

**HEMLOCK FRIENDS MEETING**  
*The Fun Church With Firm Convictions*

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*Our Purpose: "To Know Christ and Make Him Known."*

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**January 21, 2018**

**9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**10:30 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP**

The altar is always open to lay your heart before the Lord and seek Him.

**Guest Speaker: Bekah Shaffer**

**Message: "Messy, Marvelous Testimonies"**

**Scripture: Psalm 18**

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**STEWARDSHIP**

**January 14, 2018**

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Sunday School	11	\$ 37.00
Morning Worship	16	\$ 1,255.00

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**A bit about us.....**

It is a Friends tradition to believe in the *continuing personal revelation* of God to all His people. In our worship service you will find a time some call "open worship" or "quiet waiting". This time for reflection and "centering" on God, may include people sharing what God has done or is doing in their lives.

*We are happy to welcome back  
 Bekah Shaffer and her husband Ryan!*

*<sup>1</sup> I love you, LORD, my strength. <sup>2</sup> The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.  
 Psalm 18:1-2 NIV*

**Announcements**

**Good morning! We welcome you to worship & experience the love of the Lord with us!**

- **Happy Birthday to:  
 Mae Fritz, Monday, January 22,  
 Debra McAdams, Thursday, January 25 and  
 Bennett Wallis, Friday, January 26.**

*This Tuesday, the 23rd, the church will be open for prayer from 1:30 - 2:00 PM. We will meet in the front of the sanctuary (by the piano) and just spend some time with the Lord. Prayer time will be silent, unless someone wants to voice a prayer aloud, so no pressure to pray so others can hear! We will have a few Bible verses to focus our time each week. We will end promptly at 2 (unless the Lord has other plans!)*

*Schedule for January & February:  
 Jan. 23rd, 30<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 6th*

## More from Friends in our area

**Ron Forsythe** is now serving as a transitional pastor at Back Creek Fiends. We welcome Ron and Rita back to IYM!

**Bequest Recipients;** IYM has been informed that Edwin & Ruby Katherine Barker have remembered IYM missions as part of their estate planning. Edwin had pastored several churches in IYM and passed away in 2004. Ruby Katherine died in November 2017. During 2018, our missions endowment will receive over \$245,000 from their estate.

**2017 Finances;** We are grateful to report that for the fifth consecutive year we have ended the budget year with income exceeding expenses! Thank you to committees and leaders who have spent carefully, and churches and individuals who have given generously. Nearly all our meetings have paid 100% of their assessments with nearly 25% of our churches paying over their required amount. Here is a list of seven congregations who exceeded their assessment obligation by \$500 or more: Lynn \$5970, South Marion, \$1325, Sycamore \$1300, Portland \$1225, Peaceful Valley \$800, West River \$725, and Mooreland \$550. Many churches sent in generous IYM Sunday contributions as well! We also gratefully acknowledge Wabash Friends, our largest congregation that faithfully pays 100% of their assessments each year, totaling \$18,550 in 2017.

**2017 Missions Giving;** We are grateful to report that we were able to meet over 95% of our missions goal for 2017 with most congregations participating and several supporting IYM missions at a level well above their requested goal. Here is a list of eight congregations who exceeded their missions giving goal by \$1000 or more: Sycamore \$8,215, **Hemlock \$3648**, Arba \$2530, Marion First \$2502, West River \$2045, Bear Creek \$1758, Fairmount \$1200, and Upland \$1093.

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IYM Superintendent, Doug Shoemaker continues to appreciate Hemlock serving as prayer partners in his ministry. Please also pray for the locations/events he will be at.

Today            Attending Mid-Winter Retreat, Madison IN  
Feb. 13           Speaking at Chapel, Barclay College (KS)