



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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SUMMER 2010 UPDATE

by: Ron Bryan, General Superintendent

An update for all to see:

Iowa Yearly Meeting members are very busy this summer and we are anticipating a wonderful Annual Conference July 29-August 1. We have enjoyed working on the workshop schedule for this year as we have tried to fit the number of workshops into the times available. A detailed listing is in this Iowa Friend issue.

We will have at least six persons just returning from the USFWI/Quaker Men Triennial in Mombasa, Kenya and they will have a full hour and a half to report back to us their experiences and observations.

Our Young Friends camps appear to be having an increase in attendance this year. The Junior High and High School camps have both been up in attendance while the weekenders continue to be smaller in size but are still an important offering and opportunity for our youth to be able to work a camp experience into their busy schedules. Little Fry and the Fry camp have yet to be held but advance registrations suggest they will be exciting as well. Also, Mesquakie Friends Center just finished up their Soaring Eagles Camp which is an outreach to other Indian Nations.

The Young Friends are making their final plans for a work experience in Washington DC later in July and we know that a number of our local Monthly Meetings are sending youth to a variety of work/ministry experiences this summer as well.

Lloyd and Charlotte Stangeland are making final travel plans to return to Kenya in early August for Charlotte to begin to hold training sessions for the new Biblically based Peace Curriculum that Charlotte, Marlene Pedigo and Mary Glenn Hadley have been writing. This is to be utilized in all 1200 elementary Friends Schools in Kenya. Yes I said 1200 different schools. This is a huge opportunity to have a huge impact on an entire nation. Incidentally, William Penn University is now officially participating this effort. Obviously, Charlotte would love to have our prayer support as she stands before this very large gathering of educators and administrators. This trip is solidify the purpose and to gain the Kenyan's input in what would work best for them within there country and culture. There is a serious need to raise approximately \$100,000 for the publication and distribution of all these different age level curriculums.

The IAYM Missions Board would like to emphasize prayer for our missionaries and their families.



Prayers for Missionaries & Their Families

by Heather Kaiser

Marriage: Cause _____ to honor their marriage and remain faithful to each other in every way. Help them to love one another as You love them so that their relationship will point others to You.

(Heb. 13:4; Jn. 13:34-35)

Singleness: Enable _____ to enjoy undistracted devotion to You. Provide _____ with godly companionship that will give encouragement, support, and a sense of belonging.

(1 Cor. 7:35; Ps. 68:6)

New Free Childrens curriculum Now available

IAYM Christian Ed Committee would like to encourage your church to consider using the new web-based peace curriculum available through FUM. I personally have used the curriculum this past Sunday School year & the kids seem to really like it. They are learning a lot about the bible & how to apply it to everyday life. They are telling their parents about what they are learning and are excited about coming. In addition to all this, the curriculum is free & easy to use. Very little supplies or prep time is required & it is flexible enough to add you own games or ideas. To access the curriculum go to (www.fum.org) Click the Peace Curriculum link. Then click the website link. The website link will then tell you all about the Peace Curriculum (the same Kenya curriculum in the May issue of Iowa Friend). To see &/or print the lessons click the curriculum page.


If you have any difficulties or questions feel free to contact me, Angie Gentry at 515-238-5844 or tag_alg@yahoo.com.

Happy Teaching,

Angie Gentry, IAYM CE Committee

Friendly Flashes

- a Ministry of USFW of Iowa -



**You are invited
To
Celebration of Service**

**Saturday, July 31st, 2010
10 a.m.
at
College Ave. Friends
North C & College Ave.
Oskaloosa**

**Come enjoy
Kenya Tea & Fruit
Kenya Triennial High Lights
Eliza Armstrong Cox Awards
Reading Awards
Installation officers**

“Grandma, what happened to your hair”

A Book Written by: Marie Moffitt

As I went through the cancer treatment process, I realized that the more I read and understood what was happening, the more strength and courage I obtained. “Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid . . .” My five year old granddaughter had many questions and it was very difficult to explain, so I began thinking about a children’s book that might help them be better prepared for the days and months ahead.

~Marie~

Marie will be available for a Book Signing during our Yearly Meeting session Friday, July 30th in the Student Union.

