



The Iowa Friend

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Ps 23, he leads me beside still waters

William Penn Campus Ministry *by: Spencer Thury*

Being an outdoors type of person, I took a prayer walk at our recent pastor's retreat to really concentrate on prayer. I came to the river which was almost shallow enough to cross. Wanting to take a view upstream, I tried wading out into the water, but when I stepped in the slow river, it grew muddy with each step in. It is hard to know where you are stepping when every step results in muddying the water. The small rocks were slippery and moved easily when my weight shifted on them. I gave up trying to cross and was stuck looking upstream and dreaming of what may have been around the big trees which blocked the view.

Leadership at WPU or churches is also like wading a muddy stream in order to get a better look at what is coming. Every step and decision stirs the water, making it hard to see the next step. I could wait for the water to clear up, or I could rush across knowing I will

probably slip and fall in. Leaders need the grace to be able to do both, plus the wisdom to know if it is even worth it to cross a river, or a problem in the first place.

The good news is that God leads leaders beside still waters to relax, or to dream a new dream. The problem with still waters is that they are either stagnant (a bog) and filled with biting bugs, or they are too deep to cross on foot if you do not want to get wet before dinner. Therefore we are often stuck looking upstream and dreaming of what may be seen around the next problem which blocks the view to future blessings.

Wherever you are in your journey, the good news is that God leads leaders beside still waters to stop and think and look upstream and keep dreaming. May you keep dreaming and crossing new rivers as your calling from Jesus develops.

This year started well with the following events: Hot wings and Band. Students have testified of God's power to help them make the right choices. We have new members. "Proxy stations" help to raise awareness of our meeting. (picture below) We are doing more ministry at College Avenue Church. A new group of students have joined last year's regulars in attendance at College Avenue. Also, the Campus ministry band now includes members of the band "Skyline," who has signed and recorded a CD single with a capitol records affiliate. We have a presence among the campus arts group, ALIVE, and are looking forward to events together in the future. We have many new exciting events, mainly among athletes. Football and volleyball devotions have begun.

In the last week of September we had John Turnipseed come out and speak to students about the Fathers' love. He is the director of the Urban Ventures Center for Fathering in Minneapolis. He serves to empower men to become more effective and engaged fathers through parenting classes and mentoring. John spent 10 years in prison, over three terms, then came into The Fathering Center at Urban Ventures as their first client. He now has built a program that reaches 600 men and 200 women a year. John [showed] us all in a powerful way that faith and hope are the keys to real and relevant transformation."

Please pray for our student leaders, Unity among campus ministry leaders, A house for campus ministry leaders (men) in Oskaloosa, opportunities to develop current leaders through ministry at IAYM churches, and collaborations with on-campus student organizations.



AN HD, 3D, LED walk with God

A message from Pastor Alan Mullikin

as published in the LeGrand Friends Newsletter "Friend to Friend"

I was watching a program on television the other day and a commercial came on for a Disney movie that was being re-released in 3D. Of course, that was probably preceded by the same movie being re-released in Blue-Ray, which had been preceded by the re-release in DVD, which had followed the original release of the VCR tape of the movie. Whew! As technology has changed, so has the clarity of the videos being released, each one with more detail than the next. I remember the first time I saw a movie played off a DVD after years of watching VHS tapes: What a difference!

Now I am not advertising for DVDs or Blue-Rays or 3D movies, but this reminded me of how, as we walk with God, we experience increased intimacy with Him and are given more clarity. Details stand out more starkly. Think about the things we used to enjoy as harmless fun, but now realize that dabbling in sexual innuendo and crass joking robs us of joy. Or, how what used to be invisible to us because of our business suddenly comes to light, like how some around us are hurting and we can be the hands and feet of God in their lives. We hear God pointing us in the direction of a ministry we had never fathomed before.

