

The Iowa Friend

BULLY PULPITS

By: Ron Bryan, General Superintendent

Iowa Yearly Meeting Schedule—2014

April

4/26

USFW Spring Fling
@ College Avenue Friends

4/26

Garrison Golf Scramble
@ Grinnell, IA

Summer Quaker Camps (2014)

Little Fry (k-2nd)	June 6-8
Elementary (3-6th)	June 15-19
Jr/Sr High (7th-12)	June 22-27
Young Adult Weekender	May 30-June 1

Triennial at FUM June 11-15

Yearly Meeting 2014
July 30th—August 2
at William Penn University

September

9/5-7 CQH Family Camp

December 28-January 1 Summit 2014

Last week while listening to a news story, either from PBS or CBS I can't remember which, the announcer was commenting on how one party is trying to take control of the Congress, both representatives and senators in the next election, but that the President would continue to have control of the 'bully pulpit'. This struck a chord within me, and so I looked up the phrase and found that Theodore Roosevelt was the first to coin it. It meant that the President was the person who was setting the tone of the government and had the freedom to try and direct the country and its legislation. I thought of this 'pulpit' control in a different light. From my current studies I am learning the importance of hearing and understanding the people we come in contact with in our churches. Additionally, how we need to be intentionally coming in contact with the people in our communities if we ever hope to have impact on their lives as the church. Robert Lewis, in his book *The Church of Irresistible Influence speaks in a question that asks, are we willing to be present with the people before we proclaim to the people?* *Doctrinal purity (Lewis and Wilkins, p. 24) has gone by the wayside for political correctness or so focused on solely preaching the word with a certain degree of anger yet not practicing practical ministries that the world sees the church as uncaring. (Herriges, 2014, Barclay College Essay, Unpublished) One of my classmates wrote this sentence in his essay a week ago. Again, I was struck with the thought, is this something really important for me and Iowa Yearly Meeting, or is it just because I am being influenced by my studies?*

Here is my current understanding, if we preach for doctrinal purity and truth without demonstrating love for the people in and of all walks of life, then how do we hope to bring them in, convert them and change them? "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16, NASB). If I want to reach them, they must see the love of God demonstrated not just proclaimed. In our society that has been so immersed in media coverage of the failings of the church leaders over the last three decades why would the unknowing want to risk coming in? We must go out onto the highways and byways and seek them where they are, not what we want them to become! Some who read this article might be asking themselves, how can I do this, I am too old "my day has come and gone". However, I ask is there anyone who cannot pray and financially support new efforts to reach out, rather than looking longingly to the past and hoping we will go back to our yesteryear memories? Hope is for the future, think of how our ancestors prayed, worked and sacrificed that we might have a hope and a future.



A Great People to Be Gathered
in Christ, in Community, for Mission

"I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields.
They are ripe for harvest." — John 4:35b

Missions Focus on Tanzania

Sarah Martin Radcliff and Rita Davis

Friends are building a new meeting house in southern Tanzania at Kyela. People have a vision for this building to become a place where a Yearly Meeting will develop, reaching out to northern Zambia and Malawi, where they have already made connections, as well as a place where encouragement, training, and discipleship happens. With any vision toward advancing the gospel comes great opposition. We are warned in 1 Peter 5:8: "Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour."

Villages surrounding Kyela donated rice to be sold in an effort to provide funds for the Kyela church. Sale of the rice was estimated to raise \$750, but the rice prices plummeted before it was sold. When Ron Bryan our IAYM superintendent went to Tanzania he was asked to take the rice to Kenya or the United States to sell. Transportation was a large and costly obstacle, the rice could spoil before it would be sold at a favorable price, and the people in the surrounding areas were in need of food. Thus an alternative idea developed. IA Friends meetings, groups, and /or individuals would cover the value of the rice collected, and then the Kyela people would give it to those in need in the community. (Ron Bryan wrote an article about this in the "The Iowa Friend", and money has been donated to complete the rice project through the IAYM Mission Board.)

To complete the meeting house in Kyela \$22,000 will need to be raised. We expect that they will work to raise a large portion of that amount, but we are challenged with Paul's words to the early church in Philemon 1:4-7. "I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints. I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the saints."

It is time to show our brothers and sisters in Tanzania we will not forget them or what they are trying to do, and to refresh their hearts with encouragement.

On May 10, at 6:30 p.m. in Oskaloosa at William Penn University's MTC building, there will be an event, organized by Sarah Radcliff to focus on worship of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to pray for our brothers and sisters in Kyela, Tanzania. Together we can praise God for the work that has started, and the believers that are stepping out in faith, and asking Him for:

- the Holy Spirit to burn in the hearts of the believers, for Christ to be glorified in the lives of our Tanzanian brothers and sisters, and seen by others, and their ministry to be fruitful.
- the eyes of those who do not know the truth to be opened, and their hearts receptive and repentant.

