

Brooks Martin has announced that he will retire in June, concluding 14 years of ministry at Arba Friends. He will be available for pulpit supply following his retirement. He and his wife, Louise, will be living in Greenville, OH.

Back Creek Friends will have a Seder Dinner, the traditional meal eaten by Jewish families during Passover on Good Friday. They will also have breakfast, morning worship, and an Easter egg hunt on Easter morning. In June they will host their fourth annual Car Show.

Center Friends will hold a special service this Sunday that pastor Duane Cox is keeping under wraps—it will be interesting and an exciting time. Also on March 20, Center Friends will host the music group, Prodigals, from Greenfield, in their morning service.

Dewart Lake Friends will hold their 2nd annual Egg-xtravaganza, March 26, with 1,000 plus eggs hidden on Quaker Haven's camp grounds. They will also decorate eggs, play games and participate in other Easter-themed activities. This event highlights youth and children's ministries to their surrounding community.

Hinkle Creek Friends will have an Easter breakfast, morning worship with special music and a children's playlette, followed by an Easter egg hunt.

Iglesia Amigos will hold their "He Arose" service on Easter with singer Sharon Acosta and pianist Jonatan Pinto from Guatemala at 5 pm. On Saturday, March 26, they will hold their Easter egg hunt with games and food.

Knightstown Friends has adopted one of the 12 cabins at Quaker Haven and will provide new wiring for that cabin. Pastor Tim Basford is meeting weekly with cadets at Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy where 40-50 cadets attend a Bible study class.

Long Lake Friends recently spent a full Saturday in a strategic planning session. Core values were identified and strategic goals were created.

Shirley Friends will host a St Patrick's Fun Night on March 11, 6 pm with fellowship, food, and games.

Spencerville Friends pastor, Charles Johnson, will be the guest speaker at the Good Friday service at the Spencerville, OH, Church of the Nazarene, 317 North Street.

Sycamore Friends is celebrating 125 years of ministry by supplying 125 items each month to organizations that are helping others such as "March Project 125" providing items for baby layettes for Birthright of Kokomo.

CE Spotlight:



The CE committee announces that Danny Goff and Jonah Stouffer have been selected as IYM interns for the summer. Both of these young men call Wabash Friends home. Please pray for them as they prepare to serve and lead this summer.

Attention Pastors—Upcoming Summits: On March 15 at 9 am at White River Friends, "Discernment" will be led by *Marlene Pedigo*, and on April 19 at 9 am at Maple Run Friends, "Prayer Ministries" will be led by *Jeff Nagell*.

You are invited to a leadership huddle to become aware of ministries for IYM congregations that can build bridges to unchurched people in your community. This is sponsored by R.E.N.E.W. Leadership Blitz and will be presented on April 3, 4-6 pm at Arba Friends. For more information, contact Carol Wright at 317-513-9052 or cwright@worldrenewal.org, or Paul Hamrick at 419-771-9378. This is offered at no charge by IYM, New Hope Ministries, and World Renewal international.

There is an urgent need for volunteers to help flood damage repair in South Carolina, March 13-18. If you can help, contact Wiley at 336-679-8466 or wshore@yadtel.net.

Focused Living, a tool that can make you a wiser follower of Christ, strengthen your local church, and bless Indiana Yearly Meeting, will hold workshops on April 29-30 at Farmland Friends, September 30-Oct 1 at Wabash, and November 4-5 at Wabash. For more information contact Dave Phillips at 260-563-5497 or email to dave@wabashfriends.org.

Friends United Meeting is hosting a series of small group gatherings across Indiana with a focus on the Energize, Equip, and Connect Campaign. This Campaign is a three-year, \$3,000,000 effort to strengthen FUM's sustainability and enable them to launch several new ministries. These gatherings will also give Friends the opportunity to discuss how FUM can better support our shared work both in North America and around the globe. Currently, the following IYM churches that will host meetings for this important Campaign are: Portland Friends, March 19, 2-4 pm, Amboy Friends, April 25, 6:30-8:30 pm; and West River Friends, May 1, 4-6 pm.

Barclay College is looking to hire a professor of Youth Ministry for this fall. Qualified persons should submit a curriculum vitae and letter of interest to Dr. Jim Le Shana, Barclay College, 607 N Kingman, Haviland, KS 67059 or to jim.leshana@barclaycollege.edu.

Our Heartfelt Condolences to the families of:

Betty Harvey, wife of former IYM pastor, Xen Harvey, who passed away February 21.

Jean Stewart, Quaker Haven Camp Manager with her husband, Morris, for 9 years, who passed away February 28. She was a member of the Dewart Lake Friends.

Pat Thornburg, wife of former IYM pastor, Lee Thornburg, who passed away February 29.

Good Morning,

Five members of Indiana Yearly Meeting recently spent ten days in Kenya, East Africa. The team included two members of the missions committee (Eric Dale and Anne Smith), the IYM Treasurer (Max Smith), one of our pastors (Keith Huffman) and the yearly meeting Superintendent – me. The purpose of the trip was to build relationships with strategic partners and discern what our mission priorities should be in the days to come. John Muanji, director of the FUM Africa Ministries Office, described the visit as historic. Those of us who traveled together sensed that God had new insights and direction for us every

single day. The trip included visits to Friends Theological College, Lugulu Hospital, Kaptama Friends Church on Mt. Elgon and the nearby Kaptama Health Center, the SEEDS project, the Turkana Friends Mission in Lodwar and three of their congregations, the FUM Africa Ministries Office, Ivona Friends Church and leaders of Chavakali Yearly Meeting, and finally some time with SIM missionaries, Bob & Hope Carter. Be watching for exciting new strategies for mission work coming from the IYM Missions Committee.

In the past missions work was largely owned by denominational headquarters who served as sending agencies to unreached lands. It has been suggested that the role of local congregations was to pray, pay, and get out of the way. Times are changing and I believe we are entering a new era of missions for Indiana Yearly Meeting. Please continue to pray, but definitely do not get out of the way. We want to cultivate relationships and partnerships that will result in transformation of lives and multiplication of churches. Stay tuned. The best is yet to come.
-Doug Shoemaker

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

3/13 IYM Sunday, Wabash Friends
3/14 Executive Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm
3/15 Pastors' Summit, White River Friends, 9 am
3/17 Faith & Practice Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm
3/21 Investment Board, Muncie Red Lobster, 11 am
4/16 Representative Council, Hemlock Friends, 9:30 am

Quaker Haven Upcoming Events:

5K Sap Run, March 12
Christ's Passion, March 18-20, 25, 26