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Western Work

News of Western Yearly Meeting of the Friends Church

Co-Superintendents' Bible Study, Acts 2:42-47

The church is gathered around Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church (Colossians 1:18, Ephesians 1:10). In Acts 2:42-47, we read a description of the early church. They were devoted, of one mind, and one course of action. This course of action was directed toward studying the message about Jesus Christ of Nazareth as proclaimed by the apostles, joining in fellowship with one another, eating meals together and praying together. They met together on a regular basis in the temple court (church). When they gathered together in homes they worshiped God with sincere hearts and praise. There are two other instances in Acts which describe the early church, Acts 4:32-35; 5:12-16. Acts 5:12-16, describes the power that was manifested in the church, "At the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were taking place" (5:12) and "Also the people from the cities in the vicinity of Jerusalem were coming together, bringing people who were sick or afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all being healed." (5:16). Jesus Christ promised to be present in the midst of the church when we gather together in His name (Matthew 18:20). May we continue to seek to discern the will of Christ Jesus for Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church.

- *Do you strive for the constant realization of God's presence in your life? Are you sensitive and obedient to the leading of the Holy Spirit?*
 - *Do you endeavor to advance your spiritual growth by the prayerful study of the Bible and other devotional material?*
 - *Do you come to worship with heart and mind prepared for communion with God and fellowship with one another? Do you love one another as becomes the followers of Christ? Are you careful of the reputation of others?*
 - *Are you concerned that the needs of all are ministered to in your meetings, whether by silent worship, inspirational speaking, or reverent music?*
 - *Do you as leaders in the meeting strive earnestly to win men to Christ and to strengthen the faith and loyalty of fellow Christians?*
- (Faith and Practice of Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church, 2005 Edition, pp. 28-30)

Called Administrative Council, October 17, 2:00 p.m.

There will be a called Administrative Council Meeting on Saturday, October 17, 2:00 p.m. at the WYM Meetinghouse in Plainfield. The agenda will include the business practices of Western Yearly Meeting and the Western Area Minute.

WYM Board Reports

Board on Christian Ministries & Evangelism

The Western Yearly Meeting Retired Ministers Fund has received a significant bequest from the Treva Warmoth estate. Treva was a teacher and had attended Plainfield Friends Meeting. She and her husband lived and farmed in the Stilesville, Indiana area. He preceded her in death. The Care of Ministers Sub-committee of the CM&E Board greatly appreciates this gift, as certainly must all of the yearly meeting and the retired ministers recipients. The interest of this gift will help to provide for our retired ministers.

Board on Meeting Development & Nurture

The following grants were awarded by the Board of Meeting Development & Nurture: \$2,000 to Ridge Farm Friends Church for technical assistance, \$600 to Russiaville Friends for a book study, and \$2,000 for the 2010 Winter Retreat. All recipients are reminded to submit a report. This year's Winter Retreat, "Building Up the Body of Christ," (Ephesians 4:11-12), will be on Saturday, February 13, 2010. The speaker will be H.B. London, author of the book, Becoming Your Favorite Church. Retreat workshops include: Spiritual Formation (Della Stanley-Green), Christcare Small Group Ministry (Lou Herchenroeder), Building Up the Body of Christ (H.B. London), Youth Discipleship (Joe Toren), and Small Group Evangelism (Steve Pedigo). The cost is \$15.00.

Board on Peace & Christian Social Concerns

Friends are encouraged to meet at Indianapolis First Friends on Saturday, October 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to discuss objectives for Indiana Friends Committee on Legislation (potluck lunch included). Please bring your ideas about what the IFCL should raise as priorities in the upcoming session of our Legislature. Are there leadings or concerns that you feel could be addressed by your representatives or senators? Or are there things that they should not address?

Marshall Gibson will speak at the National Earthcare Witness Conference, October 8-11. The following funding was approved: \$1,200 travel to FCNL, \$200 for the "Great" publication of AFSC Great Lakes Region; \$250, AFSC; \$250, FCNL; \$250, IFCL; \$200, Right Sharing; \$200, Marshall Gibson to Earthcare Witness Conference.

Ministry Leadership Classes

The Western Yearly Meeting Training and Recording Committee is pleased to announce the development of a Barclay College Advantage Site Program on the campus of Western Yearly Meeting! This new Barclay partnership allows Western Yearly Meeting to offer college accredited pastoral training classes to individuals in our meetings who are currently in the recording process, to current WYM pastors seeking continuing education, or to those within WYM leadership who hope to strengthen their ministry skills. Continuing Education Scholarships will be offered from the Pastoral Ministry Excellence Fund.

