



## A Little Light Makes all the Difference ... by Nancy Bontempo, Sturgeon Bay

January. Early sunsets and late sunrises. No Christmas lights to add charm to the gloom. Without the twinkling glow, the snow, wind and cold seem especially harsh.

As I walked into my living room this morning in the pre-dawn darkness, I turned on the lights of my Christmas village which I haven't had the heart to pack away with the rest of the holiday decor. A blustery north wind was blowing against the windows, but the warm glow of these little houses created a nice atmosphere for drinking my morning coffee.

A little light makes all the difference.

The Bible has a lot to say about light. It says that God's highest priority in creation was calling forth light, and that it was very good. An anonymous psalmist a couple thousand years later used physical light to serve as a symbol of something much more personal. He poetically declared that God's light is for His people (Psalm 118:27). What might that mean?

During Jesus' ministry, He boldly proclaimed that He is light itself on a day when crowds gathered at the temple during one of the Jewish feasts (John 8:12). Based on Scripture's description (John 8:20), He was standing in the Court of the Women, the most public part of the temple, where there were four brilliant golden candelabra lit for the occasion. Each one had four golden bowls filled from a pitcher of oil by a young priest. Jesus loved the added drama in moments like these! As was always the case

when Jesus taught, the religious leaders were incensed. But that day it was not the claim itself that was scandalous, but that He said He was the light of the whole world, elevating the value of every Gentile to ever live.

The Apostle John saw the Light of Christ personally. John was Jesus best friend. He could attest as an eye witness that Christ was indeed the light of the world and that "...in Him is no darkness at all! (1 John 1:5) Not a questionable motive. Pure holiness. Glorious righteousness.



On the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus challenged His followers to reflect His glory, love and truth and to let His light shape their words and actions (Matthew 5:16). Imagine not just observing the Light, but being a mirror of it to those all around!

If you pay attention to the political rhetoric, scandalous behavior of society's heroes, and deteriorating morality among the population, our world seems to be darkening. American optimism has been replaced by confusion and hostility. Many Christians pine for a bygone era while others are paralyzed by fear of the future.

How do we function in this crazy, midnight-sky world? The Apostle Paul said that if Christians simply don't complain or argue, they will reflect the light of Christ like stars in the sky (Philippians 2:15). I can't imagine a more important time in our history to reflect His glory. As they say, the darker the sky, the brighter the stars. A little light makes all the difference.

# The Josiah White's Quakerdale Ministry... by Nancy Stevens—Mission's Board

## "Serving As Christ Serves"

### My Quakerdale

I am Nancy Tatum Stevens. My husband and I retired in New Providence in 2012. I never, ever expected to retire in New Providence. But here we are living by the pasture and creek I played in as a child. A year after moving, I was asked to be on the Quakerdale Board.

Last year I attended a seminar where we were asked "What is your passion?" First thing out of my mouth was "Quakerdale". One of our long term Iowa Yearly Meeting missions is Quakerdale now Josiah White's Quakerdale Foundation, starting back in 1851. Why is this one of my passions? Well I grew up in the big farmhouse on Quakerdale where my dad, Lawrence Tatum, was the farm manager in charge of field crops and the dairy. At that time the present administration building housed about 20 boys. The boys attended school and church with us and became like brothers to me and my three sisters. At that time there were two fences and two rows of trees separating our house from the boys dormitory. Many times you would find us girls climbing the trees and the boys hiding in the brushes on the other side of the 2<sup>nd</sup> fence so we could talk. The boys did chores on the farm and would reside at Quakerdale for many years. The whole community embraced them just as they do today.

Many changes have happened over the years with the addition of cottages, housing boys and girls. Now we have the Josiah White's Quakerdale Foundation with its own board and the individual programs with their own board and directors. Each board is granted funds from the Foundation Board plus they each raise some of their own funds for their specific missions.

The New Providence campus is the home to four ministries: Quakerdale Promise Academy, Eagles Basketball, Business Services, and Hope4Healing. The Quakerdale Promise Academy has eight boys and four girls. The students from the Academy and the Eagles Basketball team attend on-line schooling in Broer Center which has a commons/dining area, classrooms, weight room, locker rooms, and a gym. The Administration Building houses the Foundation Staff as well as Quakerdale Business Services which are in charge of maintenance, accounting and Human Resources for all the Quakerdale Ministries.

