no. 3.*

As a pastor I didn’t think much about anything as risky as church-planting. In retrospect, I believe this was a mistake. God loves and uses existing churches, but more people come to Christ in the first years of a church’s existence than in later years. This is not good news for Indiana Yearly Meet-

ing where the average age of our meetings is over 100 years!

I once heard John Maxwell tell of a small struggling church that resisted all his suggestions to help them grow. When he asked why, they honestly replied, “We’re afraid we might fail.” In turn he asked, “What are you doing now, succeeding?” That’s a good question for all our churches. A church planter in Colorado Springs was at the end of his rope when no one showed up at a service and he flirted with the idea of quitting. Then he heard God’s voice saying, “I know

you are willing to be a success for me, but are you willing to be a failure for me?” It was only when he was willing to risk failure, that he eventually succeeded in seeing a new church birthed. *Jim Wilson, Future Church (Serendipity House, 2002).*

Has your church ever considered trying something that might fail? What is your congregation doing now that doesn’t depend upon the current resources on hand? A biblical principal indicates that those afraid to fail rarely succeed.

-Doug Shoemaker

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

09/13 *Pastors’ Toolkit, Westfield Friends, 10 am*
09/17 *Bicentennial Committee, IYM office, 7 pm*
10/11 *Pastors Toolkit (location TBA), 10 am*
10/30 *Trustees, IYM office, 6:30 pm*
11/10 *Representative Council, Riley Friends (Greenfield), 9:30 am*
11/13 *Advancement Committee, IYM office, 4 pm*

Quaker Haven upcoming activities: September 13-16—
Quilt Camp; October 4-7—Scrapbooking Retreat.

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Membership records and meeting minutes should never be destroyed! When you clean out your attic or closets, remember that the IYM archives will carefully catalogue and preserve your records. Drop them off at the yearly meeting office or call for someone to pick them up.

The IYM Bicentennial Committee is busy planning for a 200th anniversary celebration at IYM sessions in July 2021. Paul Anderson of George Fox University has already been confirmed as our speaker. Each local church will be asked to send an historical display to the sessions and to contribute material for a bicentennial directory/history book. Please designate someone from your local church to communicate with the bicentennial committee and send the name of the contact person to Greg Hinshaw at gphinshaw@gmail.com.

Iglesia Amigos would welcome prayers and support for a member who has been detained and is facing probable deportation to El Salvador. In addition to holding a prayer vigil on her behalf, the church has started a fundraising campaign to help the family with detention and re-settlement expenses at <https://www.gofundme.com/solidarity-with-sonia?member=140950>. Letters of encouragement can be sent to “Sonia” at Sonia Marlene Pocasangre Avilas A#8-759, Clay County Jail, 611 East Jackson St., Brazil, IN 47834. For more information email pastor.katy.moran@gmail.com.

Think, “Professional Development.” It is Barclay College’s certificate program designed by and for IYM to allow church leaders – pastors, youth leaders, clerks, Sunday Bible teachers – to obtain a solid foundation for their ministry.

Talk to current IYM students: Edie Keese-Henry, Martin Wells, Bob Lines, Ray Slick, Pat Byres, and/or Zach Kennedy. (Explore their experience to see what difference FMT has made.)

Tackle current IYM professors: David Phillips, Paul Cochrane, Greg Hinshaw, Gary Wright, Carol Wright. (...that is... tackle them with hard questions to see if FMT is worth your time!)

Trepidate No More! Step out by faith to join your colleagues in sharpening your ministry skills. You will be glad you did.

2018 Fall Schedule of Courses:
Orientation to Online Learning (July 30-Aug 12 *required of all new Barclay students*)

Introduction to Friends Theology (Aug 13-Sept 23)

Introduction to Church History (Sept 24-Nov 4)

Introduction to Evangelism, Missions and Church Growth (Nov 5-Dec 16)

To enroll, go to <https://www.barclaycollege.edu/undergraduate/online/certificate/friends-ministry-training/index.html> or contact Paul Cochrane if you have questions: paul.cochrane@barclaycollege.edu.

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Indiana Yearly Meeting Friends Disaster Service is willing to help congregations with needed repairs and projects. Is your church in need of some workers with a trailer-full of tools to do some handiwork? Contact Darrell Monroe, 317-690-1311 or Don Wimmer, 765-384-7429.

Portland Friends will have USFW Family Night Meal, September 9; USFW Fall Retreat at Quaker Haven, September 10-11; Fall Festival activities, September 22, and Spiritual Renewal Retreat, October 19-21.

Friends Summit 2018 for young adults ages 16-25 will be held December 28 – January 1 in Denver, Colorado. Visit www.FriendsSummit.com for more information.

Cuba Yearly Meeting 118th Anniversary Trip, sponsored by FUM, will be November 10th - 19th, 2018. Every year on the 14th of November, Cuba Yearly Meeting celebrates the arrival in 1900 of the first Friends missionaries to the island. This one-week trip is gentle enough for older Friends and is focused on sharing in worship and fellowship. The total cost for this trip is \$1850. Registration Deadline: extended to JUNE 30, 2018. Register at: <https://goo.gl/V5uCsE> or contact Eden Grace at edeng@fum.org.

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