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of Jesus Christ Known in the Heartland and Beyond

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Were you at Camp Quaker Heights in October? Some Highlights...

Tall Oaks Dedication



On October 1st, 2006 over 100 Friends came together at Camp Quaker Heights to dedicated Tall Oaks Lodge. Linda Garrison and Chuck Nichols were a couple of the featured speakers during the service of dedication. Afterwards, all enjoyed a delicious dinner and much fellowship.



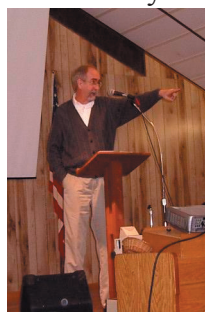
Camp Quaker Heights Workday

October 14th was the annual Camp workday. Some 30 workers gathered (including 15 from Pleasant Ridge's youth group) to paint, clean gutters, pick up walnuts and work on the roof of the house. We are thankful to the volunteer who make the camp program happen by volunteering to help with maintenance of the CQH facilities.



All Boards of Works Retreat

October 20-21st brought many of the people who serve on various IAYM committees together for a time of worship and work. The speaker, Bruce Baillee, spoke on Friday evening about the Prodigal Son. There were nearly 70 who were able to stay and eat lunch following their board meetings on Saturday. Thanks to the vision of Church Extension...it was a successful gathering!

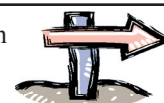


Pastor's Retreat 2006

On October 1-4, many of IAYM's pastors along with spouses came together for a time of spiritual renewal. The speaker, Dr. Dan Brunner of George Fox Evangelical Seminary, encouraged us to walk on our own "Road to Transformation".



Also, USFW Fall Retreat met on October 7th
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FRIENDLY FLASHES

48 ladies met for the U.S.F.W. Fall Retreat at Quaker Heights on Saturday, October 7. It was a beautiful fall day to worship the Lord and enjoy the fellowship of Friends' women. There were 6 first time attenders, who each received a devotional book.

We enjoyed singing with Kay Feltz and Darlene Bradley from Liberty. Karen Bauer led the devotions and introduced our speaker Gladys Kang'ahi from Kenya. Gladys was in the United States to attend the U.S.F.W. International board meeting. She is the Christian Service Secretary and we were privileged to have her speak to us.

She shared her early Christian journey in Kenya, born to a Quaker family. Women were not asked to serve on committees and she was greatly surprised the first time she was asked. When asked to take over the fund raising, she then understood why they asked women to join. Each step of her way Gladys felt unworthy or unqualified to fill the position but with support from Christian friends and prayer, she stepped forward to serve. Her willingness to serve where God had called her has brought great blessings to her life.

In the afternoon she retold the story of the Good Samaritan in current times and used him as an example of someone who willingly served a person he did not know and was not obligated to help. God loves a cheerful and willing servant and restores them for the task at hand.

In our business meeting we had a time of prayer for volunteers to come forward to fill the position of vice-president and adult christian missionary secretary. Ladies from LeGrand took up the offering, which totaled \$711.00. \$570.00 went to U.S.F.W.I to help support underfunded projects. The balance is used to help with the expense of the retreat.

If you were unable to be there, you missed a blessing. Mark your calendar for April 14 and Spring Fling at Bangor-Liberty. The theme is "A Child Like Faith" with Mary Porter, of Stuart Friends, and her friend (puppet) Suzy Q.

Dorothy Taylor, Treasurer

"You are a Gift"

This is the theme chosen for this year's Christian Education Training to be offered at two locations. Both workshops will offer the same topics. The dates are February 10 and March 17. The topics are (1) Experiences with Children and Worship; (2) Adult Ministries, and (3) Behavior Management Ideas. The topics and information will be the same at both workshops so churches can choose which location to attend. The locations have not yet been confirmed but tentatively the February meeting is planned for Oskaloosa and the March workshop is planned for the Marshalltown area.

Thanksgiving Missions Focus From the IAYM Mission's Board

Last year the churches of IAYM raised over \$2,000 for books and uniforms for the Boy's School in Belize. This fall our focus will be on the Lindi Friends School, which is one of the poorest schools in Nairobi, Kenya. This school is located in the slums of Kibera and serves over 200 children. Kibera has been described as "800,000 people living in a ditch" without adequate sanitation, electricity, or safety. A forest of mud and wattle or tin and cardboard structures has replaced its original trees.

