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FORWARD BY FAITH

by: Ron Bryan, General Superintendent

Forward by Faith is the theme selected for Iowa Yearly Meeting this year. It is a quote taken from Everett Cattell and incorporated into the book titled "Missions by the Spirit" written by Ron Stansell. The Planning Committee is recognizing and responding to the strong interest towards Missions that exists within Iowa Yearly Meeting at this time. Looking outside of ourselves is always a healthy enterprise, when considering the over all health of a group or business. What is God doing within us and throughout the world is a great challenge for us to examine and heed. How search help us to be all that God is wanting us to be for this day, for this year, for this generation?

"We have learned to divide time into past, present, and future. The really important part of time for us is the vital, living, fluid moment which we call now."

*How long is now? Looked at in one way it is a mere instant. In another way we can say that we have never lived anytime but **now**, for every moment we have ever lived was a **now** moment. **Now** is therefore a great continuum – something more than the memory of past moments – and that is why we feel that the **now** is qualitatively different from past and future time – it seems to be the point at which Eternity breaks into the time stream, like a live coal passing through a draft of air, to glow with a brightness all its own. That is **now**."*

The Spirit of Holiness by Everett Lewis Cattell.

As we approach our Annual Meeting this summer August 4-7 at Camp Quaker Heights, I would urge everyone to consider in what ways is God urging us to move **Forward by Faith, in our personal lives, in our local churches, across our Yearly Meeting**. Come to CQH this summer expecting to hear these stories and testimonies of how God is working amongst and in us now.

Spring into Spring With Quakerdale!

This year Quakerdale will be celebrating a 160 years of serving youth and families in Iowa. Our new Promise Academy is flourishing by serving students nationally and as we are lead we are looking to extend our Promise Academy internationally. With this God driven direction our vision is "To Serve as Christ Serves" and "Encouraging Faith, Hope and Growth in the Communities We Serve" is our new mission statement.

We invite everyone to join us on April 29 (with a rain date of May 6) from 10:00 am- 3:00 pm, with lunch being served, at our New Providence Campus. The Campus needs some sprucing up and we encourage you to join us in "Serving as Christ Serves"!

Here's how you can serve:

- Outside repairs to our cottages
- Painting
- Cleaning carpets
- Weeding and landscaping
- Carpentry
- Working on new gym floor boards

You do not have to be a professional to help! God has given all of us unique gifts and abilities that can be used during this time. To better plan for lunch and areas of service please RSVP by April 26th by calling the Development Department at 641.497.5294. Thank you in advance for your willingness to help us continue our service.



Friendly Flashes

- a Ministry of USFW of Iowa -

Come and Join Us for a Celebration Of God's Gifts to the Women of Iowa Yearly Meeting At Spring Fling On April 9

*"Each person has been given a gift from God,
one has this gift, another that gift." 1 Cor 7:7.*

Iowa Yearly Meeting has been blessed with many gifted women, and this Spring Fling we are going to celebrate and share some of those gifts.

*Sue McCracken of Pleasant Plain --
puppet ministry*

*Kerry Hadley of Hope Trinity Friends --
gift of encouragement*

*Ardith Talbot of New Providence --
gift of humor*

*Deb Savage of Mount Pleasant Friends --
fund raising and church organization*

*Wilma Kaldenberg of Lynnville --
how to write a biography*

*Hazel Hamilton, Lynnville Friends --
gift of being a missionary helper*

*Kathy Spratt & Jacque Wilber of Middle River --
story telling*

*Bette Pierce of Middle River --
prayer shawl ministry*

*Doris Hoeksema, Cathie Zeliadt,
Eileen Smiley and Karen Butcher --
gifts of music*

The ladies of Middle River Friends will also be sharing their gifts of hospitality and with a soup luncheon which will include choices of Chicken Noodle, Vegetable and Taco Soup, a relish tray, and pies and cakes.

Hope to see you at Middle River Friends, Carlisle, Iowa for a great day filled with laughter, singing, prayer and fellowship. Call Cathie Zeliadt at 515-280-7190 if you decide to attend this week. There will be a \$10 registration fee.

