

**Yearly Meeting Preview:** Yearly Meeting sessions this year, July 25-27, will include four Saturday workshops. Greg Hinshaw will lead one on "Our Unique Message as Friends." Have you ever wondered if you (and your local meeting) can be fully Christian and authentically Quaker? This workshop will look at the Christian message of Friends, with a focus on the Scriptural origins of Friends teachings, as well as the unique place of Friends in the broader evangelical world. It will also debunk some myths about confusing Quaker terms. This workshop will be offered Saturday morning and repeated that afternoon.

**Long Lake Friends** is going through a difficult period and appreciates the prayers and support of their fellow believers. Pray God will provide new pastoral leadership for them in this time.

**Mooreland Friends** will have an Easter breakfast at 9am Easter Sunday. An Easter egg hunt will follow the worship service.

**Hinkle Friends** Easter program, including a Passover Feast will be Saturday, April 20, 7pm

**Knightstown Friends** will have a Good Friday service, April 19, 7 pm.

**Marion First Friends** will host the *Praise Party* concert, Sunday, May 19 at 6pm. There will be worship bands and a special speaker. The event is free (an offering will be taken.)

**Riley Friends Not-So** Good Friday service at noon, April 19, the one hour service theme is: Ending with a New Beginning; Mark 15:46.

Saturday's Easter Celebration is April 20, 5:00 p.m., the theme is: Running to the Garden; John 20:3-4. Also at Riley, "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](mailto:sherylmgray@gmail.com)

**Little Blue River Friends** will host John Muhanji on Sunday, May

12, at 10am.

**White's Residential & Family Services** will host a breakfast for pastors and ministry leaders May 16, beginning at 8:30 am. The morning includes, updates on the new 50 East Retail Store & Café as well as the three ministries of Residential, Compass Rose, & Foster Care; and, a training presentation for ministry leaders and testimonies of students. RSVP to Rick Carder to register for this free event at [Rick.Carder@whitesrfs.org](mailto:Rick.Carder@whitesrfs.org)

**IYM Weekend** IYM churches are planning to use their April 27 or April 28 worship service to feature how God is at work in Indiana Yearly Meeting. Many will be taking special offerings to help us meet our fundraising goal.

**IYM Fundraising, 2020 budget** Currently we have gifts and pledges totaling \$42,141.70 toward our goal of \$135,000. *Be in prayer for this effort.*

**Focused Living: a personal growth workshop** led by Paul Cochrane & David Phillips on Saturday, May 4, from 8 am-4 pm, is being hosted by the Christian Service Committee of IYM. This is an exciting, impactful, and potentially life-changing one day workshop-event! The cost is \$40 and scholarships are available. The workshop will be held at Riley Friends, 20 W. South St., Greenfield, IN 46140. For information contact Markus Dennis, Committee Clerk, at [Rileyfriendsmeeting@gmail.com](mailto:Rileyfriendsmeeting@gmail.com) Dave Phillips will be speaking that evening at Riley Friends. at 5pm.

#### **Representative Council Highlights**

- Brooke Weir, youth intern at Sycamore Friends, shared a vision many of our young adults have, to be engaged in genuine/authentic relationships with God and God's people.

- A recommended policy was presented by Ministry & Oversight outlining both how we value our testimony of the spiritual nature of baptism and communion, and how we might respond to Friends wanting to use outward sym-

bols. A healthy discussion on this topic will resume at the fall meeting of Representative Council.

- New copies of *Faith & Practice*, including revisions approved as part of its recent comprehensive review, were distributed.

- The recommendation from Evangelism & Outreach Committee that Riley Friends be a Preparative Meeting under the Care of Hemlock Monthly Meeting was approved. Several Friends from Riley were in attendance.—The first reading of the 2020 missions goals was presented, which included support of a Friends project in India in an area that is 99.7% non-Christian!

- We heard our support for Nicholas and Dorcas Otieno, Kenyan missionaries to Tanzania, will be funded by income from the new missions endowment established from the estate of Edwin & Ruby Katherine Barker. The annual financial need of the Otienos is nearly identical to the expected yearly income from the Barker endowment!


- We heard the first reading of the proposed 2020 budget. Although the overall budget includes a 7% increase, there is no plan to raise assessments for local churches.

- Many attenders enjoyed their first visit to Danville Friends who provided warm hospitality.

#### **Website has been upgraded!**

Have you visited [www.iym.org](http://www.iym.org) recently? We are busy updating information to keep it fresh.

#### **IYM Youth Ministries —**

 **Registration** is LIVE for Quaker Haven Summer Camps at [www.qhcyouthprogramming.com](http://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

*Good Morning!*

My wife bought a new tie for me to wear on Easter, but it has been sitting on the dresser where she placed it several weeks ago. With some frustration she asked me last night, "Do you not like the tie, or are you just indifferent?" I pled guilty to first degree indifference. When asked what I was planning to wear on Easter it quickly became evident I had no plan. I guess I was going to make that decision when it came time to get dressed Easter morning.

Today, a college friend of mine, now living in Texas, sent an email with some of her memo-

ries of dressing up on Easter morning: *I always loved Easter... Mainly because my Daddy (a pastor) said it was a day of new beginnings... When we would go to Easter sunrise service we were only allowed to wear our older Sunday clothes. But once we got home...we got to dress up in our new Easter dresses and shoes. That was a big deal to us coming from a family with six kids! The only times we would get new clothes was on Easter and Christmas. I asked my Daddy*

*about why we couldn't wear our new clothes to the sunrise service and that's when he said Easter service was all about the new...the old was gone...the new had come. Jesus had died...and now He lived. (Claire Record).*

Today I'm thinking about the many times God has given me a do-over. Trading graveclothes for spotless garments is what Easter is all about. I think I'll wear that new tie after all.

Doug Shoemaker

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### IYM Upcoming Calendar

4/18 6:30pm; Nominating Committee at IYM Office  
4/27-28 IYM Weekend  
4/29 4pm; Advancement Committee  
4/29 7pm; Bicentennial Committee at IYM Office  
4/30 6:30pm; Trustees at IYM Office  
5/14 6:30pm; Committee Night at South Marion Friends  
5/20 6:30pm; Program Committee conference call

2019 Summer  
Camp

Quaker Haven

Early Bird  
registration  
due by May 30