



# Western Work

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News of Western Yearly Meeting of the Friends Church

## Friends Historical Reading--- “On The Perceptible Influence and Guidance of the Spirit of Truth”

“It is generally allowed, among the professors of Christianity, that in us, that is in our “flesh” or *natural man*, “dwelleth no good thing;” that we are unable of ourselves to fulfill the law of righteousness, or to serve the Lord with acceptance; and that the fountain of all true moral excellence, in mankind, is the Spirit of God. The serious and enlightened Christian of every name, will readily confess that it is only through the influence of the Holy Spirit, that he is enabled rightly to apprehend God, to know himself, and to accept Jesus Christ as his all-sufficient Saviour---that it is only through such an influence that he is converted in the first place, and afterwards sanctified and prepared for his heavenly inheritance.” (page 75) [*A Peculiar People, The Rediscovery of Primitive Christianity, 1824*; by Joseph John Gurney; Richmond, IN: Friends United Press, 1979.

*Peculiar People* by Joseph John Gurney is now in print through Friends United Press: 765/962-7573.

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## Spring Administrative Council, 3/15/2008, at Mooresville Friends

The Spring Western Yearly Meeting Administrative Council will be held at Mooresville Friends, 50 N. Monroe St., Mooresville, Indiana

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. The lunch menu includes: crunchy chicken salad (it’s a hot salad), green beans, assorted salads, assorted desserts, and beverages. The cost of lunch is \$6.50. **WYM Executive Committee will have a called meeting at 9:00 a.m.; FUM Triennial Representatives will meet together at the rise of morning business meeting before lunch.**

The afternoon program will include three workshops:

- (1) Christian Education Workshop, “VBS Planning;”
- (2) Workshop for CM&E, “WYM Ministerial Excellence;”
- (3) Peace & Christian Social Concerns Workshop, “Simplicity,” by Jackie Speiker.

Please call the WYM Office If you will need child care so that appropriate plans may be made.

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## Common Ground Gathering

“And when all my hopes in them and in all men were gone, so that I had nothing outwardly to help me, nor could I tell what to do; then, oh! Then I heard a voice which said, “There is one, even Christ Jesus, that can speak to thy condition’ and when I heard it, my heart did leap for joy.” [George Fox] How does Christ Jesus continue to speak to our condition? To hear perspectives on this question, join WYM Friends on Saturday, March 8, at 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Plainfield Friends. Please register so that we will know the number of people to expect for lunch: 800/909-3452.

## 150th Anniversary of Western Yearly Meeting

This next year *Western Work* will feature Western Yearly Meeting historical information leading into the Sesquicentennial Celebration, July 31- August 3, 2008, with the theme, “He Who Began a Good Work in You Will Continue...” [Phil 1:6] Join us as we celebrate the spiritual heritage of Western Yearly Meeting! Special speakers in the 2008 Sessions include Tom Hamm and John Punshon.

How well do you know the history of Western Yearly Meeting? Try this trivia...

1. What is the oldest monthly meeting in Western Yearly Meeting?
2. Where was the first Indianapolis Friends Meetinghouse?
3. When did the women and men begin meeting together for worship in Western Yearly Meeting monthly meetings?
4. What year did the word “church” first appear on the cover and title page of Western Yearly Meeting’s Minutes?

[see the next page for the answers]

## Opportunities for Friends

### Friends United Meeting

In an effort to get out into our grassroots population, FUM is offering one of three staff persons to speak to any meeting in Western Yearly Meeting during March, April or May. Those willing to come are Sylvia Graves, General Secretary; Terri Johns, Administrative Secretary for Outreach; and Katie Terrell, Interim Editor of *Quaker Life*. They have an interesting power point with many great pictures they can bring if you have the equipment to use it, or they can just come speak and bring pamphlets. They could come for either morning worship, an afternoon or an evening meeting. FUM asked Florence Peery to coordinate these engagements. If your meeting wishes a speaker, please call or email Florence to work out a date. Email – flopeery@juno.com or 756/436-7098.

