



# The Iowa Friend

Iowa Yearly Meeting: Spreading Like Prairie Grass to Make the Love of Jesus Christ Known in the Heartland and Beyond

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## Quaker Men Family Banquet

**Location:** William Penn University Cafeteria (Student Union - 2nd Floor)

**Date:** February. 27, 2010

**Time:** 12:00 pm Noon

**Cost:** \$10 in advance (preferred) By Feb. 22nd or \$12 at the door

Send advance registrations to  
Chuck Nichols, 1743 Main St. Rd.  
State Center, IA 50247

Emory Stewart will be the speaker. Emory was born and raised in New Sharon, Iowa, and graduated from Wm. Penn College in 1973 with a degree in Physical Education and Industrial Technology. He taught and coached at East Central of Miles, moving after three years to Lynnville-Sully, where he won the 1986 state championship in football and the 1988 state championship in baseball. He was very involved in Fellowship of Christian Athletes. In 2003, he was inducted into the Iowa H.S. Football Hall of Fame. You'll enjoy listening to him tell how Christ was a part of the teams he coached.

Nathan McCracken will be in charge of the special music. The family is very talented and has been active with the camp youth, the church and community, and will provide inspiration for all ages.

In addition we will have a silent auction of the crafts, baked goods and white elephant gifts that will be donated. Proceeds will go to help our Iowa Yearly missionaries, the Martins and the Barbers.

## The Challenge of Walking Blameless

Psalms 84:11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless. NIV

Michael Lock read this passage of scripture in open worship at Friends Church West last Sunday morning. It has remained in my mind since then. It is so easy to read it and even to say it, but living it out daily can be a stretch. It is so natural to give into the stresses and frustrations of our daily necessities.

With the daily barrage of media information, it is quite feasible that one could give up and begin just walking around crying out, "the sky is falling, the sky is falling".

Yet if we are disciplined enough to stop and count our blessings and even name them one by one, we can acknowledge that, 'yes, God does know me and has repeatedly given my guidance'. But therein lays the rub. It is necessary for us to pause, deliberately, long enough to listen and to be familiar enough to recognize God's voice of guidance. That requires discipline, which is best utilized if we have truly made it a discipline prior to some crisis or failing.

This would require on my part, another deliberate effort to incorporate the daily discipline of prayer, scripture reading and listening. Yes it is another year, the beginning of another decade. Just ten years ago many people were convinced that the end was near and all of human life was about to collapse. As with the generations before us, we must each yield to God. We should praise Him for being our sun and shield, and with His Spirit in us walk blamelessly all or our days. Not just trying to keep God on a chain, available to meet our wants only when we want something. But daily, cultivating that relationship where we can say, thank you, Abba, Father. Help me to be transformed into the image you want by your grace and with your love.

**Ron Bryan, General Superintendent**

# February

## Blizzard Blast

Jr. High Overnight Retreat

February 19 - 20th

Hosted by Marshalltown Friends  
Activities held at the Marshalltown  
YMCA

**Cost is \$25**

**More information will be sent  
to your local meeting**



### I Love CQH

Pleasant Plain/Salem Quarter  
Fairfield Friends

Feb 21 Time: TBA

### Quaker Men's Banquet

February 27th at William Penn University



### I Love CQH

Bangor Quarter  
Location TBA

Feb. 28 Time: TBA

# March

Healthy Congregations Workshop

March 5-6th

Given by the Lombard Peace Institute

## BOC meeting on March 13



### I Love CQH

Ackworth/Bear Creek Quarter  
Friends Church West

March 14 Time: TBA

### Pastor's Short Course

March 22-24

Hosted at William Penn and  
College Ave. Friends

Speaker: Carole Spencer



## Spring Body of Representatives

March 27th

Lynnville Friends



### I Love CQH

Lynn Grove Quarter  
Lynnville Friends

March 28 Time: TBA

# Looking Forward to

## April

## USFW Spring Fling

SPRING FLING 2010 will be hosted by  
Middle River Friends at  
Carlisle. Be sure to mark  
your calendars for a fun filled  
day Saturday, April 24th,  
2010. The day will start with  
registration & coffee time at  
9:30a.m. Middle River USFW  
will be providing us coffee  
time and lunch. The fee will  
be \$10. Free Day Care is provided.



