



# Western Work

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News of Western Yearly Meeting of the Friends Church

## Co-Superintendents' Bible Study—Matthew 28:1-8 “He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said.”

“He was buried and rose again the third day (1 Corinthians 15:4) according to the Scriptures, becoming the first fruits (1 Corinthians 15:23) of them that sleep, and having shown Himself alive after His passion, by many infallible proofs (Acts 1:3) He ascended into heaven, and hath sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, now to appear in the presence of God for us (Hebrews 1:3, 9:24).” (WYM Faith & Practice, 2005, p. 78)

Every year at Easter we are reminded of the foundation of our faith as Friends in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Since Christ has risen from the dead our faith is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:20). The perishable shall put on the imperishable and the mortal will put on immortality (1 Corinthians 15:51-54). Death is swallowed up in victory (1 Corinthians 15:55-58). Praise God He has risen!

## Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church

152<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sessions --- July 31 - August 4, 2009

We hope you will join us this summer for a time of worship, fellowship, and discernment of God’s will for Western Yearly Meeting as we center upon the theme, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you...” [Acts 1:8]. In preparation for yearly meeting, you may wish to read Carole Dale Spencer’s book, *Holiness: The Soul of Quakerism*.

Families are welcomed to Western Yearly Meeting! A variety of programs have been planned for registered children, youth and young adults. Please be sure to bring the whole family!

### Friday, July 31, 2009

- 8:00 a.m. – Registration
- 8:30 a.m. – New Attendee Orientation
- 9:00 a.m. – Opening Minute  
Morning Worship & Bible Study  
“Power to Worship”  
**Linda Cabe**
- 10:00 a.m. – Business Meeting
- 12:00 noon – Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. – Memorial Service  
**Wayne Carter**
- 2:30 p.m. – Meeting for Worship with a  
Concern for Business
- 5:00 p.m. – Quaker Haven B-B-Q  
Earlham Banquet
- 7:00 p.m. – Multi-Generational Worship  
**WYM Youth Cabinet**
- 9:00 p.m. – Dan’s Pies

### Saturday, August 1, 2009

- 7:30 a.m. – Pastors’ Breakfast at Golden Corral
- 8:00 a.m. – Unprogrammed Worship
- 9:00 a.m. – Morning Worship & Bible Study  
“Power to Live Right”  
**Linda Cabe**
- 10:00 a.m. – Meeting for Worship with a  
Concern for Business
- 12:00 noon – Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. – Workshops  
**WYM Boards**
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- 5:00 p.m. – Quaker Men Banquet at Flap Jacks  
USFW Tea  
Sundesmos Banquet  
Children & Youth Banquet
- 7:00 p.m. – Mission Service  
**Ben & Jody Richmond**

### Sunday, August 2, 2009

- 8:00 a.m. – Unprogrammed Worship
- 9:00 a.m. – Sunday School (all ages)  
**WYM Interns**
- 10:30 a.m. – Meeting for Worship  
**Carole Dale Spencer**
- 12:00 noon – Young Friends’ Fundraiser Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. – Musical Worship (Hymns & Praise)  
**WYM Worship Team**
- 3:30 p.m. – Quaker Lecture  
**Carole Dale Spencer**
- 5:00 p.m. – Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. – Semi-Programmed Worship  
**Bill Clendineng**

### Monday, August 3, 2009

- 8:00 a.m. – Unprogrammed Worship
- 9:00 a.m. – Morning Worship & Bible Study  
“Power to Serve”  
**Linda Cabe**
- 10:00 a.m. – Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
- 12:00 noon – Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. – Business Meeting  
Closing Worship  
Concluding Minute

## Service Opportunities

### Friends Disaster Service (FDS) in the Galveston, TX Area

*Friends Disaster Service answered the call to assist in the cleanup and rehabilitation of the destruction left by Hurricane Ike in September of 2008. The entire month of February, 2009 was a busy time for FDS. Much work is needed in the Galveston, TX area. Volunteers from different states traveled to Texas to help in many ways.*

