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of Jesus Christ Known in the Heartland and Beyond

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## “A Future and A Hope” by Ron Bryan, General Superintendent

As we stand at the crossroads let us look around, remember from where we have come, and then decide where we are to go. I want to remind everyone of the objectives we set forth for the Capital Campaign. We established goals in August 2004 and we titled the purpose “**A Future and A Hope**”.

We began seeking for the **Mission priority of Camp Quaker Heights** the goal of \$300,000 for a new year round facility. A total of \$300,000 has been collected and we spent \$331,113.51 on completing the building. We have \$35,000 in personal loans outstanding and a portion of these loans are to be forgiven or are being considered for being forgiven. Camp Quaker Heights has included in their operating budget a line item of expense for the balance of the loans to be repaid. The building is finished, it is being used, and the utilization is increasing steadily. Let us rejoice together in this accomplishment! One of the many things IAYM has accomplished by working together in His Kingdom.

The **Mission priority for New Outreach** was set at \$360,000.00 and with the sale of the Cedar Rapids property completed, that portion of the campaign has been reached and the funds are in Church Extension endowment. Let us rejoice in this accomplishment!

The **Mission priority for Pastoral Leadership** development was broken down into the 3 areas of: Pastoral Leadership Development, Retired Ministers & Missionaries' fund, and Mission Leadership Development. Thus far we have received and distributed to permanent funds \$24,478.59 for Pastoral Leadership, \$17,699.41 for the Retired Ministers' fund, and \$11,865.02 for Missions' Leadership. This totals \$54,043.02 out of the goal of \$240,000.00 for this portion of the campaign. We continue to honor any specified giving in these areas.

We had included in the Campaign priorities the amount of \$100,000 to be used, if necessary, for costs of the campaign and for balancing the annual budget of the Yearly Meeting during the five years of the Campaign itself. To date we have spent \$72,903.73 for campaign costs and \$7,714.30 for balancing the annual budget.

I wanted to share all of this information to be transparent about the funds you have so generously shared thus far and to let you know what is yet to be completed. As you can see the largest portion of the Campaign that has yet to be completed is the priority designated as Leadership Development. It would be wonderful if our members would consider making donations or pledges to complete all the categories for our Campaign. There is approximately eighteen months left on the Campaign time frame and it would be very gratifying for the Yearly Meeting to see all priorities fully funded. This would mean Tall Oaks completely paid off and Leadership Development having funds available to expand the work of internships and retirement which are both so very important to our future.

## FRIENDLY FLASHES

**Isaiah 11:6 ..and a little child shall lead them**

I know we are all tired of snow, gray skies, ice and cold temperatures. I have the perfect remedy for those blahs, it will lift your spirits and send you off to enjoy God's blessings. It is.....

**Spring Fling, April 5, 2008.** The speakers will be Rob Talbot, new Director of Quakerdale and Dave Holm, Spiritual Life Director. For generations Friends have been working with Quakerdale, helping children reach the promise that God has planted in each life.

As the gardeners among us know a seed is often times so tiny, i.e. it can be hard to see. In some cases it gets buried under the debris of uncleared gardens and never quite lives up to the promise we see in the photo on the seed package.

Children need the same loving care as our flowers. Their spirits must be nurtured with the feed of God's word, the light of his love and the moisture from His living waters. If the home into which this child is planted has unresolved "debris" the child's growth will be stunted. In some cases the seed of promise may even die from lack of care.

*Love and Blessings, Linda B.*

## USFW Spring Fling

April 5, 2008

10 am-2:30 pm

Marshalltown Friends Church

Theme: Children of Promise

Speakers: Provided by Quakerdale

**Registration: 10 am Cost: \$10.00**

**Registration Deadline: March 29**

Please contact Karen Bauer at [bauer.kn@gmail.com](mailto:bauer.kn@gmail.com) or mail your registration to 702 110th Street, Brighton, IA 52540 (contact the Yearly Meeting office if you need a form)

**Note:** *You do not have to be a member of USFW to attend. Money does not have to be paid in advance. You may pay at the registration table.*

## Speakers for USFW Spring Fling

### Robert Talbot

Robert Talbot began his duties as Executive Director of Quakerdale in January, 2008.

Rob was most recently Interim Executive Director of Triple L Youth Ranch, a department of Family Connection, Inc., in Anderson, Indiana. He was with Family Connection, Inc. for eight years. Talbot holds an M.A. in Counseling Psychology and is a licensed mental health counselor in the state of Indiana.