FUM Triennials will be this summer, July 9-13, 2008, hosted by High Point Friends, North Carolina Yearly Meeting. For registration check the FUM website: info@fum.org

### Friends Disaster Service

Friends Disaster Service is planning on going to Lafitte, LA. There is still much work to be done. We will be leaving here on Saturday, February 23, and leaving there on Saturday, March 1. We will arrive home on Sunday, March 2. This is the same place where we worked last year. There is room for up to forty people. Eldon Studer is leading this group. Please contact him as soon as possible if you are interested in helping. EStuder@cinergy.com or 317/838-6099. Helping others by working with Friends Disaster Service is showing Christian love in action. We have found that each one of us receive far more than we give. *Lane Sims, FDS President, 317/774-0787 or pamlane@juno.com*

### USFW

USFW Spring Conference will take place on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at Carmel Friends Meetinghouse. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. The cost for lunch is \$6.00. Pat Shrock, who has been working with Mike and Kay Cain in Belize from January through March, will bring us a report from Friends Boys' School. An offering will be received for the school in Belize. Reservations go to Phyllis Rockhill by Monday, April 14. 317/846-2162.

### FUM Staff Position Open

Friends United Meeting seeks Communication Assistant. Responsibilities include website maintenance, print and e-mail marketing, multi-media projects and general office tasks. Looking for a team player who is creative, organized and resourceful. Familiarity with FUM and its operations preferred, but not required. 20-25 hours/week with potential for full-time. Please direct inquiries to Shari Veach, Communications Designer, at (765) 962-7573. Applications may be found on the FUM website at www.fum.org

### Earlham Campus Ministry Position Open

Earlham College, a Quaker, liberal arts college located in Richmond, IN, seeks applicants for the Director of Campus Ministries position beginning July, 2008. Review of applications will begin on March 15, 2008 and continue until the position is filled. For more information go to: www.earlham.edu/jobs/.

### Leadership Training Among Friends

April 12; "Leading the Soul," Arch Street Meetinghouse, Philadelphia; Registration: trankodo@earlham.edu

May 19-23; "Leadership Institute for Group Discernment," George Fox Univ.; Registration: www.goodnewsassoc.org/leadershipinstitute

## Statistics

### Deaths

- Laura Hudson (Bloomington) b. 3-26-1914 d. 2-21-2008
- Pauline Givens (Fairfield) b. 11-8-1922 d. 2-21-2008
- Gene Kellar (Kokomo) b. 1-2-1919 d. 2-22-2008
- Dessie Dickison (Kokomo) b. 4-19-1922 d. 1-18-2008

## Pastoral Searches

**Bloomington Friends Pastor** – Contact Sarabeth Marcinko (765) 597-2338

**Hemlock Friends Full Time Pastor** – Contact Beth Lightfoot (765) 963-5917

**First Friends Kokomo Full Time Pastor** – Contact Jim Crew (765) 455-3887

**Sheridan Friends Part Time Pastor** – Contact Paul Waitt, (317) 758-5392

**West Newton Friends Pastor** – Contact Dale Graves, [317] 627-2437

## WYM Historical Trivia Answers

1. Lick Creek Friends
2. Indianapolis Friends built a meetinghouse in 1865 on a triangle of land bordered by Fort Wayne Ave., Delaware and St. Clair Streets
3. Watseka, Illinois Friends held joint sessions as early as 1875.
4. 1892

## Christian Education Information

### WYM Youth Cabinet Road Show – West Newton Friends

The WYM Youth Cabinet will be leading worship at West Newton Friends on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Please join us for worship and Feel the Love!

### VBS Workshop – Don't Miss This Opportunity!

The WYM CE Board will be sponsoring a VBS workshop at the Spring Admin. Council (March 15<sup>th</sup>, 1 p.m., at Mooresville Friends). If your Meeting is planning on doing a VBS ministry this summer, please send a representative to this workshop with dates and ideas from your Meeting. We will be watching the video "How to Have a Great VBS." There will be samples of current VBS curriculum for you to look through, and we'll try and coordinate material sharing and possible intern help for different local Meetings, as well as have a time of sharing about successes and ideas for local VBS ministries.

### WYM Summer Internships

WYM is again blessed to be able to offer an internship program for this coming summer. Applications for Young Adults interested in this program are due to the WYM office NOW. Please contact Katy if you need an application. Meetings that are interested in having an intern working in ministry with them for the summer need to contact Steve for an application form. Meeting applications are due to the WYM office by April 1<sup>st</sup>. The goal of this program is to:

- \*Create a new sense of energy and excitement in your spiritual walk, your Meeting, and in WYM.
- \*Provide ministry opportunities for future leaders and within your Meeting.
- \*Open doors for the beginnings of new ministries and outreach in your Meeting and in WYM.

Please be in prayer for this program and how God is working through these Young Adults and throughout the Yearly Meeting.