Meeting Moments & Vital Signs

Deaths:

Ruth Harshbarger, 92, of Salem, IA, passed away on April 14, 2010. She became a member of Salem Friends Church in 1935 at 18 years of age. She married Harold Harshbarger in 1939. They raised 3 sons: Bill, Larry and Kent. Ruth was an active and faithful member of Salem Friends Church until the last few years when her health failed and she moved to Mediapolis to be close to her sons and get the extra care she needed. Ruth had a sweet, quiet personality and a sunny smile. If the church doors were open, she was there. You could always count on Ruth to help whether it was cleaning the church, cooking for potlucks, decorating for banquets, teaching Sunday School, sewing for USFW, serving on Ministry and Counsel, Stewardship and nearly every committee the church offered. Ruth was a strong and constant witness for her Heavenly Father and was looked up to as a pillar and elder of the church. She is greatly missed.

Golda Gatch, 94, of Center Friends, passed away on May 11, 2010. Golda Maurine Millett was born and grew up in rural West Branch, IA, a birthright Quaker. On March 20, 1938 she married Lyle Gatch. From 1952-1968 she owned and operated a summer family resort at Spirit Lake, IA.. They moved to Newton, IA in 1959 where they joined Center Friends Church. She served in numerous offices and committees, was song leader, and led the USFW group several years as president. She was an active volunteer community worker. Lyle & Golda enjoyed traveling the U.S. in their pickup camper. They joined the Des Moines Friendship Force for overseas travel; also participated in four working mission trips. A memorial was held for Golda on June 12 with pastors Cheri Doane and Karen Mendenhall officiating. Survivors include 2 sons; Tom (Donna) Gatch, and Tracy Gatch; 2 daughters; Vivian Zellers, and Virginia (Roger) Zwicker, nine grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; a sister, Elizabeth Smith; 2 brothers, Roscoe (Helen) Millett and Ray (Clara) Millett.



Oskaloosa's Friends Cemetery

313 feet of new fence has been completed and the gate painted. Thank you contributors! The Fund remains open for Phase Two to provide a new, permanent sign at the entrance.

Contributions may be sent to Trustees, College Ave. Friends, 912 North C St., Oskaloosa, IA 52577

LeGrand Friends Church (LFC) announces that Taylor Johnson is the 2010 recipient of the Vandervelde Scholarship.

He is a 2010 graduate of East Marshall High School and will be attending University of Northern Iowa in the fall to study Athletic Training/Pre-Physical Therapy.

Taylor has been active in basketball, baseball, Student Council, and National Honor Society. He also completed more than 200 Service Learning hours during which he volunteered at various church, school, and community activities. He has received a number of athletic and academic honors.

The Vandervelde Scholarship is made possible through LFC by a grant from the late 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. Taylor is the first one to receive this award who is a direct descendent of Dr. E. M. Mills. 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.

Bangor Liberty Friends Church

Another school year comes to an end, the crops are safely in the field and our families are seeking time for vacations. As a congregation we are continuing our regular worship times. Sunday mornings start early with intercessory prayer group and praise band warm-up. Sunday school during the summer months are meeting as usual and attendees are really enjoying the redecorated classrooms. Our Wednesday evening classes have something for all ages including an adult bible study, The Life of Jacob, and a book study, The Power of Enough. We continue to prepare at least one meal a month for 60-70 people at the local "House of Compassion" and several of our members volunteer as monitors for the homeless quests. Our youth group recently held a garage sale to raise money for a future mission trip. Members of the meeting were very generous with donations to support this event. The meeting recently approved a summer intern to work with our youth and Lucas Maselli, from Fairfield, was hired. Plans are underway for our annual "Concert Under the Stars" to be held July 18th at 6:30 PM at the church. Bring a folding chair and come to enjoy the music and fellowship.