"Rob's career in human services as resident counselor, family counselor, program developer, supervisor, vice president of operations, and president/CEO in organizations in Indiana and Illinois, encompasses the experience we were seeking for the organization's next leader," said Steve Heilskov, president of Quakerdale's board of trustees.

Talbot succeeds Michelle Herman, who served as Quakerdale's leader since 1990. Rob and his wife, Jennifer, reside with their six children in New Providence, Quakerdale's corporate headquarters.

### Dave Holm

Pastor Dave Holm is chaplain and director of spiritual life at Quakerdale, a position he has enjoyed for 16 ½ years. For 35 years his pastoral ministry has focused on marriage preservation and family development.

Dave earned his B.A. in Bible from Pillsbury College in Owatonna, Minn., and pursued his graduate studies in Christian Education at Bob Jones University in Greenville, SC.

Pastor Holm's work at Quakerdale places emphasis on Christian healing and restoration of troubled youth.

Dave enjoys excellent rapport with Quakerdale children, employing gentle humor and warmth to convey his message of compassion and peacemaking.



# Meeting Moments & Vital Signs

These are some interesting facts about Easter that came to the Yearly Meeting office:

**From Lynnville Friends:** Beginning with the first Easter, the celebration of the Resurrection has been the focus of Christian worship. Our weekly Sunday worship is a celebration of Jesus' resurrected presence with us - a little Easter each week. The season of Lent is 40 days long, not counting Sundays. The actual number of days from Lent's start on Ash Wednesday to (but not including ) Easter Sunday is 46 days. But because the church sees every Sunday as a mini-Easter celebrating Christ's resurrection, the six Sundays that occur during those 46 days are not counted as part of Lent.

**From College Avenue Friends:** Easter this year is: Sunday, March 23, 2008. As you may know, Easter is always the 1st Sunday after the 1st full moon after the Spring Equinox (which is March 20).

Based on the above, Easter can actually be one day earlier (March 22) but that is pretty rare. This year is the earliest Easter any of us will ever see the rest of our lives! And only the most elderly of our population have ever seen it this early (95 years old or above!). And none of us have ever, or will ever, see it a day earlier! Here are the facts: The next time Easter will be this early (March 23) will be the year 2228 (220 years from now). The last time it was this early was 1913 (so if you're 95 or older, you are the only ones that were around for that!). The next time it will be a day earlier, March 22, will be in the year 2285 (277 years from now). The last time it was on March 22 was 1818. So, no one alive today has or will ever see it any earlier than this year!

## Memorials

**Marjorie Hourihan** passed away May 14, 2007 at the age of 93. She was a homemaker and mother. She raised 4 children. Marjorie loved to sew and made items to share with others to help brighten their lives and homes. She used this talent as a member of the USFW at Salem Friends and later when she resided at Arbor Court Nursing Home. She loved her church and attended as often as her health would allow. This lovely lady is missed.

**Albert (Al) Long** went joyfully to meet his Lord on January 1, 2008 at the age of 87. Al was permanently injured by a combine accident at the age of 16, but never let it hold him down. He always had a smile of love and joy for everyone and in everything he did. He served as a janitor for a school and two businesses in Mt. Pleasant, IA. As a member of Salem Friends Church he served as a Sunday School Teacher for young boys who greatly admired him. He loved sports and sharing his homemade angel food cakes and latch-hook rugs. Al spent the last 12 years of his life in a nursing home but never lost his smile and gentle ways of loving and caring for others. He will be missed.

**Lena Doller**, 90, of College Avenue Friends died on February 13, 2008. Lena was the daughter of Walter and Ida Logeu. Lena was married to Amby Doller in 1949. She taught high school English in Iowa schools for 36 years until retiring and moving back to Oskaloosa in 1975. Lena and Amby were curators at Nelson Pioneer Farm from 1975 until 1979.

She was a member of College Avenue Friends, a board member of Oskaloosa Girls, Inc.; and former member of the Mahaska County Outreach, King's Daughters, various national and state educational associations, active in Mahaska County Historical Society work for over 25 years, and had been an active member of William Penn College alumni and Booster Club. Lena and Amby were elected to the William Penn College Hall of Fame in 1987, for distinguished service to the college and the community.

**Milo J. Olson**, age 95, of LeGrand Friends, died on Friday, February 15, 2008 at the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown. Funeral services are scheduled for Saturday, February 23 at LeGrand Friends Church. Milo and his wife of 66 years, Wanda, lived and farmed just north of LeGrand until 1973. After that, they enjoyed "summering" in Marshalltown and "wintering" in Tuscon, Arizona. He is survived by his wife, Wanda; three children: Alan (Janice) Olson, Veryl (Lynne) Olson, and Sharon Anderson; six grandchildren; and a brother, Arnold.

