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

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the new BBQ area at Camp Quaker Heights. This area and furnishings were provided from memorial funds given to Camp. It was a dream of Ric's to have a sheltered area near the kitchen to do BBQ's in.



It's Camping Season for Iowa Yearly Meeting and Mesquakie Friends Center



Senior High camp at Camp Quaker Heights



Pictures taken at the Soaring Eagles Camp at Mesquakie Friends during the last week of June.

Friendly Flashes

- a Ministry of USFW of Iowa -

Iowa USFW Celebration of Service

The 2009 Iowa USFW Celebration of Service will feature a Cuban theme. It is our great privilege and delight to have with us Eirena Diana Escalona Gonzalez, the president of Cuba USFW, who will be visiting with groups in Iowa Yearly Meeting for two weeks as she attends our yearly meeting sessions.

We will gather at 10:00 a.m. on August 1, 2009, in the Fellowship Hall at College Avenue Friends. After enjoying fellowship over coffee and flan, the Eliza Armstrong Cox Fellowship awards will be made, the reading course certificates presented, officers will be installed, the new theme will be introduced, and a short business meeting will be held to make a decision about the restructuring proposal presented last year. We have already decreased the size of the Executive Committee from 11 to 7 by combining some positions. Now we need to agree about the number of times Iowa USFW wants to meet each year--the traditional 3 or perhaps only 2. One possibility might be to meet twice one year and three times the next year. Another idea is to have a weekend retreat as one of the gatherings.

Please discuss this in your local USFW groups and come prepared to make a decision so the executive committee will know how to plan for the coming year.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Celebration of Service which precedes the Missions Banquet to be held at noon on the William Penn campus with Eirena as the featured speaker and the offering going to a project named by Cuba Yearly Meeting.

Check out our website for news and updates: www.usfwiowa.com

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Have you heard.....the FUM Summer Mission Project is:

"Bikes for Boys in Belize"

"FUM hopes that purchasing bikes for the boys will not only help them get to FBS, but will be a good source of transportation to high school and any future employment they might have. For \$150 a student, we can purchase a bike, helmet, chain, padlock, pump and spare parts. Our goal is to raise \$6,000 for 40 bikes by the end of August 2009.

The next time you get in your car or on the bus to go somewhere, think about how things might be different if you had to make the same trip on foot. Let's give the FBS boys a better future this summer."

-FUM Focus

FUM's Adopt-A-Nurse Program

"Your donation of any amount to this program ensures the continuation of this ministry. Nurses have to provide for their families, and if we can't pay their salaries they will be forced to look for employment elsewhere. A nurses's salary at Friends Hospital Kaimosi is \$200 a month. Could you, your monthly meeting, or Sunday School adopt-a-nurse this month?" Send donations to:

*Adopt-A-Nurse
Friends United Meeting
101 Quaker Hill Dr.
Richmond, IN 47374*

IAYM Stewardship Monthly Report

The Stewardship Board decided to include a monthly update of the Yearly Meeting's financial information along with a scripture. This is the month-end report for March:

June Income.....	\$ 15,214.71
June Expenses.....	..\$ 14,877.77
Year to Date Income....	\$ 79,884.36
Year to Date Expenses.....	\$ 84,412.54

Proverbs 24:3-4

By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; and by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

Meeting Moments & Vital Signs

Motor Friends, Keith Smith - Pastor

It was a busy winter for Motor Friends people. Thanks to a fantastic building fund committee, many hours of volunteer labor and generous donations, our Sunday School addition was all finished, paid for and has been in use for several months. Now we are enlarging the kitchen and the fellowship hall. We are very thankful to have a large number of young people going to Quaker Heights camps this summer and have been having some fund raisers to cover these expenses. Also, the Ladies Aid heads up, but men and women both work to serve the Humeston Livestock Auction once a month. We have enjoyed playing too: Swimming at the Knoxville facility, bowling, rollerskating, and "loopy lunch" and recently miniature golf. We had a very inspiring Maundy Thursday Service and a beautiful Easter morning early service, breakfast, worship service, children's program and Easter egg hunt.

