



The Iowa Friend

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

Iowa Yearly Meeting Annual All-Board Retreat

October 17 & 18, 2008
at Camp Quaker Heights

Our purposes is to Bring Decision Makers Together
for Fellowship and a time to Work with Others
for the good of Iowa Yearly Meeting
and the Kingdom of God

Speaker: Tim Hadley
on Energizing Your Church
for Growth

Schedule

Friday

5:00 Registration
6:15 Supper
7:15 Worship with Tim Hadley
Fellowship & Snacks in
Dinning Hall

Saturday

7:45 Breakfast
8:40 GROUP Devotions
Board/Committee Meetings
12:30 Lunch
Farewells
Afternoon (following Lunch)
Board on Coordination

**There will be a \$25 charge per room to stay in Tall Oaks or the Guest House.

**A free-will offering will be taken to cover expenses Camp Quaker Heights charges \$30 for a one night stay in a cabin and three meals.

We encourage you to take advantage of the whole retreat to discover what other committees are doing, to fellowship with other leaders in IaYM, and refresh your spirit in our camp setting.

Registrations are to be sent to Judy Marshall at Marshalltown First Friends or by calling the church at 641-753-7367 OR you may also email her at mtownfriends@live.com. Either way, you'll have a bed to sleep in upon your arrival.

Looking forward to a record turn out this year! Be God's, ~Judy

Camp Quaker Heights

New BBQ Area



The slab for the memorial area has been poured; monies for this project were from the Ric Garrison Memorial Fund as well as the Mary Ann Coppinger Memorial fund. The slab will eventually have a roof and several picnic tables as well as the barbeque grill. An additional gift made it possible to pour a walk into the Tall Oaks kitchen as well.



William Penn Campus Ministry News:

In response to an email sent out by Mary Glenn Hadley for these kits, campus ministry took up a collection to purchase/ donate items.



On September 26th, there were 6-8 kits sent out in a large cardboard box which included the following items:

Hygiene kits

- tube toothpaste
- tooth brush
- bottle shampoo
- bar bath soap (antibacterial or Ivory)
- comb (wide toothed)
- washcloth
- small towel

Infant kits

- receiving blankets
- baby washcloths
- baby towel
- baby soap (or ivory or baby liquid soap)
- small tube or jar petroleum jelly
- pairs infant socks or booties

Spencer Thury, William Penn University

IMPACT

November 8-9
Grinnell Friends Church
Grades 9-12

You have already received a flier for IMPACT, but due to a scheduling conflict at Fairfield, we are moving the event to Grinnell.

Midwinter

January 9-11, 2009
Middle River Friends Church
Carlisle, IA
&
Sleepy Hollow Sports Park

Meeting Moments & Vital Signs

From Winneshiek Quarterly Meeting

The Winneshiek Quarterly Meeting held it's spring gathering at Hesper Friends on April 26 & 27, 2008. At the meeting it was noted that we are the only Quarterly meeting that still meets overnight. We gather on Saturday evening for a meal followed by a short business meeting, followed by an evening worship service. We usually have a "speaker" that brings a message on Saturday evening and Sunday morning, each meeting being responsible for the speaker. The Quarterly Meeting and the local meeting share the cost for the speaker. A collection is taken for the Quarterly Meeting and this money is used in support of missions and travel for Pastors. Music is provided by the Quarterly Meetings and it is a time of blessing and fellowship.

The Winneshiek Quarterly Meeting includes Hesper, Sturgeon Bay, and Valton Friends. We meet at Hesper in the spring (April 26-27, 2008), Sturgeon Bay in the summer (July 19-20, 2008), and Valton in the fall (October 4-5, 2008). We would encourage other meetings to join us for a time of food, fellowship, and worship. I would be remiss if I failed to encourage other Meetings to not only feel welcome to join us, but to encourage other meetings to get together for times of spiritual growth and nourishment. The friendships made at Quarterly meeting are priceless and ageless. If anyone would like additional information on the benefits of these gatherings feel free to contact Paul Willis at 608-983-2262.