1Corinthians 13 tells us that we see through a glass darkly, but then we will see face to face. We can never reach un-blemished clarity about things, but as we live for Christ, in Christ, and with Christ, God gives us a new level of eyesight and, I guess you might even say, 'heart-sight'.

I remember as the new technologies were coming out, I got excited about the improvements. But some I talked to thought it was a big hoax and not really that much difference. So now I encourage you if you have the different players and television sets, play a VHS movie on the older tube set and then the same movie on a Blue-ray machine through a HD flat screen. Big difference!

What are some things God has been showing you in the past year, months, and weeks which are clearer than ever before? Are we seeking to understand more of what He says in the Bible? Are we increasingly aware of His voice throughout each day? Are we seeing answers to prayer? Is there a difference in our spiritual clarity from one, three, or five years ago?

God wants us to have a spiritual walk that is in High Definition 3D on a LED flat screen....sorry, I got carried away.

Oh how wonderful to walk with the Living God! Let's do it!

Short-Term Mission Scholarships

From our IAYM Mission Board

Iowa Mission Board Offers Short-Term Mission Scholarships
The Iowa Yearly Meeting Mission Board announces that scholarship funds are available for adults and youth within Iowa Yearly Meeting for short term mission trips. Guidelines for this opportunity are available at the yearly meeting office and can be found on the IAYM website. The maximum amount for each scholarship is \$150. Deadlines for applications are January 1, April 1 and October 1. Contact the Yearly Meeting office for more information!

Iowa Yearly Meeting's

Calendar of Upcoming Events 2011-12

- All Boards Meeting @ CQH October 14-15
- YF Meeting and FEAST @ Grinnell Oct. 24
- Impact @ Fairfield Friends Nov. 12-13
- Mid-Winter Dec 30—Jan 1

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- BOC Meeting @ Oskaloosa March 17th
- Spring Body of Representatives March 31st @ Motor Friends
- 2012 Yearly Meeting @ WPU August 1-4

A Simple Joy

I have recently begun receiving an e-mail devotional series from Marlene Pedigo. She entitles it "F.r.i.e.n.d.s." (Friends of Christ Jesus, Restoration, Integrity, Equality, Non-violence, Discernment, Stewardship) She wrote this with her first edition...

"Even today the lives and writings of historic Friends are a spiritual garden to bring us joy and spiritual growth. Some time ago I collected a number of historic Friends writings which spoke to my condition. I worked to arrange them to be read throughout the year either as a personal devotion, family devotion, small group discussion, or Sunday School class lesson."

If you are interested in seeing a sample of these writings along with the Journal Readings & Queries, and Small Group Discussion points, just let me know via email and I can forward a sample to you.

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Meeting Moments and Vital Signs

Obituaries

A pillar of LeGrand Friends Meeting, **Katherine Buchanan**, passed away on September 24, 2011 at the age of 99 and just two months shy of celebrating her 100th birthday. Pastors Alan Mullikin and Ron Bryan officiated the service and she was laid to rest in LeGrand Friends Cemetery, LeGrand, IA. Katherine was born on November 19, 1911 north of Dillon, Iowa to Harry and Irene (Keen) Gibson. She graduated from LeGrand High School and later from the Hamilton Business College in Marshalltown.

On her birthday (November 19), in 1932, she married Ward Buchanan in Illinois. They made their home in LeGrand.

Katherine's Quaker heritage and personal relationship with the living God were very important to her as evidenced by her membership in LeGrand Friends Church where she taught Sunday School for more than 30 years and also cleaned the church and wrote these memorials. She was a walking testimony of what it meant to love the Lord your God with all your heart and your neighbor as yourself. That love of God and her family sustained her through the ups and downs of her 99 years and 10 months.

Katherine was an endearing person who was accepting of people and situations. She made everyone feel at ease and made every moment and even the simple things so special. She loved people and loved Jesus, and so she invested well during her life.

Perhaps she lived by the counsel given in her own November, 1990 Quaker Life writing about the church:

"Evil is fought on the knees of the church.
Needs are met by caring people.
Positive action overcomes apathy.

