

Communicator, January 16, 2012

Mike (Sue) Scamihorn is the new Executive Pastor at Wabash Friends and will handle their technology and facilities.

Bear Creek Friends approved paying all of its 2013 program assessment immediately as a way to help alleviate any burdens that reconfiguration might pose for the Yearly Meeting. In addition, Bear Creek agreed to make a \$7,500 gift to Quaker Haven Camp to help complete payment for renovations to Friendship Lodge.

Dublin Friends is holding its worship services in their parsonage during the months of January and February in an effort to conserve energy during the winter months, with the exception of January 27 when they will be hosting a brass quartet in their morning worship service.

Friends Memorial will hold a workshop on the Friends decision-making process on Saturday, March 9. Registration will begin at 9:30 am and the first lecture starts at 10 am—no formal registration is necessary. There will be a panel to discuss questions people may have after Jay Marshall's lecture on Friends belief, and how it is lived out in our decision making process. A donation of \$15 would be appreciated. There also will be an opportunity to donate directly to Iglesia amigos who will provide the meal. Please email Michael Jay at michaeldavidjay@gmail.com if you are able to attend.

Marion First Friends group, "Busy Hands," distributed 49 knitted hats, 11 scarves, 32 lap robes, 28 baby blankets, 13 twin and large quilts, 8 pillows and 3 sweaters to Gilead Ministries, Cancer Services, First Light, Grant Country Rescue Mission, Hats for Kids, New Beginnings, Salvation Army, and Guide Post. In November, they posted a display and collected \$286 which was given to local missions.

Wabash Friends will hold a leadership training session, January 31, titled "Teaching Old Dogs and Elephants New Tricks." This will be presented by Ed Vessels, President of HiValu, LLC, in the Family Center from 12-1:00 pm. Ed does strategic and leadership consulting through his private organization. He is a requested speaker at professional and civic events and is a former senior operational executive and general manager for Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems, LLC. A light lunch from Market Street Grill will be provided. The pre-registration fee is \$20 and \$25 at the door. You can register by going online at www.wabashfriendscounseling.com and click on "Leadership Series" or call 260-563-8453.

Wabash Friends Counseling Center will hold their 13th annual Marriage Retreat, February 15-17 at the Hilton Hotel (Grand Wayne Center) in Ft Wayne. The keynote speaker will be Dr Gary Oliver. He is nationally known, an author, and a therapist, doing marriage retreats for over 30 years. Registration will be \$75 until January 27 and then it will be \$85 after that. For groups of 5 or more it will be \$60 up to January 27 and \$70 after that. You can register online to use a credit card - <http://wabashfriendscounseling.com/marriage.html>. Or call 260-563-8453 to register by phone.

Winchester Friends: Ramallah Friends Schools' principal Joyce Ajlouny will speak for a Missions Sunday at their meeting on February 10.

Quakermen Groundhog Retreat
Quaker Haven Camp, February 1-2
Greg Hinshaw—speaking on
Quaker History
Contact Quaker Haven to register at
574-834-4193
info@quakerhaven.com

Winter Sneak “Storyline”
Sponsored by IYM and WYM
Youth Ministries
Feb 8-10 at Quaker Haven
(Fri, 7:30 pm—Sun, 12 noon)
For grades 7-12: Cost \$100
Awesome Guys Band will play.
Registration due by Jan 30, 2013

Deadline to apply for a Ministerial Excellence Initiative (MEI) Grant is February 1. You can find an application at www.iym.org.

Attention Pastors: Come-Away-Day Retreat for pastors and members of meeting Ministry & Oversights will be held February 9 (at Knightstown Friends) and February 16 (at Sycamore Friends), both at 9 am. If you did not receive a letter with a brochure concerning this event, please let the IYM office know. For more information contact Ministerial Advocate Carol Wright (carol@iym.org or 317-513-9052).

The “**FUM Daily Prayer Guide**” is on the FUM website: <http://fum.org/daily-prayer-guide/>
It is a good resource for Friends to use, especially since FUM will not have a Chain of Prayer this year.

Our Condolences to:

the family of Ruthanna James Reece, 84, of Asheboro, North Carolina, who died January 7 after a lingering illness. Ruthanna is survived by her husband of 66 years, Joe Reece, who is a former IYM pastor. She is also survived by their children, Jon (also a former IYM pastor), Rebecca, Carolyn, and Martha and their families. Ruthanna’s greatest desire was to serve the Lord as a pastor’s wife to Joe in their 62 years of ministry in Friends churches in Indiana, Ohio, California, Tennessee and N Carolina. She was a native of Henry County, IN.

Thank you very much for your faithfulness in paying yearly meeting assessments. In 2012 we received 91% of assessments due with 48 of our meetings paid in full at the end of the year. We also received 74% of our missions goal for the year.

**IYM Meetings’ statistical reports need to be completed and returned by
January 31.
Meetings leaving IYM are also requested to complete their reports for 2012.
Thank you!!**

Good Morning,

Hanging on our bedroom wall are the marriage certificates for three of our four sets of grandparents. The oldest, belonging to Alva and Arlie Shoemaker, dates back to 1908. None of our grandparents are alive now, yet their influence continues decades after their deaths. In Exodus 20:5-6 we are told that the sins of parents can negatively impact their offspring for three or four generations, but for parents who keep God’s commands, the positive influence can be felt for a thousand generations!

I am increasingly aware that many of the blessings I experience today are directly linked to positive decisions of parents and grandparents who loved God and sought to honor Him with their lives. Now that I have two precious granddaughters of my own, I want to pass along to them the blessings that have been passed along to me. My prayer is that they will experience the blessing of just being part of the family.

I've often wondered if this works for churches too. Can congregations be helped or hurt by the "family" to which they belong? My heart's desire is that belonging to Indiana Yearly Meeting will provide a "covering" that results in member meetings experiencing the blessing of God. My prayer is that meetings belonging to IYM will feel supported, equipped and freed as they impact their communities in the name of Jesus Christ. My prayer is that you and your church will experience the blessing of being part of the Indiana Yearly Meeting family.

Doug Shoemaker

IYM Upcoming Calendar

1/16 Marion Area Pastors Mtg, Maple Run, 9:30

1/19 Executive Committee Retreat, Greg Hinshaw home, 10 am

1/24 Van Wert Area Pastors, Peaceful Valley Friends, 10:30 am

1/29 Trustees Meeting, IYM office, 6:30 pm

2/4 Program Committee Meeting, IYM office, 10 am

2/8-10 Winter Sneak, Quaker Haven Camp