

Back Creek Friends in Fairmount needs to replace some older hymnals that have fallen into disrepair. They would appreciate hearing from anyone that has copies of "Worship His Majesty" that they are willing to part with. Please call Joel Clark at 765-603-9064 or email to joel.clark@comcast.net if you are able to help with this.

Bear Creek Friends hosted "Quaker Haven Sunday" on September 11 with 91 present for worship. Brandon and Amy Dennis, Brock Sizelove, and several of the Quaker Haven staff, joined more than a dozen campers in sharing about their camp experiences. More than 60 people, including guests from Quaker Haven, enjoyed the church's annual cookout at the farm of Pastor Vernon Huffman that evening.

Cadiz Friends will host "A Better Day" in concert, Sunday, October 16, 1-2:30 pm. Mike Haemmerle and Kerry Davis will share how *every day with Jesus is a better day*.

Van Wert First Friends was blessed to be a part of a ministry team that recently shared the gospel with 133 children, teens, and adults at the Van Wert County Fair. God was so faithful as 54 children, teens, and adults prayed for Jesus to become Lord of their lives. Praise be to His name. This was a ministry with five other area churches.

Wabash Friends sponsors "Kids Hope," a life-changing ministry at an elementary school, and presently they have more students than mentors. Dave Phillips, one of Wabash Friends' pastors, recently presided over a reenactment of a Quaker Meeting from the 1800s at the 200 years of Wabash County History Celebration.

Westfield Friends will be carpooling to the Indiana Capitol to participate in the Decision America Tour prayer rally with Franklin Graham on October 5.

Winchester Quarterly Meeting will meet at Arba Friends on Sunday evening, October 23. Pat Byers will lead the youth program, and Colin Saxton will be the speaker.

"A Family Reunion" revival will be held September 30-October 2 with IYM Superintendent, Doug Shoemaker, speaking. Westland, Little Blue River, and Walnut Ridge Friends are sharing in God's Spirit of revival as one. Services will begin Friday, September 30, 7 pm at Westland; Saturday, October 1, 6 pm at Little Blue River; and Sunday, October 2 at Walnut Ridge. Sunday events include a 9 am class, "Basics of Quaker Decision-Making" led by Greg Hinshaw, worship at 10:30 with Doug Shoemaker, and a closing service of praise and worship at 5 pm. A light meal and time of fellowship will follow the evening service.

Amy Cornell will be the speaker at an IYM Pastors' Summit scheduled for Tuesday, October 11, at Sycamore Friends Church. The day begins at 10 am and includes worship, great teaching sessions, and lunch. Cost is \$10 per person. Register by calling 800-292-5238 or emailing iyminfo@iym.org.

Check out the IYM Facebook page. One thing we have done recently is to add some discussion/encouragement posts and invited folks to comment. When we can celebrate, think and act together, even if that "together" is online, we are better!

Focused Living is a tool that can make you a wiser follower of Christ, strengthen your local church, and bless Indiana Yearly Meeting. This workshop has been rescheduled to November 5&6 and will be held at Sycamore Friends, 8:30-4:00 pm on the Saturday the 5th and 1:30—3:30 on Sunday the 6th. For more information, contact Dave Phillips at 260-563-5497 or email to dave@wabashfriends.org.



CE Spotlight: The Fall Impact Retreat is coming up on November 4-6 at Quaker Haven. This is a time for 7th-12th grade students to come to camp for worship, fun, and also give back to the camp by doing some work projects. Cost is \$80. Registration info will be on the qhcyouthprogramming.com website.

From IYM Treasurer, Max Smith: As reported, God's blessings flowed to IYM during the 2017 Fund Raising Campaign. Although the goal was \$95,000, \$100,690.84 was raised (105% of goal) with all pledges being paid! We are now looking at the campaign for the 2018 budget which actually started informally at the IYM sessions in July with \$10,872.50 in donations and pledges to date. The S&F Committee has asked the Ad Hoc Committee to help wrap up the 2017 campaign and take on the 2018 campaign. Thankfully they have consented to do so. If you or anyone you know would be interested in participating on this vibrant committee, please let the office know. The Ad Hoc Committee met last week to work on plans for the 2018 campaign. Look in the near future to see information about the 2018 campaign. Thank you to all who have supported our past fundraising efforts, and we pray you will continue to do so.