### Sundesmos Mission Trip Update

Check out the WYM website [www.westernym.net](http://www.westernym.net) for a reflection on our recent mission trip to Alabama by one of our Young Adults.

### Parent Internet Safety Class

Carmel Friends is sponsoring an Internet Safety Class for parents on March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6-7:30pm. This class will feature: Online Risks, Signs To Look For, Safety Tips, and Monitoring/Filtering Products. See attached flyer or contact Carrie Bishop at Carmel Friends for more information.

### Quaker Haven Camp Summer 2008

Pioneer Camp – June 8-13  
 Jr. High Camp – June 15-20  
 Sr. High I Camp – June 22-27  
 Beginner Camp – June 27-29  
 George Fox Camp – July 6-9  
 Sr. High II Camp – July 13-18

## PLEASE NOTE

**\*\*\* WYM raised \$8,099.78 for the Kaimosi Hospital in Kenya during 2007!!! \*\*\***

### Anniversary Items Available

Attractive plates featuring a Quaker couple in silhouette with statement about George Fox on back...\$10 (boxed)  
 Lovely ornaments featuring the Yearly Meeting building, suitable for hanging or attach a magnet for metal use...\$6  
**NEW**...Note cards/enveloped with the Yearly Meeting building...12 for \$6  
 Postcards with the Yearly Meeting building...12 for \$3

Please make out checks to WESTERN YEARLY MEETING and put 2008 on the memo line. These items will be available at each Yearly Meeting function through the spring and summer. Please check whether others in your meeting who might not be on Boards or committees would like these items purchased for them and brought back. We would like to move as many of these items as possible prior to Yearly Meeting sessions.

### Attention Monthly Meetings

A history of Western Yearly Meeting is being published this year. Your Meeting library/archives will be incomplete without a copy of this book. Orders may be sent to Kay Record Carter, 425 Simmons Street, Plainfield, IN 46168. Checks should be made out to WESTERN YEARLY MEETING, and the cost is \$25.00. Advance orders will assist the committee in ordering enough books.

### West Newton Friends New Website

West Newton Friends now has a new website and blog: [wnfriends.org](http://wnfriends.org) and [wnfriends.blogspot.com](http://wnfriends.blogspot.com)

### New WYM Benevolence Treasurer

As the new fiscal year begins, we want to remind all WYM Friends to send their Benevolence Gifts to the new Benevolence Treasurer: Nadine Kemp, 305 S. East Street #14, Plainfield, IN 46168.

## Upcoming Events

### March, 2008

- 1 **Southern Area Pastors'**, 5:00 p.m., at Maple Street Restaurant, Orleans, Indiana
- 2 **West Central Area Council**, 4:30 p.m., Plainfield Friends; 5:00 p.m., Carry-in Dinner; 6:00 p.m., "Soul Searching: A Movie About Teenagers and God"
- 6 **Nominating Committee**, 1:00 p.m., Kelley Conference Room
- Struggling Meetings Task Group**, 3:30 p.m., Office Conference Room
- 8 **Finding Our Common Ground**, 9:30-3:30 p.m., at Plainfield Friends, with lunch provided
- 9 **Peanut Day & Samaritan Quartet**, Vermilion Grove Friends
- Western Area Council**, 3 p.m., at Bloomingdale Friends
- 11 **North Central Area Pastors' Meeting**, 9:30 a.m., at Noblesville Friends
- 15 **Spring Administrative Council**, 9:30 a.m., Registration, at Mooresville Friends, (\$6.50 Lunch)
- 17 **Anniversary Celebration Committee**, 10:00 a.m., at Carmel Friends
- 18 **WYM Retired Ministers' Meeting & Lunch**, WYM Meetinghouse
- 24 **West Central Area Pastors' Meeting**, 6:00 p.m., WYM Office
- 25 **Training & Recording Committee**, 9:30 a.m. Office Conference Room
- 27 **Western Area Pastors' Meeting**, 10:00 a.m., Marshall Federated Church
- 30 **WYM Youth Cabinet Road Show**, 10:00 a.m., West Newton Friends

### April, 2008

- 3-5 **FWCC Gathering**
- 19 **Executive Committee**, 9:00 a.m., Kelley Conference Room
- 22 **USFW Spring Conference**, 9:30 a.m., Carmel Friends Meetinghouse

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 WORK

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**MATERIALS DEADLINE FOR NEXT  
NEWSLETTER:  
3/17/08, 9:00 a.m.**

**Address Correction Requested**