



# Western Work

June, 2011

News of Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church

## Superintendent's Bible Study

By Marlene Pedigo

And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

[2011 Western Yearly Meeting Annual Session Theme, Philippians 1:9-11, NAS]

Paul's prayer for the Gentile church of Philippi was that fervent prayer, abounding agape love, experiential knowledge of Christ Jesus, the ability to approve the things that are excellent, sincere and righteous lives would result in a witness which would give glory and praise to God. These are signs of a healthy church!

The Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is that we do not have to strive for righteousness to earn God's favor or feel hopelessly separated from God. Through the abounding love of God, we are offered a friendship with Jesus Christ. We are restored through Christ Jesus to become the individual we were created to be by God. The early Friends called Jesus Christ the Second Adam. When we are filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, people realize it is not of our own efforts to keep the law. Jesus Christ, the Word of God, brings light to open our eyes and help us to "walk in the light." People see the glory of God shining through us. The testimony of our life and the gathered church brings God the glory.

*Are we praying that the approved decisions of Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church will bring glory and praise to God this summer?*

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## Western Yearly Meeting 2011 Annual Sessions

### Thursday, July 21.

- 8:00 a.m. – Registration & New Attender Orientation
- 8:30 a.m. – Yearly Meetingroom Open for Unprogrammed worship
- 9:00 a.m. – Opening Minute
- 11:00 a.m. – Devotional with Craig Blair
- 11:30 a.m. – Small Group Discussion
- 12:00 noon – Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. – Memorial Service
- 2:00 p.m. – Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
- 5:00 p.m. – Pastors' Dinner
- 5:30 p.m. – Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. – Music for Worship
- 7:30 p.m. – Quaker Lecture, **Josh Brown**

### Friday, July 22.

- 8:30 a.m. – Yearly Meetingroom Open for Unprogrammed Worship
- 9:00 a.m. – Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
- 11:00 a.m. – Devotional with Sue Whitesel
- 11:30 a.m. – Small Group Discussion
- 12:00 noon – Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. – Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
- 5:30 p.m. – Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. – Multi-Generational Worship  
**WYM Youth Cabinet**

### Saturday, July 23.

- 8:30 a.m. – Yearly Meetingroom Open for Unprogrammed Worship
- 9:00 a.m. – Devotional with Ramona Trover
- 9:30 a.m. – Small Group Discussion
- 10:00 a.m. – Affiliate Organization Workshops
- 11:00 a.m. – Affiliate Organization Workshops
- 12:00 noon – Lunch  
Earlham Banquet Luncheon
- 1:00 p.m. – WYM Board Sponsored Workshops
- 2:00 p.m. – WYM Board Sponsored Workshops
- 3:00 p.m. – WYM Board Sponsored Workshops
- 5:00 p.m. – USFW Tea  
Quaker Men's Banquet at Goody's
- 7:00 p.m. – Music for Worship
- 7:30 p.m. – Mission Service, **Becky Barber**

### Sunday, July 24.

- 8:30 a.m. – Yearly Meetingroom Open for Unprogrammed Worship
- 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. – Meeting for Worship, Training & Recording Service  
**John Muhanji**
- 12:00 noon – Lunch Fund Raiser Sponsored by WYM Youth Cabinet

*All friends are encouraged to register for housing by calling the Plainfield Super 8 Motel, (317) 837-8888. Please mention you are with Western Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions to receive their rate of \$65.00 per night (deadline is 7/1/2011).*

## Missions Update

### Kenyan Hospitality

This summer approximately twenty Kenyan Friends will be visiting Western Yearly Meeting before the Friends United Meeting Triennial. On Tuesday, July 20, they will be visiting Vermilion Grove Quarterly Meeting Friends to see the original Bible translated from English by the early WYM missionary to Kenya, Emory Reese. Western area Friends who can provide hospitality are encouraged to contact Joyce Hollingsworth, (217) 662-2371. From Wednesday evening, July 21 through Monday, July 25, we are looking for Friends from any area who would be willing to provide home hospitality for Kenyan Friends. If you are willing and able, please contact Nadine Kemp, (317) 839-6270.

