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The Iowa Friend

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

Celebrating our
150th Year!

QuakerMen's Winter Family Banquet

**When: Saturday
February 23rd**
**Where: WPU
Musco
Technology
Center**
Time: served at noon



This is a great event sharing fun, fellowship, and good food! We will learn about "ministry-in-the-fast-lane" from Mac McDonald and Stan Rouche. Stan is the regional director of RFC (Racers For Christ) which is the chaplaincy program for motorsports in Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming. Their mission statement is "To serve people in the world of motorsports in the Name of Jesus Christ thru providing fellowship, pastoral care, evangelism, and service".

Grinnell Friends Praise Band will be our featured music.

And back by popular acclaim.... **THE PIE AUCTION!** Our 2nd annual auction will once again feature Joe and Kerry Hadley of Richland as auctioneers and some incredible homemade pies!

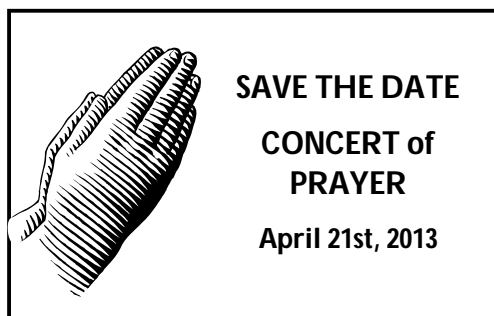
Please make your reservations by **FEBRUARY 16th**. Order the tickets thru your church's Quaker Men contact or from Chuck Nichols at 641-752-1931, alnichols@q.com, OR 2015 Wardview Rd. Marshalltown, IA 50158.

ADVANCE TICKET PRICE: \$12.00 each

AT THE DOOR PRICE: \$13.00 each

Location of MTC
Building at WPU





BLIZZARD BLAST

Jr. High Youth 5th—8th
Grade

At Marshalltown Friends/
& the YMCA

March 15—registration at 6pm

March 16—ends at 6:30am

Cost: \$25 per youth

Contact Jay Wyatt for
more info!

@ 641-691-7417



Registration forms are on our website!

9:30- 2:30 April 6, 2013 hosted by West Branch Friends USFW

Pulitzer Prize winning author to be our USFW Spring Luncheon speaker!!!

"Sometimes I have loved the peacefulness of an ordinary Sunday. It is like standing in a newly planted garden after a warm rain. You can feel the silent and invisible life."

— Marilynne Robinson, *Gilead*

Marilynne Robinson is a masterful storyteller and a writer that we can all relate to in our everyday lives. We are extremely fortunate to have her as our speaker for the USFW Spring Luncheon this April 6th at West Branch. This is one event you will not want to miss and you will want to bring any friend along who loves great books.

Robinson has written three highly acclaimed novels: *Housekeeping* (1980), *Gilead* (2004) and *Home* (2008). *Housekeeping* was a finalist for the 1982 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction (US), *Gilead* was awarded the 2005 Pulitzer, and *Home* received the 2009 Orange Prize for Fiction (UK). *Home* is a companion to *Gilead* and focuses on the Boughton family during the same time period.

She is also the author of numerous non-fiction works. Robinson was raised as a Presbyterian and later became a Congregationalist, worshipping and sometimes preaching at the Congregational United Church of Christ in Iowa City. Her Congregationalism, and her interest in the ideas of John Calvin, have been important in her works, including *Gilead*, which centers on the life and theological concerns of a fictional Congregationalist minister.

Make plans now to attend this USFW event!



Scholarships Opportunities

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, July 1 and October 1. Contact the Yearly Meeting office for more information!

Missions Scholarship

The Iowa Yearly Meeting Mission's Board is offering a college scholarship of up to \$1000 for the 2013-14 academic school year. People within Iowa Yearly Meeting who want to pursue an education at a Christian college or an accredited college or seminary 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 2013-2014 scholarship, please contact Mary Glenn Hadley, IAYM Mission's Board, 611 South R St. #6, Indianola, IA 50125 or call 515-961-0606. The deadline is March 1, 2013.