Critical attitudes are replaced by a spirit of love."

Left to honor her legacy are three of her children: Nancy, Dick, and Peggy; 12 grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren; several step-great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughters Barbara and Beverly, two brothers, and two grandchildren.

Evelyn Bell, 91, of Salem, Iowa, passed away July 29th, 2011 at Pleasant Manor Care Center in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. She was born on December 27, 1919 in Henry County, the daughter of John and Ida Lee. She was united in marriage to Pearl Septer on November 24, 1951. He preceded her in death in 1974. She later married Richard Bell on Dec. 29, 1976. He preceded her in death in Mary of 1987. She is survived by 8 children, many grandchildren, great grandchildren and one brother. She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands, 4 sisters and 3 brothers. She is buried in Salem East Cemetery.

Evelyn became an active member of Salem Friends Church in April 1940. She was a strong Christian lady and friend who loved her Lord and church. She was a very faithful member and worker at Salem Friends. She enjoyed participating in the USFW, helping prepare the many projects done by the ladies. She used her gift of hospitality by always being found in the kitchen cooking, serving and cleaning up for weddings, showers, funerals and potlucks. We looked forward to her home cooking because many of the dishes she made were our favorites. Evelyn was appreciated and loved. Her spot in the sanctuary is empty. She is missed.

West Branch Friends

A children's message shared by Roscoe Millett

All you children of God gather around,
this children's message will have a different sound.
To make it fun and more interesting this time,
with God's help I'm going to try to make it all rhyme.
We know Genesis says God created the Heaven and earth,
He must have worked for all he was worth!
He made light out of darkness, trees and grass to grow,
how he could do this we really don't know.
He made all kinds of animals, elephants and giraffe,
even the monkeys to make us laugh.
And man to have dominion there was no choice
for when God speaks we hear his voice!
Today we have pigs and calves to care for, mostly black,
sometimes it's hard to part with them but we like a big mac!
Soon humans did things unpleasing to God,
to eliminate life on earth he gave the nod.
Excepts Noah's family He said "Noah build a big boat,
yes hurry and build it if you want to float".
Noah took animals on board two by two,
when he closed the gate he had quite a few.
It rained and rained and they had quite a flood,
maybe Ham, Shem, and Japheth had fun playing in the mud!
I could go on and on like Paul's advice to Galatians,
I've taken too long already so I'll skip Revelations.
The very best gift is when God gave us His Son,
as we worship today Christ's the only one!

When Christ comes knocking on the door of this old body
scarred with sin,
I received forgiveness, love, peace, and joy when I invite him in.

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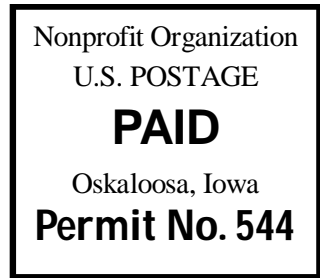
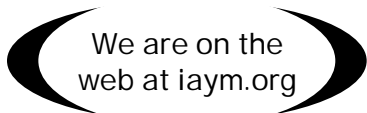
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ALL BOARDS Retreat

At Camp Quaker Heights—October 14-15

Our Schedule

Friday Supper: 6 pm

Friday Worship: 7 pm (open to all churches)

John Muhanji will share with us

Saturday Breakfast: 7:30 am

Morning Group Devotions: 8:30 am

Individual boards meet directly after devotions

Lunch served at noon

BOC will meet at 1 pm

This event will be free of Charge
(unless you lodge at Tall Oaks)
This includes lodging and 3 meals

Tall Oaks Rooms are \$40
(sharing is encouraged!)
Reservations are first come/first served

Board Chairperson:

**Please contact your board and let them know if you are meeting during this event

**Contact our office to let us know you are meeting so we can set up meeting areas!

PLEASE make your reservations to the Yearly Meeting office:

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