### Friends United Meeting Triennial

The FUM Triennial will be held at Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio, July 27-31. Unique to this Triennial will be a global marketplace, an ice cream social, and the welcoming of incoming General Secretary, Colin Saxton. Join Friends from across the U.S., Canada, Cuba, Jamaica, Ramallah, Belize and Kenya to discuss the current work and the future of FUM ministries. Workshops will be held on Wilmington's "Grow Food, Grow Hope" initiative, young adult Friends, the peace curriculum, and inter-visitation. Featured speakers include Sam and Becky Barber, Randy Quate, B. Welling Hall, and Sylvia Graves. Register online at [www.fum.org](http://www.fum.org). Early bird registration prices end May 15. If you do not wish to register online, call the FUM office at: (765) 962-7573. **Please bring gently used Christian books and curriculum to share with our Kenyan Friends.**

### From the Quaker Life Magazine Office

It has come to our attention that due to a change at the printer, some meetings did not receive all 3 copies of their May/June issue of Quaker Life. Duplicate copies will be mailed out late. If your meeting still does not receive all three copies, please notify Kim Schull, Quaker Life administrative assistant, at (765)962-7573 or [kims@fum.org](mailto:kims@fum.org). We will be happy to send you the magazines you are due. Thank you for reading Quaker Life! And many thanks to Western Yearly Meeting for continuing to see the value of this publication and covering the cost for all meetings to receive 3 copies.

### Kids for Kids

Would you like to learn more about an exciting Vacation Bible School project for the summer? Follow this link so you can inspire the children you know to help raise money to purchase goats for Kenya!

[http://www.fum.org/naministries/vbs\\_project.htm](http://www.fum.org/naministries/vbs_project.htm)

### 2011 Special Project

The WYM 2011 Special Project is to raise \$9,000 for six FUM field staff: Sam & Becky Barber (Belize), Lon Fendall & Ann Riggs (FTC – Kaimosi, Kenya), Eden Grace (AMO Africa Ministries Office, Kisumu, Kenya), and Joyce Ajlouny (Ramallah). All checks need to be made out to the **WYM Benevolence Treasurer and sent to the WYM Office**. Be sure to make a notation for Special Project. You can do this by making a note on the check, including a separate note, or using vouchers which can be provided by the WYM Office. Donations will be divided evenly among the field staff so please don't specify individual names.

### Postage Stamps, Pop Tabs, Soup Labels & Box Tops

The Outreach Board is **collecting used postage stamps to be redeemed for RSWR** (Right Sharing of World Resources). When cutting the stamps leave ¼ inch around the edges if possible. The Board is also **collecting any kind of pop tabs** for Ronald McDonald House. We are also collecting **Campbell's soup labels and box tops**. Collecting these items are easy ways that everyone can help. There will be **collection boxes at USFW Spring Conference and at Yearly Meeting. We encourage all sewers to make dresses or shorts for Haiti**. If you need patterns to make the clothing, please contact Florence Emma Peery at [flopeery@frontier.com](mailto:flopeery@frontier.com). **Please include a few dollars to cover the cost of the postage to mail these.**

### ACFIA Market

We need craft items, garden produce, baked goods, etc. for the ACFIA Market at Yearly Meeting. All money goes to the ACFIA to be divided evenly among the Native American centers. Please continue to support these centers financially. You can make checks payable to the **WYM Benevolence Treasurer and send to the WYM Office**. Please include a notation as to where you want the money sent. If you have questions about any of these projects you can contact Dinah Geiger at [dinageiger@att.net](mailto:dinageiger@att.net).

### Invitation for a Mission Speaker

If your meeting is looking for a special speaker to promote missions, be sure to take advantage of those who are traveling in the ministry prior to the FUM Triennials. They would love to have a chance to share with your meeting. This does not necessarily need to be a Sunday gathering or a large gathering, although they are more than willing to speak in Sunday School or for worship. Lunch, dinner, afternoon tea, or an evening gathering with a small number of people is just fine. Our visitors and the dates they are available are:

- Sam & Becky Barber and family. Sam and Becky are the principals for the Friends School in Belize City, July 13-18.
- Candi Young is the Belizean teacher at the Belize Friends School, July 13-21.
- Isaiah Bikokwa is a Kenyan Quaker missionary to the Samburu people in the desert area of north central Kenya, August 1-8.
- John Moru is a Kenyan Quaker missionary to the Turkana people in the desert area of northwest Kenya, August 15-25.

Please contact Dale Graves by email: [dgraves@pdswireless.com](mailto:dgraves@pdswireless.com), or phone: 317-627-2437. Available dates can be viewed at <https://sites.google.com/site/fumvisitation/home>.

## **Christian Education Update from Pat Byers**

The theme for our camps at Quaker Haven this year is “There’s an App for that!” This is taken from the popular Iphone ads that tell us about all the possibilities of the uses of these smart phones. What caught us as we were planning camps is the fact that God places things inside each of us so that *we* can be the applications of His purposes in the world. We call these applications *gifts*. A verse that came to us on this theme is **1 Peter 4:10**:

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.*

In this verse we are reminded that the gifts we have been given are about serving others, and that God’s grace can be known in its ‘various forms’. We are the carriers of God’s grace as it is spoken in how we interact with each other. God has given us the opportunity to allow His Kingdom to burst forth in us as these gifts are used to His glory. So, this is what we are going to challenge our students at camp with this summer. First, what might be some of the gifts He has placed inside each of us? And next, how do those gifts give us reason and purpose to proclaim His Kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven? This, after all, is what the Christian experience is all about!

