

HEMLOCK FRIENDS MEETING
The Fun Church With Firm Convictions

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

Merry Christmas
December 20, 2015

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 Lesley

Message: "To Activate Please Call....."

Scripture: John 1:12
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STEWARDSHIP

December 13, 2015

Attendance Offering

Sunday School	11	\$ 28.00
Morning Worship	15	\$ n/a

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.

*⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
 and the government will be on his shoulders.
 And he will be called Wonderful Counselor,
 Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

*⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace
 there will be no end. He will reign on David's
 throne and over his kingdom, establishing and
 upholding it with justice and righteousness from
 that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD
 Almighty will accomplish this. Isaiah 9:6-7 (NIV)*

Peace on earth will come to stay, when we live Christmas every day.
 Helen Steiner Rice

Announcements

Good morning! We welcome you to worship & celebrate the advent of our Lord with us!

- **Happy Birthday to:**
Karol Cannon, Today, December 20 and
John Tocco, Wednesday, December 23.
- With the holiday season upon us, **please remember to check your church mailboxes** in the foyer by the coat rack! Thank you!

More from Friends in our area!

From the IYM Treasurer, Max Smith: The wonderful response to our 2017 budget fundraising campaign. We continue to increase the donations and pledges which now totals \$37,518.90, 39.5% of the \$95,000 goal. As we move toward the end of 2015, please keep in mind the possibility of additional support for IYM, our fundraising campaign, and all the worthy activities and programs of IYM. Please remember the importance of getting the 2015 assessments paid to keep our cash flow in place for all IYM programs. At the end of November, we had 3 meetings that had paid over 100% of their assessments, 17 paying 100% and 16 meetings current with monthly payments. We also have 4 meetings that were behind on monthly payments, 5 meetings that had not paid any assessments, and 1 meeting that does not report membership. If your meeting is behind in assessments, please consider getting those caught up by the end of the year. Thank you so much to all who have or are paying in a timely manner.

Quaker Haven thanks you for giving them the ability to do electrical upgrades on the cabins. The need now is to finish this project. For \$750 you or your church could cover the costs of upgrading an entire cabin. If you know someone who has experience in doing this type of work or is willing to help someone who does, please contact Quaker Haven at info@quakerhaven.com or 574-834-4193. Also work has begun on transforming the Pavilion from storage to a beautiful picnic area. They would gladly receive donations for this project.

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.

Doug's Schedule

Dec. 27	Speaking at Hemlock Friends
Jan. 10	Speaking at Walnut Ridge Friends
Jan. 29-31	Attending IYM Pastor's Mid-Winter Retreat (Middlebury, IN)
Feb. 19 – Mar. 2	IYM exploratory mission team to Kenya