## June

## Summer Quaker Camps



May 28-30

College Student  
Weekender

June 4-6 Youth Execs Training Weekend

June 6-10 Fox Camp  
(5th - 6th Grade)

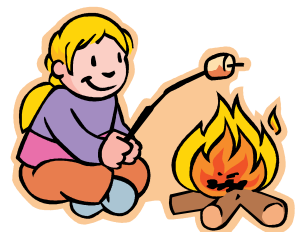
June 11-13 High School Weekender

June 13-18 Junior High Camp

June 20-25 High School Camp

June 25-27 Little Fry Camp  
(K - 2nd Grade)

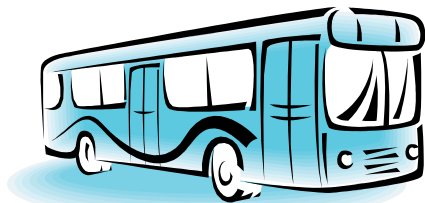
June 27-30 Fry Camp  
(3rd - 4th Grade)



# the New Year of 2010

## July

*Bus Trip to  
Sturgeon Bay  
Friends for  
the  
Winnesheik  
Quarterly  
Meeting  
July 10-11th*



Yearly Meeting 2010  
“Bring the Good News”  
July 29th (Thursday)  
thru  
August 1st (Sunday)  
@ William Penn University

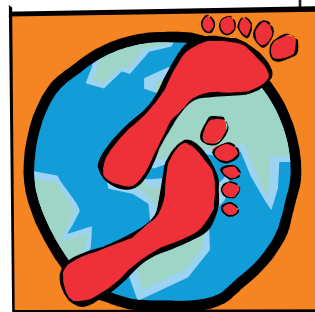
*There are plans in the works to charter a bus to travel to Sturgeon Bay and worship with our Friends during their summer Quarterly Meeting. This is a beautiful time of year when the weather is pleasant and the cherries are being harvested. Stay tuned for more information!*

USFW/Quakermen Triennial  
Hosted in Kenya

There are many within our Yearly Meeting who are trekking to Kenya to attend the Triennial sessions. Pray for their safe travel!

Our guest speaker for our worship sessions will be Patrick Nugent. He was the dean of Friends Theological College in Kenya.

The Annual Mission's banquet will have our own Sam and Becky Barber as the speaker. They will share on their work at the Belize Boys School.



## September

Iowa Yearly Meeting will be hosting the Annual Superintendents/Secretaries of FUM at Camp Quaker Heights. All the Yearly Meetings take turns in hosting this event. It is a time for our leaders to connect and share what is happening in their local Yearly Meetings.



## October

Iowa Yearly Meeting's  
**Pastor's Retreat**  
October 3rd - 6th  
Hosted at Camp Quaker Heights

Ron will be on Sabbatical from mid-October until the end of December. He will have the opportunity to travel to Kenya and be a speaker at their Pastor's Conference. Del Coppinger has agreed to supervise during Ron's absence.

# Camp News

## I Love CQH

Storm recovery is at a standstill in Eldora and at CQH through the winter months. Most of the repairs to camp have been made, though some outdoor work and painting remain to be done in the spring. There will also be a great deal of spring cleaning to do, as the majority of the buildings, most of all the CQH Lodge, have been out of use since August 9.

"I Love Camp Quaker Heights" presentations are being scheduled as Quarterly Gatherings. While some information is tentative, please mark these confirmed dates on your calendar and plan to attend the one that best accommodates your schedule.

### **Pleasant Plain/Salem Quarter**

Fairfield Friends  
Feb 21 Time:TBA

### **Bangor/Honey Creek Quarter**

Location TBA  
February 28 Time: TBA

### **Ackworth/Bear Creek Quarter**

Friends Church West  
March 14 Time:TBA

### **Lynn Grove Quarter**

Lynnville Friends  
March 28 Time:TBA

Remember, "I Love CQH" is NOT a youth event. It provides an overview of the ministry in which so many share, and that is a ministry to and for all ages. An offering will be gathered to refurbish the bath house at CQH. Portions of offerings from Young Friends Camps in summer 2009 provide the seed for this, but it is a large, expensive project, and absolutely necessary for the progress and vitality of the ministry of Camp Quaker Heights. Consider taking an offering as a meeting / church to present at these Quarterly meetings. The cost of repairing the bath house may be as high as \$25,000. Details will be provided at the I Love CQH program.

**For those scrapbookers among you, CQH will host Creative Hearts Retreats Feb. 19-21 at Tall oaks Lodge. To reserve your spot, go to [www.creativeheartsretreats.com](http://www.creativeheartsretreats.com). In addition to the cutting and cropping, there will be a Faithbooking class. Faithbooking is an opportunity to create a testimony in words and pictures of one's personal faith journey.**

IAYM personnel are available for preaching Sunday morning services as well.