A new school building is in place and in use every day but the new building is just the beginning. There is a great need now for desks, chairs and other supplies. The members of the Lindi Friends Meeting are committed to developing the school into a "life center" to meet the varied and critical needs of their students. In addition to education, the larger vision includes counseling, food and health care. Through the school, Friends hope to show the children and their families that there is another way to live and to give them tools and hope for a life outside the slum.

A bulletin insert has been sent to each monthly meeting. A suggested time line would be to put it in your bulletin on Sunday, November 19 and take a special thanksgiving offering for furnishings for the Lindi Friends School on Sunday, November 26. However, be creative and do what is best for your individual church. All donations need to be sent to Bob Watson, 803 Minnesota Street, Glidden, IA 51443 and labeled for the Lindi Friends School.

It is truly a privilege as monthly meetings to serve the needs of others. As the body of Christ, we can work together and accomplish much more. Please pray for the children at the Lindi Friends School. God bless you!

In Christ's Love, IAYM Mission's Board



Students at Lindi Friends School
Kibera Slum - Nairobi, Kenya

MEETING MOMENTS & VITAL SIGNS

A new era in Iowa Yearly Meeting...

Worship Groups

Our Yearly Meeting has begun 3 Worship Groups. Please consider adding these groups to your prayer lists and remember to pray for them often! The leaders of these Worship Groups are: Bill and Esther Griggs....Clinton, IA
Sarah and Jim Studor.....St. John, MO
Teri and Ron Geis.....St. Paul, MN
We will have articles about these groups in upcoming Iowa Friend newsletters.

Salem Friends had the following thought in their monthly newsletter: The clock of life is wound but once; and no man has the power to tell just when the hands will stop at late or early hour.

To lose one's wealth is sad indeed.

To lose one's health is more.

To lose one's soul is such a loss that no man can restore.
39 people died while you read this short poem. Every hour 5,417 go to meet their Maker. you could have been among them. Sooner or later you will be. Are you ready? "Behold, NOW is the accepted time...behold, NOW is the day of salvation" 2 Cor 6:2

Also noted in the Salem Friends newsletter is their 45th Missionary Convention "The Mighty Revolution". Dates for this event are November 10-12. Please contact the church for more information.

LeGrand Friends listed 12 bold steps to a pure and simple faith. They are:

1. Resist peer pressure.
2. Persevere in your trial.
3. Admit your sin and shortcomings - be open.
4. Give up a habit and seek accountability.
5. Tithe your income.
6. Surrender your situation to God.
7. Verbalize your encouragement and love.
8. Gently resolve a friendship conflict.
9. Forgive those who have hurt or offended you.
10. Hold your tongue. Quit arguing, complaining, gossiping, and talking about others.
11. Perform a radical act of kindness.
12. Share your faith in Christ.

West Branch Friends held a Peace Pole Ceremony on September 11th. 7 people - many of them Quakers - walked in the damp evening to recite the 1660 Friends Peace Testimony around their 2001 Peace Pole. There was a simple open worship that gathered them together into a sacred calm. Then in the mist they walked in the community with lighted candles, ending at the Peace Pole. Taking this short time together, helped them to envision hope and practice peace as a way of life, and not just a lofty goal for troubling times.

College Avenue Friends youth are planning a summer missions trip to Jamaica in 2007. The trip will have four areas of ministry within it. They are **construction team** - they will build a home for a family or person in need, **music ministry team** - they will practice in the mornings then travel to area churches for evening services, **personal evangelism team** - they will go door-to-door to build relationships and share the love of Jesus with others, and finally a **VBS team** - they will run a four-day VBS doing music, crafts, bible lessons and recreations. With these areas of ministry, the whole youth group will be able to find an area that they can serve the Lord.

Weddings

LeGrand Friends reports the following weddings:

Denise Beane and James Williams were married in LeGrand Friends Church on August 11, 2006. Denise is the daughter of Dennis and Kathy Beane and granddaughter of Donald and Marjorie Beane.

Katie Wilkerson and Joe Mathern were married in LeGrand Friends Church on September 9, 2006. Katie is the daughter of Dale and LeAnn Wilkerson and granddaughter of Roger and Shirley Lewis.

Births

Wes & Lynn Blanchard of Indianola, Iowa are blessed to welcome into their home and lives, Anna Marie Blanchard born Oct. 23, 2006. Anna weighed 5 lbs, 14 oz. and was 19 ½ inches long. Happy big brothers are Adam (8) and Daniel (4). Proud Grandparents are Dwight & Ruth White, Bloomfield, Iowa and Rex & Kay Blanchard, Powersville, Missouri (Bangor Liberty Friends). Great Grandma Fern Cullor of Nevada, Iowa, is proud as well.

