

CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF SERVICE

100th birthdays happen only once every.....well, one hundred years. While that's not a very profound statement, they are remarkable occasions to be celebrated!

Friends Memorial Church is getting ready to celebrate a century milestone of its own: the 100th birthday of the original meetinghouse on the corner of W. Adams and Cherry Streets in downtown Muncie. It was in February, 1908 that the Muncie Friends congregation began using the facility constructed in memory of Mary Goddard. Over the years the original meetinghouse has been renovated, refurbished, and even added on to, but the building that the Quaker congregation began using in February, 1908 still stands as the place for worship, study, ministry, fellowship, and service by the present generation of Muncie Quakers.

Instead of marking this with just a one day event, a month of special meetings has been planned which include special speakers, special music, and a panel consisting of former pastors reflecting on the past and future of Friends Memorial Church. Two special rededication meetings will also be held: one of Fellowship Hall and the other of the meetinghouse itself.

Below is a schedule of the events taking place each Sunday of the month of February, 2008. You will be hearing more about all of this from the church through other publications, and even reading about it in our local newspaper. But we want to take this opportunity to give you the schedule so you can plan to take part.

February 3,	11:00 a.m.	Thank Offering Meeting
	2:00 p.m.	Keynote Message - Phil Gulley Quaker author
February 10,	11:00 a.m.	Guest Speaker, Doug Shoemaker Superintendent of Indiana Yearly Meeting
	2:00 p.m.	Dedication of Fellowship Hall as Joseph and Mary Goddard Fellowship Hall
February 17,	11:00 a.m.	Special Music - Earlham College Concert Choir, followed by Carry-in Meal
February 24,	9:30 a.m.	Panel discussion with former pastors to share memories and reflections on the past and future of Friends Memorial Church.
	11:00 a.m.	Semi-unprogrammed meeting for worship. Meeting will begin with hymns written by church members.
	2:00 p.m.	Closing Message - Tom Mullen Quaker author Rededication of the Meetinghouse

We hope you will put these special meetings on your February, 2008 calendars, and join us in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the original meetinghouse.

I now return to the "profundity" with which I began this article, which is to say that a centennial celebration happens only once every 100 years. It is safe to say that very few of us---if any of us---will be alive to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the meetinghouse. Indeed, will it last for another 100 years? Well, if Friend George Fox was still around he would caution us about such concerns anyway, and remind us that the church is made up of people, and not bricks and mortar which can eventually fail and fall. It is our prayer that the church---the people of God called Friends Memorial Church---might still be worshipping and working and witnessing even 100 years from now, building or no building.

Pastor Bill

Committee Happenings

Friendly

Stewardship and Finance

Income and Expense December, 2007

INCOME

Envelope Receipts	3,862.00
Loose Offering	69.00
Sunday School Offering	7.00
Contributions	1,138.60
Thanksgiving Offering	70.00
Memorials/Bequests	50.00
Endowment Fund Contribution	135.00
Christmas Dinner Income	127.00
FUM Mike & Kay Cain Mission	100.00
Apartment House Income	735.00
Facility Income	100.00
Preschool Tuition Income	786.00
Preschool Registration Fees 07-08	10.00
TOTAL INCOME	7,189.60

(Contributions for Dec 23 and 16 are not included above)

EXPENSES

PAYROLL EXPENSES	6,294.64
Christmas Bonus 07	600.00
EMPLOYER PAYROLL TAXES	
FICA Taxes	427.47
Medicare Taxes	99.97
Subtotal Payroll Expenses	7,422.08

GENERAL EXPENSES

Pastoral Expense	12.71
Outreach Advertising (monthly)	44.00
IYM Program Assessment	834.00
Custodial Services	775.00
Custodial Supplies	119.70
Electric Utility	642.07
Gas Utility	1,203.45
Trash Utility (paid quarterly)	67.80
Library Supplies	51.96
Safe Deposit Box	47.00
Computer / Internet	124.00
Maintenance-Snow Removal	330.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	129.60
Maintenance Agreements-Copier	68.10
Building Construction--Sound System	1,089.20
Apt House Electricity	109.62
Apt House Gas	268.46
Apt House Trash Utility (paid quarterly)	97.18
Scholarships Payments	1,500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	14,935.93

EXCESS INCOME\EXPENSES **-\$7,746.33**

Christian Education

The Christian Education Committee would like to thank everyone for helping make this a very special Christmas season. Decorating the Meetinghouse, Intergenerational Sunday and the delivery of the sacks, the Christmas dinner and program,. and the Youth Sunday Christmas service were all made possible through the kind help of many people in our Meeting. We appreciate your willingness to share the message of the season of God's love, especially for those who find it difficult to attend on Sunday, our youth, and the children of the Meeting.

Kathy

Evangelism & Outreach

(no member left behind...)

You've all heard of the phrase, "No child left behind." We want to change that to, "No member left behind." What better way to celebrate the beginning of the second century of our Meetinghouse than to celebrate our members past and present? The newly formed Evangelism & Outreach committee wants to begin a ministry this month that will allow us to reach out to those members who can't attend our church activities and to those who for one reason or another have stopped coming. They are all important parts of the growth of Friends Memorial. They have all played memorable roles in the history of our Meetinghouse and we want to thank them for that!

