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GET READY -- CAMPING SEASON IS HERE!

<u>CAMP</u>	<u>ARRIVAL-DEPARTURE</u>	<u>COST</u>
Little Fry Camp Entering 1st or 2nd grade with a parent or adult friend	May 21, 1:00 p.m. May 22, 1:00 p.m.	\$50 This price is for one adult and one child to attend
Fry Camp Entering 3rd or 4th grade	June 10, 5:00 p.m. June 12, 3:00 p.m.	\$ 85 per camper
High School Camp Entering 9th through college freshman	June 17, 5:00 p.m. June 21, 10:00 a.m.	\$ 200 per camper
Weekender Entering 9th through college freshman	June 17, 5:00 p.m. June 19, 1:00 p.m.	\$ 85 per camper
Fox Camp Entering 5th or 6th grade	June 23, 5:00 p.m. June 26, 10:00 a.m.	\$ 175 per camper
Junior High Entering 7th or 8th grade	July 5, 5:00 p.m. July 9, 10:00 a.m.	\$ 175 per camper

If you have not received your camp brochure, check with your pastor or call Ric: 641-939-5977 or Daneta: 641-673-9717 **DEADLINE: MAY 15, 2005**

KATHY SAWYER NAMED FUM DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

In September, 2004, Kathy Sawyer was named to the position of Development officer at Friends United Meeting. Kathy has worked for FUM since March of 2002 as marketing associate for Friends United Press and advertising sales for Quaker Life Magazine.

Kathy saw the job description for the Development Officer position and thought about pursuing the opportunity. After many

weeks of prayer and consideration, Kathy applied, interviewed and was named to the position.

Kathy feels her personable disposition and ability to make friends wherever she goes will be key in her efforts to raise money for FUM. Being led by God, Kathy accepts her appointment as ambassador for Christ and Friends United Meeting, and the ministry FUM provides all over the world.

Although not a Quaker, Kathy's clear vision of God's order to "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15), is not limited to Pentecostals or Quakers, but to Christians everywhere, in every denomination. So she goes!

Last month, Kathy spent time with Friends in Iowa Yearly Meeting. Her visit led her across Iowa, into many homes and meetings. She shared her visions and dreams for Friends United Meeting, hoping to make others aware of who and what Friends United Meeting is. Kathy relishes the thought of contributing to FUM by continuing with tried and true practices, and implementing new efforts by educating those unaware of FUM's work and ministry. Her expectations are to gain long-term support and significant contributions.

We welcome Kathy to her new position with FUM and wish her God's blessings in her new journey.



Salem and Grace Friends take time to visit with Kathy Sawyer, from FUM. From left moving clockwise, Tom Palmer, Kathy Sawyer, Pat Watson, Charlie Sander, Linda Hourihan and Rita Davis.



Friendly Flashes

"I will bless the Lord who guides me; even at night my heart instructs me. I know the Lord is always with me.....You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever." ~Psalm 16~

There was a time when we all could feel the Lord's presence with us. This was probably a time of trouble; one of those times when we would look back and find only one set of footprints because He was carrying us. However, trouble passes, life goes on, and pretty soon we are back in our routine and no longer seek Him every moment of the day.

This happens so gradually that it takes us awhile to even realize it. We are like the disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane who fell asleep on watch with out meaning to. This was the first step in their betrayal of Christ later on that night. Jesus had advised them to remain awake and pray, lest temptation over take them. He knew how important it is to remain in constant contact with our Lord. It is a safe guard against turning away from Him and His teachings.

When we keep our lifeline attached to Him then even as we sleep our hearts which belong to Him will instruct us in our sleep. We will awake in the morning with a problem solved filled with the peace that comes only from Him. I know, we get so busy that all of the small details of daily life can just fill us until we lose our focus. Our lifeline becomes all tangled up and blocked so we arrive at the end of the day exhausted.