Yearly Meeting Workshops

FRIDAY, July 30th
1:30 pm
Large Group Workshop



FUM Triennial Report with testimonies from participants and FUM updates
 Presented by:
 Terri Johns, Program Manager
 Global Ministries

Friday, July 30th
3:00 PM Workshops



Five Wishes Workshop
Presented by Jeff Swartzentruber

Five Wishes: The Five Wishes seminar will be lead by MMA and comes from the organization, "Aging with Dignity". The founder was the personal legal advisor to Mother Teresa. Five Wishes helps people talk about and plan for care at the end of life. Many use Five Wishes to express how they want to be treated in the event they are unable to speak for themselves. It helps people maintain their human dignity by addressing their personal, spiritual and medical concerns and goes far beyond the legal and medical care aspects of this time of life. The program will include a video, the Five Wishes pamphlet, and a time of discussion and interaction with each other on additional ideas.

"WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?"

A Faith Conversation on Immigration



The purpose of this workshop is to encourage and enable all of us who claim Jesus as our Lord and Savior to discover where our faith intersects with the issue of immigration. As people of faith, we

can no approach this issue ONLY for our US citizen perspective. We must also view the complex nature of this issue through our faith lens.

Workshop will be presented by Linda Garrison and Sonia Tuma (of the Des Moines' AFSC office)

"A new Vision For Quakerdale"

Presented by Rob Talbot

Quakerdale's new vision statement: "To Serve as Christ Serves".

Learn about the guiding principles of this vision statement and new initiatives at Quakerdale.



SATURDAY
2:30 PM Workshops

IAYM Christian Education Board
**"The Hole in the Gospel:
 The Great Omission"**
 Presented by Linda Santee

IAYM Young Friends Board
"Ministering to Youth Today"
 Presented by Chip Daleske, Youth Director for Iowa
 Yearly Meeting

**The Dr. John Trent Institute for
 The Blessing at Barclay College
 presents:
 Strengthening the Marriages and
 Families in Your Church and Your
 Community!** By Dr. Tony Wheeler



**Healthy Families are at the core of
 every Healthy Church!**

This workshop will help you establish an effective and sustainable family ministry that will strengthen the marriages and families in your church and the community it serves. You will be amazed at how free you and your laity feel to reach out to families once you have established a firm, lay led foundation for your family ministry. In this workshop Dr. Wheeler will explore the key simple elements that must be in place to establish your church as a safe harbor for today's struggling families.



Dr. Tony Wheeler is an expert on family strengths and family dynamics. He is the Executive Director for the Dr. John Trent Institute for The Blessing based on the campus of Barclay College in Haviland, KS. Dr. Wheeler has been a counselor for 18 years, a speaker for 14 years and has seen many relationships repaired and individuals healed through his counseling and seminars. He has been married to Stacey for 23 years and they have three children, ages 21, 19, and 15.

Camp Quaker Heights Summer 2010



Little Fry Campers with their adult friend!



College Weekender at Camp Quaker Heights



Staff members preparing for boating!



High School Camp!

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FRIENDS DISASTER SERVICE Work Project 2010



Just a reminder that in only two weeks it will be time to gather at Eldora to shingle the Providential home(s?). One house is 1718 at the corner of 12th street and 18th avenue. the other is at 906 - 14th street.

I hope that you are planning to locate your air mattress and sleeping bags to spend July 13 - 17 (Tuesday - Saturday). Come for one day or five to be a part of this exciting project. No reservations are needed (just show up) but the cooks would appreciate how many they will be cooking for. If you want to bring your RV, full hookup camp sites are available at Quaker Heights @ \$15 per night.

It would be helpful if workers will contact Arlen Daleske (641-497-5366) or Dennis White (563-379-2744) with information about what day or days they will be working and how many will coming with them or for more information.

Thank you. Dennis White

Mesquakie Friends Center New Playground Equipment

It is time to work on raising funds to replace the playground equipment. After many years of use by the children the equipment needs to be updated and replaced. The oldest pieces of equipment came with the grounds when it was bought nearly 21 years ago. The next pieces were added about ten years ago. The new equipment will be designed for use by all ages.

Cost for equipment is as follows:

Prime Time	\$37,500
GT Events	2,700
Mulch	1,650
Installation	11,150
Total	\$53,000

A contractor will give a 50% matching gift to help with cost. Therefore, the cost is only \$32,900. About \$7,300 has been raised as of the end of May.

To contribute to the new playground equipment, please send gifts to:

**Victor White
Mesquakie Friends Center
PO Box 36, Toledo, IA 52342**