*Western Yearly Meeting members also participated. Gene and Marlene Alberson of Carmel Friends spent a week during the early part of February rehabbing houses which included installing dry wall and other repair activities. Eldon and Linda Studer, Randy and Tammy Toliver, Paul and Karen Tock, their daughter Danielle all of Bethel Friends, and Ray Oman of Carmel Friends all worked the last week of February. In addition, Kent Dickerson, Bob Murphy, and Duane Lane of Avon Parkside Church of The Nazarene joined the WYM group for the work activities. Kent, Bob, and Duane had a calling to serve, heard of our planned trip and asked to join us. Kent owns a construction company which uses heavy equipment. He donated the use of a Bob Cat which he towed to TX and operated it clearing debris and leveling dwellings that were not fit for restoration. Use of the Bob Cat was a very valuable contribution. There were about 45 volunteers serving during the last week of February, 11 from Indiana and the rest from Ohio, Michigan and Texas. Much clean up was done, as well as restoration of people's homes. Some homes were nearing completion and the owners were happily anticipating moving back it. The Lighthouse Fellowship Friends Church in League City, TX provided lodging and meals for volunteers. Church members are very good cooks and are very hospitable.*

*Several of us commented on what a difficult situation it is for victims of a natural disaster, and how hard it is to imagine ourselves going through this kind of chaos. Bob Winn (who is the FDS National Director) explained when the first contact with the victims is made and they are told, "we are here to help you," they are often suspicious and unbelieving. These are people with insufficient insurance, not enough Government help, and not financially or physically able to do all that is needed. As service to them progresses, they become very appreciative and friendly. Some have trouble understanding why we are doing this for them. This opens up a great opportunity to witness for Christ! We can say, "we are living out the teachings of Jesus, which is love and help your neighbor." Helping people is truly a satisfying experience. Many volunteers agree we benefit as much as the people we are helping. **Friends Disaster Service is making a difference!***

*Submitted by Ray Oman*

### FDS is Working in Columbus, Indiana

Friends Disaster Service will be working in Columbus, Indiana the week of March 30-April 3. We will stay at Sandcreek-Azalia Meeting. Please contact Lane Sims so that he can notify Bob Winn. We will be working with Eastern Region FDS on homes that were damaged in the flood last June. Call Lane Sims, (317) 774-0787. Eldon Studer will plan workdays for Saturday April 4 & April 9-11; gas, lunch and support will be paid for. Contact Eldon if you can come at (317) 838-6099.

### Quaker Haven Camp Work Day

April 28 will be a Quaker Men's Work Day at Quaker Haven. We have several projects that really need to be done before the summer camping season begins and we need guys to help. The big jobs include: (1) Replace the front porch area on the Johnson Cottage, (2) Replace the Johnson Cottage roof over the kitchen/bath, (3) Tear out and replace the Hunt Lodge main room flooring. The other projects include: clean up leaves, pick up branches, and get the shower/restroom area at the RV bathhouse up to snuff for a visit by the health inspector.

## Missions Emphasis

### May Young Adult Kenya Trip

This May WYM is sending four people on an overseas trip to visit our Friends in Kenya. Thank you to all who have partnered with us by supporting us financially and prayerfully! We continue to covet prayers as our departure gets closer. A commissioning service is being planned for May 10 at 1:00 p.m. here at the WYM building.

### New Special Outreach Project

As we step into 2009 we are kicking off a new Special Project.

### **2009 Special Project**

### **Cuba: Hurricane Damage Repair**

**Goal: \$10,000**

### Cuba Work Team Report

On the last week in January and the first week on February, 11 members of Friends United Meeting traveled to Cuba. Linda Garrison, our leader from Iowa Yearly Meeting, told us the very first night that we had two purposes in Cuba. One was to work on projects such as painting and digging footings, and the other was to worship with and encourage Cuban Friends. She explained that she thought the two purposes were equally important. From Western Yearly Meeting, Jim Crew, Ron Talbert, and Connie Robertson, known affectionately as the "Kokomo Boys," and I, Dale Graves, were on the team. We worshipped with Cuban Friends 12 times in 14 days and we painted, repaired flooring and a roof, and dug footings. We had a great time. Cuban Friends are most gracious and the team we traveled with was wonderful. I would be most happy to come to your meeting and share a PowerPoint. I can be contacted at [dgraves@pdswireless.com](mailto:dgraves@pdswireless.com). I would encourage anyone who may have thought about the trip in the past to get information from FUM about the next trip. It will be a most wonderful experience. It was a great experience for me and I thank God for the chance to go. Gracias el Señor.