For a number of years a few members have taken the responsibility on a regular basis to write notes or make phone calls to our absent members. They have also made personal visits to them whenever possible. Pastor Bill, and often Joyce, makes many personal visits and phone calls each month to keep in touch with absent members. But these thoughtful people represent a very small percentage of our active membership. If we are to make this ministry of "No member left behind (or forgotten)", we need the involvement of many members.

Before we can get this adventure "off the ground," we need to know who can be a part of it. Who wants to be loving and caring Quakers by taking some time to keep in touch with members we miss? Please contact one of the following members of the Evangelism & Outreach committee: Bill or Joyce Wagoner, Kathie Click, Gloria Mantak.

Committee Happenings

Friendly

Monthly Meeting

There was no Monthly Meeting in December.

Communications & Publications

- ◆ Our first major project was designing, editing and publishing a pamphlet that will serve as an information source for the Centennial Celebration in February.
- ◆ We have also designed new indoor signage that should be helpful to visitors entering our building during the celebration. A small overhead sign will be placed outside the church office and new signage is planned for other locations within the building.
- ◆ Work continues on maintaining and improving the church web site.
- ◆ We are also discussing marketing ideas that will enhance the community visibility of Friends Memorial Church. Most of these have to do with taking advantage of free or low-cost opportunities offered by media and other outlets.
- ◆ Groups and individuals within the meeting who need help with publicizing events such as dinners and special programs should contact any member of the Communications Committee for assistance and ideas.

Quaker Humor

More Quaker Humor Form Laughter in Quaker Grey.

Rufus Jones was once present at an all-day Meeting. During the closing prayer, the minister remembered he had omitted some notices. This is what he said; "Thou knowest, O Lord, that there is plenty of lunch for all who may wish to stay, and Thou knowest, O Lord, that there is hay in the shed behind the Meeting House for all the horses."

Attendance

December 2007 Worship		Average December Worship Attendance	
Dec	2	79	2007 71.5
Dec	9	64	2006 79
Dec	16	Services Canceled	2005 76
Dec	23		2004 74
Dec	30		

Peace & Christian Social Concerns

- ◆ Missions' Sunday for December---went to White's Residential and Family Services in Wabash. January, the missions' offering will on January 20 (the third Sunday) and will go to Friends Food Pantry.
- ◆ Food Pantry—the food pantry for December served 162 clients. Once again our volunteers were there in support of the pantry. Santa's presence was very much felt this month as there were gifts of candy canes, blankets, clothing and surprises to make our clients' holiday a bit brighter. Volunteers are always welcomed for either prep day (Friday), or helping out on pantry day (Saturday).
- ◆ On Saturday, December 1, 2007--the South Asian Muncie Association served up their annual meal fundraiser to the local community. They made \$742.00 and donated the entire amount to our Friends Food Pantry. What a BLESSING they are to our pantry.
- ◆ THANK YOU to all FRIENDS who volunteered their time to ring bells for The Salvation Army on December 10th and 19th.
- ◆ CMDC SLEEPING ROOM—will need our help the week of March 9th-15th. We again will "partner-up" with High Street United Methodist Church to accomplish this mission. As the date gets closer, more definite plans will be announced.

Church Closings Information

For weather related closings of the church see the following sources:

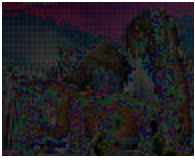
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Special Guests in February

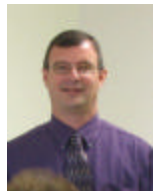
February 3, 2:00 p.m. Keynote Message - Phil Gulley, Quaker author

Philip Gulley has become the voice of small-town American life. Along with writing *Front Porch Tales*, *Hometown Tales*, and *For Everything a Season*, Philip Gulley is the author of the *Harmony* series of novels. He also hosts "Porch Talk with Phil Gulley" on the Indiana PBS affiliate WFYI television's flagship show *Across Indiana*. Philip Gulley lives in Indiana with his wife, Joan, and their sons, Spencer and Sam—in a rambling old house with Gulley's eclectic chair collection (sixty-four at last count) and a welcoming back porch.



February 10, 11:00 a.m. Guest Speaker, Doug Shoemaker, Superintendent of IYM

Doug began serving as IYM General Superintendent in February of 2005. He is a native of IYM where he was recorded in 1980. He pastored two churches in Western Yearly Meeting from 1978 to 2005. He and his wife, Kris, are the parents of three children, Kyle, Adam and Kelsie.



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Tom Mullen is in demand as a speaker for seminars, retreats, and any occasion where life can be celebrated. Retired as dean and professor of writing from Earlham School of Religion, Tom Mullen lives in Richmond, Indiana. He is also the author of *Where 2 or 3 Are Gathered...Someone Spills the Milk*, *Laughing Out Loud and Other Religious Experiences*, and *Living Longer and Other Sobering Possibilities*.

