



Western Work

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News of Western Yearly Meeting of the Friends Church

Co-Superintendents' Bible Study, Acts 1:8

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you...." (Acts 1:8)

"Christ Himself baptizes the surrendered soul with the Holy Spirit, enduing it with power, bestowing gifts for service. This is an efficient baptism, a direct incoming of divine power for the transformation and control of the whole man. Christ Himself is the Spiritual bread which nourishes the soul, and He thus enters into and becomes a part of the being of those who partake of Him. This participation with Christ and apprehension of Him becomes the goal of life for the Christian. Those who thus enter into oneness with Him become also joined in living union with each other as members of one body."

[*Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church, 2005 Edition, Essential Truths, p. 7*]

Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church

152nd 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].

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! **Pre-registration by July 1 is required for individuals who would like to eat their meals at Western Yearly Meeting Meetinghouse or would like their children to participate in the children and youth programming.** Registrations are included with *Western Work* and found on the WYM Website: www.westernym.net

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

Share the Joy

It has been difficult for Friends to "share the joy" about what God is doing in their churches. Maybe we think that the joy needs to be about the big things--the revivals--the huge programs. So this month I am including examples of what God is doing--in small ways that lead to Godly inspired success.

Sheridan Friends

"The Joy of the Lord is our Strength"

Sheridan Friends Church gathers for worship each Sunday morning. We experience the Presence of Christ in our midst. We care for and about each other. We are involved in outreach within our community. We are able to meet our obligations and fund worthy mission work. The Lord has recently blessed us with visitors that seem comfortable in our pews. We are full of joy. For these and countless other blessings we are thankful. May God bless other congregations as well as He has blessed us.

Newport Friends

God has blessed us with new computer equipment that allows us to make an "Intro to Newport Friends," DVD to share with new people in our community. We'll keep you informed about how that plays out for our outreach ministry

Kokomo First Friends

Our Godly Play program is still a big success among families with children. Speaking of children, we are experiencing a lot of new births this month. And, we are embracing God's continuing call upon our Meeting to become what He desires for us to become.

Downers Grove Friends

After much planning, the site construction is underway for the new meetinghouse of Downers Grove Friends. Be sure to watch for the date of the opening of the meeting house some time this fall.

Georgetown Friends

Georgetown Friends Church is the site of the community food pantry. They were blessed recently to receive a large donation of food through their post office. Local food pantries provide an important ministry to their communities during this recession. Thanks for caring, Georgetown Friends!

Courtland Avenue Friends

Courtland Avenue Friends Pastor Joe Toren currently provides leadership for the R.I.S.E youth ministry which is sponsored by several Friends churches. Plans are being made to take a group to the Choctaw Center in Alabama, June 20-26. Be praying for this group of teens as they reach out in ministry this summer.

Statistical Report

New Members

Bob & Judy Aschliman (Westfield)

Shaw & Melanie Martz, Elissa Forrestal, Justin Forrestal (Hinkle Creek)

Births

Ignatius Richardson (57th Street) b. 4-16-2009

Marriages

Drew & Shelly Jenkins Carter (Russiaville) 3-21-2009

Yearly Meeting Workshops

Saturday, August 1, 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Christian Ministries & Evangelism

Are you looking for resources for your CM&E? Join us as we focus upon best practices for those who serve on the Board of Christian Ministries & Evangelism. We will also provide information about the resources available with the WYM Pastoral Ministry Excellence program.

Come and Get It!

This workshop will provide information on the source of our Board's funding and will assist meetings in filling out applications for Growth Grants funded by the Board. These Grants are for up to \$2,000 a year and are renewable for two more years (three years total).

Cuba Special Project

Hear the report and see the slides from the Western Yearly Meeting members who participated in the Cuba Work Team this past winter: Jim Crew Dale Graves, Connie Robertson and Ron Talbert. Hurricane Damage Repair is the 2009 Special Project for Western Yearly Meeting.

Eyes Wide Open

The exhibit "Eyes Wide Open" will be on display during the annual session of WYM. It is sponsored by AFSC. The exhibit reveals the human cost of the Iraq War by featuring pairs of boots honoring some of the U.S. soldiers who have died. There will also be displays exploring the history, cost and consequences of the war. Be sure to take the time to observe the exhibit and read about the consequence of yet one more devastating conflict taking place during our watch on this earth.

FCNL

The Christian Peace & Social Concerns Board invites you to visit with a representative from the Friends Committee on National Legislation.

Holiness: the Soul of Quakerism

Carole Dale Spencer will lead a discussion on her book, Holiness: the Soul of Quakerism.

Intergenerational Programming with Katy Palmer and Friends

"Young men and maidens, old men and children. Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens." (Ps. 148:12-13)

Intergenerational programming can benefit the entire Meeting if you are willing to explore the dynamics of the generations. This can be an uncomfortable yet truly fulfilling commitment. We'll have fun looking at different generational quirks and worldviews and have some practice at planning intergenerational programming. All ages welcomed and needed for this workshop! We are the one body of Christ!

Indian Market

Friends are planning to hold another fund raising market at WYM Annual Sessions. The following items would be welcomed as contributions: snacks, cookies, crafts, cushions, garden produce, jams, jellies, fudge, lap robes, quilts, and Friends cookbooks. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Joyce Hollingsworth, (217) 662-2371.

Twenty-first Century Delivery of the Gospel Message

This workshop will offer some interesting ways of helping congregations utilize new technology to enhance worship, teaching, and fellowship.

