



The Iowa Friend

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

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LEADINGS

written by: Ron Bryan, General Superintendent

Act 20:22-24 And now, behold, I am going bound by the Spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit witnesses in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions await me. But none of these things move me, neither do I count my life dear to myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus Christ, to testify fully the gospel of the grace of God.

The apostle Paul lived a life of obedience, even to the point of imprisonment and death. But as he states in this passage, he was to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit, no matter the cost, so that he could finish his life with joy and the ministry which he was called by Jesus Christ to do.

We as Quakers have at times put quite a bit of stock in the following of leadings. Leadings are, if true, from the Lord God Himself, and may push and pull us into situations and opportunities that we could not have imagined if left to our own devices. I was just considering some of those leadings and their results within Iowa Yearly Meeting.

*****Sam and Becky Barber living in Belize and beginning a school year as directors of the Belize Friends Boy School.***

*****Nathan and Brianna Martin completing their preparation to depart for mission work in Cambodia.***

*****The Mesquakie Friends Center now under Iowa Yearly Meeting operation and just this summer several youth accepting Christ, having come to the Soaring Eagles Camp. There were youth from Canada, Wisconsin, Oklahoma and Iowa present.***

*****CQH receiving a new 'used' tractor for the operation of our camping programs.***

*****Friends Disaster Service helping with projects in Tama, Oskaloosa and Eldora, this year.***

*****Bob Adhikary coming to our Yearly Meeting and ministering very powerfully to us. Even yesterday, I received another first hand report of how God had spoken specifically to a persons needs during that service.***

*****Asking the newer young ministers in Iowa Yearly Meeting to lead the worship and preach one night of our Yearly Meeting. What a wonderful and marvelous evening that was in music, ministry and fellowship.***

*****Within one month we shall embark upon a new worship group gathering in West Des Moines.***

Folks, these are exciting times, from the Superintendents office, it becomes apparent that it is no accident that we have come thus far in 2009, during a difficult economic time with our finances and programs being fully covered. I believe it is because we are all listening and being obedient to God. Then there are the unplanned hail storms that take us by surprise and cause great destruction, but we have been adequately prepared for insurance and with the staff in place which will enable us to come through what could have been a great set back, but instead be blessed with refurbished facilities which will be adequate to serve our needs for many, many years to come. I am convinced that the outcome will be right if we work together, follow true leadings, and receive the joy of service sent to enhance the ministry that the Lord Jesus Christ has given to us.



Hail Storm 2009 @ CQH



These are just a few of the many pictures that came to the office following the hail/wind storm that hit Camp Quaker Heights on August 9th of 2009. Note the lack of tree canopy in the background of the pictures. The trees were just shredded and the grounds had lots of leaves and sticks/branches to clean up. Many helpers came out the following day and boarded up buildings, swept away broken glass, raked up the leaves and cut up fallen trees. Now the restoration work begins. Materials are being ordered and workdays will be announced after September 9th. Camp is scheduled to reopen around Thanksgiving time. Please pray for the staff as they repair their own homes as well as their work at the camp.



Meeting Moments

Honey Creek New Providence Friends:

The following article was listed in their newsletter - *Quakerdales' Q-Award is given annually to an individual who has gone above and beyond in making a difference in the lives of Quakerdale's youth. The 2008 Q-Award was presented to Ann Longobardi on July 26, 2009, by Steve Heilskov on behalf of the Quakerdale Board of Trustees. Ann has given her time for over two years, teaching Sunday School for Quakerdale youth and giving further instruction and support on the Quakerdale campus. It was noted in the presentation that Ann's genuine love and encouragement for Quakerdale's young women have enhanced their moral development and provided an exemplary model for the girls to follow.*

Another article in their newsletter was concerning fundraising for the Bikes for Boys at the Friends Boys School in Belize. The students took pledges for laps they made on their bicycles at the church parking lot. "This is what happens when you have energetic 3rd to 5th grade youth who want to give to others who perhaps don't have as much as they have. The HCNP Youth fundraised for youth in Belize so they could ride and own a bicycle as well. How much did they raise in just an hour? \$1200.00!!!! What a wonderful model for us adults to try and live by... Their model of giving to others is an excellent example of the unknown FRIEND. Thanks to Terry and Jane Beare for their guidance of youth.