If we look around at the world He has created for us to live in, the beauty, the majesty of a sunrise with clouds like pink cottoncandy or a thunderstorm with the black clouds out lined by sunshine behind them. That is when we remember His power. All through our day God puts little love notes to us in unexpected places, to surprise us. Do you see them every time? I am not sure that I do but we all try.

Last week as I stopped at a mailbox I thought I heard a sound. You know one of those soft sounds almost like a baby's breath. So I sat there for a moment listening and looking. There it was one of God's love notes, a young deer standing motionless on the other side of the bushes behind the mailbox. Just think if I had not paid any attention to that soo quiet sound I would have missed this beautiful note. "Be still and know that I am God" That is what we all need to do several times during our day, just be still and we will find our love notes.

May you be blessed with notes in unexpected places,
Linda B.

"A FUTURE AND A HOPE"

As of April 15, 2005, the following money has been received for the Capital Campaign:

Undesignated Giving.....	\$ 33,405.00
Designated Giving:	
Missions & Outreach.....	\$ 3,600.00
Pastoral Leadership.....	\$ 1,110.00
Tall Oaks Lodge.....	\$ 73,770.46

TOTAL RECEIVED.....\$ 111,885.46



A Christian Will and Estate?

By Jeffrey Swartzentruber, Mennonite Foundation Representative

The first building block of any person's financial plan is the creation of a will. The will provides those left behind with directions to handle the "stuff" accumulated by the person who has left this world. At Mennonite Foundation, we also encourage individuals to consult with their attorney in the creation of a durable power of attorney and a healthcare power of attorney to go along with the will. The first of these two documents is an appointment of a person you trust and who knows how you think to handle your affairs if you are unable to do so physically or mentally, or in the event that you are not able to do so due to your distance from your home location. The healthcare power of attorney appoints a person, again whom you trust, to make decisions regarding your health and quality of life in the event that you are not able to do so within your own capacity. In most cases, your attorney will be able to advise you on the most up-to-date language for all three documents from a legal perspective.

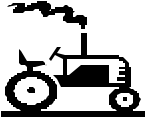
Over the years, representatives of Mennonite Foundation have been blessed with the opportunity to sit with many persons of great spiritual depth as they have thought about their estate plans and Wills. The financial aspect of the questions like:

- **What is enough for the children?**
- **How do I leave resources for charitable causes and still take care of my potential needs during life?**
- **How do I minimize the amount of tax that my estate must pay?**
- **How else can I impact the lives of the people or entities remembered in my will in ways other than via the transfer of assets?**

These are not easy questions. Each person plans differently according to how the Lord impacts and has impacted their lives.

The time spent on relationships and the sharing of values while you are alive is a key ingredient to answering some of the above questions. There are additional ways to do this to with a final statement in your will. Consider an early section of your will after the introduction, which deals with some of the values or ideals that you hold dear. Maybe you will want to make some summary statements about your love for the Lord, the values that you hold dear or the values you hope you have communicated with your life's work or calling. These types of statements may include your hope that all of your descendants also know the saving power of Christ's death and resurrection, or that your prayer for your descendants includes one of your passions. In other words, leave a summary of your core values before you leave the "stuff".

In Charles Collier's book *Wealth in Families*, he notes that there are four major types of assets in a family. They are: *human* (the value of the individual in the family), *intellectual* (learning, communicating, joint decision making); *social* (how we interact with others, community, society); and *financial* (the assets and property of the family). Too often we focus on the last one almost to the exclusion of the other three. However, they are all strongly inter-connected and all need attention through your walk in this earthly life!



FRIENDS UNITED MEETING

2005 VBS MISSION PROJECT

Mike and Kay Cain, field staff to Belize, believe that the time has come to begin to plan and move on to the next logical step: the establishment of a Friends high school that will continue the work started at the prep school. The need grows each year for more classroom space, the population increases, and the number of students grows. But the number of boys and girls getting into high school has remained less than half of the more than 6,000 that finish standard 6 (i.e. Jr. High).