*Submitted by Dale Graves*

*P.S. Dale Graves, Jim Crew, Connie Robertson, and Ron Talbert will provide a workshop at WYM sessions where you can hear more about their trip and the needs in Cuba.*

### VBS Special Project

Are you looking for a mission emphasis for your VBS this summer? "Bikes for Boys in Belize" is the FUM VBS project for this year with the goal of \$6,000 to purchase 40 bikes and supplies by the end of August. For \$150, we can purchase a bike, helmet, chain, padlock, pump and spare parts for one boy at Friends Boys School (FBS) in Belize. We hope the bikes will not only help them get to FBS, but will be a good source of transportation to high school and any future employment they might have. You are encouraged to visit the Barbers' website: [www.belizebarbers.org](http://www.belizebarbers.org).

### USFW Triennial Deadline Has Been Extended to June 1, 2009

The deadline for the \$100 deposit for the hotel for the upcoming USFWI/AMI 2010 Triennial, July 1-4, 2010, at the Sun 'N Beach Resort in Mombasa, Kenya, has been extended to **June 1, 2009**. We are grateful for all who have met the March 1 deadline, but we hope that this extension will allow others to join us on this very special event. The \$100 deposit, so designated for the USFWI/QMI Triennial, needs to be sent to the USFWI Treasurer, Adis Beeson, 4305 Beeson Farm Road, Sophia, NC 27350.

### White's Residential & Family Services

White's Residential & Family Services is Indiana's largest multi-service provider of care for abused, neglected and troubled children which began as an outreach of Friends. One of their vital ministries to the children is the White's Chapel program, a "congregation of children." The contributions of God's people make this ministry possible--it is the sole means of support. During your worship on April 19 or 26, we would ask your church to make an announcement and take a special offering for this mission to children. For more information please call (260) 563-1158.

## Christian Education Opportunities

### 2009 Quaker Haven Camp

Camp Brochures and promotional material are now available. Now's the time to start planning for summer camp. Early Bird Rates apply until May 25, so get those registrations in before then. Camp Scholarships are available through the WYM CE Board and those applications can be found on the WYM Website or by calling the WYM Office. Scholarship applications are due April 30.

### QUAKER HAVEN CAMP

Pioneer (Grades 5 & 6) - June 7-12  
 Young at Heart Camp - June 8-11  
 Jr. High (Grades 7 & 8) - June 14-19  
 Sr. High I (Grades 9 - 12) - June 21-26  
 Beginner (Grades K - 2 with parent/guardian) - June 26-28  
 George Fox (Grades 3 & 4) - July 5-8  
 Sr. High II (Grades 9 - 12) - July 12-17

### WYM CE Board Meeting Date Change

Because Katy will be in Kenya during the May WYM Board Meetings the WYM CE Board has changed their May Board Meeting to May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9 a.m. at the WYM Building. Please make sure to note this change.

### Don't Miss the Youth Cabinet Road Show

WYM Youth Cabinet, "Let Yo' Light Shine!" is on the road and coming to a Meeting near you. Upcoming Road Shows:

April 18 @ Newberry Friends  
 July 31 – Multi-Generational Worship at WYM

## Resources

### The Soul of Your Congregation

The Center for Congregations is offering a workshop, "The Soul of Your Congregation," on Thursday, April 16, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Renovare staff, including Chris Webb, will lead participants through discussions and exercises to help them understand spiritual formation and how to incorporate it into all aspects of congregational life.

### Financial Peace University

If you or your meeting are interested in receiving training about Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, the WYM Office has the DVD small group training materials. Please call the WYM Office if you would like someone to provide training for your church as an outreach effort to the families in your community.

### Worth Financial Services

Are you the treasurer for the church? You may want to seek out the *Worth's Income Tax Guide for Ministers, 2009 Edition*. This publication provides invaluable resources for how to set up the employment package for the minister in your church. Check out their website: [www.worthfinancial.com](http://www.worthfinancial.com).

### 2009 Good Works Indiana

Good Works Indiana is seeking faith-based organizations to support families, provide activities for children and strengthen community renewal to support employment related services for low-income families. Reimbursable grants of \$5,000-10,000 are available. For more information contact the WYM Office.

### WYM Annual Sessions

- Carole Dale Spencer – This year's speaker will be Carole Dale Spencer, faculty of George Fox Evangelical Seminary and Adult Education Pastor of Reedwood Friends Church. You may wish to read her book, *Holiness: The Soul of Quakerism*.
- Ben & Jody Richmond – All Friends who have followed the progress of Friends Theological College in Kaimosi, Kenya will be excited to learn that Ben & Jody Richmond will be our Saturday night speakers.
- Linda Cabe - Having served as a pastor in Indiana Yearly Meeting, Linda will bring our morning Bible studies.

