

Committee Day
Saturday, December 7, 9 am
Upland Friends
1111 S Main Street

Rowena Holliday, secretary at IYM, will retire November 27 after 22 years of dedicated service.

Katy Palmer is concluding her ministry as youth pastor at Westfield Friends effective December 31.

Steve Pedigo, pastor of Westfield Friends, is going to Eldoret, Kenya, to speak at an East African Pastors Conference, December 26-30. IYM is making a substantial financial contribution to enable Friends pastors outside of Kenya to participate.

Carol Wright, part-time Ministerial Advocate for IYM, is now also the part-time Care Pastor at Cadiz Friends.

Iglesia Amigos: You are invited to provide a non-perishable food basket for one family. Baskets may be dropped off the first week of December at either the IYM Office or Westfield Friends. If you have questions, please contact Katy Palmer at: [317-450-4712](tel:317-450-4712) or katyp@westfieldfriendschurch.org.

Peaceful Valley Friends is obtaining new pews which will be dedicated in memory of friends and family who may have called Peaceful Valley Friends their church home. They are asking for names of individuals and requesting a donation of \$100. If anyone is interested in having a pew dedicated in the memory of a loved one, please contact Charlene Crouch at [765-468-7456](tel:765-468-7456) or peacefor913@gmail.com.

Wabash Friends Counseling Center will present "How Leadership Coaching Can Accelerate Performance" by Ed Turi, VP with Right Management, December 5. The pre-registration fee is \$20 and \$25 at the door. You can register by replying to this email at scott@wabashfriends.org or go online at www.wabashfriendscounseling.com and click on "Leadership Series" or call 260-563-8453.

Walnut Ridge Friends will hold their annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 7, at the Carthage Community Center, from 9-2. Santa arrives at 11 in a horse-drawn wagon with free rides. Lunch will be sold beginning at 11, including Bob's BBQ and a baked potato bar. Arts, crafts, cookies, candies, and homemade pies will be available. The church continues to seek a pastor.

An IYM Christmas Gathering for pastors and spouses will be held December 17, at 6:30 pm at Cadiz Friends. A complimentary meal will be provided. RSVP to the IYM office by December 10 to reserve your spot.

Pastors Mid-Winter Retreat brochures have been mailed. "Lead Where You Are" will be this year's theme. Das Dutchman Essenhaus Inn & Conference Center in Middlebury will be the venue for this January 31- February 2 retreat. All IYM pastors and spouses are invited to attend. Registration and payment should be sent to the yearly meeting office by December 31.

Proposed revisions to Faith & Practice were mailed to monthly meeting clerks recently. Each meeting is asked to review these suggestions in the near future and report your judgment to the yearly meeting by March 1.

"Shaping the Future of IYM" sessions are being scheduled in various locations across the yearly meeting in January and February. We hope that every church will be well represented at these meetings so that everyone's input can be considered as we contemplate the future of IYM.

Attention EVERYBODY!! If you are interested in the "Shaping the Future of IYM" videos, you are invited to participate in two events. We will film at the yearly meeting office December 5 and also at Committee Day held at Upland Friends on Saturday, December 7. If you are able to answer a couple questions for us, RSVP at aaronhughs@iyam.org and let him know the event that will work best for you.

Fundraising from the Heart workshop will be presented Friday and Saturday, February 28, 5 pm and March 1, 3 pm, sponsored by FUM and Quaker Hill Conference Center, held at the Conference Center. Participating churches are asked to send two representatives, a member of the pastoral staff and a key leader from the stewardship committee, M&O, or treasurer. Retreat leaders will be Henry Freeman, president of H. Freeman Associates and Colin Saxton, General Secretary of FUM. Cost: \$115/person before February 14 or \$165/person after February 14 which includes the program, meals and housing. To register or for more information, go to info@qhcc.org or www.qhcc.org or 765-962-5741.

Would you have a van available to take supplies/books to the 2014 Triennial. The dates needed would be June 9-14. Please contact Kim Schull at FUM, kims@fum.org or 765-962-7573.

FUM will again have a Chain of Prayer for 2014. This will be held January 1 to Triennial Sunday, June 15. For more information go to www.fum.org.

Mesquakie Friends Center has a new full-time director and pastor, Deneen Ahumada. She and her husband have five children and one foster child, and have done evangelism in Mexico. They report the they have around 50 to 60 kids come to their Wednesday service, and that their Sunday morning services have been steadily increasing.

SOUL 2014; MOTIV8—A ministry program created to provide opportunities for service and ministry in the name of Jesus. North Carolina Yearly Meeting invites youth, young adult groups, Sunday school classes, small groups, individuals, families and monthly meetings to join them in this outreach effort. Locations will be in Alabama, North Carolina and Jamaica where they will hold sports camps and VBS's. For more information go to www.ncym-fum.org.

Good Morning,

I recently read a story about a pastor who would occasionally take personal prayer retreats. Once, while he was away on retreat, his secretary fielded a call from someone asking if the pastor was in by saying, "No, he's gone to be with the Lord." The stunned silence on the line prompted her to add, "But he will be back next week!"

I would like to share with you some of the bloopers that our office secretary, Rowena Holliday, has made during my time here, but that would make

for a very short article. She tells me that during her time at Barclay College she once published a report of a successful dinner, but instead of reporting how many "dinners" were served, the report mentioned how many "sinners" were served.

Rowena has worked in the IYM office since 1991 and holds the distinction of being the longest serving employee in the history of IYM. Sadly that will be changing soon. Wednesday, November 27, will be her last day in the IYM office as our

secretary. She will be greatly missed by the rest of the office staff and all of us in IYM.

Please join me in thanking God for this amazing woman who has devoted a large portion of her life to serving The Lord by serving us. Her contributions to IYM go far beyond anything found on a job description. Thank you, Rowena, for being a wonderful office secretary, a valued friend and a positive spiritual influence in IYM.

—Doug Shoemaker

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

11/27 *Rowena Holliday's last day in IYM office.*
11/28 *Office closed—Happy Thanksgiving*
12/7 *Committee Day, Upland Friends, 9:00 am*
12/16 *Investment Board Meeting, Muncie Red Lobster, 11 am*
12/17 *IYM Christmas Gathering for Pastors & Spouses, Cadiz Friends, 6:30 pm*
12/24 *Office closed*
1/2 *Office open*
1/31 *Pastors Mid-Winter Retreat, Das Dutchman Essenhaus Inn & Conference Center, Middlebury, IN*

Indiana USFW's new web site address is:
indianausfw.org.

Happy Thanksgiving to our IYM Friends!