

**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 29, 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.

**Special Music: Jennay Jones**

**Guest Speaker: Bekah Shaffer**

**Message: "Stone Altars"**

**Scripture: Joshua 4:8-9, 20-24**  
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**STEWARDSHIP**

**January 22, 2017**

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Sunday School	11	\$ 27.00
Morning Worship	18	\$ 484.00

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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.

**We Welcome Back  
 Bekah Shaffer and her husband Ryan!**

Bekah Shaffer is a former radio producer turned full-time wife, writer, and speaker. She's the author of a Christmas devotional titled *His Advent: Still His Greatest Gift* and is working to publish other books written in this new season of her life. She is a daily blogger and releases a weekly podcast, called *Spill the Beans*, created with her husband, Ryan. Bekah is the youngest daughter of Dave and Marilyn Freelan and the wife of Ryan Shaffer. Ryan and Bekah live in Kokomo. Since last time of being with us, she has published another book "Be Still: Learning to Know He is God".

**Announcements**

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

- **Happy Anniversary to: Larry & Donna Wyrick, Today, January 29.**
- Today is the **Kokomo Rescue Mission's 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Focus "Restock Sunday"**. There is a box in the foyer.
- Our monthly **missions offering for February** (to be collected next Sunday, February 5) will go to the **Kokomo Rescue Mission's "Walk a Mile in My Shoes"**. This helps support the women's shelter.

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

**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.

Today	Attending IYM Pastors' Mid-Winter Retreat
February 10-11	Attending White's Board Retreat
March 12	Speaking at Hinkle Creek Friends