FROM THE MISSIONS BOARD....

***Is your church doing an outreach or missions trip?*

***Would you like to get to know others from other churches that are concerned about missions too?*

You have 2 good ways to let others know about your church's missions trip plans (as much ahead as possible). This way someone from another meeting could join you and gain the experience of sharing Jesus with others away from their home community.

1. Submit a small paragraph or two in the Iowa Friend via iaym@mahaska.org or PO Box 657, Oskaloosa, IA 52577 AND
2. Contact Wilma Kaldenberg who, on the request of the Iowa Yearly Meeting Missions Board, has agreed to put the same information in an e-mail called "In Touch". This should get to all the churches and help tell of these opportunities to minister outside the local environment. Use either ulkald@netins.net or send to Box 38, Lynnvile, IA 50153

Friends Service Awards for 2006

presented by the Board on Christian Social Concerns

Lena Doller - College Avenue Friends

Besides being faithful members, serving on committees, etc., she and her husband, Amby, took a great interest in William Penn College students. They followed Penn sports as long as they were able. Lena continues to take an interest in the college student's activities. She keeps her pen handy to take notes as she continues to write her page in the College Avenue's Monthly News Letter, News from the Pews. Lena has been an active member of U.S.F.W. for many years and belongs to the Faye Circle. She has served them in many ways. Another way she served was by bringing her famous (and delicious) meatballs to Sunday Dinner on Monthly Meeting days. Thanks, Lena, for all the delicious meatballs.

Steve Kennedy - Marshalltown Friends

It is with pleasure that Marshalltown Monthly Meeting recommends Steve Kennedy to be honored this year at Iowa Yearly Meeting for the many years of active involvement on the Marshall County Affiliate of Habitat for Humanity. It is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing decent, affordable housing for people in need and who fall within Habitat income guidelines. At the present time, Steve is President of the Board of Directors, and they meet twice a month. Steve has spent many years participating in hammering nails, delivering of supplies, roofing, painting, hanging doors and windows, helping to move houses, making decisions, meeting building codes, and encouraging potential owners. There are now five completed Habitat Homes in Marshalltown and more work is on the horizon. Steve has faithfully and enthusiastically served the Lord by donating his time and talents to serving others.

Dale Schnell - Lynnville Friends

Dale is always quick to give a helping hand. Dale is the head of Ministry and Counsel and serves on the Volunteer Fire Department. He helps clean the snow out of driveways if people are unable to do it themselves. If Dale knows of a need and he can help, he will. Dale was also one of the person's to help start our home mission's committee.

Geoff Peak - Grinnell Friends

We would like to honor Geoff Peak for his work in the Grinnell community with our Coats for Kids Project. Geoff recognized that there was a need for coats through his work with the alternative school. He worked with teachers and local groups in the community to provide coats, gloves, boots, and hats for students and families who could not afford them. He also had the idea for setting up a fund to help people without health insurance who need immediate care.

Don and Mary Humrichouse - HCNP Friends

Don and Mary served in East Africa from 1971 to Dec. of 1973 with FUM. Presently Don serves as Trustee Presider and ambitiously keeps on top of maintenance, which he became experienced in during his years at Quakerdale and possibly raising four boys! Mary, a nurse, adds greatly to the team. In 2005, they traveled to minister to victims of hurricane Katrina. Don and Mary can both be found serving on committees in our local church. Mary is presently on Missions and can be found in the Nursery for childcare during H.O.M.E. (Hearts of Mothers Encouraged) and during Sunday School. She is also always ready and willing when she is called upon for her medical expertise. Don, as well as serving on the Trustees, also has been a contact person for Friends Disaster Service, helping to stock the trailer when it was parked at Honey Creek-New Providence at start-up. Don is quite the handyman! On Monday mornings, both can usually be found in uptown New Providence at the Community Breakfast, held in the remodeled Soda Fountain. Mary can be seen flipping pancakes and Don can be seen supplying the dishwasher, making juice, coffee, or whipping up eggs.

Dolores Fortner - Motor Friends

Dolores moved into the Motor Friends Church area in 1997. She immediately found ways to serve in the community and church. She presently is treasurer of the Senior Center Board in Pleasantville. She helps deliver meals at noon and helps to plan family parties and activities. She also is secretary for the Meal Site Counsel in Knoxville. She has helped with Habitat for Humanity needs.