- Kyela to be a church which stands on a hill, that people will see and know what direction they need to go to reach the light. "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16.
- the surrounding community to recognize this to be a church where training, equipping and encouragement happen.
- the courage, protection and obedient perseverance against spiritual warfare for this church and other believers. A love offering will also be taken toward the new church building in Kyela, Tanzania as an encouragement to our brothers and sisters there. Please spread the word to your youth groups and Bible studies and pray how God might lead you and your meetings to help in encouraging Southern Tanzania.

We might also pray that a team from Iowa Yearly Meeting might be formed to travel to Kyela, Tanzania to participate in the dedication of the completed building, projected for fall, 2015. This team may also work on a new meeting house as well. Details for this opportunity will be developed as more information comes to us. Preparation for this entire work requires much prayer from all of us.





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On-Line Registration is now OPEN
See fum.org to started your registration process!
June 11—June 15

At Indiana Wesleyan University—Marion, IN

Welcome Statement from the Registration Page....

"Throughout its history, Indiana Yearly Meeting has given birth to several "new" yearly meetings: Western Yearly Meeting in 1858, Iowa Yearly Meeting in 1863, Evangelical Friends Church Mid-America Yearly Meeting (formerly Kansas Yearly Meeting) in 1972, Wilmington Yearly Meeting in 1892 and more recently, the New Association of Friends in 2013. Indiana Yearly Meeting historically has led the movement to try to centralize Orthodox Gurneyite Friends through the calling for the Friends Conference of 1887 and the creation of the *Richmond Declaration of Faith*."



GARRISON MEMORIAL SCRAMBLE

4-Person Best Position Tournament
9:00 AM Shotgun Start

April 26, 2014
Oakland Acres Golf Club
13476 Hwy 6 East
Grinnell, Iowa 50112
(5 miles west of Grinnell on Hwy 6)

\$200 / team
Includes:
18 holes of golf
cart rental,
lunch & prizes

Questions?
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Spring Ideas to "Live Love" Year 2

April 2nd Children's Book Day: Celebrate by giving a new book to a child, donating one to your church library, or a shelter or after school program. Most importantly read to a child. If you don't have a child in your home, 'borrow' a neighbor's or visit a library and take a seat in the kids section. Before long you will find a little one who would be happy to hear you read a story to them. Instilling a love of reading promotes a lifetime of learning and enjoyment.



"A day without laughter is a day wasted." Charlie Chaplain

April is Humor Month! The 14th is National Laughter Day! Share some laughs! Laughing lowers stress hormones, relaxes muscles, and decreases pain. Chances are if you laugh often, you will attract people. Laughter builds community. Encourage other people to laugh.

- Forward funny emails on to friends or print and mail to those without email.
- Invite friends over to watch your favorite comedy DVD.
- Hold a "laugh fest" at church. Bring in a local Christian comedian, have a joke telling contest, encourage people to dress as clowns, show Veggie Tales videos, watch old family movies, find fun food ideas to serve from library cookbooks or online.
- Find a funny clip on Youtube. Bookmark it to review whenever you feel 'blue'. A favorite of many is this laughing baby: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wyo127dggZU>
- Don't take yourself too seriously – life is too short.



April 7th Coffee Cake Day: Purchase or make this yummy treat then share it with the spouse of someone who is in a care facility. Take it to a busy mom with young children, a widow living alone (stay and share a piece while you visit), or package and mail to a serviceman or college student. You know it will make them smile!

Easter Egg Surprise: Easter is April 20th this year, but you can offer this surprise anytime. Put small gifts inside a plastic egg and 'hide' it where it will be easily seen. Tie a note around it saying "You are receiving this random gift from an anonymous friend who wishes to brighten your day and share the love of Jesus." Gift ideas: ponytail holders, seed package, stickers, felt moustache, baby doll, whistle, small coins, mini car, legos or candy. Write down where you leave each one and then go back in a few days to check if they are gone.

May 1st is May Day: Since May Day symbolizes spring, it's only logical that flowers which start to bloom in spring are its main symbol. The custom is to hang the basket on the person's front door, ring the bell and then dash away before the door is opened. These may be paper, plastic or live flowers. Candy would be welcomed by most. This could be a creative project for kids to do with grandparents and take to a nursing home to leave on the residents' apartment doors.



"One simple act of love or kindness can prevent several acts of violence"

IGNITE



LITTLE FRY

K—2nd Grades
Arrive 4 pm, June 6th
Departure 10am, June 8
Directors: Eric and Sara Paar

Cost—\$175 (1 adult and 1 child)
(\$70 for another child)

ELEMENTARY

Grades 3rd—6th
Arrive 4 pm, June 15
Departure 11 am, June 19th
Directors:
Michael & Emma Chase
Brad & Bailey Hupp
Cost—\$235



Registration information was handed out at Spring Body OR was sent to your local monthly meeting.
Connect with Scott Biddle for more information!
Scott @iaym.org or check the youth Facebook page

JR. HIGH/HIGH SCHOOL

Grades 7—12
Arrive 4 pm, June 22
Departure 10 am, June 27
Directors: John Wilbur & Scott Biddle

Cost: \$290



S.I.T. PROGRAM

(Servants in Training)

Do you already have a relationship with Christ, maybe have already done the camp experience, and want more? Servants in Training, the S.I.T. Program, might be what you are looking for. This is a track for students that desire to develop a mission mindset, an attitude like Christ Jesus (Philippians 2). Jesus taught that in order to be great you have to serve (Mark 9:35). Students in this program will be working behind the scenes, doing work projects, developing leadership skills, and making Christ known.