Iowa Yearly Meeting's Calendar of Upcoming Events - 2011

April

CAMP QUAKER HEIGHTS ANNUAL WORKDAY APRIL 23
QUAKERDALE WORKDAY April 29

June

YOUNG FRIENDS' CAMP AT CQH

June 3-5 Youth Exec, College Weekender
June 5-8 Fry Camp (grades 3,4)
June 10-12 Little Fry (K-grade 2 with adult participant)
June 12-17 Jr. High (grades 7,8)
June 17-19 High School Weekender
June 19-24 High School
June 26-30 Fox Camp (grades 5,6)

SOARING EAGLES CAMP AT MFC.....June 21 - 25

July

FUM TRIENNIAL JULY 27-31
held at Wilmington Yearly Meeting/Wilmington College

August

Iowa Yearly Meeting Ministry Conference
"Forward by Faith"
at Camp Quaker Heights August 4th - 7th

October

IAYM PASTOR RETREAT @ CQH OCTOBER 2-4
Speaker will be Colin Saxton



Register now! For the 2011 FUM Triennial, July 27-31 The FUM Triennial will be held at Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio, July 27-31. Unique to this Triennial will be a global marketplace, an ice cream social, and the welcoming of incoming General Secretary Colin Saxton. Join Friends from across the U.S., Canada, Cuba, Jamaica, Ramallah, and Belize to discuss the current work and the future of FUM ministries. Workshops will be held on Wilmington's "Grow Food, Grow Hope" initiative, young adult Friends, the peace curriculum, and intervisitation. Featured speakers include Sam and Becky Barber, Randy Quate, B. Welling Hall, and Sylvia Graves. A link to the online registration is available at www.fum.org. Early bird registration prices end May 15. If you do not wish to register online, call the FUM office at: (765) 962-7573, or e-mail: info@fum.org.

Meeting Moments & Vital Signs

Fairfield Friends

submitted by Debbie Maselli

While reading about Lazarus recently in Waite's book, *Extraordinary Men and Women of the Bible* (2002), I noticed a command that stood out as peculiar to me.

Jesus is at the tomb. He calls forth Lazarus. Lazarus comes out looking like something out of an old mummy movie. He is all wrapped up in grave clothes. (What happens when someone dies: Catch the wave students, 2011)

Waite paraphrased Jesus' command, "Untie him and let him go" (John 11:44, CEV) to, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go" (2002, p. 253). Jesus gave this command to the crowd.

There were two commands in Lazarus' story. The first command was to the man himself, "Lazarus, come out!" (John 11:43, CEV). The second command was to the people who witnessed his new life, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go" (2002, p. 253).

New believers are in need of our help. Jesus has spoken directly to them. They have heard his voice and answered his call. They have come into new life in Christ. But, they still have a problem. They need their grave clothes removed. They need help. They cannot do this part on their own. They are still bound in some ways by their old life, their old way of thinking, their old way of acting. The people around then have a responsibility to help free them.

In Matthew 28, Jesus gave us a full commission with three parts to it: make disciples, baptize disciples, and teach disciples to obey Christ's word. Lazarus' miraculous rise from death is a symbol of making a disciple. He needed help from the community. Baptism is their public confession and our agreement between heaven and earth with them (Matt. 16:19; Matt. 18:18). To teach them how to walk in the Word of God and in life, not remaining bound up in death, this is our daily, active, long-term commission. Taking the grave clothes off of them and letting them go is reflective of our completed commission.

Jesus told us to help the new man become unbound (John 11:44, Gal. 6:1-2). May we all remember to finish all three parts of the great commission – especially finishing the third. Remove the ties that bind men. Help them to walk in the Spirit and in the Word. Take off the grave clothes and let them go.

College Avenue Friends

submitted by Tom Palmer as shared in a recent sermon

Seasoned Salt

Sodium is an extremely active element found naturally only in combined form; it always links itself to another element. Chlorine, on the other hand, is the poisonous gas that gives bleach its offensive odor. When sodium and chlorine are combined, the result is sodium chloride - common table salt - the substance we use to preserve meat and bring out its flavor.