College Ave. Friends Trustees wish to announce the inauguration of the Friends Cemetery Improvement Fund! If you have visited the Friends Cemetery in Oskaloosa recently, you cannot have missed the fact that the fence surrounding the cemetery is in very bad condition. The Trustees' plan is to install a new, white, low-maintenance fence as soon as funds can be raised.

The type of fencing they have in mind will not need to be painted for several decades and conforms to Quaker standards of simplicity and low impact on the environment. If enough funds are raised, they will also install a permanent sign at the entrance. It is hoped that work can begin before the ground freezes this fall. Knowing that some in the Yearly Meeting may have relatives or special friends buried in this cemetery, the opportunity is hereby presented for you to be involved in these improvements. If you wish to contribute please make your check payable to "Friends Cemetery Improvement Fund" and mail it to College Ave. Friends Church, 912 North C Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577-2129. Please write: "Attn. Trustees" on the envelope.

Bear Creek Friends:

Bear Creek Friends Church has been blessed with safety (definitely!) and good health (for the most part!) through out the past year. A very special time was celebrated on Sunday, July 5, when long-time member Marie Cook was able to attend our morning service, traveling from her home at the West Bridge Care Center in Winterset. Marie, who is 91 years old, brought her four sons and many family members, some from as far as Oregon, Oklahoma, and Louisiana! Our church pews were filled just like in the "old days"! Marie and her sister-in-law Velma Barnett from Oregon (both former church pianists/organists here at Bear Creek) treated us to some wonderful piano/organ duets. What a thrill to see Marie at the piano again! A meal and time of visiting was enjoyed by family, friends, and church members after the service. It was a joyous occasion for all involved, and we felt privilege to have our oldest member worshipping with us again! Another wonderful celebration occurred on Sunday, August 16, when the 60th wedding anniversary of Howard and Delores Jones was observed. Many relatives and friends gathered for the morning service, and again our pews were filled! Their son Roger Jones of Des Moines, who grew up in our church, led our congregational singing. Grandson Kurt Jones from Tennessee presented a beautiful vocal solo, and grandson Jason Jones from Texas treated us to a moving trumpet solo. After the service, a meal and time of fellowship was enjoyed as we celebrated this very special milestone with Howard and Delores. The summer drew to a close when a nice-sized crowd came together for our annual community picnic, held on the church grounds on August 22.

Motor Friends Church:

Motor Friends Church will be celebrating 140 years and the New Educational Wing Dedication. The celebration will take place on Sunday, September 27th. Fellowship & Coffee @ 9:30, Worship @ 10:00, Dedication @ 11:30 and Lunch served at 12:00. If you have questions or would like to attend, please call 641-942-7798.



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 August:

August Income.....	\$ 12481.32
August Expenses.....	..\$ 21201.43
Year to Date Income.....	\$ 107614.68
Year to Date Expenses.....	\$ 115208.96

2 Corinthians 9:8

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything; you may have an abundance for every good deed;

Vital Signs

Deaths:

Edward Smith, age 54, died on June 16, 2009. Edward was the son of Norval and Nedra Jane Smith. He was born on November 7, 1954 in Cherokee, OK. Ed attended William Penn College where he earned his BA in Education in 1978. He began his career in Centerville, IA where he taught remedial reading for 17 years. Ed furthered his education at IHCC earning a degree in computer systems networking. Ed was a member of the College Ave. Friends. He enjoyed climbing, particularly Multnomah Falls near Portland, OR; he also enjoyed flying kites over the ocean and he was an avid Richard Petty fan. Like his parents, Ed was a collector; his favorite collections included bulldogs, whales and, most recently, Iowa farm toys.

Robert D. McTee, 79, died July 12, 2009. Bob was a member of Fairfield Friends. He is survived by his wife, Virginia, 2 daughters, 1 son, and 6 grandchildren.

Joyce Byers, 77, passed away on June 24, 2009. Joyce was a member of LeGrand Friends Church and was a great encourager, server and teacher at their meeting. Joyce Byers had the knack for noticing and acknowledging others' contributions. She sensed when someone needed an encouraging word and offered it in a gentle manner. She taught the Word of the Lord diligently, always seeking to delve deeper into its meaning. And she faithfully walked with God to the end of her days. Joyce was the epitome of putting into action two verses that readily come to mind. 1st - Micah 6:8 "...the LORD has already told you what is good, and this is what he requires; to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." 2nd - 1 Peter 3:4 "You should be known for the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God."