## **Haiti Relief Funds**

This letter came to our office regarding Haiti Relief through EFM. Please give it consideration:

### **Haiti Emergency Relief**

In Haiti we have about a dozen Evangelical Friends Churches under the direction of Evangelical Friends Church-Eastern Region with 2000-2500 attenders. They are located 30 miles northwest of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Many in these hills will be unlikely to get aid from other sources anytime soon, according to John Williams, Eastern Region Superintendent.

John Williams reported on Wednesday morning (1-13) that with the break-down in phone communication they had not yet reached William Bertrand, our Friends leader in Haiti. He asks all of us to pray for contact to be established soon, and for our Friends families and churches who may be affected. John Williams says that besides their own relief efforts, they will be working through World Relief and possibly World Vision.

Emergency funds are greatly needed in Haiti. All that you send through EFM will be forwarded to Eastern Region who directly supervise the Friends Churches. Please clearly mark your check "Haiti-relief only" or "Haiti-where needed most." We recommend "where needed most" which gives the freedom to help the missionaries and their ministries, too. Send your gift to EFM, P.O. Box 525, Arvada, CO 80001.

We encourage all our Friends churches to take an offering this Sunday for Haiti.

From a heart that cares,  
Chuck Mylander, EFM Director  
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Yorba Linda, CA 92886-1436  
Cell(714) 225-5414  
EFM Office in Arvada, CO (303) 421-8100

Tom Palmer, pastor of College Avenue Friends, also suggest the following point of donation: Christian Service International (CSI). They are a missions group that was originally founded by Quakers and has missions works in the area.

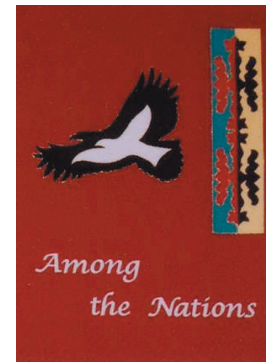
AFSC is also collecting funds to send help and supplies.

Please visit their website at: **AFSC.org**  
for more information



# Mesquakie Friends Center

## Newsletter - January 2010



### From the White's

We praise God for your thoughtfulness of praying for this mission during these cold winter months. Along with the cold came the holidays in which we celebrated with thanksgiving. Thanks to you we were able to put a turkey on the table and acknowledge a God that knew what we needed and placed these things upon your hearts. In spite of the snow we were able to visit the many homes of the children who come here each and every Wednesday. We were able to share the bounty of the Lord's providence with gift cards and Christmas candy that were sacked along with an apple and an orange. A couple of our teachers had the teen youth measure the right amount of goodies to fill over a hundred sacks. We could have used more, but we had the right amount that matched the funding. The reason for the gift cards is that none of our teachers wanted to brave the blizzard to go shopping.

We also want to thank you for the cards and the monetary gifts we received for our birthdays of which came in December. Victor wants to say a big Thank You to those who kept him from starving.

### Thanksgiving Dinner Celebration

The scrumptious Thanksgiving dinner took place the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day. Everyone was present after the morning service, therefore, we had a nice crowd. All people brought food for the Thanksgiving Festival and we had a good time and a lot to eat. The Lord gave us every thing we needed to eat.

### Indian tacos, soups, and desserts fund raiser

A fund-raiser for the playground equipment was held in the form of a supper. It included some tasty Indian tacos, corn soup, Kickapoo soup, and plenty of delicious desserts. This was our first one in a long time, but we had a good crowd and plenty of conversations surrounding the Lord.

### Christmas Party cancelled

The Christmas Party had to be cancelled due to bad weather. It was to be a narration of the Christmas story with the main members played out by the children. However, there was gift cards for food and bags of candy given out to all the children (see the above note on the White's).

### Classes continue as planned

All classes continue as planned and are preaching Christ. Although we have had periodic absences from some of the teachers and inclement weather, classes have been held and His Word goes forward. We thank Him for His grace and planning.

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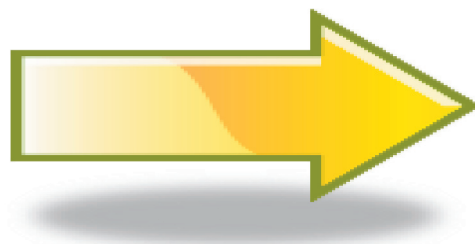
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