

**Danny Goff** is the new youth pastor at Marion First Friends. He is from Wabash Friends and served as a summer intern with IYM this year.

**Cadiz Friends** will host "A Better Day" in concert, Sunday, October 16, 1-2:30 pm. Members of this, Mike Haemmerle and Kerry Davis, will share how *every day with Jesus is a better day*.

**Charlottesville Friends** will hold their annual Bean Dinner, Saturday, October 22, 4-7 pm at the Charlottesville Lions Club Community Building. They will serve ham and bean soup and vegetable soup with the trimmings; homemade pies and cookies; and coffee, tea, and lemonade.

**Fairmount Friends** will hold a Pastor Appreciation Sunday on October 23 with a carry-in dinner.

**Iglesia Amigos** has been blessed to partner in Kids' Ministry with both **Knightstown Friends** and **Amboy Friends** this past month. They still have slots that need to be filled in October and November. If you have a small group or youth group that would want to come do an easy local mission activity on a Sunday evening in October or November contact Katy Moran at 317-450-4712 or [pastor.katy.moran@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.katy.moran@gmail.com).

**Jericho Friends USFW** (United Society of Friends Women) is hosting a Bazaar and Chicken Noodle Dinner, November 5, 4-8 pm with entertainment beginning at 6:30. For more information please visit their website at [www.JerichoFriends.org](http://www.JerichoFriends.org).

**Marion First Friends** will host "A Better Day" in concert featuring Mike Haemmerle and Kerry Davis on Sunday, November 13, 6:30 pm.

**Shirley Friends** will host a Unified Prayer Service with other surrounding churches on Sunday evening, October 30, 6 pm. Your church is invited.

**South Marion Friends** will hold an Election Eve Service of Prayer on November 6 at 7 pm. This hour-long service has been planned to lift their community, state, and national elections up in prayer as well as the voters. On October 16 at 6:30 pm, they will have a fall bonfire and pitch in hot-dog roast at the church. Also, South Marion Friends recently participated in the Indiana Wesleyan University Church Fair. The two-day event helps churches meet ministry students who are looking for a "church home" in order to do ministry for a year. They also recently had a welcome table at the annual Indiana Wesleyan University Taste-of-Marion

to help IWU students become familiar with businesses and churches in their community.

**Wabash Friends** holds a Monday-night basketball program from 6-9 pm in their gym and they have a short devotional before playing.

**Westfield Friends** will host Dr. Tony Wheeler, November 5, 9 am—12 pm, talking about how parents and others can become a Coffee Cup Coach, influencing youth. Dr. Wheeler has partnered with *Focus on the Family* and understands how individuals can live free in Christ and impact that love to others. A pitch-in lunch will follow. RSVP with Shane Brown at 806-977-0717 or Facebook Page Coffee Cup Coaching. Also, Westfield Friends Chicken & Noodle Dinner will be held October 22. Proceeds will go to missions. On October 28-30, the church will have a retreat at Quaker Haven, and on October 31, they will hold Trunk or Treat, making a safe place for families in their community.

**West River Friends** will hold a seminar with Dr. Tony Wheeler, Saturday, October 29, 5-8 pm. The evening will begin with a soup supper followed by Dr. Wheeler presenting "Lifestyle of Blessing" to help you grow spiritually and relationally. On the following day, Dr. Wheeler will bring the morning message at 10:30 am.

**CE Spotlight:** The Fall Impact Retreat is coming up on November 4-6 at Quaker Haven. This is a time for 7th-12th grade students to come to camp for worship, fun, and also give back to the camp



by doing some work projects. Cost is \$80. Registration info will be on the [ghcyouthprogramming.com](http://ghcyouthprogramming.com) website.

**Winchester Quarterly Meeting** will meet at Arba Friends on Sunday evening, October 23. Pat Byers will lead the youth program, and Colin Saxton will be the speaker.

**The Yearly Meeting is now kicking off our effort to raise \$102,000** for the 2018 budget. Our goal is to have this raised by yearly meeting sessions beginning July 27, 2017. Before officially asking, we have already received \$11,522.50 in cash and pledges toward our goal leaving just under 89% yet to be raised. Please consider making a contri-

bution or pledge.

