

Yearly Meeting Preview: The Saturday missions luncheon has become a highlight of yearly meeting sessions. Last year the attendance was so large it was moved to the Activities Center. We expect a good crowd for this year's luncheon scheduled for noon on July 27. Shawn and Katrina McCaughey, Friends United Meeting Field Staff in East Africa, will be here to share how God is at work in Africa. A special offering will be taken.

Sunday School Curriculum produced by IYM has been used by over 30 churches! We would love to hear feedback from all who used the material. Follow this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BQM8NQJ> to find a brief evaluation form.

The IYM Advancement Committee is sponsoring two events with fellowship, a young friend's vision for the future, wonderful food, great instrumental music, and more, just to thank the individual donors giving to IYM, Saturday, April 6, 5 pm—Tour of Italy Café, downtown Greenfield. Also, on Sunday, April 14, 3 pm—Grains & Grill, downtown Fairmount. Please RSVP by Friday, March 29, to Damon Seacott at dseacott@gmail.com or call/text Damon at 517-204-5348.

Representative Council will be held at Danville Friends on Saturday, April 13. An effort is being made to use our Representative Council meetings to thresh out issues needing discussion, allowing us to focus on inspiration and celebration during yearly meeting sessions. Make plans now to be sure your church is represented at Danville this spring as we hear encouraging reports and discuss important issues.

IYM Weekend is an opportunity for your congregation to share the good news about what God is doing in Indiana Yearly Meeting. Pastors and M&O clerks should have received a packet with ideas to help you prepare. You may also want to use a video that can be viewed at <https://www.dropbox.com/s/wr05pmerukt5zbq/Representative%20Council%202018%202.0.mp4?dl=0>.

Danville Friends will host "Going Beyond Simulcast" with Priscilla Shirer and worship with Anthony Evans, Saturday, April 6. Doors open at 9 am, event at 9:45 to 5:30 pm. Please register by April 1- \$20

(includes continental breakfast and lunch). After April 1, registrations are \$25 and lunch is not guaranteed. Register and pay at danvillefriendschurchevbrite.com. For more information or to pay by check, contact Janet Cunningham at Janetspurling@hotmail.com. Also at Danville, Evan McKnight recently led their worship with songs and hymns on guitar. It was a time of wonderful blessing.

Jericho Friends will hold a rummage sale, March 30, 8 am—4 pm. Proceeds will go to USFW missions.

Kennard Friends will hold a PraiseFest, Sunday, March 24, 5pm. Special guests will be the Phil Marcum Ensemble, "Carved-N-Stone"; Jake Brown on guitar; Rowena Holliday on piano; Sisters' Duet; ASL Interpreters; and pastor & spouse choir. Following will be pie and coffee fellowship. Please join them!

Knights town Friends will have a dedication of their new Friends Center, Sunday, April 14, following a pitch-in dinner after morning worship. Their Good Friday service will be April 19, 7 pm.

Little Blue River Friends will host John Muhanji, Director of African Ministries for FUM, on Sunday, May 12, at 10 am. Bring a friend and join us for an exciting weekend of missions.

Riley Friends will host John Muhanji, who will be sharing highlights from his dynamic faith journey, Saturday, May 11, 5 pm. There will be a time of fellowship and food afterwards. All are welcome. Also at Riley Friends "A Baby Shower for Jesus," a Riley Friends Christian Service Committee project, will be collecting items through April for Life Choices Care Center in Greenfield, IN. The following are most needed; formula (Enfamil), bottles, pacifiers, Wipes, diaper bags, clothing (boys and girls, 12-24 mts - can be new or gently used). For more information contact Sheryl Gray or Judy Hunt at 317-509-3930 or sherylmgray@gmail.com

Mooreland Friends had an amazing turnout at their annual 3v3 basketball tournament, Saturday, March 16, for the Jenna Mosier Memorial Scholarship. They had 18 teams to play and they raised over \$1300. They will have a church game night on Sunday the 31st at 6 pm.

Van Wert First Friends will host Charles and Brenda Jarvis on Palm Sunday, April 14 at 10:30. They will present

ministry in word and song. This is a community concert and all are welcome! The Jarvis' are available to minister at other churches—contact number is 330-933-6403.

IYM Missions Committee is actively finding ways to invest in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ around the world. Don't miss their report at the April 13 meeting of Representative Council. Here are the priorities that are directing their efforts: At IYM we will:
Seek multiplication of disciples of Jesus Christ until there is **no place left.
**Pursue healthy, reciprocal partnerships.

**Prioritize training, equipping, and mobilizing of mission partners above support of material projects.

**Seek to use financial resources in a way that preserves local ownership and initiative, and avoids long-term support and dependence.

Website has been upgraded! Have you visited www.iym.org recently? We are pleased to announce the site has been redesigned and we think you will find the new look refreshing. We are busy updating information to keep it fresh and up-to-date.



CE Information: Summer interns have been secured for the 2019 camping season. They are: Elli Kirkpatrick, Brooke Weir, Sydney Gibson, Will Cox, and Kayli

Clendenon. Please pray for these young people as they follow God's call in the camping program this summer.

IYM Youth Ministries Updates: The next Youth Invasion will be held at Amboy Friends on April 14 from 5-8pm. For the teaching time, the summer interns will lead discussion on our *InFocus* Theme passage (Philippians 3:15-16 from The Message). Please let Pat Byers know how many you will be bringing by April 10, so we order enough pizza!

Registration is LIVE for Quaker Haven Summer Camps at www.qhcyouthprogramming.com. Save \$50 by registering before May 31. All dates and prices (as well as lots of other information) can be found on this site as well! If there are needs for scholarships, an application can be found on the Youth Ministries tab of the iym.org website.

Good Morning!

What is the most pressing crisis of our day? There are many from which to choose. Richard Edelman, President and CEO of a leading global communications firm, says "The United States is enduring an unprecedented crisis of trust." Vice Admiral Vivek H. Murthy, former Surgeon General of the United States has identified loneliness as the most lethal health crisis in America today. Our president, Donald Trump, believes that the current border crisis rises to the level of a national emergency.

A crisis that doesn't get as much publicity is one the church is especially equipped to address. I'm speaking of a crisis of biblical

literacy. Acts 2:42 describes the early church as being devoted to the apostles' teachings. Does this describe your church?

I'm encouraged that Sunday School attendance in Indiana Yearly Meeting has increased in recent years! There are IYM congregations with strong Sunday Schools, and others that struggle. Since the systematic teaching of scripture to both children and adults is more and more crucial, here are a few questions for you to consider.

Is the Bible systematically taught in your congregation? Do you have

Sunday School teachers who are committed to teaching the Word of God? How are teachers selected and trained? Would your Sunday School class be a good place to invite an unchurched friend?

It's easy to fall into comfortable patterns and lose sight of the real purpose for gathering in a Sunday School. When was the last time your Sunday School was evaluated? Is the environment of your Sunday School conducive for discipleship and spiritual growth? If not, what are you going to do about it?

-Doug Shoemaker

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

3/27 *Advancement Committee, IYM office, 4 pm*
4/06 *Thank You Event, Taste of Italy in Greenfield, 5 pm*
4/13 *Representative Council, Danville Friends, 9:30 am*
4/14 *Thank You Event, Grains & Grill in Fairmount, 3 pm*
4/15 *Program Committee Conference Call, 6:30 pm*
4/18 *Nominating Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm*
4/28-28 *IYM Weekend*
4/30 *Trustees, IYM office, 6:30 pm*
5/14 *Committee Night, South Marion Friends, 6:30 pm*

2019 Summer
Camp
Quaker Haven

Early Bird
registration due
by May 30.