



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)

"The doctrines of the apostolic days are held by the Friends as essentials of Christianity. The Fatherhood of God; the Deity and humanity of the Son; the gift of the Holy Spirit; the atonement through Jesus Christ by which [persons] are reconciled to God; the Resurrection; the High-priesthood of Christ; and the individual priesthood of believers; are most precious truths, to be held, not as traditional dogmas, but as vital, life-giving realities..."

The indwelling Spirit guides and controls the surrendered life, and the Christian's constant and supreme business is obedience to Him. But while the importance of individual guidance and obedience is thus emphasized, this fact gives no ground for license; the sanctified conclusions of the Church are above the judgment of a single individual."

[Faith and Practice of Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church, 2005, Essential Truths, p. 8]

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.

Courtland Avenue Friends

Courtland Avenue Friends hosted a trip down to MOWA Choctaw Friends Center (McIntosh, Alabama) which consisted of eight people including myself. That week along with the S.O.U.L. staff, and other groups from North Carolina Yearly Meeting, we put on a sports camp for the youth in the community. It was a blessing to see how God worked in each and everyone's lives.

Danville Friends

At a special celebration on June 14, Danville Friends "shredded" their mortgage on their building! The day of celebration included pictures of Danville's history, a noon meal, and afternoon ice social.

Hopewell Friends

This month marks the 60th Ministry Anniversary of Pastor Max Rees. We rejoice in Max's faithfulness in ministry among Friends!

Russiaville Friends

The Russiaville USFW ladies have been busy this year. They report the following sewing projects completed for 2008-2009: 184 UD Bags, 164 lap robes, 33 comforts, and 15 baby blankets! Their sewing supports the Christian service of many local organizations.

Vermilion Grove

Vermilion Grove Friends had an amazing Vacation Bible School this past week with over twenty children involved! We rejoice with them at this growth in their ministry.

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 provides Friends with an opportunity to learn more about the faith of early Friends leaders, George Fox and Robert Barclay, and the Western Yearly Meeting *Faith & Practice*. Please contact the WYM Office, (317) 839-2789 for more information.

Statistical Report

New Members

David Raasch (Danville) 5-24-2009

Janet (Moon) Blackwell, Marlene Mathas, and Mary (Moon) Pate (Mooresville) 6-21-2009

Marriages

Jeff & Tonda Wolfe (Bloomington) 5-11-2009

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

**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

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

If you are looking for a worthy mission project to support, we urge you to consider the support of the Kaimosi Hospital Adopt-a-Nurse. Friends United Meeting's current goal is to send \$2,000 per month for this program which supplements the costs of this Kenyan mission hospital. Friends United Meeting is also seeking a remaining \$7,000 gift towards the cost of shipping medical equipment to the hospital. Your support is deeply appreciated!

Earlham School of Religion

Phil Baisley will be the speaker at the ESR Pastors Conference, "The Art of Pastoring," on September 28-29. For information, contact: baislph@earlham.edu.

Pastoral Ministry Excellence Grants

The Board of Christian Ministries & Evangelism approved Pastoral Ministry Excellence Grants for sixteen monthly meetings within Western Yearly Meeting: Sheridan, Hemlock, Ridge Farm, Bloomingdale, Carmel, Plainfield, Westfield, Paoli, Danville, Courtland, Marshall, Georgetown, Mooresville, Valley Mills, Kokomo First Friends, and Indianapolis First Friends. The grants provide pastors with supplemental income to be used for health savings accounts and retirement. Checks will be distributed during yearly meeting sessions. The next grant application will be distributed with the WYM Annual Reports. We appreciate our pastors!

Retirement of Dan Bauer

At its regular June board meeting the Quaker Haven Foundation Board received a letter from Dan Bauer, long time food service director at Quaker Haven Camp, announcing his retirement effective the end of January, 2010. The board accepted/approved the letter with regret. The board will immediately begin the process of review and replacement. Interested persons may contact Brandon Dennis at info@quakerhaven.com.

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 Cabe** - 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.

Youth and Young Adult WYM Program

A more extensive program is planned for the youth and young adults at Western Yearly Meeting. This year the young people will be staying at the Hampton Inn and the junior high youth will stay at the WYM Hospitality Center. The registration deadline has been extended to 7/15/09.

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 annual Steak Fry on August 4, 6 p.m.



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Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church Calendar

Seventh Month

Eighth Month

**MATERIALS DEADLINE
FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER:**

8/18/09, 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.

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| <p>5-8 George Fox Quaker Haven Camp</p> <p>12-17 Senior High II Quaker Haven Camp Westfield VBS</p> <p>14 Training & Recording Committee, 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>19-23 Mooresville Friends & First Friends Kokomo VBS</p> <p>21 Sundesmos Intern Meeting</p> <p>24-25 Ridge Farm Friends VBS
Valley Mills Friends Chicken Barbecue</p> <p>31 WYM Annual Sessions Begin!</p> | <p>1-3 WYM Annual Sessions</p> <p>8 Sundesmos Intern Meeting</p> |
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Office Hours:

9:00-12:00; 1:00-3:00;

Monday-Thursday