

Communicator

Hemlock Friends recently had church outings which included a "Fish Out" and pitch-in meal on August 8 and the "Church in the Barn" on September 9. Also the congregation is holding monthly cottage prayer meetings.

Knightstown Friends suffered a fire in their parsonage on September 20—a building used as the church office. The building suffered extensive damage, but the meeting house was spared. Pastor Tim Basford lives in his own home but lost everything in his office. We are thankful there were no injuries. Probable cause was an electric malfunction with the air conditioning unit.

How to Support Knightstown Friends: Several have asked how to help Knightstown Friends in their time of loss. Their pastor has announced that attending the concert planned for this Saturday, September 29, would be especially meaningful. It will be held on the street in front of the church (in the church if rain occurs) with a free-will offering pulled-pork dinner being served beginning at 5 pm, with music by Mike Haemmerle and "Zion's Joy" to follow, beginning at 5:30 pm. Dress for the weather, bring your lawn chairs, and come show your support Saturday night!

Little Blue River Friends will hold their 2018 Campout Weekend on Saturday, September 29, starting at 6:00 pm. This includes overnight camping on the church grounds, bonfire, fellowship, and fun! Sunday morning Christian Education and the Worship Service will be at 9 am and 10 am in the outdoors with Pastor Jacob Brown of Georgia as the guest speaker.

Mooreland Friends' Ham and Bean Dinner will be held, Saturday, October 27. Check their church website at www.moorelandfriendschurch.org for more information. Their youth will hold "Destination Unknown 2018," October 6-9.

Portland Friends will have a Spiritual Renewal Retreat, October 19-21.

Fall Revival Services will be held at Walnut Ridge Friends, Friday, October 12, at 7 pm; Riley Friends, Saturday, October 13, at 5 pm; and at Little Blue River Friends, Sunday, October 14, at 6 pm. There will be a time of food & fellowship after each service. Hubert Nolen will be the revival speaker, formerly the Senior Pastor of Brookville Road Community Church for 33 years and currently serving as the Executive Director of Hope Center in Indiana-polis.

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.

Pastor Markus Dennis has resigned from Walnut Ridge Friends to dedicate additional time to leading Riley Friends in Greenfield, Indiana, and Church Multiplication within Indiana Yearly Meeting. His final Sunday at Walnut Ridge will be September 30, 2018.

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@amboyfriends.org.

Pastors' Toolkit gatherings will continue in October with the next session being held at Sycamore

Friends on Thursday, October 11 beginning at 10 am. All current or former pastoral staff members are welcome to attend. "Leading Your Church to the Next Level" will be the topic of our October meeting.



IYM Youth News: 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.

Friends Curriculum: Orders are due by October 1. This is a 13-lesson curriculum for adults based on Luke 1-2. We already have orders from 17 IYM churches as well as Friends from three other yearly meetings who will be "test-driving" these lessons during the December – February quarter.

Lunch and presentation for pastors and ministry leaders: You are invited to a catered lunch and presentation on the history of the Underground Railroad in Grant County—the history of resistance, free black settlements, and the work of Christian abolitionists in the area. Presenters will be Dr. Bob Priest of Taylor University and Dr. Kersten Priest of Indiana Wesleyan University. This is a part of the *Theological Research Seminars* series led by Dr. Patrick Eby of Wesley Seminary to be held Monday, November 5, 11:30-1:15. Lunch will be provided by Wesley Seminary. Registration is required to participate in lunch. Register: abolitionlunch.eventbrite.com

Good Morning!

Larry Hoffman went to a Goodwill store in Wisconsin looking for a bargain according to a 4-13-05 article on www.jsonline.com. He found one. Larry picked out a shirt, paid for it, and took it home. However, when he tried it on, Larry discovered that the shirt was too small for him. And then Larry found something else. Stuffed in the pocket of the shirt was a wad of cash totaling \$2,000! Most people love a good bargain.

In the last year I relished finding a new trash service that saved me a lot of money and when I changed auto insurance companies I was nearly ecstatic because my pre-

miums were so much lower.

Last week I spent some time with other Friends Superintendents and Secretaries. During casual conversation I asked one Friends leader how his yearly meeting raised money to fund their budget. Their meetings are expected to give something similar to what we call "assessments" that represent about 25% of each meeting's annual budget. They also depend upon voluntary contributions to raise additional funds each year, needing to raise about \$700,000 to fund their next budget.

In contrast, Indiana Yearly Meeting depends upon local congregations to contribute assessments that tend to average under 5% of a meeting's annual budget and also depends upon voluntary contributions to raise over just \$100,000 additionally each year. If you "shop around" I think you'll find that belonging to IYM is actually quite a bargain – especially when you discover the refreshing surprises in pockets across our yearly meeting.

-Doug Shoemaker

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

09/27 Program Committee Conference Call, 6:30 pm

10/01 Recording Committee, IYM office, 6:30

10/11 Pastors Toolkit, Sycamore Friends, 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

11/15 Pastors Toolkit, Portland Friends, 10 am