Garrison Scholarship for Christian Ministries

Purpose: To encourage individuals from IAYM to pursue a degree in Christian Ministries. Must be an active member at a church in IAYM who apply in the spring prior to enrolling as a half-time or full-time student. Currently maintaining a GPA of 2.5 or better, pursuing a degree in a field related to Christian Ministries. More than one applicant may be selected each year. Applications and references must be submitted to the Yearly Meeting office and postmark dated by **May 31, 2013**. Contact the office for more information!!

IAYM Mission Emphasis Easter Offering Nathan and Brianna Martin

As the IAYM Mission's Board, we are continually trying to encourage people in IAYM, who are feeling called by God to missionary service. Hopefully, your church will be able to use the enclosed bulletin insert during Easter to encourage prayer and financial support for Nathan, Brianna, and Caleb Martin in Cambodia.

God has now rooted Nathan and Brianna's hearts in Snoul, Cambodia, so that it truly feels like home to them. They state, "If we look with our physical eyes, we see spirit and ancestor worship everywhere. Shrines and temples, incense and offerings, talk of good deeds for a better reincarnation and monotonous chanting of monks surround us. However, when we look through eyes of faith, we clearly see God at work. We are blessed that the house church that seemed so fragile last year now often surprises us with their passion for outreach and obedience to Jesus." Nathan and Brianna consider it a privilege to be a part of the ministry in Snoul.

Nathan & Brianna thank you again for your partnership and for sustaining and empowering them through your prayers! See the insert for specific prayer requests!

Send donations for this special offering to Dorothy Taylor, IAYM Mission's Treasurer, 1121 Parkway Drive Apt. #1, Boone, IA 50036 and mark it Nathan & Brianna Martin---Cambodia.

Thank you again for your faithfulness in supporting missions. As the body of Christ, it is truly a privilege to work together and have our efforts multiplied.

God bless you!

Nathan & Brianna Martin with Caleb

Snoul, Cambodia

What does being a missionary in Snoul look like? A year ago we were just getting our feet wet and weren't entirely sure ourselves! Now, God has rooted our hearts here so that it truly feels like home: our place, our people, our opportunity to be a part of God's blessing for the nations!

If we look with our physical eyes we see spirit and ancestor worship everywhere. Shrines and temples, incense and offerings, talk of good deeds for a better reincarnation and the monotonous chanting of monks surround us. However, when we look through eyes of faith, we clearly see God at work. We are blessed that the house church that seemed so fragile last year now often surprises us with their passion for outreach and obedience to Jesus. A new believer has joined our group and is fighting to follow Jesus and turn away from his alcoholic past. God is moving in his life. People we had not met a year ago now sit with us to talk about the God who made the world and knows them by name, and we see God's hand at work.

God has also sustained us through the year our team leaders were away, and enabled us to carry on the work with 15 school teachers in remote villages and 5 libraries which provide resources on everything from planting cucumbers to healthy pregnancy. These projects help meet real needs and help us connect with people in areas where Christian influence is next to non-existent. What a privilege we have been given to be a part of this ministry.

Thank you again for your partnership! Thank you for being with us in the past year, for sustaining us and empowering us through your prayers. Thank you for believing and trusting with us for God to do great things! You are vital for the work. God bless you, friends!

Yours in Christ, Nathan, Brianna & Caleb



Pray for outreach

- for the Holy Spirit to cause a great stirring of spiritual questions
- for God to speak clearly to hearts through our mobile library resources
- for courage to be the "first" believer

Pray for Snoul Letch house church

- for the new believer Om Eang to stand firm and grow deep
- for Bu Ruah to be passionate about God's word, love his family well, and keep sharing.
- For each member to grasp more of the love and holiness of God

Pray for us

- for a vibrant walk with Jesus
- for smooth transition when our team leaders return in April
- for God to go before us, equip us and shape us to be like Him
- for wisdom parenting in Cambodia

Remembering our Spiritual Trails

150th Anniversary of Iowa Yearly Meeting

This section is from the 100th yearbook of "Spiritual Trails"

"Auxiliary Organizations—Evolve Through the Years"

Christian Endeavor and Young Friends

The earliest youth work in Iowa Friends churches was done through the first day scripture schools. Complimentary to this organized spiritual enlightenment was the religious contribution of Friends schools—boarding schools, academies and colleges.

