

Co-Superintendents' Bible Study, Acts 2 & Ephesians 2:14-22

Steve & Marlene Pedigo

After the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon those gathered in the upper room at Pentecost, the early Christians were empowered for evangelism. Peter, who had three times denied Jesus, was suddenly boldly preaching to the diverse Jews who were gathered in Jerusalem. Peter spoke from scripture, proclaiming the message of Jesus Christ, "God has made Him both Lord and Christ---this Jesus whom you crucified" (Acts 2:36b). Although some mocked the early disciples by saying, "They are full of sweet wine," about three thousand people believed, repented, and joined the church on that day. Christ Jesus is our peace---reconciling us to God and breaking down the dividing wall to create the "household of God," the church.

"Therefore, it is good for everyone to have a true testimony of this eternal Spirit, which believes not every spirit, but tries them, whether they be of God, and proves all things, and holds fast that which is good. He that lays his foundation here, he builds not his house on the sand, but on the rock, on which the whole church is built, which is in God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and [the] pillar and ground of truth. When the wind blows, the storms and the tempests beat, this house will stand: for they that are joined to the Lord are one spirit with Him and of one heart and soul. If they were ten thousand, they are all one, and all of one, who are begotten, born, brought forth, and sanctified by one Spirit. Here is the mystery of the fellowship of the gospel, which is in the unity of the Spirit, which is the bond of peace. A Sincere and Constant Love, An Introduction to the Work of Margaret Fell, Edited by T.H.S. Wallace, p. 59

Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church

153rd Annual Sessions --- July 30 – August 2, 2010

We hope you will join us this summer for the 153rd Annual Sessions of Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church. All Friends are encouraged to pre-register this year by July 15. You may obtain a registration form from the WYM Website: www.westernym.net.

Friday, July 30, 2010

8:00 a.m. – Registration & Unprogrammed Worship
8:30 a.m. – New Attender Orientation
9:00 a.m. – Opening Minute & Bible Study – *Bob Stubbs, Phil 4:4*10:00 a.m. – Business Meeting
12:00 noon – Lunch 2011 FUM Triennial Representatives Meeting
1:00 p.m. – Business Meeting
5:00 p.m. – Dinner WYM Pastors Dinner at the Golden Corral
7:00 p.m. – Multi-Generational Worship, WYM Youth Cabinet
9:00 p.m. – Desserts & Fellowship

<u>Saturday, July 31, 2010</u>

7:30 a.m. - Training/Recording Fund Raiser Breakfast

8:00 a.m. – Unprogrammed Worship

- 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship & Bible Study Jason Grant Phil 4:5
- 10:00 a.m. Business Meeting
- 12:00 noon Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Workshops
- 3:00 p.m. CM&E Workshop: Everyone Encouraged to Attend
- 5:00 p.m. USFW Tea & Quaker Men Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Missions Program USFW & Quaker Men

Sunday, August 1, 2010

7:30 a.m. – Training/Recording Fund Raiser Breakfast
8:00 a.m. – Unprogrammed Worship
9:00 a.m. – Sunday School (all ages) USFW/Quaker Men – Adults Central Area – Children
10:30 a.m. – Morning Worship – Della Stanley-Green, Phil 4:6
12:00 noon – Young Friends' Fund Raiser Lunch
1:30 p.m. – Memorial Service – Marilynn Bell
2:30 p.m. – Quaker Lecture – Terry Wallace
5:00 p.m. – Dinner Earlham Gathering
7:00 p.m. – Unprogrammed Worship

Monday, August 2, 2010

8:00 a.m. – Unprogrammed Worship 9:00 a.m. – Morning Worship & Bible Study – *Jeff Wolfe, Phil. 4:7* 10:00 a.m. – Business Meeting 12:00 noon – Lunch (*on your own if needed*) 1:00 p.m. - Business Meeting Closing Worship Concluding Minute

To register for housing, please contact Baymont Inn in Plainfield, Indiana, (317) 837-9000 and state you are with "Western Yearly Meeting" The group rate is \$67.00 plus tax per night. This discount in available until June 30, 2010.

Ministry Leadership Classes

Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church is pleased to announce the continuation of the Barclay College Advantage Satellite Campus for 2010-2011. The 2010 fall class schedule includes: July 23-24 & July 30-August 2 Christian Church History & Ministry (Lou Herchenroeder)

July 23-24 & July 30-August 2 August 20-21 & Sept. 10-11 September 24-25 & Oct. 22-23 November 12-13 & Dec. 10-11

Wisdom Literature (CG White)

Pauline Epistles (Marlene Pedigo)

Systematic Theology I (Mike Thornburg)

Western Yearly Meeting has approved providing tuition scholarships for those individuals who are currently in the Training & Recording process. However, if you are a Bible study leader, Sunday School teacher, youth leader, or pastor interested in these continuing education learning opportunities please feel free to consider enrollment for these classes. To take a class and receive credit, the cost is \$150 per credit hour. The cost to audit a class is \$150. The 2011 spring classes includes: Old Testament Prophets, Systematic Theology II, Biblical Evidences, and Spiritual Formation. If you would like to donate towards the fund to provide scholarships, please send your contribution to Western Yearly Meeting, Box 70, Plainfield, IN 46168 and indicate in the Memo this is for the WYM Scholarships.