Quakerdale Wolfe Ranch is the off campus ministry located in Marshalltown on Hwy 30. Wolfe Ranch gives horseback riding lessons and host groups by the hour. It can also be rented for overnight retreats, and reunions. Family Services are also located at Wolfe Ranch. They do in-home counseling and horse therapy. Hope4Healing Resource Assistance is a virtual or internet database that connects resources to churches and congregations where needed.

All of these ministries are investing in Josiah White's vision of helping children and families. Don't be afraid to visit or invite one of the directors to come and share with your group, church, or Sunday school class. You can also connect with them on Facebook or the web. If you are interested in investing in the future of any of these ministries, checks can still be sent to Quakerdale, 26886 Hwy S55, New Providence, IA 50206 with the individual ministry in the memo. (Promise Academy, Eagles Basketball, Business Services, Hope 4Healing, Wolfe Ranch, Family Services, or Josiah White's Foundation).





### MISSION BOARD'S ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Iowa Yearly Meeting Mission's Board is offering a college scholarship of up to \$1000 for the 2019-20 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 scholarship, please contact the Yearly Meeting office for more information. **The deadline is March 1, 2019**

### Seminary Scholarship

Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends has a limited amount of funds available for **seminary (Masters or Doctoral program) studies.**

These funds are for those planning on entering the Friends ministry as pastors, missionaries, Christian Educator or youth workers. An applicant will need to be a member in good standing of a Friends Church and plan on attending an evangelical institution Applications should be received by May 1, 2019 for the next school year or four months before courses begin.

For more information or an application, contact  
**Iowa Yearly Meeting,**  
**PO Box 657,**  
**Oskaloosa, IA 52577**  
**or call 641-673-9717.**

## WINTER FAMILY BANQUET Saturday, February 23, 2019

**Speaker: Casey Church**  
Director of Wiconi International



**Free Early Bird Session**  
**@ 10:00 AM**

**featuring Mac & Berny**  
**McDonald sharing**  
**about Mesquakie Friends**  
**with Casey Church**

**Banquet @ 11:30 AM**

**Auction to follow with Pies & More!**

**Music provided by Members of Mesquakie Friends**

**\$17 if registered by February 11.**

**\$20 if registered after February 11.**

**Location: William Penn University**  
**201 Trueblood Ave., Oskaloosa, IA**  
**At the Musco Technology Center Atrium**  
**(building is located at the Northwest corner**  
**of campus**

Register with Randy Nichols by email:

**rcnichols4210@gmail.com**

**Or text/call 515-729-1072**

**You can also call the Yearly Meeting Office**  
**641-673-9717**

**Friends Response Team Meeting @ 9:15 AM**

Hello Friends in Iowa Yearly Meeting! Let me start by saying Thank You for the support through the years. Friends and neighbors are asking me what I am doing now and I would like to catch you up and invite people into what is happening. I am looking forward to presenting a workshop for Christian Social Concerns at Iowa Yearly Meeting as well as leading the music with some new friends this year.





I began 2018 working in warehouses and businesses in and through my area code, greatly enjoying all the wonderful people I had the privilege of working alongside of. Some of us were looking at starting another career, some were just getting started. Many had to get over hurdles of their own making just to get to work. We were from different religious, national, and political backgrounds. God gave me a burden to see my friends be vocationally assessed, mentored, and sent out equipped to do more than fill a position on a manufacturing line. More than anything, I long for them to serve Jesus Christ with their own unique calling. Serving others with our unique gifts and divine calling is a testimony to the freedom and grace in Jesus Christ that extends all boundaries of culture. It is a gift from God when we enjoy our work and vocation.

In June 2018, Blaine Vos, Director of New Hope Community Center in Oskaloosa, asked me to plant this vision at his location. After much prayer, I resigned my delivery position and started Restoration Institute. I am once again helping to develop a diverse team in Oskaloosa, and New Hope Community Center is our Designated Business Agent (DBA). We are a 501c3 organization.

We have served many people in the 7 months since we started. At least ten people have stayed in transitional houses that we set up on site. We are present on many community service boards. (Homeless coalition, mental health, community partners for the protection of children to name a few).