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### Thanks

Bob & Elsie Garris express appreciation for the prayers of Friends for their health. Bob is grateful for his neuro-stimulation implant (ask him what that is).

## Upcoming Events

### USFW Spring Conference

You are cordially invited to attend the USFW Spring Conference on Tuesday, April 28, at First Friends Meeting of Kokomo. This year's speaker will be Brandon Dennis, Director of Quaker Haven Camp. Offering will be received for Quaker Haven Camp. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the meeting starting at 10:00 a.m. Catered lunch is \$8.00. Call Lois Dickson by Sunday, April 29, with your reservations, (765) 457-3709 or e-mail: [luisj424@comcast.com](mailto:luisj424@comcast.com).

### Noblesville Friends' 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Musicale

Be sure to mark your calendar for Sunday, May 3, at 3 p.m. to attend Noblesville First Friends 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Musicale. Participants will include Naomi Jackson (voice), David Hinshaw (trumpet), and Joe & Tom Roberts (organ & piano). There will be a variety of music, but a particular emphasis will be given to arrangements of familiar, well-loved hymns. Our fellowship room will be abuzz with refreshments, including homemade apple pie, and visiting following the concert. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to join us as we celebrate the arrival of spring with some enjoyable music and fellowship.

### Earlham Events

- Esther Mombo, Deputy Vice Chancellor of Academics for St. Paul's University in Limuru, Kenya will be the 2009 Willson Lecturer on April 6 & 7, "Interfaith Dialogue and Evangelism: Does Either Exclude the Other?" For more information call (800) 432-1377.
- Jean Zaru, presiding clerk of the Ramallah Friends Meeting in Palestine, will be the Carter Peace Lecturer at the Earlham Stout Meetinghouse on Thursday, April 16, at 7 p.m.

### WYM Sessions Family Programming

This summer we are planning more than just babysitting for your children and youth at WYM Annual Sessions. So get your calendars out and plan on bringing the whole family to WYM Sessions July 31 to August 3. This year all children and youth **must pre-register** in order to participate in the planned programming. Registration forms and information are now available.

## Statistical Report

### Deaths

Reedy, Elizabeth "Bee" (Plainfield) b. 5-18-1911 d. 2-13-2009  
 Salsbery, Betty June (Hemlock) b. 6-29-1926 d. 3-11-2009  
*Betty is Rachel Baird's mother and Doug Shoemaker's Mother-in-law. Memorial contributions may be made to Gideon's International or Hemlock Friends Meeting.*



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FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER:**

**4/21/09, 9:00 a.m.**

Our Purpose Statement

*Seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit,  
Western Yearly Meeting equips  
Friends Meetings  
in the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
by exercising mutual care and  
extending cooperative ministries.*

*Through various expressions of our  
Christian faith,  
we strive to inspire ministry and  
the release of gifts of leadership.*

Office Hours:

9:00-12:00; 1:00-3:00;

Monday-Thursday

## **Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church Calendar**

### Fourth Month

- 6-7 Earlham Willson Lecture
- 13 North Central Area Pastors' Mtg., 9:00 a.m. at Westfield Friends, 9:00 a.m.  
West Central Area Pastors' Mtg., 6:00 p.m. at WYM Office
- 16 Earlham Carter Peace Lecture, 7 p.m.
- 17-18 Fairfield Friends Fish Fry, 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- 18 Executive Committee, 9:00 a.m.  
WYM Road Show at Newberry Friends
- 24-25 Training & Recording Class, "Old Testament"
- 27 Northern Area Pastors' Mtg., 12:00 noon, at Jamie Lyon's Home
- 28 USFW Spring Conference at First Friends Meeting of Kokomo, 9:30 a.m.  
Registration, Brandon Dennis, Speaker
- 30 Western Area Pastors' Mtg., 10:00 a.m., at Newport Friends

### Fifth Month

- 1-2 Training & Recording Class, "Old Testament"
- 2 CE Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
- 3 Noblesville First Friends Spring Musicale, 3 p.m.
- 5 WYM Program Committee, 2 p.m., Kelley Conference Room
- 7 WYM Financial Trustees, 9:15, Kelley Conference Room
- 8-9 Training & Recording Class, "Old Testament"
- 16 WYM Board Meetings, 9:00 a.m.

