

**Yearly Meeting Preview:** Yearly Meeting sessions this year, July 25-27, will include four Saturday workshops. Doug Shoemaker will lead one titled: *Not Your Father's Ministry & Oversight*. This workshop is designed for members of Ministry & Oversight and those who appoint them. It will discuss who should serve on M&O, who's in charge of the church, and what a healthy M&O should look like. Bring your whole M&O to be part of this training opportunity.

**The IYM Bicentennial Committee** would like to hear from your meeting! Please contact Greg Hinshaw at [gphinshaw@gmail.com](mailto:gphinshaw@gmail.com) to arrange to provide information about your local church to include in the planned bicentennial publication. In addition, the bicentennial committee is asking all local churches to plan to send a tri-fold display to IYM sessions in 2021. Start doing your research now to ensure that your church is represented in both!

**Van Wert First** — The past three months has had a Wednesday evening service, including a shared meal. Attendance was about 15-20. These gatherings will resume in the fall.

**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.

**West River Friends** will host their annual Pork Chop Supper on May 4 from 5-7pm. A Free Will offering will be taken.

**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.)

**Bear Creek Friends** John Muhanji will be speaking for morning worship on May 19.

**Riley Friends Riley Friends** is providing leadership for a new Chapter in Greenfield (Hancock County) of Brianna's Hope ([ablhb.org](http://ablhb.org)) - a ministry providing hope through Christ to individuals and communities battling addiction using support, encouragement, and collaboration. For details contact John Larson (620) 388-1261,

[john.larson@barclaycollege.edu](mailto:john.larson@barclaycollege.edu) or Markus Dennis, (253) 381-1348 [Rileyfriendsmeeting@gmail.com](mailto:Rileyfriendsmeeting@gmail.com)

John Muhanji will speak at Riley on Saturday, May 11 at 5:00 p.m. and there will be a time of food-fellowship following. John is the director of African Ministries for FUM.

**Little Blue River Friends Little Blue River Friends** will host John Muhanji, on Sunday, May 12, at 9:00 a.m. for a combined Christian Ed. hour with breakfast provided. John will be speaking in the 10 a.m. service too.

**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)

**Assessments Update;** What do Cadiz, Friends Chapel, Hemlock, Jericho, Jonesboro, Kennard, Knightstown, Peaceful Valley, Shirley, Westland and White River all have in common. They have already paid 100% or more of their 2019 assessments. Twenty three other churches are on pace to pay 100% with a few others who we are sure will begin their payments soon. Thank you!

**IYM Fundraising, 2020 budget** Gifts and pledges totaling \$42,541.70 have been raised toward our goal of \$135,000. Thank you for your support of IYM and all we do. Please contact Damon Seacott at 517-204-5348 if you would like to discuss giving opportunities.

**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.

**Missions Giving Update:** Churches in IYM have already met over \$43,000 of our missions goals for 2019. Four meetings have already met 100% of their goal and three others have already exceeded their goal (with eight months left in the year!)

 **Camp Early Bird** The Early Bird date to save \$50 off of QHC registration is May 31st. All information can be found at [qhcouthprogram-ming.com](http://qhcouthprogram-ming.com). A scholarship for financial assistance can be found on the Youth Ministries tab of the [iym.org](http://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!

**Is Your Church Struggling?** The IYM Evangelism & Outreach Committee would be glad to hear from churches needing help. There are Friends willing to talk with you and discern steps that might be helpful for your congregation.

**IYM Missions Committee** is actively finding ways to invest in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ around the world. Here are the priorities directing their efforts: At IYM we will:

- Seek multiplication of disciples of Jesus Christ until there is *no place left*.
- Pursue healthy 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. mand initiative.

Good Morning!

Here's how several elementary school students answered the following questions about moms (*Submitted by Peg Beukema, Nyack, New York*): *Why did God make mothers?* • She's the only one who knows where the Scotch tape is. • Mostly to clean the house. • To help us out of there when we were getting born. *How did God make mothers?* • He used dirt, just like for the rest of us. • Magic, plus superpowers and a lot of stirring. • God made my mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

*What ingredients are mothers made of?* • God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world. . .and one dab of mean. • They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think. *Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?* • We're related. • God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's moms like me. Earlier this week I read about a pastor who no longer preaches a "Mother's Day message." I understand why.

While I think mothers should be honored and appreciated, the Mother's Day holiday stirs up pain for many. For some it's a reminder of a troubled mother and for others it's a reminder of their own infertility. For those who have miscarried or lost a child, "Mothers Day" may remind them of their deep loss; And I can't imagine the emotional torture carried by many women who chose to abort an unborn child. I hope that Mother's Day at your church is a time of healing, restoration and blessing.

-Doug Shoemaker

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### IYM Upcoming Calendar

5/14	6:30pm; Committee Night at South Marion Friends
5/20	6:30pm; Program Committee conference call
5/30	4pm; Advancement Committee at IYM Office
6/03	6:30pm; Executive Committee at IYM Office
6/17	11am; Investment Board at Muncie Red Lobster

**2019 Summer  
Camp**

**Quaker Haven**

**Early Bird  
registration  
due by May 30**