As a first step toward the Friends high school for boys and girls, Friends United Meeting obtained 3.19 acres of land at mile 32 on the western highway in the village of La Democracia. The village chairman and the area representative have been very supportive of this project. It was with their support that we were able to purchase the property for the sum of \$1.00 Belize dollar (50 cents U.S.). We expect similar support in getting the government to make the new high school a grant-aided school: the government would provide 70 percent of teacher salaries and \$50.00 per month per student tuition. The school will still need to raise the other 30 percent of salaries and other operating costs. Mike and Kay hope to build some things into the school that will make it self-supporting.

THE NEED NOW Contributions to FUM's 2005 VBS mission project will be used to purchase a used tractor and a new rotary bush cutter. This equipment will allow staff and students to clear and maintain the future Friends high school property for construction purposes and, later, to maintain the soccer field and the rest of the high school compound.

At this time, the land for the high school is overgrown with tall weeds and small brush. The Cains have taken students there to try to cut some of the weeds, but they have to do it by hand, using machetes. It's impossible to maintain three acres in this manner. The equipment will also be helpful in maintaining another FUM property nearby. It is rented to a mother and three small children and is too large for her to keep cut.

Let's come together for our Friends in Belize and help the Cains with their goal of \$8,000. Your meeting may contribute to this project with a check payable to:

**Friends United Meeting (designate: Belize tractor)
101 Quaker Hill Drive, Richmond, IN 47374.**

Greetings from Belize

February 18, 2005

Thank you so much for your support. It seems that we have several students whose parents don't have finances to send all their children to school so your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you also for supporting our accounts so we can be here to help them.

We are trying our best to give these boys a good foundation in morals and also work ethics. There has been a lot of violence on the streets; some very close to the school so we try to show them a better way. Please pray that these young men will be receptive to our leading and put it to good use!

God Bless, Mike & Kay Cain



News from the Turkana Field

RELIEF SUPPORT

We appreciate the donations of our friends from AFSC, who remembered us for the forgotten field or relief. We kindly received Kshs. 168,000 through ACQUAVIS, but they told me that they deposited kshs. 180,000. I am to inquire next week after the revival meeting about the balances.

We served Seven Villages with the need of every village. We bought only Maize (White Corn) within Lodwar to be transported to the distribution centres. This were Kalokol, Nakiria, Lochuga, Lokoyo, Katapakori, Katilu and Lodwar.

This was the budget:

BUYING OF MAIZE OR CORN	-	Kshs. 98,000
TRANSPORT TO THE CENTRES	-	Kshs. 30,000
ADMINISTRATION COST	-	Kshs. 28,000
COMMITTEE MEETING	-	Kshs. 5,000
FILMS (FOR PHOTOS)	-	Kshs. 450
DEVELOPING FILMS	-	Kshs. 1,500
TOTAL AMOUNT USED	-	Kshs. 162,950
BALANCE REMAINING	-	Kshs. 5,050

The people receive 2kgs each appreciate very much that gift and God bless the donors. There are pictures to be sent but now the computer we are using to send messages doesn't have a scanner, we are trying ways of sending them to you. I'm looking forward to seeing you in July. Thank you!

Pastor John Moru Losike



Mesquakie Indian Camp

Summer camp in Iowa!! Victor and Brenda White, long time missionaries, announced that for the first time they will be having summer camp for Indian kids here at the Mesquakie Friends Center in Tama, Iowa. Time and travel expenses to Oklahoma has become a factor in their decision. They have the facilities to develop a summer camp program and with God's guidance, it will become a reality.

Much thought and prayer has gone into making this decision and to planning the summer camp program. Already, Kyle Taylor, who is a pastor in Tulsa, Oklahoma, has agreed to be the camp pastor for the week. Besides that, he is bringing 15 others to be camp counselors and helpers! God is already blessing us. We are lining up other experienced adult volunteers for cooking, supervising, helping on field trips, assisting in crafts, and just general help in running the camp.