Deaths:

Arvin DeCook, 52, of Lynnville Friends, died on June 7, 2009. Services were held on June 10. Arvin Floyd DeCook was a son of Armond and Frances Brand DeCook. He was born in Oskaloosa on July 22, 1957. Arvin grew up near Sully where he attended the Sully Schools and graduated in 1975. Already at an early age farming became a way of life for Arvin. On September 7, 1984, he was united in marriage with Leis Gae Earp. Arvin and Lenis made their home west of Sully and God blessed their union with wonderful children; Tessa Rae, Danielle Lenae and Adam Colby and Lacie Elynn. Arvin loved the farm and working the land. He also had a fond interest in restoring vintage Farmall tractors and Hit and Miss gas engines. In addition he had a passion for mission projects. For the past 11 years Arvin was involved in mission projects on the Mexican border working with "Senda De Vida" Way of Life Ministry. Arvin was a faithful member of the Lynnville Friends Church in Lynnville where he was presently serving as an Elder. He also served for many years on the Friends Cemetery Committee. In addition to his work on the farm, Arvin always had time for family projects, including family parade floats, helping with tree forts, riding 4-wheeler, backyard landscaping and family fireworks. On Sunday afternoon, June 7, 2009, Arvin passed away following a recent automobile/tractor accident on May 22, 2009. Those left to honor his memory are his family: his wife, Lenis; children: Tessa (R.J.) VanDyke, Danielle DeCook and Adam DeCook both at home, Lacie (Ronnie) Dykstra and their 3 children. Arvin leaves his parents: Armand and Frances, his father-in-law, Thomas Earp of Sully; a sister, Ruth Ann (Douglas) Dop, a brother, Mark (Karla) DeCook and a host of family and countless friends.

Memorials

**Please make sure to send all memorials for Iowa Yearly Meeting to: Marie Moffitt
15529 Kennedy St.
Indianola, IA 50125**

Irma Frances Mason Morris, 93, passed away on May 20, 2009. Irma was born to Edwin and Elsie Hinshaw Mason on October 15, 1916 on the family farm near Bangor, IA. Irma attended the Union, IA, schools and one year of Cleveland Bible Institute in Ohio. She pastored the Friends Church in rural Burr Oak, IA before marrying Edward Morris on June 14, 1944. Together they pastored Friends churches in rural Scranton, IA; Wichita, KS; Hopewell, KS; LeGrand, IA; and rural Grinnell, IA. In 1958 the family moved to Oskaloosa, IA, where Irma cared for the family and provided rooms for William Penn College students. In 1963 the family moved to Wilmore, KY, where Irma cared for children in her home and became the first director of the Wilmore Day Care Center. After Edward's death she moved to North Carolina to help Homer, Debbie and family while they were completing degrees. While in North Carolina, she pastored four Methodist Churches in the Garland area. In 1993 she returned to Wilmore and lived her last 13 years at Wesley Village Retirement Center. Irma is preceded in death by her Father, Mother, brothers Raymond, Charles, Clarence; Sisters Fraulein Jones, Ruth Nugent, and her beloved husband Edward. She is survived by one sister Ethel Marie Mason Rose of Loveland, CO; 5 children/spouses; Kathleen (Bill) Ulmet of Champaign, IL, Frances Eileen (Ben) Gutierrez of Taylor, MI, Homer (Debbie) Morris of Morehead City, NC, Linn (Wanda) Morris of West Chester, PA, Wain (Terrie) Morris of Lexington, KY, 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Sybil Jones Hoskins, 82 of Fremont, IA died on May 5, 2009 at Grandview Heights in Marshalltown, IA. She was born November 11, 1926 in South China, Maine and grew up on a farm where prize-winning chickens were raised. After graduating from High School she worked a year as a telephone operator and then moved to Iowa to attend William Penn College where she majored in Home Economics. She met Moses Hoskins while participating in a young adult fellowship group at College Avenue Friends. Sybil and Moses were married in South China, Maine on August 29, 1949 and made their home on the Hoskins family farm near Fremont, IA. They were true partners for the 55 years they shared together. As an active member of College Ave. Friends, Sybil served on various committees including the USFW. She will be remembered for her hospitality and her ministry of encouragement in her church fellowship and throughout her community. Her memory is honored by her daughters and their husbands Marion (Steve) Channell of Tucson, AZ and Margaret (John) Good of Union, IA and grandson Isaac Good of Union, IA; extended family members: Win Wicke, Ellis & wife Elva Hoskins, and Helen Hoskins. She was preceded in death by her husband Moses Hoskins, sister Evelyn Wicke, and brother-in-law Joseph Hoskins.