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

Board Reports

Christian Education

The WYM Board on Christian Education granted \$1,460 to Quaker Haven Camp for scholarships this summer. It was approved to provide \$500 for Katy Palmer to attend the Friends United Meeting General Board Meetings in Kenya as a representative for young adult Friends.

Christian Ministries & Evangelism.

The WYM Board on Christian Ministries & Evangelism approved Health Savings Account grants of \$10,800 and Retirement grants of \$38,400 for pastors in Western Yearly Meeting. These checks will be distributed during the 2010 WYM sessions.

Meeting Development & Nurture

It was approved to provide Kokomo First Friends \$1,000 for youth programming and \$2,000 to Danville Friends for the purchase and professional installation of audio-visual equipment. <u>Outreach</u>

Grants approved were: \$1,500 for Peacemaking curriculum for Kenya; \$500 for Jane Mutoro transportation to World Council of Churches; \$2,000 to help pastors attend the African Pastors' Conference, December 15-19; \$1,000 for Belize; and \$814.50 for Friends Theological College to build a greenhouse to raise food for use at the college and for sale. Officers approved are: Candi McDonald, Presiding Clerk; Ramona Trover, Recording Clerk, and Ruth Hadley, Treasurer.

Peace & Christian Social Concerns

The following grants were approved by the WYM Board on Peace and Christian Social Concerns: \$500, Right Sharing of World Resources, \$250, Peace Curriculum for Kenya; \$100, Indianapolis Peace Learning Center; and \$125, Illinois Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty.

Prayer Requests

- Quaker Haven Camp Ministry
- United Society of Friends Women International Triennial, July 1-4
- Friends United Meeting General Board Meetings, July 9-11
- Western Yearly Meeting, July 30-August 1

Statistical Report

Deaths

Godby, Marilyn. (Sheridan Friends Meeting), b. 6-2-1940 d. 4-22-2010

Pollock, Ralph Lindley, 91, (Russiaville Friends Meeting), b. 8-24-1918 d. 4-29-2010

Isaacs, Ruth Lindley, (Tangier Friends) b. 8-20-1918 d. 5-26-2010

<u>Missions Update</u>

Working Together for Haiti

Friends Outreach Board would like to encourage everyone to join us in sewing dresses and shorts for boys and girls in Haiti. How many children could we provide new clothes for if we all worked together? Boys: Any elastic waist shorts pattern, made from light weight cottons. Girls: Light weight cotton dresses, the girls shoulders must be covered, so the dresses need to at least have cap sleeves. Any simple dress pattern with short or cap sleeves will be great or you can contact Florence Emma Peery for the pattern she has been using. Encourage your church to make dresses and shorts and then bring them with you to Yearly Meeting. We will display all of the shorts and dresses that are donated. Please consider donating \$1 per item to help cover the cost of shipping. There will also be pattern templates available for you to trace at Yearly Meeting for those who don't work on the project ahead of time. In a future Western Work we will tell you about the Health Kits your Meeting can put together and bring to Yearly Meeting for children in Haiti.

2009 Special Project

\$7,224.22 was raised for the 2009 Special Project: Cuba Hurricane Repairs.

2010 Special Project, Adopt-a-Nurse

The WYM Outreach Board 2010 Special Project is "Adopt-a-Nurse," salaries for nurses at Kaimosi Hospital in Kenya. The goal is to raise \$10,000. There is a great need for qualified nurses and the only way to attract them and keep them is if they are paid regularly. If each area could raise at least \$1,000 we could reach this goal! A Power Point presentation is available through the WYM Office, and speakers are available by contacting Candi McDonald, (317) 773-9034.

Collection Projects for WYM

The Outreach Board requests that you collect empty pill bottles, cancelled postage stamps, and Campbell soup labels to bring to the 2010 Western Yearly Meeting Sessions.

FUM Summer Mission Project Goal --- \$10,000

Friends United Meeting encourages church Vacation Bible Schools to consider donating to provide clean water to villages in Kenya. It costs roughly \$60 for a bio-sand water filter and about \$2,500 for a borehole in western Kenya.

Ann & Tim Kendall at MOWA Choctaw Friends Center

A special welcome from Tim & Ann Kendall to visit the MOWA Choctaw Friends Center can be found on YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v+Tus1moAhHZI.

Christian Education Opportunities

Youth Cabinet

Upcoming Western Yearly Meeting Youth Cabinet Road Show calendar: July 30 – Multi-Generational Worship Service @ WYM Annual Sessions

Young Adult Connections

Western Yearly Meeting Young Adults are invited to the next Connections Meeting on Sunday, June 27, 3-6 p.m. at Westfield Friends. For more information contact Mariya Jones, (317) 839-2789. 2010 Quaker Haven Camp

Beginners Camp, June 25-27 George Fox Camp, June 27-30 Pioneer Camp, June 6-11 Junior High Camp, June 13-18 Senior High I, June 20-25 Senior High II, July 11-16

Lift up this summer's camping ministry in prayer as we look at our theme:

iGod; the only thing you need!

