

Judy Dennis, assistant executive director of the Family Service Association of Howard County and IYM recorded minister, was presented with the Sagamore of the Wabash award at the 2015 Howard County Women's Summit Saturday, August 29.

Greg Hinshaw, former IYM Presiding Clerk, was recently named the 2016 Superintendent of the Year for District 6 by the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents. Greg is a member of Bear Creek Friends.

Steven Green has been called by Amboy Friends to serve as their part-time youth pastor.

Brian Mauller has been called by Maple Run Friends as their Associate Pastor of Outreach & Discipleship and **John Mills** as their part-time Youth Pastor.

Kathy Jaderholm has announced her resignation as Pastor of Children's Ministries at Wabash Friends

Duane Summitt has concluded his service as pastor at Carthage Friends.

Leon and Anne Amstutz of Upland Friends have been appointed as missionaries with SonSet Solutions. They are currently raising their support. To learn more go to <http://sonsetsolutions.org/staff/leon-and-anne-amstutz/>. In the meantime, Leon is working as a temporary contractor for a faith-based non-profit called Ambassador Enterprises. He is soliciting used, working laptops, and tablets. If you are retiring a laptop or tablet please email leonanne@sbcglobal.net to learn how it can be donated and used for missions.

Anderson First Friends celebrated 120 years of ministry in its closing service, August 30, with a full house including leadership individuals from Memorial Circle Wesleyan Church. The following Sunday, September 6, there was again a full house (151) when Memorial Circle Wesleyan Church began their first week of ministry in the Anderson First Friends Meetinghouse, adopting the existing congregation. Hispanics and African Americans worshiped with the Wesleyans and Quakers, celebrating a new era begun in that location.

Faerland Friends hosted a live simulcast, Living Proof, with Beth Moore, September 12 to a full house.

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.

Portland Friends is holding a revival, September 17-20, 7 pm and Sunday at 10:15 am, with Rev. Fred Stevens speaking. "The Hopewell Trio" will minister in music.

Girl Scout members from Troop 631, chartered by **Westfield Friends**, worked to earn their Silver Award, the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette can earn, by sewing book bags for the Turkana and Samburu girls who are sponsored through FUM. This award requires at least 50 hours of work on a project to create positive change in the world.

The Stewardship & Finance Committee has set a goal of raising \$95,000 above normal assessment giving to support the 2017 budget. Thank you to all churches and individuals who pledged and gave over \$88,000 toward the 2016 budget! Be watching soon for information on how you can participate in our next effort.



CE Spotlight

Please visit the Youth Ministries Tab at iym.org for some new stuff! First, you can get six Post-Camp lessons that churches can use to keep kids connected to topics from the QHC camps (they are written to High School students, but can be tweaked for younger kids). Second, Sandy Davis, from the IYM CE Committee, has put together a spreadsheet of all the materials available in the CE Library that can be loaned out for your use. Check it out and see what your church can benefit from.

Thanks for your patience. The IYM office was closed from August 21 through September 13 for renovation. Finishing touches are still being added this week.

It's time to submit your application for a MEI matching grant for your pastor. **This is the final application deadline as the MEI grant ends December 31.** Go to www.iym.org, click on the Ministerial Excellence Initiative on the left column, then click on Meeting Application. If you are submitting an application make sure to read the additional information we need from your meeting on the application (budget for the current year or a balance sheet). You have the opportunity to support your pastor with up to \$2,500 matching monies to be used for retirement, education, education debt reduction, health insurance, health

savings, sabbatical support, or emergency needs. Contact Carol Wright (carol@iym.org) 317-513-9052.

The Bible has much to say about stewardship. Pastors, M&O, Sunday schools, and small groups may find it difficult to teach on this subject. Good news! A new partner of IYM, Everence Financial, has several online training tools to help our meetings. Their website has curriculum for nine "classes" that are free to view and download. The courses focus on the stewardship needs for people of all ages. Courses are categorized by Adult, Church Leadership, and Youth. To get started just click on everence.com, Planning & Education, Stewardship Education, then click on one of the following—Adult Education Resources, Church Leadership Education Resources, or Youth Education Resources. The IYM Stewardship & Finance Committee is taking an in-depth review of each piece of curriculum and will be writing summaries. Watch for those specific reviews in future issues of *The Communicator*.

White's Residential & Family Services was recently presented the Century Certificate by Indiana Secretary of State, Connie Lawson. The Certificate is awarded to businesses and organizations that have been in good standing with the state for more than 100 years. White's is the first recipient of the Century Certificate which acknowledges their service to Indiana's most vulnerable citizens for 165 years.

