

Communicator

Bear Creek Friends and the IYM Christian Service Committee (formerly Peace and Christian Social Concerns) are co-sponsoring a work day at Iglesia Amigos in Indianapolis on Saturday, September 8, beginning at 8:30 am and finishing by early afternoon. Everyone is welcome! If you have any questions, please call Jeff Oswalt 765-509-0222 or Markus Dennis 253-381-1358.

Bill Rinard, member at Bear Creek Friends and former clerk of the IYM Trustees, was surprised at worship on August 26 by his neighbors and "Colin and Anna" of the WMDH NASH FM morning crew as the August "Hometown Hero." Bill was nominated for the award by the neighbor whose yard he has maintained for several years. Bear Creek will also celebrate their 24 Quaker Haven campers with Quaker Haven staff at worship on Sunday, September 9.

Cadiz Friends and Kennard Friends will share in Revive '18 with evangelist Joe McIntosh bringing the messages. Lynette McIntosh and Phil Marcum will bring the music. Services will be held at Cadiz Friends, September 5 & 6 and at Kennard Friends on September 7 & 8, both at 7 pm.

Little Blue River Friends recently celebrated "Community Weekend" with 136 in attendance—a fun time for families and the community to fellowship. Garnald and Markus Dennis shared the morning's message prior to an annual all-church picnic.

Mooreland Friends had a dedication Sunday, August 12. Seven babies were dedicated and members of the congregation chose students to pray for during this school year. Recently, the youth had a pizza party with one of their neighboring churches, a youth mystery trip will be coming up soon, and the church had another successful week at the Mooreland fair. They are thankful for all those that helped at their bean tent.

Pastors' Toolkit gatherings will begin next month with the first one being held

at Westfield Friends on Thursday, September 13, beginning at 10 am. All current or former pastoral staff members are welcome to attend. "Becoming a Discipleship Hub" will be the topic of our December meeting.

Friends Curriculum: Orders are coming in briskly with 13 IYM churches reserving theirs, as well as orders coming in from outside of our yearly meeting. The series of 13 lessons is designed for the December 2018 – February 2019 quarter. Cost is \$5 per booklet plus postage if applicable.

The National Friends Multiplication Conference was held August 1-3 at Barclay College in Haviland, Kansas. Carlos and Katy Moran, Randy and Susan Dennis, Sheryl Gray, Markus Dennis, and Doug Shoemaker represented IYM. The conference included great information, valuable networking opportunities, and a powerful movement of the Holy Spirit!

Family Camp at Quaker Haven will be held August 31-September 3. Contact Quaker Haven at 574-834-4193 for more information or to register.

Committee Day on August 21 was a huge success. South Marion Friends went all out to provide hospitality for over 80 IYM Friends who gathered to kick-off another year of important work. We were pleased to welcome several new committee members and lots of great work was accomplished.

LDP Groups (Leadership Development Program) are forming and we hope that two groups, (one for men, the other for women) will be offered beginning in September. Contact the yearly meeting office if you are interested in participating or have questions.



IYM Youth News: Each church should receive several cards about the upcoming Friends Summit event for young adults (ages 16-25), December 28 through January 1 in Denver, Colo-

rado. We would like to take as many people to this event as possible. If you have questions, contact Pat Byers at the IYM office or visit www.friendssummit.com.

Other IYM Youth Ministry Dates:

***Youth Invasion**—Mooresville Friends (WYM) October 14th...5-8pm

***Fall Impact**—Quaker Haven November 2-4

***Youth Invasion** - Knightstown (Hoosier Gym) January 13th...5-8pm

***Winter Sneak**—Quaker Haven February 1-3

***Youth Invasion**—April (Date and place TBA)

***2019 Summer Camp**—Quaker Haven (Early Bird registration due by May 30, 2019)

White's Residential & Family Services will hold their 2018 Spiritual Life Benefit Dinner on Saturday, September 8, at their Hodson Campus Center. Social hour and campus tours will begin at 5 pm. Dinner follows at 6 pm with the program featuring Chris August. For questions, contact shari.smith@whitesrfs.org.

Golf Scramble at Quaker Haven:

The annual QHC Golf Scramble will be held September 8. There will be a shotgun start at 2 pm with an awards banquet at approximately 6:30 pm. It is \$75 per golfer, which includes cart, and the banquet that follows. The goal of this scramble is to raise money for their capital fund. The different ways you can contribute to this event are as follows: Banquet Sponsor, \$300; Hole Sponsors, \$100; Refreshment Cart Sponsor, \$100; Cart Sponsorship, \$20. If you, or your church, would like to contribute, please contact Brock Sizelove at brock@quakerhaven.com or 765-618-8042.

USFW Fall Retreat - September 10-11, Quaker Haven - Cost \$75. The theme will be "Great is thy Faithfulness" and the speaker is Kelly Haemmerle who will share her testimony of hope, redemption, and victory through Jesus Christ. Contact Tish Dain for more information: 574-529-5630 jtdain@gmail.com

Good Morning!

Have you heard the story about the red ship and the blue ship that collided? Both crews were marooned. [insert groan here]. Have you ever felt marooned? The Collins Dictionary says, "If you say that you are *marooned*, you mean that you feel alone and helpless and you cannot escape from the place or situation you are in." I know I've felt that way more than once.

It's probably a sign of my age that I often find myself reflecting on how different things are now than when I was younger. Once in American culture, even

though we had political differences, most citizens were red white and blue to the core. Today, however, we seem to be divided into red states and blue states. I don't watch as much news as I once did because I quickly tire of the struggle between the reds and the blues. The cultural collision of our day is resulting in many of us feeling *marooned*.

As Christians, though, our primary citizenship isn't in earthly kingdoms prone to political strife. For this reason, we don't get caught up in la-

menting the changing colors of our culture. Instead of succumbing to hopelessness, we realize that a rapidly polarizing culture needs the good news of Jesus now more than ever. We are unlikely to be able to vote our way out of this, so we pray for another great spiritual awakening. Just as stars only become visible as it gets darker, now is our time to shine! Only through Christ is there neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, red nor blue. *-Doug Shoemaker*

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

08/30 Program Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm
08/31-9/03 Family Camp, Quaker Haven
09/06 Advancement Committee, IYM office, 4 pm
09/10 Executive Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm
09/13 Pastors' Toolkit, Westfield Friends, 10 am
09/17 Bicentennial Committee, IYM office, 7 pm

Quaker Haven upcoming activities: August 31-September 3—Family Camp; September 8—Golf Scramble; September 13-16—Quilt Camp; October 4-7—Scrapbooking Retreat.