LeGrand Friends Church (LFC) announces that Trent Mullikin is the 2009-2010 recipient of the Vandervelde Scholarship.

He is finishing his sophomore year at Barclay College in Haviland, Kansas where he is studying to be a Music Pastor/Worship Leader.

Trent is a member of the Barclay College basketball team, as well as the Student Council. He also leads and plays in two different Worship Teams. And, he helps out with Haviland Friends Youth Group.

The Vandervelde Scholarship is made possible through LFC by a grant from Marjorie Vandervelde and her family in honor of her father, the late Dr. E.M. Mills. Dr. Mills was LeGrand's country doctor in the early 1900s. Recipients of the scholarship are judged on a combination of qualities including educational goals, character, church involvement, and financial need. The scholarship has been awarded annually since 1996.



Recent work with Friends Disaster Service, Iowa Chapter

"Friends Disaster Service completed a two day roofing project at the home of Mrs. Gene Waseskuk, an 84 year old widow that lives in the rural Tama Area. At the completion of any project, Friends Disaster service likes to present a Bible to the home owner."

The picture below is of the Bible presentation. From left to right are; Bailey Morrison (the fastest nailing gunner in the west), Gene Waseskuk, and Walt Sylvester, representing Friends Disaster Services. Others on the work crew included: Zach Mennen, Nathaniel Vanderploeg, Grad Hupp, Edwin Rivers, and Tony Leonard.



Earlham Friends Church to Welcome New Pastor

Earlham Friends Church is excited to announce that on July 1st, 2009 Zane Raber will take over as full-time pastor at Earlham Friends.

Zane and his wife Sarah are recent graduates of Barclay College, in Haviland, Kansas. Zane has earned his Bachelor's degree in Pastoral Ministry, and his wife Sarah graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Psychology and Family Studies. Zane will be a full-time pastor at Earlham Friends, and the couple will be moving into the Church parsonage that is adjacent to the Church.

Zane is planning to continue his studies at Grace University in Omaha, working to achieve his Master's Degree so he can become a counselor in addition to being a pastor. Sarah is planning to seek employment in Des Moines where she hopes to find a position in Child Life Services, counseling children who are dealing with life-changing illnesses.

Both Zane and Sarah enjoy staying active by playing Frisbee golf. Sarah is a running enthusiast, and Zane is an avid soccer player and fan.

Zane and Sarah have both been raised in Christian homes. Zane accepted Jesus as his savior at a very young age, and decided while still in high school that his desire was to be a minister and spread the word and love of Jesus to all that he could. Sarah too was raised in a Christian home and accepted Christ as her savior not long after starting college at Barclay college.

Zane will be preaching at Earlham Friends for the first time on July 19th, all are welcome to come and meet Zane and Sarah or stop by the Church or the Parsonage to say hello and help us welcome them to Earlham.



“The living Stone and a Chosen People”

1 Peter 2-10

written by: Ron Bryan, General Superintendent

We are excited about the Annual Conference coming on Thursday, July 30 thru Sunday, August 2. We have deliberately tried to incorporate a program that will be an encouragement to promote friendships and fellowship, while at the same time opening up new horizons of ministry and mission.

We have coming to be with us **Eirena Gonzalez from Cuba Yearly Meeting** and she will be the featured speaker for our banquet at Saturday noon. Having Eirena with us is the culmination of 18 months of planning. What a wonderful opportunity to experience first hand the excitement of God is doing amongst our brethren in Cuba. This is a place where many, over the last fifty years, find it hard to believe that any church could have survived. Cuba Yearly Meeting has not only survived but is thriving with new groups of worship and celebration.

Additionally we are privileged to be hosting **Bob Adhikary**, along with his wife and perhaps his son. They are ministers traveling in America under the care of Evangelical Friends Mission, who have had remarkable experiences of God as the result of their faithfulness to Him through preaching and testimony. Bob will be speaking Friday afternoon in a workshop, Friday evening for worship service and Saturday morning as our morning devotional speaker. We also are happy to report that **Mike Moyer** will lead the Friday morning devotional time.