Mid-Winter Retreat for pastors and spouses will be held in southern Indiana, January 27-29. Churches, plan now to encourage your pastor(s) to participate in this year's event at Clifty Inn at Clifty Falls State Park, overlooking the Ohio River near Madison, Indiana. The cost is \$380 per couple or \$260 for a single. If the Continuing Education fund is used by the pastor, this would reduce the price by \$100 resulting in \$280 per couple and \$160 for a single.

2015 Pastors Short Course speaker, Dr. Tony Wheeler, has had the privilege of working with Dr. John Trent, the co-author of *The Blessing* with Gary Smalley, and John's ministry, StrongFamilies. Tony will be in central Indiana the week leading up to November 5 and the week following. If your church would be interested in scheduling him to speak or lead a seminar while he is in the area please contact Shane Brown at shane.brown@barclaycollege.edu.

White's Residential & Family Services' 8th annual Open Door Dinner will be Saturday, October 15. For more information, contact Development at 260-563-1158 or visit whiteskids.org.

Indiana USFW Fall Gathering will be held October 15 at Fountain City Friends with a catered lunch and an optional tour of the Levi and Catherine Coffin House. Lunch is \$10 and the tour is \$2. Please reserve your lunch and tour spot by October 7 by postal mail to Andrea Long, c/o Jericho Friends Meeting, 4010 E 100 S, Winchester, IN 47394. Visit their blog at <http://indianausfw.blogspot.com/> for more details.

Friends World Committee for Consultation has set Sunday, October 2, as "World Quaker Day." They are asking Friends all over the world to celebrate that day. Nearly 24 hours of that day Friends Monthly Meetings will be meeting for worship around the world such as in Australia, New Zealand, Philippines, Nepal, Albania, Hungary, United Kingdom, Kenya, Bolivia, Guatemala, and Indiana. The theme is "Inspired by Faith—Witnessing Together in the World." They have suggested that if churches do something special for that day, email a picture of worship at your church, a group picture, etc. to jnorriss@norrisinsurance.com. They will be shared worldwide. If you would want a 3½ minute video that shows pictures of Friends around the world on YouTube, go to "Living the Transformation vivir la Transformation 2016" which was a promo for the conference in Peru this past spring.

Good Morning,

We are fast approaching the month of October which, aside from being my birth month, is known as Pastor Appreciation Month. Sunday, October 9, is Pastor Appreciation Day. I wasn't surprised to learn that Pastor Appreciation Month/Day was the 1992 creation of Hallmark Cards. I hope Hallmark's motives were to honor men and women who have sacrificed much for the sake of the Kingdom, but the cynical side of me wants to think they just wanted to profit from selling cards. Whatever the case, I hope that during the next month, and the eleven that follow, you will make a special effort to honor your pastor.

Blogger Eric Geiger suggests, "What NOT to get your pastor for Pastor Appreciation Month." He advocates no praying hands (s/he doesn't need another set), no leadership books you want him/her to read, and don't give a card with nothing in it (the workman is worthy of at least a Starbucks gift card.)

<https://ericgeiger.com>

Let me suggest three things you should give your pastor. **1. Give Respect.** This idea comes straight from 1 Thes. 5:12-13. A cooperative spirit and genuine esteem are treas-

ured gifts that will never be forgotten. **2. Give Support.** Does your pastor know that you are supportive of his/her ministry. Do you pray regularly for pastors and see that serving in ministry is not an undue financial burden for their families? **3. Give 'em a Break!** Your pastor should have time and space to enjoy privacy, down time, and family time. The parsonage can be a lonely place. Give your pastor and spouse the blessing of friendship and genuine appreciation.

- Doug Shoemaker

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

10/03 IYM Program Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm

10/11 Pastors Summit, Sycamore Friends, 10 am

11/12 Representative Council, Maple Run Friends, 9:30 am

From Leon and Anne Amstutz: Greetings to all our friends in IYM. What a blessing it was to fellowship and worship with you at the IYM sessions in July. We plan to send at least four newsletters a year to our support team. In order to save costs, we would like to send some electronically but need email addresses for some of you. If interested, please sign up for our "Mail-Chimp" emailed newsletter by going to: <http://eepurl.com/bVA-rj> and follow the instructions.

Manantial de Vida is grateful that their pastor's wife, Leyda Gutierrez, has been reunited with her family after a lengthy stay in Guatemala. Our sympathy and prayers are extended to their pastor, Isaias Gutierrez, at the death of his father.