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# WESTERN WORK

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## Calendar of Events

- August 13—Property Trustees, 9:30am
- 16-18—Leadership Conference, “Marketing,” at ESR
- 22—Church Federation, Global Christianity Gathering, 6:30pm
- September 9-10—USFW Fall Conference, Quaker Haven
- 14—Board Meetings, Plainfield
- 16-18—Superintendents & Secretaries, Wichita
- 20-22—Bridging Gaps, Youth Leadership Conf., Quaker Hill
- 27—Annual Assembly of IL Conf. of Churches
- 28—WYM USFW Fall Conference, Mooresville
- 29—Lick Creek Centennial
- October 3—Office Advisory Com., 2-4pm
- 5—PME, 9am
- 9-12—FUM Boards, Richmond, IN
- 19—Executive Com.

## Nurturing Our Gifts

Western Yearly Meeting, July 18–21, showcased many gifts of WYM members and attendees. Not all of them were confined to the building. Bill Lang, Plainfield

Mtg, has been sharing his gift of gardening with us for over 50 years.

Asked what his secret of success was, he said it was how he nurtured the plants. He doesn't use new bulbs or tubers, though he has brought some plants



from his home. He digs up plants in his garden and moves them to another location. He divides the roots and replants. He trims, waters, feeds, and gives the plants what they need.

What a good lesson for us. Flower beds left

to themselves soon become a mess. Nurture is a continuing chore, but gives beautiful results. What do we need to do to nurture the gifts God has given us?



## The Belle of the Yearly Meeting

Kay Carter was certainly one of the belles at Yearly Meeting, but another bell worth noting is the one she holds in her hand. It is the Yearly Meeting bell.

Before air-conditioning, YM at-

tenders would go outside between sessions. It was the job of the head usher to go to the doors and ring the bell to call people back to business.

This year it was used to let people know that

workshops were over and it was time for the next one.

Everrett Newlin and Charles Brunson were the last two bell ringers before air-conditioning.

## What Do We Do At Yearly Meeting?



We did business.



We had a **discussion of the devotions** given by Jan Wood (upper right).

We bought things at **the ACFIA table** to support the work on Indian missions.



We did **more business**.

We heard **reports from Boards**. Some, like Brd. on Outreach got quite creative,



John Carter brought **the Quaker Lecture, Friends and the Arts**. He talked about the historical and physiological reasons for creativity.

Support workers included: **tech support**, Lee Edmundsen, and **ushers**, David Adams (head usher) and James Kinsey.



Many long hours were spent at the **Registration table** by Nadine Kemp, Phyllis Smith and Nancy Bill, and sometimes Teresa Mershon.





**Jabbering more than jamming** was heard at the "Afterglow" on Thurs. and Friday nights.



**Meeting old friends**



**Food** was provided by Ladies of the Eastern Star, Indy 1st Friends, West Newton Friends, Nancy Bill. and the youth.



**Workshops with affiliates** were held Sat. morning.



**Books** were sold and signed.



**Workshops with Gifts** were led in the afternoon, with many talents from our Yearly Meeting being shared.



**Displays** lined the foyer and continued into the Kendal Room.



**Sustenance** once again.





**WYM USFW** Tea and business meeting were presided over by President Peggy Hollingsworth, with an installation of the officers.

Western USFW organized the USFWI/QMI Triennial. Jan McVay designed the logo and made the hanging.

Dinah Geiger, Susan Felix and Sarah Lookabill did the detail work for Triennial arrangements, aided by the WYM USFW Board.



Judith (Judy) Ngoya, from the African Ministries Office, was the missions speaker.



**Youth**—High School and Junior High youth were led by Pat Byers, Julie Kappes, Matt Klausmeier, and Matt Hamm.

Below, right is a picture of Pat Byers with Chaney, his oldest of 4 children.





**Displays** of paintings, photos, sewing, embroidery, knitting and pottery were displayed around the meeting house.



Joe and Tom Roberts played **organ/piano duets** before the evening services on Thursday and Saturday nights.



**Sunday Morning Worship** followed the Concert of Music. The Concert was perhaps the favorite part of Sessions (except for the business). The devotions, Sunday service and the Quaker Lecture will be available on CD from the office.



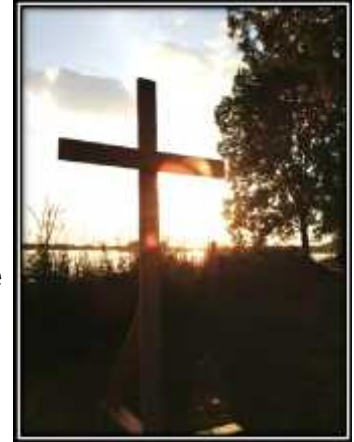
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Done!**

## A WONDERful Summer—Quaker Haven Camp

By Pat Byers, CE Director

It seemed to fly by! The summer camping season at Quaker Haven is now in the books. We had amazing camps for all ages with many young people making decisions to follow Christ for the first time, and many more solidifying earlier decisions to follow Christ.

Here are a few highlights of each camp:



Jr. Hi Camp—With daily worship theme like “Into HIS WONDERFUL Light” and “I Wonder ...?” the Jr. Highers dove deeply into the theme verse from 2 Peter 2:9. Pat Byers was the speaker, Curt Anderson was the worship leader, and Aaron Hughs and the Interns led great games and activities.

Beginner’s Camp—Julie Kappes directed the camp and taught the kids and parents about how the Wonder of God compels us to worship, to serve and to meditate on Him. Pat Byers led music and the interns provided games and activities.





Sr. Hi 1 Chapel

**Sr. High 1 Camp**—Jeff Blake, Principal of a Phoenix Christian Academy, traveled all the way from Arizona to teach the students about how God's Wonder is as present today as it was when Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount. Curt Anderson, once again, led worship, and Aaron Hughs and the Interns led great games and activities.

Sr. Hi 1 Vespers



**Adventue Camp**—Steve and Scott Shugart taught the kids about decisions and how it is always right to follow God. The highlight of the week was Thursday night. It started off with a Talent Show and ended with many kids making decisions to follow Jesus. Aaron Hughs and Pat Byers led music and the Interns kept all the activities going.

The famed New Gaga Game was played in every camp.



Sr. Hi 2 Campfire

**Sr. High 2 Camp**—Scott Miller, Pastor at Lynn Friends, led the students in evening chapel services to think about God's calling on their lives. A Wednesday prayer experience led the campers through the camp giving them an opportunity to see, touch, taste and smell certain elements that pointed them towards their Creator. The experience ended by a cross on the lakefront. Music was led by Rob Vischer and Aaron Hughs and the Interns, again, provided games and activities.

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## 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.*

## A WONDERful Summer, continued

Little Friends Camp—Shane Schaffer, Principal at Trader's Point Christian School in Indianapolis, used great illustrations to help the students understand God's love. One such illustration was the three B's (We're all—**Built by God, we've been Broken by sin, and Jesus is the Bridge to God**). Music was led by Aaron Hughs. Amy Dennis directed, Pat Byers ran sound and video and the Interns led activities.



In all, there were 74 campers, 15 CITs and 11 counselors from WYM churches who attended the camps. Check out this video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uMhQL91AMNY> to get a great visual of how God moved in the lives of all the kids at Quaker Haven this summer. Please continue to pray for our young people and explore how God might be calling you to be involved with them!