Dolores is very active at the church. She helps with meals at the Humeston Livestock Sale Barn. She is in charge of food for Daily Vacation Bible School. She is a trustee, is on the building committee, and makes many quilts for Quakerdale. She makes ABC quilts and quilts for anyone in need. She has helped at Quaker Heights Camp and is furnishing her rental house for our youth intern this summer. Motor Friends Church wishes to recognize Dolores for her ministry in Christian service.

Margret Shaw - College Avenue Friends

Margret has been active at College Avenue Friends in many ways. She has served on many committees and often holds the meetings in her home. Margret taught Sunday School for many years and still faithfully attends classes. It is a pleasure to hear her discuss the lesson, and by her ability to answer questions you can tell she has read and studied her Bible. Margret has served the U.S.F.W. in many ways and is active in her circle. Margret is also involved with the Golden Circle of Friends. She is actively involved in monthly meeting. She enjoys bringing special foods and visiting with friends at the Sunday Dinner that College Avenue holds before their meeting for business. Family is very important to Margret Shaw. She is pleased when they come to visit and attend church with her. Traveling with them in the summertime is special to all of them.

YOUNG FRIENDS NEWS...

IMPACT 2006

High School growth-oriented

Youth retreat

MINISTRY PREP 101

November 11-12, 2006

Fairfield Friends Church

Cost: \$50 with preregistration

(postmarked Nov.1)

\$55 at the door

**Lodging: participants will be staying in the
parsonage of Fairfield Friends church**

**Bring: Sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries,
long-sleeve t-shirt and gloves for
broom ball. Bible, athletic shoes**

**Contact: Anthony Nieuwsma @
newsma213@hotmail.com or
(641)236-6412**

Up Next....

FEAST

Middle River Friends Church

Tuesday, November 7 6:30 pm

RSVP to Jadon Ross (roscol_24@hotmail.com) or
Middle River (515)989-3319 by November 3

MID-WINTER DATES

DECEMBER 28-31

LOCATIONS:

CAMP QUAKER HEIGHTS, ELDORA
SEVEN OAKS SKIING, ROONE, IA
ONEFEST, CEDAR FALLS, IA

DIRECTORS:

WILL & JESSICA OWENS

COST COMING SOON!

College Scholarships for Iowa Yearly Meeting students

Mission Board Scholarship

The Iowa Yearly Meeting Mission's Board is offering a college scholarship of up to \$1000 for the 2007-2008 academic school year. People within Iowa Yearly Meeting seeking intentional study in missions at a Christian college or seminary and wanting to pursue education to prepare for full time mission's work with a Friend's organization may contact the Mission's Board to receive an application. For the 2007-2008 scholarship, please contact Diane Martin, IAYM Mission's Presider, 3227 Pheasant Avenue, Rockwell, IA 50469 or call 641-822-3694.

Trustee Scholarship Applications

The trustees of Iowa Yearly Meeting are now taking applications for their \$500 college scholarship. Any Christian student who is planning to attend a recognized college may submit an application. Applications can be obtained by contacting the Yearly Meeting office at (641) 673-9717 or email iaym@mahaska.org.

Application deadline is January 1, 2007

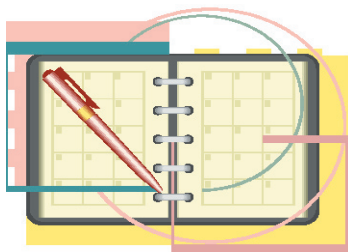
We are thankful for all
the friends and
family of
Iowa Yearly Meeting.
Blessings to all this
Thanksgiving!

Ron Bryan, superintendent
Mary Thury, office staff



"The horn of plenty or cornucopia sounds the joyful noise of God's bountiful blessings, of the abundant, overflowing graciousness that God makes available in our lives. This horn also sounds a note to remind us that we must use our blessings to bless others."

-an excerpt from
Honey Creek New Providence Friends' newsletter



Mark Your Calendar

**“The Kingdom of God is at Hand”
Yearly Meeting 2007 is set for
August 1-4
at Camp Quaker Heights**

Our theme verse is:
“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom
of God is at hand, repent and believe in
the gospel”
Mark 1:15

Please note the change of location

"I LOVE CAMP QUAKER HEIGHTS"

The staff of Camp Quaker Heights will be on the road after the first of the year. If your monthly meeting would like to schedule a presentation with the Camp Quaker Heights family for any Sunday in January or February of 2007, please contact the camp office at 641-939-5977 or 641-751-4088.

They will share information about ministry opportunities, promote "I Love Camp Quaker Heights," and lead (if desired) Sunday morning worship with message and music.

CQH staff and family are:
Linda Garrison and family
Chip Daleske and family
Lucas McCracken

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