

IYM Sessions Preview: The Feast of Faith Can Hemlock, Knightstown, and Fairmount defend their attendance titles at this year's Feast of Faith? Will Brock Meyer, who will be hosting for the second year, top last year's monologue? Once again IYM will conclude our annual sessions with a celebration on Saturday evening, July 28. Plan to enjoy dinner music provided by "A Better Day" and experience worship led by a band including Friends from across Indiana Yearly Meeting.

Bethel Friends will participate in a community Good Friday service sponsored by the Grant County Ministerial Association. The service starts at 6 pm at the Fairmount Baptist Church. They will also hold a Sunrise Service in their shelter house at 8 am. Those who want to watch the sunrise prior to the service can join the pastor at 7:30. The service will be followed by a time of fellowship and breakfast. Easter service begins at 10:30. The sanctuary is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 1:30 to 2:30 for anyone who wants to come and spend time in prayer. As an outreach to the community they will be giving away produce from their summer garden.

Farmland Friends will have a dramatic portrayal of DaVinci's painting, *The Last Supper*, as a part of their Good Friday service, at 7 pm, March 30. "Zion's Joy," the group that performed at last year's Feast of Faith, will be in concert at Farmland Friends on Sunday, April 15 at 5 pm. A free-will offering will be received. All are welcome.

Hinkle Creek Friends invites you to their Good Friday Service, March 30 at 7 pm, presented by members of the congregation and Pastor Jack Holliday. There will be an Easter breakfast at 9 and Easter worship at 10 am.

Knightstown Friends will host their Community Good Friday Service. It will begin at 7 pm with choir music, Easter hymns, and the message by pastor Tim Basford.

Little Blue River will hold an Easter Sunrise Service at 8 am and breakfast following. There will be a 10 am worship service with the theme, "The Big Picture."

Riley Friends will hold a Good Friday Service, March 30 at noon with the theme, "Easter—the passion of Christ in a changed world." On April 14, Greg Hinshaw will be the guest speaker for their IYM service at 5 pm, with fellowship following the service.

Shirley Friends will participate in their Community Good Friday service which includes seven churches. They will meet at the Wilkinson Church of Christ at 6:30 pm.

South Marion Friends will open their meetinghouse on Good Friday from noon to 3 pm for personal prayer, reflection, and meditation. Also the church will have its pitch-in Easter Sunday breakfast at 8:30 am followed by the Worship Service at 10 am. All are welcome.

Walnut Ridge Friends will host an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31 at 1 pm for the community. There will be a Community Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 1 at 7 am and breakfast following the service. The theme will be, "Why Millions Still Believe."



YOUTH INVASION: Fairmount Friends is hosting Youth Invasion on Sunday, April 22 from 5-8 pm. Brandon Eaton will be speaking.

IYM Sunday is just around the corner. On April 15, churches across our yearly meeting will be featuring the work that IYM is doing. Many are also planning special offerings or other financial support on this day.

Representative Council will be held April 21 at Marion First Friends. The E&O report will include requests from three churches to affiliate with IYM! We hope your church will be represented to hear this exciting report.

Kelly Kellum will be the next General Secretary of FUM. Kelly was raised in Burundi, Africa, where his parents were missionaries with Mid-America Yearly Meeting. He is a graduate of Friends University and Asbury Theological Seminary. He served as a pastor among Friends for twenty years, most recently in North Carolina, and as presiding clerk of FUM for one triennium. Most recently, Kelly has been working as a Stewardship Consultant, serving Quaker meetings and organizations on behalf of a new partnership between FUM and Everence Financial Services.

The IYM Bicentennial Committee is busy planning for a 200th anniversary celebration at IYM sessions in July 2021. Paul Anderson of George Fox University has already been confirmed as our speaker. Each local church will be asked to send an historical display to the sessions and to contribute material for a bicentennial directory/history book. Please designate someone from your local church to communicate with the

bicentennial committee and send the name of the contact person to Greg Hinshaw at gphinshaw@gmail.com.

Solar Powered Radios: Thank you to those who "purchased" solar powered radios that were distributed to Friends in Turkana. Below is a picture of pastors proudly holding theirs. Leon Amstutz writes: There is one low power Christian radio station already on the air in



southern Turkana, and I've been working with TWR Kenya to develop an equipment list and help raise funds for another station that will hopefully sign on the air later this year in the huge refugee camp in Kakuma. I'm told the people living there are mostly Muslim but they are hungry for God's word.

Western Yearly Meeting is accepting applications to fill the full-time position of Christian Education Director. It is an executive level staff position responsible for the present spiritual health and growth of Western Yearly Meeting (FUM) with particular oversight regarding Christian Education. Further information will be made available upon request. Please send resumes to Mark A. Tope – Paoli Friends Meeting - 301 North Gospel Street – Paoli, IN 47454 c/o Search Committee for WYM CE Director.

Northwest Yearly Meeting is seeking a new General Superintendent. They are looking for a mature, experienced leader to help shepherd their yearly meeting following a time of transition. Strong administrative skills, matched with a mature and passionate relationship with Jesus, will be needed to help strengthen this community of faith. For more information about NWYM, visit www.nwfriends.org. The application documents and process can be found on that website beginning March 30, 2018. Application deadline is April 30, 2018.

Good Morning!

“In those days the Word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions.” This quote from 1 Samuel 3 points to a time when it was uncommon to hear from God. Similarly, between the last book of the Old Testament and the birth of Christ, there appear to be a few hundred years of silence – years where the Word of the Lord was rare. I don’t know why this was the case, but I’ve also experienced seasons in my life when, for whatever reason, I seemed to hear nothing from God.

What is it like at your church? Do you walk away each Sunday knowing that you have heard from God, or has it been a while? Is the word of the Lord rare or common? I think one of the reasons I’m easily moved by God’s voice is because I can remember a time in my life when I didn’t hear much from Him. (I think this had more to do with me than God!) The longer I go, the more I realize what a treasure it is to hear the Word of the Lord!

The young boy, Samuel, initially didn’t understand what was happening when God spoke to him, but eventually positioned himself to hear with an attitude that was expressed in these words, “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.” This is exactly the picture of what a Friends meeting for worship should look like – a group of Friends gathering to hear what God has to say today. Is the word of the Lord rare in your church? I challenge you to pray the Samuel prayer – and then listen.

-Doug Shoemaker

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

04/15 IYM Sunday
04/17 Missions Committee at Maple Run Friends, 6:30 pm
04/21 Representative Council, Marion First Friends, 9:30 am
04/22 Youth Invasion, Fairmount Friends
04/24 Advancement Committee, IYM office, 4 pm
04/30 Program Committee Conference Call, 6:30 pm
05/15 Committee Day, Upland Friends, 6:30 pm
05/29 Trustees, IYM office, 6:30 pm

IYM Curriculum Project: Lessons are being written and soon a thirteen-lesson course written by IYM Friends will be edited and printed in time for the December 2018 – February 2019 quarter. Would your church be willing to help with this exciting pilot project by “test-driving” this in an adult Sunday School class?