

Yearly Meeting Preview: Yearly Meeting sessions this year, July 25-27, will include four Saturday workshops. “*Connecting to Your Community*,” led by Brock Meyer, will look at how church growth happens by engaging our local government, business, school, service projects and other various community efforts. *Growth is not accidental, but rather intentional involvement in the soil God has planted you.*

Yearly Meeting Registration is now open! Brochures have been mailed and registration information will soon be on www.iym.org Lodging fills up quickly, so mail in your registration form soon to reserve your place. Additional lodging has also been reserved at Brook Pointe Inn — (574) 457-4466 and ask for the IYM discount.

Children’s Ministry Opportunity — Nursery workers and children’s ministry workers are needed to help during Pastors Short Course, July 1-4. It includes a small honorarium plus food and lodging at Quaker Haven. Please contact Elaine Wells at jemm.wells@juno.com if you are interested in serving.

Pastoral Openings – Please pray for Amboy and Long Lake who both have current pastoral openings. Liberty Friends is looking for a Children’s Minister. Interested candidates are asked to contact the yearly meeting superintendent for more information.

South Marion Friends will host Ron Evans, CEO of White’s Residential & Family Services, who will speak on Sunday morning, May 19.

Walnut Ridge Friends has recently remodeled their entryway and will be having a building dedication this Sunday morning, May 19. Following a light breakfast, the worship service and dedication will begin at 10 am.

Danville Friends will be hosting John Muhanji on Wednesday evening, May 22 at 6:30pm.

Jim Moreland, pastor of **White River Friends**, is happy to announce the release of his second book: *From a Drunkard to a Pastor--Discovering Completeness in Christ*. Jim says, “*I hope you will purchase one for yourself and one for someone who is struggling with chemical addiction. I*

believe this book will encourage and give them hope Jesus can set them free from any chains that bind.”

Amboy Friends held a farewell reception for Dwight & Lori Elliott on Sunday April 28th, with over 200 people in attendance. Pastor Dwight began preaching at Marion First Friends on Mother’s Day. Dwight & Lori want to thank Amboy Friends for their gracious send off, and look forward to beginning a new chapter in Marion.

Mooreland Friends will be sponsoring a 30-Hour Famine overnight youth event with the North Christian Church on June 7 & 8. This time of fasting will raise awareness of the people around the world going hungry each day.

Sycamore Friends will take part in *Serve Together* at Jackrabbit Stadium in Kokomo, June 8-9. A worship service will be held on the 9th at 6:00pm.

Marion First Friends will host Praise Party-worship concert this Sunday, May 19 at 6pm. Amonte King and Alex Small will be featured. There is a free will offering.

Coaching for Committees; Is there a committee in your church that seems “stuck”? Debi Howell, associate pastor at Farmland Friends, has been certified by the ICF (International Coach Federation) and would be glad to work with committees to be the best they can be. For more information contact her directly at pastor-debi@farmlandfriends.org

IYM Weekend — Thank you to all the churches who have taken part in this opportunity. Reports of events and fellowship are encouraging. Thus far, IYM has received \$11,536 from the IYM Weekend efforts.

IYM Fundraising, 2020 budget Including the gifts so far from IYM Weekend the total gifts and pledges is at \$54,604.70. Please continue to keep our goal of \$135,000 in prayer and awareness. If you are interested in learning about giving opportunities toward specific IYM programs and ministries contact Damon Seacott at 517-204-5348.

Coaching for Pastors; Dave Phillips, retired senior pastor of Wabash Friends, has been certified as a leadership coach by Leadership Breakthru. Pastors can receive an IYM scholarship for short-term coaching agreements.

Contact dave@wabashfriends.org for more information or to set up your free initial consultation.

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 Rob & Brenda Schwarze will be with us. “*Authentically Christian, Unapologetically Quaker*,” is this year’s theme.

Charles W. Heavilin, former IYM pastor, has published a new book, “*The Forgotten Gospel of Jesus*”: a compelling guide to understanding true Christianity.

Kaleo Academy — It’s not too late to get signed up for the Kaleo Academy week-long Theology Camp at Barclay College July 14-20. Kaleo is a leadership development program for High School students. Contact Katy Moran at katy.moran@barclaycollege.edu or the IYM office for more details.

Camp Early Bird The Early Bird date to save \$50 off of QHC registration is May 31st. All information can be found at qhcyouthprogram-ming.com. A scholarship for financial assistance can be found on the Youth Ministries tab of the iym.org website.

Don’t forget about the Young Adult camp (ages 20’s-30’s) from June 7-9. Cost is only \$50. Don’t let graduation from high school keep you from being a QHC camper!

Camp 2.0 is a new program this year held during IYM Sessions at Quaker Haven 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!

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!

It was Super Bowl Sunday, and in a Presbyterian church the time for the collection of tithes and offerings was approaching. The minister, a true sports enthusiast, reached into his pocket, took out a quarter, flipped it into the air, glanced at it as it landed, then in typical referee fashion joyfully announced: "The ushers will receive!" (*Jan Aufrance, Alliance, OH. Christian Reader, "Lite Fare."*) I'm not an usher, but the yearly meeting has been blessed to receive contributions from several churches who included a special offering or contribution as part of their "IYM Weekend" cel-

ebration. We've also received several contributions from individuals as we climb toward our goal of receiving \$135,000 for next year's budget by the time we gather for yearly meeting. A pastor once quoted from 2 Corinthians 9:7, "God loveth a cheerful giver," then added, "but we'll even take money from a grouch!" I'm happy to report we have far more cheerful givers than grouches in Indiana Yearly Meeting! To keep assessments affordable, we now depend upon voluntary contributions to fully fund our annual program budget. And year after year, IYM has received not just dollars, but blessing

and faith-building encouragement as Friends have given generously and cheerfully. We are entering the home stretch, trying to reach this year's goal. I'm so thankful for all the Friends and Friends Churches who have already given so much toward this effort. We've set a goal stretching us some because we believe there is important work to be done. About \$55,000 has already been raised! We need more cheerful Friends to help us raise the rest. *Can you help?*

Doug Shoemaker

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

05/20	6:30pm	Program Committee conference call
05/30	4pm	Advancement Committee at IYM Office
06/02	6:30pm	Executive Committee at IYM Office
06/07-09		Young Adult Camp at Quaker Haven
06/09-14		Junior High Camp at Quaker Haven
06/14-16		Beginners Camp at Quaker Haven
06/16-21		Senior High Camp 1 at Quaker Haven
06/17	11am	Investment Board at Muncie Red Lobster
06/23-28		Adventure Camp at Quaker Haven

**2019 Summer
Camp**

Quaker Haven

**Early Bird
registration
due by May 30**