In His Service, Pastor Paul!!!

We acknowledge the service of the following churches who had anniversary celebrations during the month of September:

Smyrna Friends 150 years

Hartland Friends 150 years

Center Friends 150 years

Buffalo Friends 90 years

To God be the Glory!!

Fairfield Friends (Dave Elmore - Pastor) is

beginning a six-week program where they will come together as a church family for 40 Days of Love. "With conflict, divorce, violence, prejudice, abuse, division, and polarization around us daily, it's obvious we all need some lessons in building healthy relationships, and that's what 40 Days of Love is all about."

West Branch Friends (Ruthie Tippin - Pastor)

will be participating in "Trick or Treat for Unicef" on the last Sunday of October. Unicef (the United Nations Children's Fund) is a global organization that saves kids' lives in over 150 countries by providing clean water, nutrition, medicines, education and aid in emergencies.

College Avenue Friends (Tom Palmer - Pastor)

recently held a Rally Day party at the Yearly Meeting Park. It was a beautiful day to host the event. The CE committee organized a picnic in the park with yard games, inflatables, live music, and tattoos.



Check out the Yearly Meeting Website (iaym.org) for order forms if you are interested in a recording of any of our workshops from our Yearly Meeting Sessions.

Honey Creek New Providence Friends (Arlen

Daleske - Pastor) had a dedication service for the new stained glass windows for their sanctuary. There were 4 new windows installed.

Deaths:

Dorman Brush, age 57, of LeGrand Friends, died on Saturday, September 20, 2008 in Eldorado, Kansas. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 27 at LeGrand Friends Church. Dorman always made his home in the LeGrand community where he farmed, owned a trucking company, and sold NK seed for 30-plus years. He had served on the Stewardship Board of Iowa Yearly Meeting. He is survived by his wife, Diana; his children: Marti (Ted) Wojcik, Kori (Mark) Doty, Kristi (Daniel) Flanagan; his step-

Turkana Friends need your support!

Lokoyo Friends Meeting House

In the heart of the Turkana District, the Lokoyo Friends Church is a beautiful church. The Grass woven walls protect the members from sand and allows for a breeze to flow through the building while protecting them from the sun. Friends have a wonderful ministry there. There is a well that supplies the people with a needed water source and a school for the children.

This information is from Mary Kay Rehard's Blog: <http://www.updatesonkenya.blogspot.com/>

John Muhanji tells about the need in Turkana:

The Turkana issue is a big challenge now, since finances and support have drastically gone down. Last month they received \$ 186.00 instead of \$ 2,000.00.

These were the only funds that had come in. The more funds dwindle, the more problems increase in the area. But the mission is very faithful and they use the little they get very efficiently. Each of our FUM Project Partners got a grant from the FUM Relief Fund (for the post-election crisis), and Turkana Friends Mission used it to support the IDPs (internally displaced people) in Lodwar.

These are Turkanans who had been living in the central Rift Valley for decades. They have been trucked to Lodwar and dumped there [by government officials] with no assistance from anyone. There isn't even a pit toilet in the camp!

Our pastors and church members [some of whom have been trained in the Alternatives to Violence Project] reached out to them, providing food and other humanitarian aid. Turkana Friends Mission extends vital outreach for the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in East Africa. With an independent board of governors, the mission sponsors Friends churches, water projects, primary and nursery schools and scholarships for female high school students.

In this semi-arid region of north-western Kenya beset by poverty and drought conditions, Friends' witnesses provide hope, and Friends' worship expresses joy that many people in Turkana have discovered by following Jesus Christ.

This mission needs regular support of \$2,000 each month to support 10 staff and all program activities. The mission sponsors Friends churches, water projects, primary and nursery schools and scholarships for female high school students.

Please consider what your church can do for the Turkana Friends Mission. Send funds through Iowa Yearly Meeting Missions to: Bob Watson, 803 Minnesota St., Glidden, IA 51443