During the era of the reawakening of Friends in the 1880's and 1890's there came a new vital means of organized ministry for youth. This was the introduction of Christian Endeavor. In the report of the Home and Foreign Missionary Board of Iowa Yearly Meeting to the 1891 sessions the following communication is recorded: "The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor have had much to do in this great awakening of missionary interest. Their pledge of \$400 to support a worker in the field the coming year, is most thankfully accepted. We praise the Lord for the outpouring of this spirit upon us."

In 1892 the Yearly Meeting began to publish for the first time a report of the Christian Endeavor Union to the Yearly Meeting. In this first report we note that "the executive committee was instructed to publish again the Christian Endeavor News." They also decided to hold their meetings of "the Union on Second Day evening and Third Day morning at the opening of Yearly Meeting." They chose Susan E. Allen as their Christian Endeavor Union evangelist who was to give her time entirely among the societies of Iowa Yearly Meeting. They promised to pay her \$400 and travelling expenses for the year. The Union also pledged \$500 to the Jamaican work, \$100 more than the previous year.

At the 1892 meeting they took a collection of \$109.55 of which \$90 was given for a new horse and the balance on a printing press, both for Gilbert Farr. Seven Quarterly Meetings reported 62 Christian Endeavor Societies with 1,430 active members and 240 associate members for the year 1893. They were continuing to keep an evangelist in the field and pledged support of \$500 for Gilbert Farr in Jamaica. During the early part of the 1900's the Union had reached the point of contributing nearly \$1,000 to foreign missions each year. Most of this amount went to the Jamaica work. It was the peak era in Iowa Yearly Meeting.

In 1940 a request was made to change the name from the Christian Endeavor Union to The Young Friends Board. It was approved and succeeding Yearly Meeting Minutes have used this terminology.

1947 was a red letter year for youth in Iowa Yearly Meeting. They entered into another Jamaica project. The Yearly Meeting started putting the Young Friends Board in the budget. The camp site was being developed at Pine Lake which became Camp Quaker Heights. Two leadership training conferences were held.

In 1950 the first Young Friends Camp was held at Quaker Heights.

128 young people appeared (75 had been expected) to stretch the make shift accommodations into near emergency. The dining hall was used to house the girls while the boys slept in tents. Assemblies were held in a 30' x 60' tent. It was the beginning, however, of a fast developing camping program for Iowa Young Friends.

In 1952 three camps were held with 147 in attendance. In 1954 there were 187 campers and in 1957 a total of 327. Four camps were conducted in 1958 with 383 followed in 1959 by five camps and 470 campers plus 65 adult leaders. Camps have successfully continued just under the 500 mark since that time.

In recent years the Young Friends have been paying fifty cent dues and contributing toward a Quaker Heights project and a mission project. In 1962 the mission project involved helping send Eugene and Frances Wolfley to Jamaica for six weeks. The 1963 project was sponsored jointly with the mission committee. Dennis Devick of Marshalltown and Faith Shugart of Greenville were sent to Jamaica for six weeks.

The present Quaker Heights project is the construction of a guest cottage which is to be dedicated in memory of Leonard Kimani, a young African student who lost his life in a swimming accident in 1962.

The following projects are developed yearly by the Young Friends Board:

1. A yearly program outline to be used by all groups.
2. A camping program at Camp Quakers Heights.
3. Two College-age retreats.
4. A spring leadership conference for high school students and Young Friends sponsors.
5. A yearly meeting banquet and program.
6. Sponsoring of a fall seminar to United Nations and a spring seminar to Washington, D.C.
7. Publishing of a Young Friends newsletter quarterly and bulletin for advisers in the other months.
8. Mission project.

A 150th Spiritual Trails Book will be published this summer which will contain the works of the 100th & 125th Spiritual Trail publications.

Please reserve a copy of the new book for yourself, church, or local historical library! Contact Mary at the Yearly Meeting office. Estimated cost of publication will be \$20-\$30.



Winter Ideas to “Live Love”

Genuine love and compassion for God and others
is what attracts people to the Gospel and thus to our church family.