Jesus answered,

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father Except through me. John 14:6

Yearly Meeting Sunday School

Friends are invited to yearly meeting Sunday School hour to hear the report from those who will be traveling to Kenya during the month of July for the USFWI Triennial and the FUM General Board Sessions. This will be an opportunity to learn of the recent development among Friends in Kenya.

Children Sunday School will be provided by Central Area Friends.

News Among Friends

16th Annual Quaker Haven Golf Scramble

The 16th Annual Quaker Haven Golf Scramble will be on Saturday, June 19 at the Arbor Trace Golf Course, tee time is 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$70 per person, with the profits going to Quaker Haven's Renewal Capital Campaign. Reservations forms need to be in by June 12. Steve Pedgio, WYM Co-Superintendent, and Doug Shoemaker, IYM Superintendent, would like to see meetings generously support the ministry of Quaker Haven Camp by sponsoring a hole in the Golf Scramble. Your meeting can sponsor a hole with a \$100 contribution. Each sponsored hole will include a sign acknowledging the sponsor. Please help your superintendent have the "bragging rights" of having the most holes sponsored by his yearly meeting. To sponsor a hole, complete the line, "I'm enclosing \$_____ to sponsor a hole in the name of ____ _" at the bottom of the registration sheet and send in your contribution to Quaker Haven. Let's be generous and make Western Yearly Meeting a winner!

Quivering Arrow Mission Trip

On June 13-17, 2010, Westfield Friends Church is planning a mission trip to Quivering Arrow Camp in Oklahoma. Volunteers will be building twenty bunk beds for the girls' bunk house and cleaning the camp grounds in preparation for camp the next week. For more information contact Jeff Beals at j.l.beals@att.net.

FWCC Sixth World Conference of Friends

The Sixth World Conference of Friends will be held August 21-28, 2012 in Nakuru, Kenya. Please contact the Western Yearly Meeting Office if you would like to explore serving as a representative. Western Yearly Meeting may send six representatives and we are asked to consider: 25% of the representatives to be under the age of 35, equal number of men and women, a mix of people who have never attended international gatherings with those who have; and spouses may not apply as representatives.

WYM Memorial Service

All monthly meetings are reminded to submit their current Memorial Reports to the Western Yearly Meeting Office by July 1, 2010 for names to be included in the bulletin of the Western Yearly Meeting Memorial Service.

Volunteers Needed for Yearly Meeting Annual Session

Volunteers are needed for set-up on Tuesday, July 27, @ 9:00 a.m. and for clean-up on Tuesday, August 3 @ 9:00 a.m. Call Frances Kinsey if you can help, (317) 758-5331.

Pastoral Openings

- Bloomingdale Friends
- Hopewell Friends
- New Salem Friends

Board Workshops, 8/1/2010

Intergenerational Programming - CE

"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!

Technology & Worship - MD&N

This workshop will acquaint you with the tools needed to bring technology into your worship service. Specifically, the use of *Easy Worship* and *Power Point* will be demonstrated. You are encouraged to bring your own computers, however, it is not necessary to bring a computer to learn about these programs. If you bring your computer you will need to have *Easy Worship* installed before you come. It is available as a 30-day free trial off the internet at www.easyworship.com and *Power Point* is a part of Microsoft Office.

Caring for Our Political System and our Earth - P&CSC

Join Marshall Gibson, representing both Indiana Friends Committee on Legislation & Quaker Earthcare Witness, for this workshop sponsored by the WYM Board on Peace & Christian Social Concerns.

"What Do all the Letters Mean?" - Outreach

Come and learn about FWCC and ACFIA and what they are doing in the world.

Treasurer's Workshop - CM&E

Join a panel to discuss "best practices" for church treasurers and learn more about the Pastoral Ministry Excellence Grants.

WYM Faith & Practice - CM&E

The Western Yearly Meeting Board on Christian Ministries & Evangelism invites Friends to a workshop on Saturday, July 31, at 3:00 p.m. for you to talk about the study of the *Western Yearly Meeting Faith & Practice* in your meeting. There will be a time for sharing in small groups with other Friends.



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Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church Calendar

Sixth Month

Seventh Month

MATERIALS DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER: 6/21/10, 9:00 a.m.

<u>Our Purpose Statement</u> 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

- **4-5** Advanced Bible Study Methods Class
 - **5** Board of Finance, 10:00 a.m.
- 6-11 Pioneer Camp at Quaker Haven
- 13-18 Junior High Camp at Quaker Haven
- 20-25 Senior High I Camp at Quaker Haven
- **25-27** Beginners Camp at Quaker Haven
- 27-30 George Fox Camp at Quaker Haven

- 1-4 USFWI Triennial, Mombasa, Kenya
- 9-11 FUM General Board Meeting
- 11-16 Senior High II Camp at Quaker Haven
- **30-8.2** WYM Annual Sessions