

Yearly Meeting Preview: Yearly Meeting sessions, July 25-27, will conclude with the Feast of Faith, a Saturday evening banquet. Christian comedian, Scott Gregory, will present this year's program. Attendance awards will be presented to three meetings, based on the percentage of their average worship attendance at the banquet. Hemlock, Knightstown, and Jericho won last year's awards.

Yearly Meeting Registration information is available on 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.

Bear Creek's annual Vacation Bible School was June 3-7. Fifty-eight different children attended, as well as twenty-four teachers and helpers. Three children made first-time commitments to Christ during the week. Also, Bear Creek has agreed to fund the lease of the Friends Church in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, for two years, after hearing John Muhanji speak on May 19. This is a combined project of the church's Missions Committee, the monthly meeting, and individuals. Dar-es-Salaam is Tanzania's largest city and former capital. Tanzania Yearly Meeting has grown rapidly in the last decade.

Center Friends Church had some damage to their parsonage in the Memorial Day storms that swept through southwest Ohio. Some members and attenders had property damage as well. Please pray for Center Friends and their pastor, Duane Cox, whose mother, Anne Cox, died on May 28. Pam Cox's father, Erin Martin, also passed away on June 1.

Hinkle Creek children recently raised money for the children in Brazil who live in dumps. For the month of May they collected their change each day for a designated item(s) they had in their homes that these needy children did not have.

Knightstown Friends is excited to announce that David Oakes has accepted the position as Associate Pastor. They are glad to have David as part of the pastoral staff and he will be a welcome addition to their ministry. KFC

has seen a wonderful growth in their men's group and has started a monthly men's breakfast on the first Saturday of each month. It is open to all guys, regardless of church affiliation or lack of one. Breakfast begins at 8 am and all men are welcome to attend. Join them some Saturday. Also, the church will participate in Knightstown Jubilee Days' Parade with a float entry.

Lynn Friends has a group at Bear-tooth Christian Camp at Fishtail, Montana, for their 2019 "Do It Again" mission trip.

Mooreland Friends Youth Group participated in a 30-hour famine, June 7 and 8. The youth skipped meals to raise funds that will help feed hungry children around the world. They will be worshipping and learning together with the youth at North Christian Church. Each student has a goal to raise \$50. Vacation Bible School will be the week of July 8. Sunday, July 7, they will have their worship service at the Mooreland Park. A carry-in lunch will follow the service.

Riley Friends will have a night of music and song featuring Kerry Davis and the Riley Quartet, June 29, 5 pm. Please join them and bring a friend. There will be a time of food and fellowship afterwards.

The Advancement Committee reports having received gifts and pledges totaling \$67,185.70 toward the \$135,000 IYM needs to raise for the 2020 budget. **THANK YOU**, as you are supporting the endeavors of all our committees, programs, ministries, and missions. IYM is reaching our communities and the world -- *glory to Jesus Christ our Lord & Savior*. Have questions or concerns? Contact Damon at dseacott@gmail.com or call 517-204-5348. Keep on servin' well friends.

Pat Byers reports that they have 113 Jr. High Campers this week at Quaker Haven! God is moving these young people to focus on Him and His will for their lives. They have already had a report of one student receiving Christ! Please continue to pray for the kids, counselors, interns, and other staffers.

Camp 2.0 is a new program this year held during IYM Sessions at Quaker Ha-

ven for all teens (7th-2019 Grads). This is an opportunity to *come back* to camp at the end of the summer for one more hurrah. Dates are July 25-27 (Thursday through Saturday) and cost is \$100. You will stay in cabins just like at Summer Camp and experience more camp activities. Mark your calendars now and get registered!

World Renewal has a visiting leader, a house church planting pastor in North Africa, who will be in Indiana June 13-17. He is available to visit with individuals or groups during that time. His name or country is not printed for security reasons. Please contact Donna Franklin if interested. dfranklin@worldrenewal.org

Pastors Short Course is scheduled for July 1-4 at Quaker Haven. All IYM pastors, pastoral staff, and their families are invited to attend. Derek Brown of Barclay College will be this year's speaker and worship leaders will be Rob and Brenda Schwarze. "Authentically Christian, Unapologetically Quaker," will be this year's theme.

Committee Day Calendar
IYM Ministry & Oversight and the following committees: Communications & Publications, Christian Education, Christian Service, Evangelism & Outreach, Missions, and Stewardship & Finance, normally meet at the same time four times per year. South Marion Friends Church will again host Committee Days in the coming year. Due to the long distance several committee members need to travel, our Saturday morning meetings will begin at 9:30 am, one half hour later than in previous years. Save these dates on your calendar:

Tuesday, August 27, 6:30 pm
Saturday, December 7, 9:30 am
Saturday, February 29, 9:30 am
Tuesday, May 12, 6:30 pm

Representative Council will meet on Saturdays, November 9, 2019, and April 18, 2020. Both will begin at 9:30 am. Locations will be announced soon.

Friends Ministry Training (FMT): If you are interested in exploring this marvelous online IYM training opportunity through Barclay College, contact Damon Seacott at 517-204-5348. Classes will be offered in the fall.

Good Morning!

I once heard a pastor from another denomination lamenting the lack of leadership in his congregation. He complained that his greeters weren't greeting, his ushers weren't ushering, and his deacons weren't deaking! Friends pastors don't have that problem because we don't have deacons.

Leadership in a Friends church is a delicate matter. For better or worse, Friends pastors have little, if any, organizational authority, yet are the one's most likely to be blamed, or sometimes dismissed if important tasks are left unaccomplished. At the

same time, those who do have organizational authority in a Friends church are generally volunteers with no clear accountability to someone. We would expect to be reprimanded at work if we failed to show up and do our job, yet at church we expect to be understood and forgiven if we do the same.

We Quakers may pride ourselves on not handing out authority to leaders, but that's probably a mistake. The days when Quakerism began and grew exponentially were days when George Fox, the leader of the movement, was alive and providing direc-

tion. I suggest that from day one, Friends depended upon strong leadership and still need it today. In our fear of not being led by the Spirit, we have often undermined the human agents God has gifted to help us follow the Spirit's leading. A compounding problem is that those assigned to positions of responsibility may not be capable or willing to live up to their roles.

How is it in your church? Who are the leaders responsible for the well-being of the congregation and the quality of its ministry? Are you doing your part?
-Doug Shoemaker

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

06/12 Nominating Committee, IYM office, 6:30
06/09-14 Junior High Camp, Quaker Haven
06/14-16 Beginners Camp, Quaker Haven
06/16-21 Senior High Camp 1, Quaker Haven
06/17 Investment Board, Muncie Red Lobster, 11 am
06/17 Program Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm
06/22 Advancement Committee, Richmond Carver's, 12 pm
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

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