Ruth Krumm Weaver (1938 - 2009) Ruth was born on April 21, 1938 in Unadilla, New York to Valentine and Esther Vore Krumm. Her father was a Quaker pastor serving churches in Iowa and Western Yearly Meetings. She attended public schools, and Scattergood School in Iowa, and received her BA in Sociology from Wilmington College, OH. Ruth was a member of Center Friends Church where she was music director and president of the USFW group. Ruth served with the Westfield Cemetery Association and the Board of Directors of WPU. She was a high school teacher, a nursing home administrator, and an administrative assistant. Ruth was a peace activist. A lifelong Quaker, she believed that God is Love and reveals Himself directly to each person. She befriended people of all kinds and from all walks of life. She strongly believed in the value of education. She spoke and wrote in her community to encourage people to work to prevent wars, hunger, oppression, and ignorance. Ruth was interested in acting, community theater, family and family history, bird watching, nature, travel, music, and astronomy. She was an organ donor whose corneas provided the gift of sight. She is survived by her husband, Fred Weaver of Grinnell.

Friends Disaster Services Repair Driveway

James Iron Shell who lives west of Tama, suffered severe damage to his drive way due to heavy spring rains. At the recommendation of Edwin Rivers, Friends Disaster Services furnished a skid drive tractor and operator to correct the drive way problem and to level an area behind the residence for later new construction. Friends Disaster Services is an out reach program of Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends and is affiliated with Mesquaki Friends Mission south of Tama.



Gail Walker, a single mother, that lives in a mobile home in Tama, had a water leak in her home causing the floor insulation to become supersaturated with water and the oriented strand board floors to develop holes large enough for a persons foot to pass through. At the recommendation of Edwin Rivers, Friends disaster services furnished tools and organized local volunteer labor to remove the damaged floor, fix the leak, and to replace the damaged insulation and floor. The picture taken at the completion of the project shows a Bible being presented to the family. From left to right Keeland Walker, Walt Sylvester, representing Friends Disaster Services, Gail Walker, Irene Rivers, and Noland Walker.

Friends Disaster Services seeks to share compassion and is an outreach program of the Quaker Men of Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends. Mesquakie Friends Mission of Tama is a affiliate of this organization.



USFW Fall Retreat

October 10, 2009 - 10am - 2:30pm

Bangor Liberty Friends Church

Theme: Our Cup Runneth Over



Speaker: Kim Newlin
(FUM Development Officer)

Our Offering will go to: “Adopt A Nurse Program”

Registration: 9:30am Retreat Cost: \$10.00 Registration Deadline: October 5th
If needed, Childcare will be provided.

Please mail this form before October 5th, 2009 to : Ann Lee Nichols
1743 A Main St. Rd.
State Center, IA 50247

Or: e-mail the information to: alnichols@fbx.com

Church: _____ Society: _____ Number attending _____

Names of attendees: _____

(Number & Names of children) _____

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.

Submitted by: _____ Phone Number _____

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Service Requested

William Penn University Scholarship Fund Iowa United Society of Friends Women

Guidelines

Following are guidelines for the selection of candidates for Iowa USFW William Penn University Scholarship. The committee shall consider applications for scholarships and make decisions as to the recipients.

1. The amount of the scholarship will be determined by need of the applicant and by funds available.
2. the candidate shall be a participating member of Iowa Yearly Meeting.
3. A candidate from Iowa Yearly Meeting shall have successfully completed secondary education requirements and shall have been accepted by William Penn University.
4. Applications must be received by October 15th.
5. To be considered for a scholarship for the succeeding academic year, recipients must submit a request to the committee each year.
6. Scholarships shall only be awarded for a maximum of four (4) academic years.

Applications are available from the Yearly Meeting office. Please call (641)673-9717 or email iaym@mahaska.org to request a copy.

YOUNG FRIENDS

Upcoming Event Schedule

IMPACT

November 14-15

High School Leadership Retreat

Mid-Winter

January 1-3, 2010

High School & College

Outreach Event

Blizzard Blast

Late February/Early March 2010

Middle School Lock-In