Christian Education Opportunities

Road Show at WYM Annual Sessions

Everyone is encouraged to attend the Quaker Haven Camp Fund Raising BBQ on Friday evening, July 31, 5:00 p.m. You not only have a delicious meal, but you help to support Quaker Haven Camp. The evening meeting for worship on Friday evening will be led by the high school students who have provided leadership this past year with the Youth Cabinet's Road Show, "Let Yo' Light Shine!" Join us for "Dan's Pies" after the evening session.

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

Sundesmos Sunday School Class

Would you like to hear more about the activities of the Western Yearly Meeting Interns? Our Young Adults will share during the Sunday School hour at Western Yearly Meeting Sessions, Sunday, August 2, at 9:00 a.m. Join us to learn more about their ministry at Quaker Haven Camp, the Vacation Bible Schools and other ministries throughout Western Yearly Meeting this summer, and their inspiring stories!

News Among Friends

Outreach Board

The following grants were approved: \$525, Belize Boys School Scholarships; \$860, Scholarships to Secondary School; \$500, Fire Extinguishers Purchase; \$500, Supplies for Ramallah Friends Preschool and Day Care; \$2,000, Kaimosi Hospital Adopt-a-Nurse One Month Salary; \$1,000, Operating Support for Hospital.

Meeting Development & Nurture Board

Growth Grants were approved for Courtland Avenue Friends. New Clerk is Jason Grant with Sue Whitesel serving on the Executive Committee.

CM&E

Pastoral Ministry Excellence grants were approved: \$10,800 for health savings account grants and \$38,400 for retirement grants. Minimum Salary Guidelines were approved for 2010. The Board is seeking assistance of a volunteer to prepare short devotionals to be sent out monthly to retired ministers.

Peace & Christian Social Concerns

The Peace and Christian Social Concerns Board of Western Yearly Meeting encourages all Friends of Western Yearly Meeting to openly listen to each other with minds and hearts to express ourselves in love as we try to resolve divisive issues. Board grants approved: \$150, FUM Belize Bike Fund; \$750, FCNL; \$750, AFSC; and \$300, RSWR.

Sundesmos

The following WYM young adults are the 2009 Sundesmos Interns: Melissa Hagmaier (Courtland Avenue), Patrick Hagmaier (Courtland Avenue), Hannah Gallez (Ridge Farm), Sarah White (Sandcreek-Azalia) and Kaiulani Anderson-Liggett (Sandcreek-Azalia).

Struggling Meeting Task Force

Just a reminder to monthly meetings to send any recommendations to the WYM Office that they might have about the Struggling Meeting Task Force recommendations.

Friends United Meeting

Friends United Meeting office hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mon. - Thurs. through May and June. FUM staff salaries are reduced 20% through the rest of the fiscal year. If you would like to get your FOCUS by e-mail or receive their Weekly Devotion, please contact Kim Schull, kims@fum.org. Be sure to check out the FUPress online DEAL OF THE DAY: www.fum.org/shop.

Upcoming Events

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 Cabé** - Having served as a pastor in Indiana Yearly Meeting, Linda will bring our morning Bible studies.

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.

Housing Opportunities

If you need housing to attend the Western Yearly Meeting sessions, we recommend that you contact Baymont Inn in Plainfield, (317) 837-9000. They will provide a special rate of \$67 plus tax per night when you mention WYM. July 24 is the deadline to call and get this special rate at Baymont Inn.

Friends Theology Class

The WYM Training & Recording Committee will offer the next class, "Friends Theology," on July 31-Aug. 2; August 28-29; Sept. 18-19. This class will explore how historic Friends faith and discernment informs today's Friends theology and ecclesiastical practices. Students will attend WYM sessions and fall Board meetings with times for briefing and threshing the dynamics of each gathering. Please contact the WYM Office, (317) 839-2789 for more information.

USFW Fall Quaker Haven Retreat & Fall Conference

Mark your calendars for September 14 & 26, 2009 for the USFW Women's Retreat at Quaker Haven Camp. This year's retreat speaker is Sue Whitesel, pastor at Mooresville Friends. You are encouraged to bring a musical instrument or make plans to share your talent at the retreat. The USFW Fall Conference will be held on Saturday, September 26, at Noblesville Friends.

Western Area Quaker Men

Western Area Quaker Men are urged to mark their calendars for the



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**MATERIALS DEADLINE
FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER:**

6/22/09, 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

Sixth Month

- 2 Office Advisory Committee, 5:00 p.m.
- 2-5 Sundesmos Quaker Haven Retreat
- 6 Board on Finances, 10:00 a.m.
- 7-12 Pioneer Quaker Haven Camp
- 8-11 Young-At-Heart Quaker Haven Camp
- 9-11 Georgetown Friends VBS
- 11-14 Friends United Meeting General Board Mtgs.
- 14-17 Indianapolis First Friends VBS
- 14-19 Junior High Camp at Quaker Haven
- 15-19 Hadley Friends VBS
- 20 Executive Committee, 9:00 a.m.
Quaker Haven Golf Scramble
- 20-26 Courtland Avenue MOWA Trip
- 21-26 Senior High I Quaker Haven Camp
- 22-26 Danville Friends VBS
- 26-28 Beginner Camp, Quaker Haven
- 27-28 Bloomingdale Friends Homecoming
- 30 Sundesmos Intern Meeting

Seventh Month

- 5-8 George Fox Quaker Haven Camp
- 12-17 Senior High II Quaker Haven Camp
Westfield VBS
- 14 Training & Recording Committee, 9:30 a.m.
- 19-23 Mooresville Friends & First Friends Kokomo VBS
- 21 Sundesmos Intern Meeting
- 24-25 Ridge Farm Friends VBS
- 31 WYM Annual Sessions Begin!