**Rev. Wayne L. Conant**, 88, of Greenville, IL, passed away on February 16, 2008. Wayne was a former pastor in Iowa Yearly Meeting having pastored at LeGrand Friends and at Salem Friends (where his membership was held).

Wayne was born on October 2, 1919 in Colorado and raised on the Conant Farm. He attended the one room country schools and graduated from Haviland Friends Academy in 1938. He attended Barclay College and Greenville College graduating in 1942. He was married to Ruth Cook and they enjoyed 47 years together. Their 7 children are Rev. Melvin (Nancee) Conant, Dr. Raymond (LuAnn) Conant, B. Paul (Jane) Conant, David (Connie) Conant, Marilyn (Brian) Bisbee, Sandra (Richard) Zeller, Anita (Jere) Kauth. He is also survived by 28 grandchildren and 30 great-grand children. Wayne is preceded in death by his parents and his wife Ruth. He is survived by his 2nd wife, Evelyn, with whom he enjoyed 15 years of marriage. She lovingly cared for Wayne at home during the last 2 years of his illness.

Wayne served as pastor at 7 churches as well as served as chaplain in Omaha, NE and chaplain of a rehabilitation center in Hastings in retirement. He loved woodworking, family reunions, and telling stories to his grand and great grandchildren.

## Upcoming IAYM Events

BOC meets on March 8th at Marshalltown  
Friends church @ 2 pm

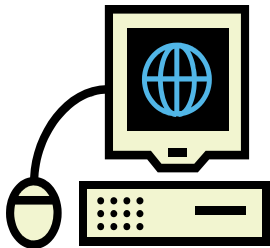
### Spring Body of Representatives

March 29th at 9:30 am  
at Honey Creek New Providence Friends

## 2008 Yearly Meeting Ministry Conference

August 6 - 9 at William Penn University,  
Oskaloosa

**"Serve in Seasons of Change"**  
**October 3-5, 2008**



Here are some  
interesting websites  
sent in the Yearly  
Meeting office.

This note came from  
Margaret Good..."I appreciated reading  
about the free rice website in the last Iowa  
Friend. Thought I'd share these other site that  
are similar. The first provides Bible for the  
persecuted church and the second provides  
food for the hungry."

<http://www.thebiblesite.org/>

[http://www.thehungersite.com/  
clickToGive/home.faces?siteId=1](http://www.thehungersite.com/clickToGive/home.faces?siteId=1)

This next website was sent in from College  
Avenue Friends regarding Judy Davis who is  
working with FUM in Kenya....

**[judydavis.zoomshare.com](http://judydavis.zoomshare.com)**  
**then click on BLOG on the left hand  
side bar.**

"She would love to have your comments just  
to know that people care. Click on "Post a  
comment" at the bottom of her writing & write  
a note. You must enter the validation code  
number in the small box beside it and then  
click post comment."

## Garrison Memorial Scramble

### 4-person Best Position Tournament

8:00 AM Shotgun Start

April 19, 2008

Westwood Municipal Golf Course  
Newton, IA

Questions? - Anthony Nieuwsma  
641-236-6412  
[newsma213@hotmail.com](mailto:newsma213@hotmail.com)

Need Forms? [iaym@mahaska.org](mailto:iaym@mahaska.org)  
641-673-9717



## Olive Oil From Palestine

The Peace & Christian Social Concerns Committee of  
IAYM would like to make members of the Yearly Meeting  
aware of "Zatoun". Zatoun is the Arabic word for olive, and  
is the trade name of Palestine Peace Awareness Inc.

Zatoun olive oil is meant to bring to North Americans the  
human experience of Palestine and its people, especially  
farmers who depend on the land and its fruits for a  
livelihood.

Taste, smell, touch, and see the glorious essence of  
the land that flows with life for Palestinians. Relatively  
unknown outside its region, olive oil from Palestine is of  
exceptional quality with a lustrous green color and an  
unforgettable taste.

Farmers are paid fair trade prices through PFTA (Palestine  
Fair Trade Association). A share of proceeds from each  
bottle sold supports "Project Hope", an expressive arts and  
education program for young people in Palestine. Also, a  
share is donated to "Trees for Life", a project to plant tens  
of thousands of olive tree saplings to replace destroyed  
trees.

