

**IYM Preview:** Have you registered for yearly meeting sessions, July 26-28, at Quaker Haven? Prices for meals and lodging will increase after July 16. This year, displays will be set up in the Activities Center to allow more room in the chapel for our growing crowds. Be sure to browse the displays Friday afternoon after lunch to enjoy dessert and visit with representatives. It's going to be a great time of worship and fellowship. Do all you can to attend all you can.

**Fairmount Friends** has called **Andrew Heald** to be their new associate pastor. He will begin his ministry there on August 1 after concluding his service as the Christian Education Director for Western Yearly Meeting. **Alissa Meyer**, wife of Fairmount Friends senior pastor Brock Meyer, recently sang the national anthem at an Indianapolis Indians game. You can enjoy her rendition at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jTboCEjlZns&feature=share>

**Farmland Friends** called Jeremiah Ferguson to lead youth ministry during the summer months. Also at **Farmland Friends**, there will be a great night of worship and contemporary Christian music as "Love and the Outcome," (with special guest "Turnaround") will be in concert on August 12. Doors open at 6 pm, concert starts at 6:30 p.m. There will be a free-will offering.

**Knightstown Friends** will hold a Men's Retreat, August 18, at New Garden Friends (near Fountain City and now used as an event center). Bob Lines, pastor at Cadiz/Kennard Friends Meetings, will lead their time together. They plan a tour of the Levi Coffin House and will enjoy Amish food for lunch.

**Mooreland Friends** enjoyed a great time of worship, fellowship, and a meal in the park on July 1. What a joy it was for them to see so many children running and playing in the park. They will enjoy Bible school, July 8-12, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Preparations are in progress for their annual Mooreland Friends Bean Tent at the Mooreland Free Fair the week of August 6-12 where they serve ham and beans, cornbread, homemade peach cobbler, sliced tomatoes, onions, and a variety of drinks. Also in August, they will have their baby dedication service and prayer for their youth as they go back to school.

**Portland Friends** will worship at Quaker Haven, August 12 at 10 am; will have USFW Family Night Meal, September 9; USFW Fall Retreat at Quaker Haven, September 10-11; Fall Festival activities, September 22, and Spiritual Renewal Retreat, October 19-21.

**South Marion Friends** is holding a study of Quaker History and Tradition led by Pastor John Petty. Contact John at [johnpetty@att.net](mailto:johnpetty@att.net) for dates if interested in learning more about Quakers.

**Sycamore Friends** ladies recently took a tour of the Warsaw Biblical Gardens before having lunch out. They will hold their Bible Camp (theme: *The Armor of God*) for all ages, Friday, August 3, 5:30-8:15; Saturday, August 4, 1-3 and Sunday, August 5, 10:30 (Church Celebration), followed by a pitch-in lunch and activities.

**Wabash Friends** will have their once-a-year big fundraiser at their 4-H Fair Ground with a food booth, July 14-20.

**White River Friends** will celebrate 200 years of ministry, July 21. The program will begin at 2 pm. IYM General Superintendent Doug Shoemaker will be the speaker. Also, Greg Hinshaw will present an overview on the church history. There will be special music and their pastor, Jim Moreland, will be signing copies of his new book, "Rising from Ashes," a book about a Christ-centered smoking cessation program. Light refreshments will be served.

 **If you are planning on sending any students for the Teen Leadership Program at IYM Sessions, please contact the IYM office as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly for numbers. Brockie Follette, Director of Kaleo Academy, will lead those sessions. Questions: Contact Pat Byers.**

**Pastors Short Course** was a time of wonderful fellowship and meaningful worship for pastors, spouses, and families. Total attendance this year was 74! Next year's short course will move back to a Monday evening through Thursday lunch format, July 1-4, 2019.

**Focused Living and Apex workshops** will again be offered at Wabash Friends. Dave Phillips and Paul Cochrane will be facilitating these workshops. The cost is \$40 which includes a workbook, other materials, and a light lunch on Saturdays. Alumni and

alumnae may attend at no cost. Focused Living is scheduled for Saturday, September 22, from 8:00 to 4:00. It will also be offered on four consecutive Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:30, September 18 and 25 and October 2 and 9. Apex will be held October 27 from 8:00-4:00. Contact Dave Phillips to register for the workshops or for more information.

**Friends Summit 2018** for young adults ages 16-25 will be held December 28 – January 1 in Denver, Colorado. Visit [www.FriendsSummit.com](http://www.FriendsSummit.com) for more information.

**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](mailto:shari.smith@whitesrfs.org).

**Friends Church Multiplication Conference**, August 1-3 at Barclay College. Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hBQMBLSxJtw&feature=youtu.be> to hear an invitation from this year's speaker. **\$250 scholarships** to IYM registrants are still available from the yearly meeting.

**Friends Curriculum:** Orders are now being taken for the series of 13 lessons designed for the December 2018 – February 2019 quarter. Cost is \$5 per booklet plus postage if applicable.

**Committee Day:** The next meeting of our program committees will be held August 21 at a new location, South Marion Friends, beginning at 6:30 pm. Evangelism & Outreach, Communications & Publications, Missions, Peace & Christian Social Concerns, Christian Education, Stewardship & Finance, and Ministry & Oversight will all be meeting that night. A special "thank you" is extended to Upland Friends for hosting our committee meetings in recent years. We are outgrowing their facilities and are grateful for the invitation from South Marion to use their building in the coming year.

**Indiana Yearly Meeting Friends Disaster Service** is willing to help congregations with needed repairs and projects. Is your church in need of some workers with a trailer-full of tools to do some handiwork? Contact Darrell Monroe, 317-690-1311 or Don Wimmer, 765-384-7429.

Good Morning!

A few years ago, ESPN.com had an article about a Cleveland Indians fan who caught four foul balls in one game. The odds of catching one is about a thousand to one. The odds of catching four in one game is closer to a trillion to one. Greg Van Neil, the lucky fan, had never snagged a foul ball before, but trading seats for some along the third base line put him in the perfect position. He ascribed his good fortune to "being in the right place at the right time."

"Strategic Positioning" is a concept I've embraced. While "Strategic Planning" implies

our planning creates results, "Strategic Positioning" implies that our role is to be in a position where we can experience God's results. Acts 2 is one example of "Strategic Positioning." As several disciples gathered in the right place at the right time, the Holy Spirit was poured out and the church was born! What were the odds?

Yearly Meeting sessions will be held in a matter of days. It's true that a lot of careful planning has been done in preparation, but I'm most encouraged by the

"Strategic Positioning" that has been done. Our yearly meeting is in a place of strong unity through Jesus Christ. Our sessions are no longer known as a place to battle, but instead as a place to worship. Soon many Friends will be gathering at Quaker Haven Camp with a high degree of anticipation, not a deep sense of dread. I believe God has some delightful surprises awaiting us this year. It's the right place and the right time.  
-Doug Shoemaker

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### IYM Upcoming Calendar

07/15-20 *Sr High Camp 2, Quaker Haven (ages 13-18)*  
07/26-28 *Yearly Meeting Sessions, Quaker Haven*  
08/1-3 *National Friends Multiplication Conference, Barclay College*  
08/07 *Trustees Meeting, IYM office, 6:30 pm*  
08/21 *Committee Day, South Marion Friends, 6:30 pm*