With the camp being a new venture this year, we are asking for your prayers and your consideration of a monetary donation. We would feel blessed to have your support in this new project. You may send your donations directly to Mesquakie Friends Center, PO Box 36, Toledo, IA 52342, memo: summer camp.

We ask for your prayers that the Lord will be served, our needs will be met, those traveling will be kept safe, and God will be glorified through this!

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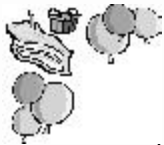
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HESPER - 150 YEARS!

Hesper Friends Meeting will celebrate their 150th anniversary July 2 & 3, 2005, at the Hesper Friends Meetinghouse, Hesper Iowa, in conjunction with Winneshiek Quarterly Meeting with Valton and Sturgeon Bay Friends.

Festivities will begin Saturday evening with a cookout at 5:00, followed by worship at 7:00 p.m.



Sunday morning worship begins with unprogrammed worship at 10:00 a.m., followed by a 10:30 programmed worship service. A catered meal will be served at 12:00 noon.

Our special speaker will be James R. Newby from Minneapolis. James is the son of Richard P. Newby, former pastor of the Des Moines and Minneapolis Friends Meetings and the great grandson of Richard P. Newby, former Superintendent of Iowa Yearly Meeting (1933-1942). James was a protege of D. Elton Trueblood and the author of Trueblood's biography, along with numerous other writings.

With many other activities in the Decorah area that same weekend, housing is very limited. All motels in Decorah are booked, unless there would be some cancellations. Please feel free to call and check.

Country Inn by Carlson	563-382-9246
Heartland Inn	563-382-2269
Super 8	563-382-8771
Bluffs Inn	563-382-9500

Decorah Campground is available on a first come basis.

Please inform Marvin Cooper if you plan to attend our celebration and partake of any meals:
563-382-2259 or
email: mbcoop@thewebunwired.com

Marvin Cooper, Clerk
Hesper Friends Meeting
1601 Division St.,
Decorah, IA 52101



We hope you will join us for our celebration!

VITAL SIGNS

Nita M. Hammer, 95, of Newton, died March 25, 2005, at the Nelso Manor Nursing Home. Nita was a life long member of Center Friends Meeting where she had served in many offices of the church and missionary society. She loved teaching the youngsters sunday school class. She also enjoyed crocheting and quilting and made many pieces for mission projects and gifts for friends and family. Services were held at the Center Friends Church with Karen Mendenhall and Cheri Doane officiating. She is survived by a newpew, Richard 'Dick' Machin and his wife, two nieces, four great nieces and great nephews, and many friends.

Mary Katherine Steele Allman, 81, died December 5, 2004 in Goldsboro, North Carolina. Mary attended Cleveland Bible College, William Penn College, Drake University and Ball State University. In 1946, Mary wed Wayne Allman and served as a minister's wife in Kansas, Oklahoma, Iowa, Indiana, and North Carolina. Mary taught English classes at Oskaloosa High School and at several other schools. She enjoyed serving as a youth leader, teaching Sunday School and Bethel Bible classes. Mary's husband, Wayne, served as the Iowa Yearly Meeting General Superintendent from 1960 to 1971. Survivors include her husband, Wayne, two daughters, Cheryl Jackson and Marsha McCaulley and six grandchildren. Cards and wishes may be sent to Wayne Allman, 210 Saddlewood Dr, Goldsboron, NC 27530.



USFWI-QUAKER MEN BANQUET

Saturday, July 16, 2005

5:00 - 7:00 P.M.

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Where: Holiday Inn Airport, Des Moines

If you would like to attend the USFWI-QUAKERMEN BANQUET, but are not planning to attend the Triennial Sessions, **please call Daneta at the Iowa Yearly Meeting Office (641) 673-9717** to make your reservation.

Following the banquet will be a fellowship time with a **COFFEE HOUSE and TALENT SHOW!**
Everyone is invited to attend.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 15, 2005

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