Zatoun is available through groups and individuals working  
for social justice and peace in Palestine and Israel. We  
encourage your church to purchase a case to sell to your  
members and enjoy the flavor. But more importantly, as  
you taste, pray for your Christian brothers & sisters in  
Palestine as they struggle for human rights and justice in  
the face of crushing odds.

To order your case, contact Jean Daleske (641) 497-5366  
or [ajdaleske@netins.net](mailto:ajdaleske@netins.net). Or you can go directly to AFSC  
office in Des Moines. Contact: Jeffrey Weiss (515) 274-  
4851 ext. 16 or [jweiss@afsc.org](mailto:jweiss@afsc.org). Each 25.4 oz. bottle  
sells for \$20.00.



# THE FACE OF GOD

*Kevin Mortimer*

Words can never describe the love of God revealed in Christ Jesus! His love was expressed in so many different ways and through so many different actions during my time in Kenya. Thank you members of Iowa Yearly Meeting for believing in me and supporting our partnership with Kenyan Quakers! We are truly a blessed denomination of Christ followers.



The two long flights of eight hours apiece to reach Nairobi soon faded away upon our arrival. After a night in the Mennonite guest house followed by the morning flight to Kisumu, we were met by our host, John Muhanji. Life took off and we found our way heading to the Nzoia Sugar Cane Company Primary School, the site of the Young Friends Programme (Camp) for East Africa Yearly Meeting of Friends. I had no idea what to expect, but upon arriving we were greeted by the 800 gathered youth under make shift tent poles and canvases. The furnishings were the desks and chairs from the surrounding school buildings which created an amphitheater atmosphere. I knew I was outside of my element and knew right then that the verse I was to speak on “For I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.” Phil. 4:13 would come into play immediately.

It was God’s strength and wisdom that was revealed through the team of speakers. John Muhanji spoke on the theme verse “The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.” Ro. 13:11 Victor White would share on Nurturing a Talent, using his drum as a correlation to Moses staff in the hands of God. When we in obedience throw down what is in our hands, God will take up what needs to happen in our life with the gift he has given. Steve Pedigo spoke expressively on Called to be Dynamite, sharing the core of Friends theology of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives manufacturing eternal fruit. We were in tears as they honored us with lays placed around our necks as an expression of their thankfulness to God for our participation. The conference was filled with singing, praise and prayer prior to and following each session. The Biblical/spiritual understanding of the young people was surprising. They showed an amazing understanding of the scriptures and great insight in their questions. I was awed at their depth and hunger.

The 450 plus group of pastors that gathered at the Vihiga Meeting House was a sign of the togetherness that many in past years had worked toward. It was good to see women and men called of God to do the work of God’s kingdom all in one place. The theme of “Walking in the Spirit” was developed over the conference by Steve Pedigo. Victor and I both participated with our respective themes of “Evangelism” and “Pastors Excellence and Integrity.” The meetings were punctuated with praise, prayer and singing. The vital relationship between clerk and pastor became paramount and the work done by Stan & Karen Bauer in the formation of the Faith & Practice of Friends was elevated. God’s purposes and plans work through many lines and moments of obedience.

The humility and unity of the leadership continued to play out in ways that none of us realized as the cloud of the impending election came closer. Elizabeth Malesi would prophetically punctuate our future with a quote from her presentation “Peace is not knowledge but a way of living in faithfulness to God.” The ministry of peace continues through the tragic events that transpired following the elections. Leadership equipped to restore order and trust comes only from God!

As we pray & support the people in Kenya, I close with Oliver Kisaka’s scripture to the leadership following the elections: “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.” We become the face of God.



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### **A Winter's Day**

I look out through my window  
At the snow upon the ground,  
As it sparkles in the sunshine  
Spreading beauty all around.

The bird's are at their feeders  
Chirping out their happy sound,  
While Squirrels on the ground below  
Glean for seeds that maybe found.

And overhead the sky is blue  
Without a cloud in sight  
As the sun climbs in the heaven  
Bathing everything with light.

And I wonder as I look at this  
How any thinking man,  
Can believe these things all happen  
Without a Master's plan.

*Written by Everett Chandler (father of Helen Coffin of Cedar Creek Friends) who passed away on February 9, 2008.*

The new Camp Quaker Heights Shirts have arrived!



**\$20 each**

This blue polo shirt is embroidered and can be ordered (to be picked up during the 2008 camping season).



**\$10 each**

These grey screen-printed t-shirts are currently on hand.

(Thanks to Elizabeth Daleske for modeling these shirts!)