Upcoming classes will be taught by recorded ministers of Western Yearly Meeting. The 2009-2010 schedule includes:

New Testament Gospels. [Faculty, CG White], October 16-17 and October 30-31

Leadership 1. [Faculty, Justin Weber], November 13-14 and December 11-12

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Pentateuch. [Faculty, CG White], February, 2010

Writings of John [Revelation]. [Faculty, Justin Weber], March, 2010

Principles of Church Planting & Church Growth. [Faculty, Gary Wright], April, 2010

Advanced Bible Study Methods [Hermeneutics]. [Faculty, Steve Pedigo] May-June, 2010

For more information about these classes, please contact the WYM Office (317) 839-2789. To register online: www.barclaycollege.edu.

Prayer Requests & Praise



Please remember to pray for the Sam & Becky Barber family while they minister in Belize. You may want to check out their updates: www.fum.org.

Sandra Hohlweg expresses appreciation for the prayers of Western Yearly Meeting Friends. She is doing much better!

Statistical Report

Deaths

Clarke, Gordon, b. 3-3-1031 d. 7-15-2009
Gordon served as a pastor for 53 years in Friends churches in Indiana, California and North Carolina (including Courtland Avenue Friends). Donations may be made to the Phodes Friends Church Building Fund, 2177 O'Berry Road, Mt. Olive, NC 28365 or the New Hope Friends Church Building Fund, 4451 U.S. 70 East, Goldsboro, NC 27534. Condolences may be sent to: Martha Clarke, 102 Woods Mill Rd., Goldsboro, NC 27534.

Outreach Updates

Friends Theological College

Ben Richmond reports that the four teaching positions for Friends Theological College have been filled for this school year. Three of the new faculty have Masters Degrees, but only one of them is Quaker. The two non-Quaker positions are one-year renewable contracts in hopes of being able to find qualified Quakers next year to fill these positions. The Quaker with the Masters Degree is Humphrey Barassa, and he has been given a continuing contract. Friends Theological College has not fulfilled the faculty requirements for accreditation this year. Ann Riggs (Baltimore Yearly Meeting) is now in Kenya to replace Ben & Jody Richmond.

WYM Special Project--Hurricane Relief in Cuba

The WYM Outreach Board has a power point CD available to help promote this year's special project, Hurricane Relief in Cuba. Please call the office to receive this CD. Dale Graves and Jim Crew have wonderful pictures of this year's work team to Cuba and they are willing to share with your meeting. We have currently raised \$2,244 towards this project.

Cuba Mission Trip, 2010

Friends are invited to attend the FUM Cuba Work Team on January 28 – February 11, 2010 (2 weeks). The approximate cost is \$1800; registration deadline is 10-10-2009. This team only includes 10-15 members and the team fills up quickly, so get your name in early. Time will be spent worshipping with our Cuban Friends as well as continued construction on the yearly meeting building in Holguin. To register contact Terri Johns: <http://www.fum.org/worldmissions/workteams/workteamapplication.htm>.

Kenya Mission Trip

The summer Kenya team is available to share at your meeting. Contact the office if you are interested, (317) 839-2789.

Christian Education Opportunities

Fall Impact Retreat

This fall our Impact Retreat has been changed into an Impact Mission Trip. We're taking it on the road. We have a full team going on this trip with only a few more spots available for boys. Please contact Katy ASAP if you have a boy that is interesting in going on this trip. We will be serving in a small coal mining community in the valley around Pine Mountain. Please be praying for our safe travel and if you would like to help with any food donations for the trip or by donating Campbell's soup labels for the Mission, please contact Katy at the WYM Office. Thanks!

YOUTH CABINET

The WYM Youth Cabinet is ready to hit the road. This year's Youth Cabinet has decided on a theme and will again be traveling among WYM Meetings presenting a Road Show worship service. Don't miss it! Upcoming Youth Cabinet Road Shows:

October 4 – Vermilion Grove

November 8 – Ridge Farm

Hope in Jesus!

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In his great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

1 Peter 1:3

News Among Friends

Glasses Found

A pair of prescription glasses were found after Western Yearly Meeting annual sessions. They have a dark oval frame. If you would like to claim these glasses, please call the WYM Office, (317) 839-2789.

Quaker Haven Retreats

Quaker Haven Camp again offers you two weekends of fellowship, food and fun! The annual Quilt Camp will be held October 1-4, cost \$90. The Quaker Haven Autumn Scrapbook Retreat is planned for October 16-18, cost \$100. Bring your unused and unwanted supplies, labeled for the Garage Sale and be ready to win one of the many door prizes awarded throughout the weekend.

Quaker Haven Michael Card Concert

Are you looking for a special activity to plan with your church this fall? Michael Card will give a concert at Quaker Haven Camp on Sunday, October 18, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Quaker Haven Camp Activity Center. Michael Card is a famous artist who has recorded over twenty albums and authored or co-authored fourteen books. Although his work is so popular, Michael's goal in life is to simply and quietly teach the Bible. You will not want to miss this concert! Cost is \$9 per ticket, or \$7 per tickets for groups of 20 or more. For more information contact Quaker Haven Camp: (475) 834-4193.