Love and truth can be like sodium and chlorine. Love without truth is flighty, sometimes blind, willing to combine with various doctrines. On the other hand, truth by itself can be offensive, sometimes even poisonous. Spoken without love, it can turn people away from the gospel.

When truth and love are combined in an individual or a church, however, then we have what Jesus called 'the salt of the earth', and we're able to preserve and bring out the beauty of our faith.

-David H. Johnson

Deaths

Fern Tuttle, a long-time member of Bangor-Liberty Friends Church died March 29, 2011 at her home in Marshalltown following a 3-year battle with cancer. Following cremation a memorial service was held at Bangor Liberty Friends Church on Sunday, April 3rd with Pastors, Arlen Daleske and David Lewis, officiating. We will all miss Fern's presence in our fellowship, her strength of spirit, her humor, her quiet witness, and her willingness to help whenever there was a need - for a friend or neighbor, the church, or the House of Compassion. We all know she had hope in Christ Jesus - *"but the Lamb will overcome them because He is Lord of lords and Kings of kings - and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers."* - Rev. 17:14

Attention: Memorials

Please send your meeting's memorials to :
Marie Moffitt,
15529 Kennedy St., Indianola, IA 50125



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Iowa Chapter
Dennis White - Iowa
Coordinator

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Two projects are coming up where a lot of help is need from the members of Iowa Yearly Meeting.

#1. April 23 is the spring workday at our Camp Quaker Heights. Last year about 70 men and women of all ages came to clean and repair the buildings and grounds for the 2010 camping season. Comments were made that after all the damage from the wind and hail storm, the repaired and rebuilt camp was better than it ever was. That was not a one time occasion. Your help is needed every spring to make the facilities of our camp the best that they can be.

#2. June 24 and 25 are the days set to tear off and replace the badly needed shingles on the roof of our Yearly Meeting office. We are suggesting that any who can come during the day on Friday the 24th can starting the shingle removal process. Replacing the shingles will start after an early supper Friday, working until dark. Work will continue Saturday morning and, we hope, be completed before dark on Saturday. If you will show up on either or both of these two days, you are guaranteed a job. Meals will be provided at College Avenue Friends and there will be rooms to place your air mattresses for sleeping if you can stay over night or bring your camper or tent and stay in the yearly meeting park.

If you can't make it to either of these two projects, you can still make a significant contribution by mailing a check to the camp or to the Iowa Yearly Meeting office indicating which project you want to support. I suggest making an estimate of what it would cost you for gas to drive to either site and then send a check for that amount.

**Prayer Requests for the Barber
Family**
~from their support team~

On February 28th Jim Burmeister of College Avenue Friends held a Mexican dinner, prepared by Chef Josh, to raise funds for the Barber Family in Belize. The food was amazing and \$2129.76 was given in response to this mission! About 80 people attended. The Barber support team then met with Sam and Becky by phone. We took notes on their schedule for visits this summer. Their calendar is filling fast!

Please pray for Malique (the little boy) and Naiema (the little girl) who are living with the Barbers as foster children. They need a permanent family and it has been a challenge having them join the Barber family.

Other prayer requests: that the students finish the school year strongly. The weather is getting warmer and many don't feel like coming to school. On 4/11 the 1st part of the Primary School Exam is being given. They need to do well on this test.

Please pray for the weekly Bible study at the Belize Friends School and for the air conditioning in the Barber's vehicle to be fixed easily.

Thank you for all you do to support the Barbers. Every little bit counts!

Love and Blessings, Tanya English

EASTER

E	Emancipation from sin's power.
A	Affirmation that Jesus' claims are true.
S	Strength from Jesus, a conquering force.
T	Trust. Because of Easter, we know Jesus is Lord and that we can trust him.
E	Energy. Easter energizes our mission.
R	Resurrection hope for us too.