Designed for Juniors in high school to sophomores in college.
Cost—\$290

YOUNG ADULT WEEKENDER

College—35ish
May 30th—June 1st
Registration 5-6:30pm

	Single	Married**
Cabins	\$110	\$160
Tall Oaks	\$130	\$180

**married couples have priority
At Tall Oaks
{How do we recognize GOD's movement?}

Speakers: Nathan & Brianna Martin

Registration online at:
Is.gd/yaweekender2014
no childcare provided

Friends United Meeting YOUNG FRIENDS TRIENIALS

ONWARD

"Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead" Phil 3:12-16

Grades 9th—12th
June 11—14th, 2014
@Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, IN
Speaker—Amos Taylor

Cost: \$175 for youth, \$90 for Chaperones

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Scholarship Opportunity

IOWA UNITED SOCIETY OF FRIENDS WOMEN William Penn University Scholarship Fund Guidelines

Following are guidelines for the selection of candidates for Iowa United Society of Friends Women William Penn University Scholarship. The Scholarship Committee shall consider applications for scholarships and make decisions as to recipients.

The amount of the scholarship will be determined by need of the applicant and by funds available.

The candidate shall be a participating member of Iowa Yearly Meeting.

A candidate from Iowa Yearly Meeting shall have successfully completed secondary education requirements and shall have been accepted by William Penn University.

Applications must be received by April 14, 2014.

To be considered for a scholarship for the succeeding academic year, recipients must submit a request to the committee each year.

Scholarships shall only be awarded for a maximum of four (4) academic years.

Contact the Yearly Meeting office for more information!

Announcing the rebirth of
the "In Touch" email prayer ministry
The new name is **QUAKER IN TOUCH**
you have to subscribe to receive the
newsletters and announcements, and
prayer requests.
send an email to the new e-mail address
quakerintouch@outlook.com
You will received a confirming e-mail! ~
Roger LeBel

USFW Spring Fling "Take Courage"

**April 26th
at Oskaloosa**

Cambodia Mission In Snoul



**The speaker will be
Brianna Martin -
COST: \$10.00**

9:30 am—2:00 pm

Childcare provided—if needed
(please pack a sack lunch for child)

Register by April 21st

COMING APRIL 5, 2014 DARING LOVE™: LIVING BRAVE IN THE ARENA OF MARRIAGE



The marriage arena is that place where we most intensely experience the joy of victory and the agony of defeat, where our greatest place of intimacy can also be the relationship that can wound us most deeply. Anyone who spends time in the marriage arena knows the challenges we face can interfere with our deepest, God-given desires for courage, compassion, and connection.

Come spend a day with Kent and Nancy Schornack, and cultivate as a couple greater courage, compassion, and connection in your marriage. We will draw from Biblical story and the work of Dr. Brené Brown to discover the experience of truly being intimate allies in the arena of marriage.

MARRIAGE DAY DETAILS

WHEN: Saturday, April 5, 2014

TIME: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

LOCATION: QUAKERDALE - NEW PROVIDENCE

COST: \$50/couple (lunch included)

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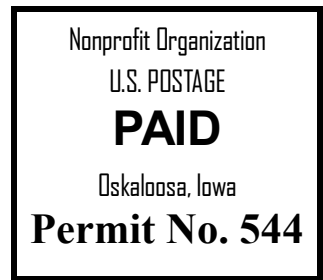
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Volunteer Opportunities @ CQH

Camp Quaker Heights has several upcoming opportunities to help prepare for the summer camping season. There is something for everyone!

April 12th

Ropes/challenge/team building Course Construction
This activity area will be located near the timber area north of the RV camping

May 3rd—General Work Day

A day of general cleaning and preparing our buildings and grounds for the upcoming camping season

***both of these workdays will begin
at 9 am —snacks and lunch provided!*

May 24th—Cookie Day

A gathering for mixing up cookie dough to stock our freezers for the summer season. All ingredients and equipment will be provided! Bring your favorite cookie scoop and join in on some fellowship.



We are sponsoring a Meals from the Heartland event Saturday, August 2nd, 2014 (during our annual sessions) 9:00 am—11:00 am. We will be packing rice/soy meals AND mac & Cheese meals during our event. This is an exciting opportunity to connect with other members of our yearly meeting of all ages!

In order to make this happen, we need donations to pay for the raw ingredients to make the food packages.

Would you consider a contribution of \$25 or more to help with the cost of this? We need approximately \$4000 for the raw ingredients to make our goal! Please send any contributions to IAYM, PO Box 657, Oskaloosa, IA