

**Yearly Meeting Preview:** Yearly Meeting sessions, July 25-27, will include time for celebration, time for worship, time for learning, and time for discernment. Youth workers will enjoy a roundtable discussion over lunch on Friday. Youth and children will enjoy their own programs. An hour has been set aside to browse displays and visit with representatives from several ministries after lunch on Friday, and during the rest of the afternoon the outdoor stage will feature several interesting presentations including music by Manantial de Vida, Rob and Brenda Schwarze, and the African Friends Church of Louisville. Don't miss it!

**Yearly Meeting Registration** information is available on [www.iym.org](http://www.iym.org) under the "Resources" tab. Lodging on camp is almost full. Additional rooms are available at area hotels. Don't wait to the last minute to reserve your place.

**Farmland Friends** will hold a Blood Drive, Monday, July 8, 2-7 pm. You may sign up by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS, or at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) (sponsor code "farmlandfriends"). Farmland Friends' Car Show was a big success; beautiful day, 120 entrants, four tables of door prizes, and they served over 500 hot dogs!

**Mooreland Friends** will hold their worship service in the park on July 7. There will be a picnic after the service. They will also take their church-wide photo. VBS will be the week of July 8. A member of their youth group, Quinten Moiser, was accepted to USA Football's National team. Recently the church held a hot dog fundraiser to support Quinten.

**Riley Friends** will have a "Night of Music" Saturday, June 29, 5 pm featuring Kerry Davis, Terry Pennington, Riley Quartet and four churches from the community. Bring a friend to a night of good Christian music, food, and meet some new friends. Also, Riley Friends sent three people to Kaleo Academy - Friends Youth Leadership Training at Barclay College, June 16-22. John Larson led sessions and a workshop, and Michael & Drew Bach attended the Academy.

**Rural Friends** will host speaker John Larson, Sunday evening, July 7, 6:30

pm. Tom and Tina Austin will bring special music.

**Advance Reports** will be mailed soon along with copies of the proposed 2020 budget. This year's budget will include a narrative that tells the stories behind the numbers, and a "big picture" perspective of all IYM finances. If you do not normally receive an Advance Report, contact the IYM office to request your copy.

**From the Advancement folks --** We are so thankful for our generous, supportive friends who are coming alongside IYM to help strengthen the 2020 budget, allowing ministries, programs, services, and everything else we accomplish to flourish. There are more friends giving toward completing the 2020 budget than in previous years. So far, here's where the giving is: \$68,195.70 (cash already received), \$3,000 (pledges still to be paid), with a total of \$71,195.70. With our goal of \$135,000, we have some work to do prior to IYM sessions. If you are willing and able to give toward the 2020 budget, please join us in this worthy endeavor. If you have questions, concerns, and or guidance for us, please give Damon a call at 517-204-5348. We truly are humbled by God's willingness to lead folks to join us. We are keepin' at it, because we want IYM to continue to thrive as we serve this hurting world around us, and pour into our youth, and support our pastors and ministries. Glory to God!

**Quaker Haven Update:** Young Adult Camp, Junior High Camp, Beginner's Camp and Senior High 1 Camp are in the books. Next up is Adventure Camp (4-6th grades). God is truly using these weeks to help students 'focus' on Him and His will for their lives! Please keep praying for campers, staffers, counselors, and directors that the light and life of Christ will continue to shine in powerful ways through the camps.

**Training for Child Abuse Prevention** is now available to you. Did you know that many insurance companies will no longer insure churches unless all the staff and volunteers have some kind of training on child abuse. Judy Dennis, a licensed marriage and family therapist and the wife of former IYM pastor, Rod

Dennis, has been trained/certified in child abuse and prevention by the Indiana Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse. If your church is interested, please contact Judy to schedule training. This session is approximately two hours long and will consist of:

- \*What is child abuse
- \*What are signs and symptoms of abuse
- \*How to report suspicions of abuse.
- \*Church safe guards to protect from false allegations.

For questions and/or to set up training, please contact Judy at 765-513-8523 or [arktwins@outlook.com](mailto:arktwins@outlook.com)

**Kaleo Academy:** Two students (Drew Bach - Riley Friends and Gideon Baldrige - Lynn Friends) and two mentors (Michael Bach - Riley Friends and Pat Byers) participated with other students and mentors from all over the country in the Kaleo Academy Theology Camp at Barclay College. The mentors will now walk along side their mentees as they work to flesh out what they learned in a ten-month Release Project. Please pray for these students and mentors and for Katy Moran (Assistant Director - Kaleo Academy) as she continues to add leadership to the program.

**Curriculum Project:** Thank you to everyone who helped "test drive" the Christian Education Committee's first effort to produce adult Sunday School curriculum. We learned a lot! Interest is strong for future curriculum to be produced, so plans are underway to begin producing it regularly beginning with the December 2019 -February 2020 quarter. Be watching for more information and plan now to include IYM curriculum in your adult education program.

**"Quaker History,"** taught by Greg Hinshaw will be the next course offered in the Friends Ministry Training (FMT) program. These online courses can be taken for college credit or audited without credit at a reduced cost. This course is only offered every other year, so if you'd like to try it, now is the time to enroll. For more information go to <https://www.barclaycollege.edu/undergraduate/online/certificates/friends-ministry-training/> or contact Damon Seacott at [dseacott@gmail.com](mailto:dseacott@gmail.com).

*Good Morning!*

Our nephew's wife is a native of Venezuela, and although she speaks English very well, she often makes online posts in Spanish. Facebook will translate the comments but not always accurately. For example, a 2016 translation mentioning something about "doggies," didn't make sense to me. When asked about it later, she burst into laughter because her post was intended to cheer on our family's favorite baseball team, the "Cubs."

A recent survey revealed that nearly two-thirds of 16 to 34-year-olds rely on translation apps to assist them when traveling with

one-fifth of them indicating they experienced misunderstandings because of mistranslations on their phone. For example, a warning sign reading "Blasting in Progress" was rendered as "Workers Exploding." (Emma Woollacott, The BBC 9-25-18).

Long ago I learned that communication isn't what is said; it's what is heard. Your church may be saying all the right things, but your community may not be hearing what you intend. The gospel message is often misunderstood because something's lost in translation. One of the great miracles of Acts 2 was that many heard the

testimony of the early Christians in their own language! It wasn't because they had an app on their phones, but because God supernaturally made it possible.

In Jesus' earthly ministry he spoke the language of the common people, a language that could be understood. Likewise, the New Testament was written in the Greek of the common people, not the Classical Greek. If we have any hope of experiencing Acts 2 results today it will be because God enables us to speak the language of the skeptics, the millennials the "nones," and the "dones."  
-Doug Shoemaker

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*IYM Upcoming Calendar*

- 06/23-28 Adventure Camp, Quaker Haven
- 07/1-4 Pastor's Short Course, Quaker Haven
- 07/7-10 Little Friends Camp, Quaker Haven
- 07/14-19 Senior High Camp 2, Quaker Haven
- 07/25-27 Yearly Meeting Sessions, Quaker Haven
- 07/30 Trustees, IYM office, 6:30 pm

**The Friends Leadership Development Program (LDP)** has been a wonderful experience for many Friends in IYM. A women's group recently concluded with great results. We hope to be able to offer more opportunities to participate in LDP groups soon. Contact the IYM office if you are interested or would like more information.