Quaker Haven Camp Job Openings

Two full time job openings are currently available at Quaker Haven Camp: food service director and maintenance/program director. Interested persons may contact Brandon Dennis at info@quakerhaven.com.

Pastoral Ministry Excellence Grants

The following meetings have received grants for their pastors for health savings and/or retirement: Bloomingdale, Carmel, Courtland Avenue, Danville, Georgetown, Hemlock, Hortonville, Indianapolis, Kokomo, Marshall Federated, Mooresville, Plainfield, Ridge Farm, Sheridan, Valley Mills/West Newton, and Westfield. Applications for the 2010 grants will be distributed with the WYM Annual Reports at the end of this year. These grants provide pastors with reimbursement of WYM continuing education expenses, health savings account grants and/or retirement contribution grants.

Plainfield Quaker Day

Join Plainfield Friends for the annual Quaker Day on Saturday, October 3, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Activities include a town parade, arts & craft booths, inflatables, food tent, and afternoon music.

Danville Friends Chicken & Noodle Dinner

The annual Chicken & Noodle Dinner of Danville Friends will be held on Saturday, October 10, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Menu includes: chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, salads, homemade pies & cakes, and drinks. This annual dinner is a fundraiser for various mission projects.

Gray Friends Chili Supper

The Annual Gray Friends Chili Supper will be held on Saturday, October 17, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. There will also be an Amish Quilt Auction. Come for a time of delicious food, good fellowship, and the support of Gray Friends!

First Friends Noblesville Homecoming

Friends are invited to the First Friends Noblesville Homecoming on Sunday, October 18, at 10:30 a.m. Bill and Esther Griggs plan to be there and Bill will share the message. A light meal will be provided following worship. You may want to stay and visit all afternoon!

Northern Area Meeting

Northern Area Friends' Fall Meeting will be held at Hemlock Friends on Sunday, October 18, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. A presentation will be given by Jim Crew for the Cuban Hurricane Relief Project. Desserts will be provided.

Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program

In 2010, Lilly Endowment's Clergy Renewal Program for Indiana Congregations will again provide as many as 40 grants of up to \$50,000 to congregations located for the support of renewal programs for their pastors. An informational meeting for those who are interested will be held on Monday, November 9, 2009, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the North United Methodist Church, 3808 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, Indiana. To register for the meeting call, (317) 916-7350.



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**MATERIALS DEADLINE
FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER:**

10/20/09, 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

Tenth Month

- 1-4 Quaker Haven Quilt Camp
- 3 Quaker Day, Plainfield Friends, 9-3
IFCL, 10:00 a.m., Indianapolis 1st Friends
Bethel Friends Community Weiner Roast
& Movie Night, 5:00 p.m.
- 3-4 Youth Cabinet Road Show at
Vermilion Friends Mtg. for Worship
- 4 Blue River Friends Homecoming
- 9-10 Basic Bible Study Methods Class
- 13 WYM Retired Ministers, 10:00 am
- 14 Northern Area Pastors', 12 noon, Meet at
Courtland Ave. Friends Church
- 15-17 Friends United Meeting General Board
New Testament Gospel Class
- 16-17 Quaker Haven Scrapbook Retreat
- 16-18 Executive Committee Meeting, 9:00 a.m.,
Kelley Conference Room
- 17 Called Administrative Council, 2:00 p.m.,
WYM Meetingroom
Gray Friends Annual Chili Supper & Bake
Sale, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- 18 First Friends Noblesville Homecoming,
10:30 a.m.
Northern Area Meeting, Hemlock Friends,
6:30 p.m.
- 19 North Central Pastors' Meeting
9:30 a.m., Pedigo's Home
- 20 Central Area Pastors' Mtg., 12:15
- 21 Training & Recording Committee, 9:30
a.m.
- 18 Michael Card Concert, 5 p.m., Quaker
Haven Camp
- 21-25 Young Friends Fall Impact Mission Trip
- 27 WYM Program Committee, 2 p.m.
- 30-31 New Testament Gospel Class

Eleventh Month

- 1 West Central Area Meeting, 4:30 p.m., at
Bethel Friends
- 7 Mooresville Friends Bazaar, 9-2
- 7-8 Fairfield Fall Feast, 4-7 pm
- 8 Youth Cabinet Road Show at Ridge Farm Mtg.
for Worship
- 13-14 Leadership I Class
- 14 Westfield Friends Chicken Dinner, 11:00 a.m. to
2:00 p.m.
Quaker Haven Foundation Board Meeting at
Quaker Haven Camp.
- 21 Administrative Council, 10 a.m., Indianapolis First
Friends