**Please pray for all of us who are involved in this summer’s camping program that our message would be clear, and that the students would go back to their home meetings with a new found sense of hope and grace as they open up to the wonder and fullness of God’s moving in their lives.**

Note the Quaker Haven Camp dates for this summer (*these differ from the Minute Book*):

**June 12-17 - Junior High (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>)**  
**June 19-24 - Senior High I (9<sup>th</sup> - 2011 Grads)**  
**June 24-26 - Beginners Camp (K-2<sup>nd</sup>)**

**June 26-July 1 - Junior Camp (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>)**  
**July 10 - 15 - Senior High II**  
**July 17 - 20 - Kids Camp (2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>)**

Registration is available online at [westernym.net](http://westernym.net).

## **News Among Friends**

### **2011 Sundesmos Interns**

We want to extend a warm welcome to our six Sundesmos Summer Interns for 2011: Hannah Gallez, Ethan Hall, Elizabeth Hagee, Sarah Medlin, Nathan Pedigo, and Kristie Stuckey. **Please remember to pray for the Western Yearly Meeting staff, interns, and their ministry this summer in Western Yearly Meeting!**

### **Pastoral Searches**

- Sandcreek-Azalia Friends
- Indianapolis First Friends (beginning in 2012)

### **Hispanic Ministry Work Day**

Western Yearly Meeting has joined with Indiana Yearly Meeting in its support of a new Hispanic Ministry at Indianapolis Second Friends. We hope you will consider joining us on June 17 to work on a variety of projects. Please come at 9:00 a.m. and stay until 5:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. For more information about the projects and what to bring, contact Eldon Studer, (812) 879-4236.

### **Chicago Friends Book Drive**

Chicago Friends are involved in a gently used book drive for a nearby prison library. If you have books you would be willing to share, please contact Earl Smith (773) 405-8377 and bring the books with you to Western Yearly Meeting!

### **Pray for WYM’s Recorded Ministers and Pastors!**

**Please remember to pray for Max Rees who is facing another round of chemotherapy.**

### **Children’s’ Ministry Help Needed**

Do you have a passion for ministry to children? Iglesia Amigos is looking for someone who might be able to help with nursery child care or a children’s church ministry. If you are interested, please contact Marlene Pedigo (317) 839-2789. **Please pray for this outreach ministry.**

### **Missions Trip Fund Raiser**

The Courtland Avenue Youth Group is sponsoring a fund raiser to help raise money for a mission trip in 2012. For two weeks before July 4 they will be selling fireworks in the Kokomo Wal-Mart Parking Lot. Come out and support their efforts!

### **VBS Curriculum**

The WYM Board on Christian Education will offer “Home Town of Nazareth” published by Group this summer for the children’s program at yearly meeting. If your church would like to borrow this material for your VBS, please contact Pat Byers (260) 571-2406. **Please pray for the VBS outreach ministries this summer.**

### **Prayer Requests**

A vital foundation of the church is its praying people. Look back at the underlined prayer requests in this *Western Work* and remember to keep these concerns in your prayers!



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FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER:  
6/27/11, 9:00 a.m.**

Office Hours:  
9:00-12:00; 1:00-3:00;  
Monday-Friday

**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.

**Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church Calendar**

**Sixth Month**

- 4 National Yard Sale at Plainfield Friends, 8-4
- 7-8 Sundesmos Intern Orientation
- 11 Board on Finance, 9:00 a.m.  
West Newton Friends Garage Sale
- 10-11 Spiritual Formation Class
- 12-17 Quaker Haven Junior High Camp
- 16 Western Area Pastors' Meeting, 10:00 a.m. at Newport Friends
- 17 Work Crew at Second Friends, 9:00 a.m.
- 17-19 Sundesmos Mission Trip to Chicago
- 18 Executive Committee, 9:00 a.m.
- 19-24 Quaker Haven Senior High Camp
- 21 Northern Area Pastors' Meeting at Russiaville Friends, 10:00 a.m.
- 22-23 Teachings of Friends Class
- 24-25 Wisdom Literature Class
- 26-1 Quaker Haven Junior Camp
- 28 Property Trustees Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

**Seventh Month**

- 8-9 Wisdom Literature Class
- 10-15 Senior High Camp II
- 17-20 Kids Camp
- 21-24 Western Yearly Meeting
- 27-31 Friends United Meeting Triennial