~Brent Bill

Mesquakie Friends Center

Van Needed for Expanding Youth Program

With the need for another 15 passenger van, the children and youth program is growing by leaps and bounds. Starting last September, the two 15 passenger vans have been picking up 25 passengers and 18 passengers each Wednesday night. Some nights one or the other van does not have passengers beyond the limit, but that is few and far between. We desperately need a third 15 passenger van. Some of the vans covers the town and we have been very fortunate that neither have been stopped – at least not to the present! The main point is that it is not safe for the youth riding the vans. If you have any information about a 15 passenger van that is in good condition or one that someone is willing to give, please let us know. Simply write Victor White, 1898 – 350th Street, Tama, IA 52339 or email to mesquakiefriends@yahoo.com.

Camp Soaring Eagles

Soon it will be time for Camp Soaring Eagles to take place. The Camp Pastor will be Junior Pratt and he will be bringing a group with him. The dates are June 21 – June 25 and will be for 4th through 8th grade. We are planning to hold it at Pilgrim Heights Camp. We are in need of scholarships for the youth as well as paper products and plastic silver ware.

Places to Visit

Do you need a speaker to speak on the missionary projects going on at Mesquakie Friends Center and what we are doing here? Victor and Brenda White are available any time to come and update you. We need times to fit into our schedules so let us know when we can come. We can fit into what ever you want from speaking on what we are doing, to speak on how God is leading us, to bring some Native Dancers, etc. Let Victor and Brenda White know what time you have.

Long Time Friend Goes Home to be with the Lord

Pansy Waseskuk went home to be with the Lord on February 28, 2011 at the age of 97 years old. She was a long time member of Mesquakie Friends Church and a friend of many. She attended the Church until her health did not permit and she was confined to the nursing home. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob Waseskuk.

Still Looking for VBS Volunteers

We still have need for a VBS this summer either right after school is out or in August. This can be in the evening for five days with meals to be provided to the children. If you have a troop ready to do this, please let us know right away.

Designated Work Days

We are still in need for work days at Mesquakie Friends Center. We have some various needs that are supposed to be addressed very soon. They are:

Multipurpose building

1. Southside retaining wall needs to be replaced and squared up with sides of building and replace the old floor.
2. Build a new addition to the building on the floor.
3. Ceiling in the worship hall need painting.
4. Two class rooms, kitchen, two bathrooms, and hallway need to be painted.

Shelter house

1. Deck needs to be stained or sealer.
2. Soffits around the outside of building and cut in an attic entrance and insulate ceiling.
3. Check for leaks and retape joints as needed.

Small lake

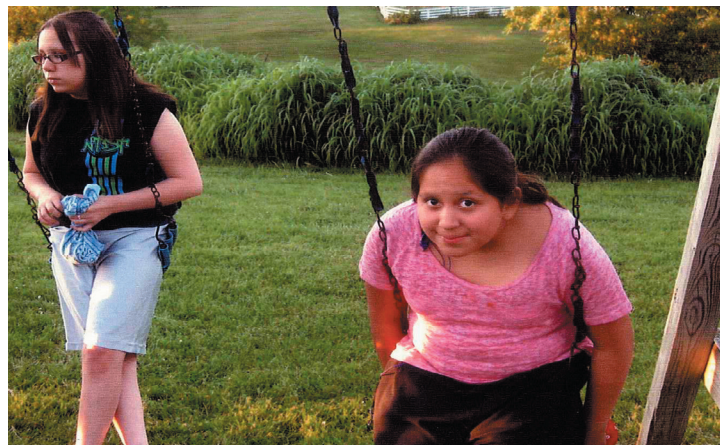
1. Build dock extension.
2. Build bridge across the inlet.

Barn building

1. Replace door 12 x 12 feet.
2. Replace metal roof 46 X 72 feet.
3. Paint building – 60 gallons.

Lean-to-shed

1. Replace two metal roof sheets 21 x 4 feet.
2. Replace north and west side of building – 34 x 20 feet – no tear off just replace.
3. Paint building.



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