My goal is Preparing Souls and Stuff for Seasons of Service. I am looking for underutilized people and broken stuff that may be leftover and is waiting to be repurposed. Specifically, our immediate need is for transitional housing material. We are looking for trailer axles that can be mounted under transitional houses. If you have something that might fit that description, we would love to look at it and hopefully pick it up. Consider putting together a work crew as a team building exercise!

If you have any questions, please contact me! *Office: New Hope Community Center, 308 5th Ave West Oskaloosa*

 <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes! I want to help with the building repairs.</b></p> 	<h2>2 Immediate Needs</h2> <p>Can you help with one or both of these needs?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Our 1999 Green GMC 3500 15 passenger van is on it's last wheel for transporting the youth. We are looking to purchase a shuttle bus to accommodate our transportation needs. We do have a matching gift of \$5,000.</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> We have opened up room for a dining area in the church. This is an amazing repair for feeding over 50 each week. We will need to repair the floor and drywall.</li></ul> <p>For Mesquakie Friends—Send Donations to PO Box 163, Tama, IA 52339</p>	 <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes! I want to help with the transportation needs.</b></p> 
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### Deeper in The Spirit Workshop

9:30—12:30 *Marketplace Ministry Workshop*

**LUNCH**—Provided by *College Avenue Friends*

1:15—3:45 *Equipping Ministry & Leadership Gifts*

**January 9** 9:30 am @ College Avenue Friends

This is our final session of this series—Thanks to all who shared in these workshops

And to those who prepared and presented the various sessions!

Thank you Ministry & Counsel Board for pursuing the vision of these workshops!



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Grace Church

Des Moines, IA

March 15-16

## IGNITE.

For high school students and  
ministry volunteers. This  
event will have a little some-  
thing for everyone.

Cost (until January 31) - **\$39** / ticket  
Cost (until February 28) - **\$49** / ticket  
Cost (walk-in) - **\$59** / ticket  
(includes Lunch on Saturday!)

***This event sold out the last  
two years, so get your tickets  
early!***

*Participants  
are required to  
purchase tick-  
ets on their  
own directly  
through Grace  
Church.*

*See Youth  
Website for  
more Infor-  
mation!!*

## Blizzard Blast

5th—8th Grade Students

We begin at the **Marshalltown First Friends Church** with a couple of **games**, then move to **worship**, followed by a time to discuss. We grab a quick bite to **eat**, then move from the church **to the YMCA** for the remainder of the evening. There is time to **swim, play games, eat snacks**, and/or just **hang out with friends**. This is a great event to **invite friends** to, whether they attend church or not!

**Cost** (until February 25): **\$25**      **Cost** (after February 25): **\$30**

*Make sure to remember to bring your cash or check (made payable to Iowa Yearly Meeting) to the event.*

**Bring...** athletic  
clothes, a swimsuit and  
towel

(if you are planning on  
swimming), and a  
friend. *We will have food  
and snacks available, but  
there is vending on site, if  
you wish to bring change  
for that.*

We will take care of the  
rest.

### March 8

6:00pm - Registration (at Mar-  
shalltown First Friends

Church)

7:00pm - Worship

**8:30pm - Supper**

9:30pm - Head to the YMCA

10:00pm - Swimming / Free  
Time

12:00am - Games / Tourna-  
ments

5:30am - Clean up

6:00am - Head home (pick up  
at Marshalltown YMCA)



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- February 23: **Winter Family Banquet** sponsored by Quaker Men at William Penn University
- March 8-9 Blizzard Blast for Jr. High Youth
- **March 8-9 Bloom & Become Women's Conference** at Fairfield Friends
- Marcy 15-16 Ignite Conference for Sr. High Youth
- March 23: **Spring Body** at Middle River Friends
- April 13 CQH **Spring Clean-up Day**
- April 27 USFW **Spring Fling**
- May 7, 14, 21 **Camp work days**
- May 25: **Cookie Day** at CQH
- **2019 Camp Dates:** see promo on the backside of this page
- June 16-22: **Kaleo Academy**
- July 24-27: **IAYM Yearly Meeting Sessions** @ William Penn University
- September 13-15: **Family Camp** at CQH
- September 20-21: **USFW Fall Retreat** @ CQH
- September 10, 17, 24: **Fall work days** @ CQH
- October 4-6: **Man Camp** @ CQH
- October 18-22: **Pastor's Retreat & Conference**
- November 1 & 2: Tentative **All-Boards Retreat**

UPCOMING  
EVENTS