**Focused Living** is a tool that can make you a wiser follower of Christ, strengthen your local church, and bless Indiana Yearly Meeting. This workshop has been rescheduled to November 5&6 and will be held at Sycamore Friends, 8:30-4:00 pm on the Saturday the 5th and 1:30—3:30 on Sunday the 6th. For more information, contact Dave Phillips at 260-563-5497 or email to [dave@wabashfriends.org](mailto:dave@wabashfriends.org).

**White's Residential & Family Services' 8th annual Open Door Dinner** will be Saturday, October 15. For more information, contact Development at 260-563-1158 or visit [whiteskids.org](http://whiteskids.org).

**Indiana USFW Fall Gathering** will be held October 15 at Fountain City Friends with a catered lunch and an optional tour of the Levi and Catherine Coffin House. Visit their blog at <http://indianausfw.blogspot.com/> for more details.

**Mid-Winter Retreat** for pastors and spouses will be held in southern Indiana, January 27-29. Churches, plan now to encourage your pastor(s) to participate in this year's event at Clifty Inn at Clifty Falls State Park, overlooking the Ohio River near Madison, Indiana. The cost is \$380 per couple or \$260 for a single. If the Continuing Education fund is used by the pastor, this would reduce the price by \$100 resulting in \$280 per couple and \$160 for a single.

**IYM/Barclay College Classes:** Plans are developing for IYM to partner with Barclay College to offer online classes including opportunities for personal interaction. These will be taught by IYM instructors, but available for college credit through Barclay. Those taking all classes will be eligible for a certificate, and will have fulfilled requirements for recording. Though designed for those preparing for ministry, classes are open to anyone interested. Our goal is to have these available in early 2017!

**Mesquakie Friends Center** has gone to great lengths to enhance the appearance of God's property, but need your help on a clean-up project. They have a serious algae problem on their pond. They have contacted a pond maintenance specialist who has given them a list of things they need to do which will cost several hundred dollars. There's an urgency for completing this task yet this fall. If your church can help, please contact Mesquakie Friends Church, P.O.Box 163 Tama, IA 52339.

Good Morning,

You may have seen the recent church sign that declares “Jesus is Coming Soon – Hopefully before the Election!” Author and blogger, Joel Rosenberg, has described this year’s presidential campaign as toxic and tremendously disturbing. He recently observed “The worse it gets, the more I find myself saying, ‘Maranatha, come, Lord Jesus!’” I agree and long for the day when Christ will rule all.

When Horatio G. Spafford penned the lyrics to *It Is Well with My Soul* I’m sure he didn’t have Donald in mind when he wrote, “the trump will resound...!”

Societal shifts cause special concern about this election. We may very well be at a cultural tipping point but I’m glad the Kingdom of God is not dependent upon either Democratic or Republican politics. History tells us the Christian faith was born out of a hostile culture. Our Savior was executed, if you recall, as were many of his followers. The Society of Friends likewise emerged from a culture intolerant of them with many Quakers suffering loss, imprisonment, and even death for their faith.

I plan to vote in our election next month, but the more important influence we have will probably depend upon how we conduct ourselves outside of the voting booth. Philippians 2:14-15 suggests that a good place for us to start is by not grumbling or arguing (ouch!). Further, we are encouraged to live lives that are in stark contrast to the pervading and sometimes perverse culture around us. Anyone who watches the evening sky knows that stars shine brightest when it’s darkest. Our role is to shine like stars. Voting’s good. Shining’s better.  
- Doug Shoemaker

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### IYM Upcoming Calendar

- 10/18 *Recording Committee & Work Group on Pastoral Training, IYM office, 5:30 pm*  
11/12 *Representative Council, Maple Run Friends, 9:30 am*  
11/15 *Program Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm*  
11/29 *Trustees, IYM office, 6:30 pm*  
12/3 *Committee Day, Upland Friends, 9 am*  
12/10 *Pastors Christmas Dinner, Back Creek Friends, 5 pm*  
12/19 *Investment Board, Muncie Red Lobster, 11 am*