Indiana USFW Fall Gathering will be held at White's Residential & Family Services on Saturday, October 10. Registration begins at 9:30 in the chapel, convening at 10:00. White's will provide the program and will benefit from their offering that day. Lunch will be in the cafeteria for \$2.50, and tours of the campus will be offered after lunch. **The USFW Reading Program** includes a carefully selected set of inspirational and devotional books each year. Lynn Guyer, the USFW Reading & Literature clerk, has a small inventory of USFW materials (Blueprints and calendars). Nearly all their inventory of books for this year have already been sold. If you are planning a reading program and need books, they may be ordered online. The list is available on the USFWI website here: <http://usfriendswomenintnl.wix.com/usfwi#!usfwireadinglist/c786>.

Good Morning!

This is the 14th in a series of letters to George Fox, the founder of Quakerism.

Dear George,

I wish I could have a conversation with you about the end times. When I was a young Christian I was deeply impacted by authors like Hal Lindsey who connected the dots of world events with prophecies found in the Bible. I was pretty convinced that I would see Jesus return in a matter of years, and wanted to be sure that when the trumpet sounded I hadn't blown it! As time passed

some have become skeptical about end-times doctrines. When recently moving books from my office shelf I found one entitled "88 Reasons Why the Rapture Will Be in 1988." Did I miss something?

I wish you would have weighed in to a greater degree with your opinions on the end times, but I can understand why this wasn't your focus. You lived in a culture where Christian extremist groups like the Fifth Monarchists were seeking to usher in the Kingdom of God by seeking to overthrow earthly governments. Instead of focusing

on 66 reasons why Christ would return in 1666, you focused on the fact that Jesus was already present and His Kingdom was now upon us.

Today prophetic voices are warning us that this very month could be the beginning of the end with the 4th blood moon of the year, the beginning of the Year of Jubilee, and 2520 weeks following Israel's statehood converging in a single point of time. What would you do here today? Probably focus on the Kingdom that has already now come.

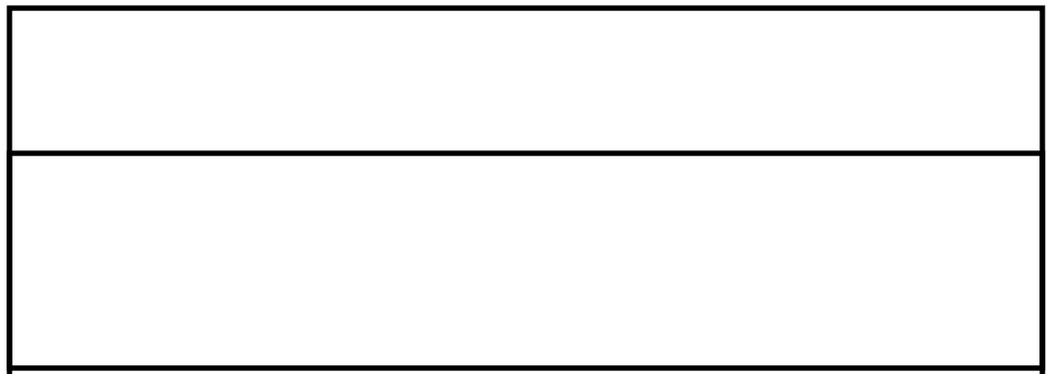
-Doug Shoemaker

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

- 9/29 Trustees, IYM office, 6:30 pm
- 10/1 Counselor-Friend Training, Farmland Friends, 7 pm
- 10/5 Work Group on Pastoral Training, IYM office, 3 pm
- 10/5 Recording Committee, 7 pm at IYM office
- 10/13 Pastors Summit, 9 am at Farmland Friends

What should churches and ministries know about the U.S. Supreme Court's decision regarding same-sex marriage? The following links provide helpful information.

[http://www.brotherhoodmutual.com/index.cfm/resources/legalassistance/legalqanda/questions/us-supreme-courts-decision-regarding-same-sex-marriage/?utm_source=DMC&utm_medium=EMAIL&utm_content=\[ga:email\]&utm_campaign=1487:Email_Supreme%20Court%20Decision](http://www.brotherhoodmutual.com/index.cfm/resources/legalassistance/legalqanda/questions/us-supreme-courts-decision-regarding-same-sex-marriage/?utm_source=DMC&utm_medium=EMAIL&utm_content=[ga:email]&utm_campaign=1487:Email_Supreme%20Court%20Decision)
https://www.guideone.com/Churches/Newsletters/SafetyWatch/2015/july8_samesex_marriage.htm

The Annual Live Life Conference will be held in Wabash at the Honeywell Center, sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center and will bring in Nathan Foster as the keynote speaker/workshop leader. There will be 20 other workshops offered led by professionals. Cost for the day, paid before Oct 12, is \$30. Registration at 8 am on **Saturday, November 7**. Conference ends at 3 pm. For more information see www.wabashfriendscounseling.com/live-life-conference.html