

Ron Forsythe has recently accepted a full-time position with Heart to Heart Hospice and has announced his resignation as pastor at Hemlock Friends where he has served for over seven years.

Arba Friends will hold their 200th Anniversary Celebration, Sunday, October 11 at 10 am. A fellowship dinner will follow with an afternoon program at 2 pm.

Bear Creek Friends recently hosted eleven of the campers that they sent to Quaker Haven this summer during morning worship, as well as Brandon Dennis and six other camp staffers, including two who are from Bear Creek. The morning attendance for the day was 86, and several of the camp staffers attended Bear Creek's annual fall picnic at the home of Pastor Vernon Huffman that evening.

Cadiz Friends will have a Spaghetti Dinner, October 24, 5-7 pm. The meal will include spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert, and beverage. The freewill offering will benefit their Quaker Haven campers. Contact person is Leah Steven 765-533-6303.

Farmland Friends will hold "Rising From Ashes Ministry" on Monday evenings, October 19 through November 30, 6-8 pm. This ministry is a Christ-centered cigarette smoking cessation program. This ministry is based on the power of the Holy Spirit, God's Word, and support by fellow believers who truly care for the participants. This seven-week workshop is being offered to Randolph County churches. There is a \$25 sign-up fee to cover the cost of materials. For more information contact Jim Moreland at 765-565-6589 or email jamesmoreland@aol.com.

Jericho Friends is hosting Greg Hinshaw, who will speak on history, authority, and influential people of Indiana Yearly Meeting, October 4, 11, and 18 at 6:30 pm. Child care will be available for those 12 and under. Winchester Quarterly Meeting will meet at Jericho and enjoy the 6:30 pm presentation on October 18.

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 will be the keynote speaker/workshop leader. Twenty other workshops will be offered. Cost for the day, paid before Oct 12, is \$30.

Conference ends at 3 pm. www.wabashfriendscounseling.com/live-life-conference.html

Wabash Friends has an opening for a Children's Ministry pastor. They are accepting resumes through October 6. Please include three references on your resume and submit to info@wabashfriends.org. See complete job description at www.wabashfriends.org.

West River Friends will hold their Pork Chop Supper with all the trimmings, Saturday, October 17, 5-7 pm. If you would like a carry-out meal, please call 765-489-5512. A freewill offering will be taken.

Pastor Summits 2015-2016

September 15; 9 am at Back Creek Friends "Reaching Young Families" led by Brock Meyer

October 13; 9 am at Farmland Friends "Creating Small Groups that Matter" led by Dwight Elliott

November 17; 9 am at Bethel Friends "Spiritual Formation" led by Carol Wright

December 17; 6:30 pm (location TBA) Annual Pastors Christmas Dinner

January 29-31 at Das Dutchman Eszenhaus Inn & Conference Center Pastors Mid-Winter Retreat featuring best of the Global Leadership Summit

February 16; 9 am at White's Residential and Family Services, "Vulnerability in Leadership" led by Hope Brown

March 15; 9 am at White River Friends, "Discernment" led by Marlene Pedigo

April 19; 9 am at Maple Run Friends "Prayer Ministries" led by Jeff Nagell

Pastors Short Course

July 5-7; "Rhythms of Grace: Life-Saving Disciplines for Spiritual Leaders," led by David Williams, Superintendent of Mid-America Yearly Meeting.

From IYM Treasurer, Max Smith: What a blessing God bestowed on us with our 2016 budget fundraising effort, not only meeting but exceeding our goal! The 2017 budget fundraising effort is now underway. Meetings should be getting material soon requesting participation in this important effort with ideas such as IYM Sunday like

many meetings held last year. Individuals that have donated in the past will also be receiving information soon about this new campaign. Starting with the 2016 budget year, assessments have been reduced and are now figured on the average of membership and attendance for worship. This has resulted in many meetings total assessment being lower with just a few holding steady or slightly rising. For those with a reduction, this will free up funds which could be donated toward the IYM 2017 budget. The fundraising goal for this campaign is \$95,000. Doug unofficially kicked off the 2017 campaign at the July IYM sessions announcing he had an envelope for donations and a card to note pledges. Without any publicity to this point, we already have \$11,270 in donations and pledges. Thank you to all that have joined us and praise God for His continued blessings!

Friends Disaster Service will have "Work Week," October 1,2,3, in Morgan county assisting flood victims. If you can help, call Eldon Studer at 812-879-4236 or cell at 765-346-0587.

Friends United Meeting will host a series of small group gatherings this fall within their North American community. Alongside a presentation on the FUM Campaign, these gatherings will allow for continued listening to the needs and concerns of Friends and help build connections across the Quaker community. Dates and other information will be released at a later time. Any Friends interested in helping to host and participate in one of these events are encouraged to contact Colin Saxton at colinsa@fum.org.

We are saddened to announce the deaths to two women who were wives of former IYM pastors. **Jean Myers**, wife of John Myers, recently passed away and her funeral was held at Wabash Friends Church on September 23. **Sheri Moser Bennett Davis** recently passed away in her sleep. Her parents were former IYM pastors Gene & Rexa Moser. Her first and late husband, Carl Bennett, pastored in IYM as did her second husband, Marc Davis. A Memorial Service was held in Idaho. A Memorial Service will be held in Indiana at a later date.

Good Morning!
*This is the 15th in a series
of letters to George Fox,
the founder of Quakerism.*

Dear George,

I imagine you are glad that criminal background checks were not a part of your culture. With your frequent imprisonments, I'm sure your repeated offenses would have made prospective employers hesitant to take a serious look at you. To be honest, I've privately wondered if all of your prison record was really necessary. I think I could have smooth-talked the authorities and ra-

tionalized away some of the stands you felt compelled to take and avoided a lot of unpleasantness. But your goal wasn't to take the easiest path was it? Your aim was to be faithful, no matter what the cost.

In a place called Kentucky, there's been a lot of fuss recently over a county official who has taken a stand based on her deeply held religious convictions. It has landed her in a heap of trouble but I'm sure you know how that feels. Whether people agree with Kim Davis' approach or yours, we have to admire the determination that both of you have demonstrated to

be unflinchingly faithful to God's will as you understood it.

I'm reminded of the story of Daniel in the Old Testament. It seems like he could have avoided the whole lion's den ordeal by simply stepping back from his window and praying privately. But like you, his goal wasn't to fly under the radar. Instead he was committed to publicly living out his faith no matter what the cost. Examples of people like you and Daniel and even Kim Davis are a challenge to me. Thanks!

-Doug Shoemaker

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

10/1 *Counselor-Friend Training, Farmland Friends, 7 pm*
10/5 *Recording Committee, IYM office, 6 pm (note time change)*
10/6 *MEI Steering Committee, IYM office, 4:30 pm*
10/13 *Pastors Summit, Farmland Friends, 9 am*
10/27 *Program Committee, IYM office, 6 pm*

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.