This love must spill over from the walls of our churches and out into the community in significant ways if we are going to make any lasting impact. It seems people don't always remember what they are *told* of God's love, but they never forget what they have *experienced* of God's love. ~ *Conspiracy of Kindness* by Steve Sjogren

These suggestions can be done as a family, individual or with a small group.

February

Write a note to management sharing about someone who has treated you nice while doing their job (waiter, clerk, sales person...etc.)

Send cards to friends who are snow birds to let them know you miss them.

Make valentines for residents of an elder care facility.

Drop off a new or lightly used toy or game at a hospital or shelter for the abused.

Send your spouse a text or email just to say that you appreciate them.

Hide chocolate hugs & kisses around the house or office to remind your family members and co-workers that they are loved.

“Those who make compassion an essential part of their lives find the joy of life.”

~ Robert J. Furey, Author

LIVE LOVE Ideas Especially For Kids

- ♥ Set up a board game to play with your family.
- ♥ Pick up someone's jacket or bag that has fallen on the floor.
- ♥ Ask a student you have never played with to join you at recess.
- ♥ Call your grandparents and tell them why they are special to you.
- ♥ Take out the garbage or clean your room without being asked.
- ♥ Pick up trash around your neighborhood. Recycle whatever possible.
- ♥ List 3 things you like about your brothers and sisters and tell them!
- ♥ Write a 'thanks' note to the kitchen workers at school or your Sunday School teacher.
- ♥ Volunteer to help babysit for younger siblings or in your church nursery.
- ♥ Bake cookies or cupcakes and deliver them to your fire or police station or local library.
- ♥ Send an e-card to someone who is sick or in the hospital.
- ♥ Share a healthy snack with a friend – fruit, carrots, granola, cheese stick, yogurt etc.
- ♥ Give someone who is struggling with a skill or school subject a helping hand.

If our faith in God doesn't cause us to do anything different in our lives, then our faith is not a living faith. Bring your faith to life by putting it into action!

If these spark other ideas that work for you and your church, let us know and we'll pass them on to encourage others. May you feel God's blessings as you strive to live God's love in your family and community.

We encourage these suggestions to be a whole church challenge.

Reach Out and Touch: Choose a month and those who want to participate submit their names.

People are matched up secretly. Weekly during the month they anonymously connect with their secret pal. It could be as simple as a card and as extravagant as a delivered meal, restaurant gift card, or a 'movie-pack' (microwave popcorn, M & M's, and a DVD). At the end of the month all is revealed.

Game night for all ages: Be sure to include multigenerational games. There is nothing like the younger ones getting together for fun with the older generation. A blessing to both. Provide drinks and have everyone bring their favorite snack to share.

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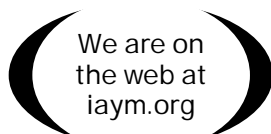
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2/23 QuakerMen Banquet

March 2013

3/9/13 BOC at Grinnell

3/15-16 Blizzard Blast—Jr. High youth
@ Marshalltown

3/23/13 Spring Body at Quakerdale

April 2013

4/2-3 Pastor Short Course @WPU

4/6/13 USFW Spring Fling at West Branch

4/21 IAYM Concert of Prayer

July 2013

7/4-6 USFW Triennials
Indianapolis, IN

July 31-August 3, 2013

!50th Yearly Meeting and Celebration
At William Penn University

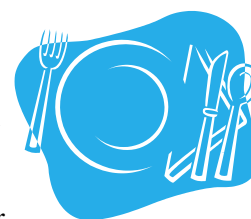
Foods of the Caribbean—Fundraiser Dinner

Saturday, February 16th, 2013

At College Avenue Friends (912 N. C St.)

Support of the mission work in Belize and the Barbers

The supper will feature the cuisine skills of Chef Josh Burmeister of Des Moines. Mr. Burmeister graduated from Oskaloosa High School and attended the New England Culinary Institute in Montpelier VT. He is currently the Food Director at Nationwide Ins. in Des Moines.



The menu for the evening will be, shrimp ceviche, Jamaican jerk chicken and pork, stewed beans and rice, grilled vegetables with mojo and for dessert, 2 varieties of bread pudding. **A free will offering will be taken. Reservations would be helpful.** Please call 641-673-8357 by Thursday Feb 14 to reserve a spot. Walk ins are welcome.