

Communicator

Committee Day, March 2, 9 am,
Farmland Friends

Yearly Meeting Minute

Hebrews 10:23, “Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful” provides the theme for Yearly Meeting 2013, “Hold Fast to His Promises.” Sessions are scheduled for July 25-28 at Quaker Haven Camp. All members of Indiana Yearly Meeting churches are invited to join us for four days/three nights of worship, inspiration, fellowship and business. Guests are welcome too! Reserve the dates and watch for more information coming soon.

Congratulations to Dane Leitch, pastor at Marion First Friends and Master of Theological Studies Thesis student at the Anderson University seminary. Dane has been selected as the 2013 Jeeninga Fellow in Archeology. He will be spending 4-6 weeks in Israel participating in an archeological dig at Abel Beth Maacah, a Bronze Age site never before excavated.

Amboy Friends recently served or delivered 175+ free meals and gave away many free items including 300 pounds of potatoes. They will serve a free Italian meal, March 24.

Bethel Friends is sponsoring a “Financial Peace University,” an intense course on dealing with personal finance, beginning Tuesday, March 19 from 6-8 pm and for the next eight Tuesdays. The video curriculum will be co-led by Rodney Craig, a course alum and Greg Thompson, a banker, and will feature Dave Ramsey, a Christian radio and TV personality who presents Christian perspective on how to deal with money. The average family completing the course pays off \$5,300 and saves \$2,700 in just 90 days. The cost is \$89 per family. Snacks and child care will be provided, and some scholarships are available.

Cadiz Friends is seeking a called and passionate person to serve their growing congregation’s needs as a part-time associate pastor. They are seeking individuals with gifting in the areas of youth ministry and congregational care. If you are interested in this opportunity, contact Amos Taylor at amos@selahhouse.com or 765-208-1278.

All IYM pastors are invited to a one-day “Pastors’ Summit” scheduled for March 7, beginning at 10 am at Farmland Friends. The event will include worship, fellowship, prayer and challenging messages from Jeff Mosier, director of the East Central Indiana Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Cost is \$7 at the door covering the cost of lunch. Please reserve your spot by calling or emailing the IYM office by Monday, March 4.

Attention pastors/church leaders: A Young Adult Conference, *You Lost me. Live!* will be held April 23, 10 am-3 pm at Eagle Church, 5801 S 650 E, Whitestown, IN. You will engage in the profound effects of cultural change, learn what makes millennials tick, renew your hope in God, and leave with new insight for shaping the next generation. This conference is based on the book *You Lost Me* and is sponsored by Barna, <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/5314592088#>. Cost: free. RSVP today, space is limited.

Quaker Haven Sap Run and Pancake Breakfast will be held March 9, 9 am. The 5k Run/Walk and a one-mile Sap Stroll will raise funds for the operating expenses of Quaker Haven Camp. Participants will pass the maple trees where the buckets are collecting sap to be boiled into syrup. You will enjoy the

homemade syrup on your pancake breakfast. For entry fee and other pertinent information, go to info@quakerhaven.com or call 574-834-4193.

An FUM North American Ministries Retreat, sponsored by FUM and hosted by Quaker Hill Conference Center, will be held on May 3-4. This is part of a series of regional workshops “Unleashing the Power of Your Meeting/Church” coordinated by the North American Ministries Committee of FUM. *Clerking: Serving the Community with Joy and Confidence* (led by Arthur Larrabee, General Secretary of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting) and *Vital Worship: Nurturing and Deepening our Experience of Gathering in Christ for Worship*, (co-led by Nancy McCormick, pastor in Wilmington Yearly Meeting, and Colin Saxton, FUM general secretary), will be presented. The gathering begins with dinner on Friday evening and concludes with dinner on Saturday night. For more information, contact FUM at 765-962-7573, info@fum.org or www.fum.org.

The Rural Home Missionary Association annually offers a “Small-Town Pastors Conference.” Their 2013 conference will be held in Morton, Illinois, April 29-May 1. For more information go to www.rhma.org.

Joe Fick, director of InterVarsity on Earlham campus, writes: *Thanks so much for your ongoing prayers and support for my work with InterVarsity at Earlham. Recently, I've seen a number of students make significant strides in their faith. Thanks for helping me participate in God's work on Earlham campus.*

Jan Wood, director of Good News Associates, an institute which focuses on discernment training, is available to benefit you and your meeting in this training. If interested, you may contact Colin Saxton at FUM or go to www.goodnewsassoc.org/leadershipinstitute.

USFW Kenyans are praying for peaceful elections in their country as they come together from all over Kenya for prayer. Norah Musundi, a Kenyan pastor, recently died from a brutal attack. It is vital that we stand with them in prayer during this time of possibly more violence.

Do you have a contact person at your meeting who would be willing to send the IYM office information about happenings at your meeting that we could share in the Communicator. Please call Rowena at 800-292-5238 or email to iyminfo@iym.org. Thank you.

Good Morning,

Leadership Journal once ran an article saying, “Pastoral search committees have been known to be excellent spinmasters. In their attempts to land a pastor, they can say some revealing things about the church . . . if you know how to read between the lines. Here's what PSC's are likely to say, and what they really mean.” What the committee said and what they meant:

*"We have a long and distinguished history as a congregation." - We haven't done anything worth a hoot in the last decade.

*"What is your philosophy of ministry?" - What tricks do you have to increase worship attendance?

*"Our attendance has been declining, but our church has a lot of potential." - You're our last hope before we close the church doors.

*"We want a pastor who can bring energy and life to worship." - We need someone to get the organist to play the hymns faster.

*"We plan to repair the parsonage just as soon as we get a new pastor." - We plan to have our new pastor repair the parsonage.

I spent over 25 years living in church-owned parsonages. In both cases my family and I were blessed to live in homes that were nicer than we could have likely afforded otherwise and we weren't really expected to make all the repairs. But we also missed out on some of the benefits of owning our own

place (see <http://www.habitatnyc.org/pdf/Toolkit/homewonership.pdf>). Are you providing the housing option that will benefit your pastor the most? Pastors need not only a place to live, but a sense of self-esteem and dignity. Care well for the ones who care for you.

Doug Shoemaker

Summer Camp Schedule:

June 9-14 Jr High Camp (7th & 8th grades)
June 14-16 Beginners Camp (K-2nd grades)
June 16-21 Sr High I Camp (9th-12th & 2012 grads)
June 23-28 Junior Camp (5th & 6th grades)
July 7-12 Sr High II Camp (9th-12th & 2012 grads)
July 21-24 Kids Camp (2nd-4th grades)

IYM Upcoming Calendar

2/28 Triennial Host Committee, Liberty Friends, 6:30 pm
3/2 Committee Day, Farmland Friends, 9 am
3/2 Stewardship & Finance, Farmland Friends, 10:30 am
3/4 Executive Committee Meeting, IYM office, 5:30 pm
3/7 Pastors' Summit, Farmland Friends, 10 am
3/11 Nominating Committee Meeting, IYM office, 6:30 pm