We want to precede his time with a special call for prayer throughout our Yearly Meeting that the Holy Spirit will be able to speak through him in a powerful and insightful manner.

On Thursday evening we are beginning our worship service times with a Concert of Prayer being lead by **Charlotte Stangeland and Mary Glenn Hadley**. As most all of us know Mary Glenn has had a blessed life of ministry and a strong part of that has been her leadership in prayer conventions and studies. Charlotte has, as well, proven to be a powerful and faithful minister of the Gospel with a continuous call to meaningful and Spirit lead prayer. This will be an exciting evening.

Saturday afternoon following the Banquet we are planning an opportunity for people to have the time to play, fellowship and/or relax. Then at 5:30 pm we are scheduled to hold a catered barbecue dinner at Edmondson Park. This will conclude with an outdoor worship service at the park with several of our youngest and most recent ministers leading us in praise, song and worship. **Nathan McCracken and Tim Hadley** are in charge of that service and will be accompanied by several of our new up and coming leaders. We are planning ways to bring people in for this entire day of events.

Finally, as a change of schedule this year, we are concluding our Annual Meeting with a combined service of all at College Avenue Friends Church on Sunday morning. This service will begin with a continental breakfast at 8:00 am and worship at 10:00 am. Your **superintendent** will be delivering the message along with the recording of **Linda Santee** as a minister of the gospel.

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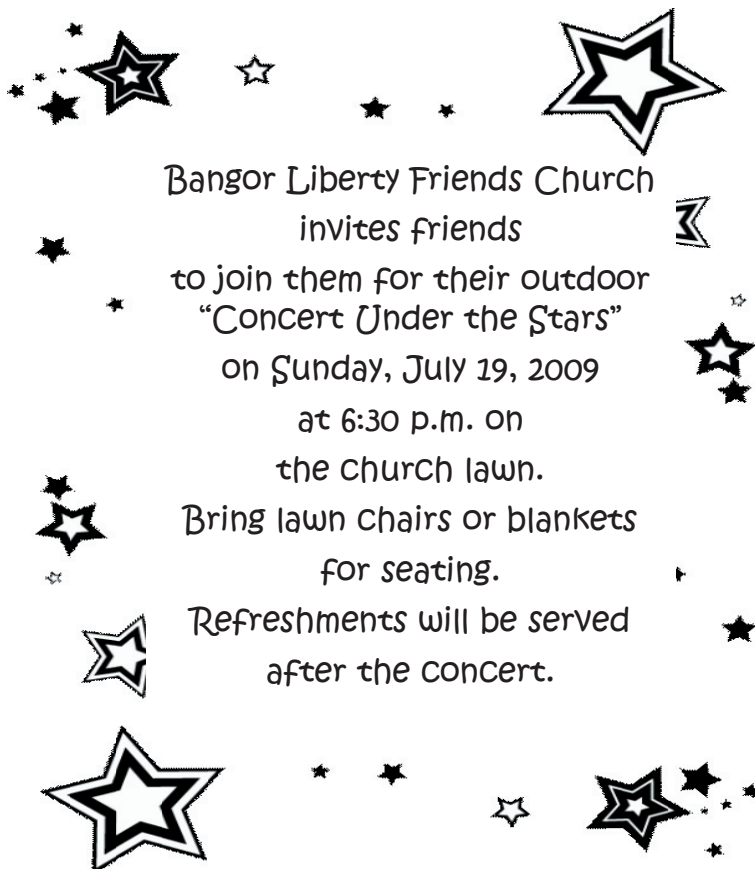
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Service Requested



Bangor Liberty Friends Church
invites friends
to join them for their outdoor
"Concert Under the Stars"
on Sunday, July 19, 2009
at 6:30 p.m. on
the church lawn.
Bring lawn chairs or blankets
for seating.
Refreshments will be served
after the concert.

Iowa Yearly Meeting
Annual Ministry Conference
July 30th - August 2nd, 2009
hosted at
*William Penn University
and
College Avenue Friends*

**"THE LIVING STONE
AND A
CHOSEN PEOPLE"**
1 PETER 2:4-10

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