

**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 22, 2017**

**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.

**Message: "My Way or the Highway"**

**Scripture: Isaiah 45:22-25**  
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**STEWARDSHIP**

**January 15, 2017**

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Sunday School	12	\$ 41.00
Morning Worship	15	\$ 1,465.00

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*Our desire is to know Christ more each day and to make Him known to others. We pray each one who attends today will receive practical insight from the Lord into daily living whether through music, fellowship, personal reflection or preaching.*

**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.

*<sup>22</sup> "Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other. <sup>23</sup> By myself I have sworn, my mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked: Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear. <sup>24</sup> They will say of me, 'In the LORD alone are deliverance and strength.' "All who have raged against him will come to him and be put to shame. <sup>25</sup> But all the descendants of Israel will find deliverance in the LORD and will make their boast in him. Isaiah 45:22-25 NIV*

**Announcements**

**Good morning! We welcome you & hope you will experience the light of Jesus as you worship with us!**

- **Happy Birthday to:**  
**Mae Fritz, (1<sup>st</sup> Birthday), Today, January 22,**  
**Debra McAdams, Wednesday, January 25,**  
**Bennett Wallis, (1<sup>st</sup> Birthday), Thursday, January 26.**
- **Next Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>** will be the **Kokomo Rescue Mission's 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Focus "Restock Sunday"**. An insert with a list of the suggested items that is needed is in your bulletin.

## **More from Friends in our area!**

**Vernon Huffman** has announced his retirement as pastor of Bear Creek Friends, effective, June 30, after nineteen years of ministry there. Vernon has been a pastor in Indiana Yearly Meeting since 1975, previously serving Rural and Bloomington Friends.

**Wabash Friends** will sponsor a Marriage Retreat which will be held at Shipshewana, February 17-18. For more information, visit [www.wabashfriendscounseling.com](http://www.wabashfriendscounseling.com).

**IYM Sunday:** Indiana Yearly Meeting has reduced assessment obligations for most meetings and now depends upon voluntary contributions from churches and individuals to fully fund our annual budget. Would your meeting please consider an extra financial gift to IYM in conjunction with your observance of "IYM Sunday." Many churches have taken special offerings on this day. Others have served meals for a free-will offering with proceeds going to IYM. Still others have approved an extra contribution directly from their meeting's general fund. Whatever your meeting can do to help us reach our fundraising goal will be deeply appreciated. For background and more details about our current fundraising effort go to <http://www.iym.org/page/180010756/180103536/2018-Fund-Raising>.

**From IYM Treasurer, Max Smith:** With the start of the 2017, we continue to move forward with the 2018 budget fundraising campaign. We currently have \$27,818.34 in donations and pledges, 27.3% of the \$102,000 goal. Although we are behind at the same point last year, there is plenty of time to reach our goal. Additional information will continue to be sent to meetings for IYM Sunday activities and we pray all meetings will make this a special day to concentrate on Indiana Yearly Meeting, an opportunity for all to learn more about the value of belonging to IYM and the opportunity to join all of us in supporting IYM prayerfully and financially.

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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.

Tonight	Attending Iglesia Amigos (Indianapolis) 6pm
January 27-29	Attending IYM Pastors' Mid-Winter Retreat
February 10-11	Attending White's Board Retreat
March 12	Speaking at Hinkle Creek Friends