

HEMLOCK FRIENDS MEETING
The Fun Church With Firm Convictions

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

December 4, 2016

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: "God With Us: The Terrifying Attraction
 (Curiosity) of the Good News"**

**Scripture: John 1: 1-3; Luke 2:8-15
 (pages 750 & 725)**

STEWARDSHIP

November 27, 2016

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Sunday School	11	\$ 23.00
Morning Worship	20	\$ 765.00

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.

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning.

³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

John 1:1-3 NIV

Peace

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.

Announcements

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

- **Happy Birthday to: Kassie Sellers, Monday, December 5.**
- Our monthly **missions offering for December** (to be collected today, Dec. 4) will go toward **Indiana Yearly Meeting** for expenses.
- 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!

Missions Giving in IYM is strong. As of November 23, 21 of our churches have already met or exceeded their missions goals for 2016 with thirteen of those meetings exceeding their goal! Here is a list of those 13 meetings and the amounts paid **above** their goals: Sycamore \$5725, **Hemlock \$3074**, Bear Creek \$1978, West River \$1878, Arba \$1786, Little Blue River \$1000, Knightstown \$899, Upland \$700, Jonesboro \$600, Amboy \$500, Bethel \$388, Center \$367, and Walnut Ridge \$50. Wabash Friends has made the largest contributions in 2016 with \$10,152 given toward their IYM mission's goal.

Representative Council Highlights:

- Approved contracting the accounting firm of Brady-Ware for additional services with the aim of improving internal financial controls
- Iglesia Amigos continues to meet as a worship group but is no longer a Preparative Meeting under Westfield. A transition team has been appointed to assist them moving forward
- Two proposals from *Faith & Practice* Committee approved to be forwarded to Yearly Meeting: One allowing for delegating some authority to a Coordinating Committee and a second proposal that would no longer require Quarterly Meetings
- Danville Friends was accepted as a Preparative Meeting under the care of Westfield
- A Traveling Minute was approved for Keith & Robin Huffman who will be traveling to Kenya in December where Keith will speak at a pastors' conference
- Approved Portland's request to be attached to Winchester Quarterly Meeting
- Authorized the clerk and superintendent to fill the slate of IYM representatives to the FUM Triennial and authorized them to act on behalf of the yearly meeting in dealing with a meeting facing unresolved challenges.

IYM Sunday is March 12! Each meeting is asked to observe "IYM Sunday" on March 12, 2017. Please mark your calendars and plan to use this day to share the good news about what God is doing in IYM. Be watching for literature, presentation outlines, and even a video that can be used to help members and attenders of your congregation to learn more about your yearly meeting.

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 Jonesboro Friends
January 14	Lead IYM Executive Committee Retreat
January 20-21	Speak at Lynn Friends Leadership Retreat
January 27-29	Attend IYM Pastors' Mid-Winter Retreat
February 10-11	Attending White's Board Retreat