

# The Iowa Friend

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## Forward by Faith by Ron Bryan, General Superintendent

"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for."...

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him." Hebrews 11:1-2, 6, NIV

As we enter into the final phase of Annual Meeting preparations for 2011 it is good to hear the positive remarks that have come my way because of the anticipation of our speaker, our workshops and our selected emphasis. We are talking about Missions by the Spirit and using this thought as an overlay of all our planning. Dr. Ron Stansell is coming from Oregon to be our speaker, and all our workshops will have a mission's emphasis in some form. We have visitors coming from Belize and Turkana, Kenya. We will have already hosted some friends from Cuba prior to the Triennial and so our exposure as a Yearly Meeting to missions will be significant this summer. I need to ask that all of our churches give consideration to having one of these people come and speak to their church or a group so that others might be able to catch some of their vision, and to help us understand just how important it is for us to witness that there are people living by faith who depend on us for prayers and support.

Let me add that in another way we need to participate at Annual Meeting, to see first hand what is happening at Quakerdale in this rapidly changing society that we all live in. We also want folks to see the beautiful campus at Quaker Heights and share with Alan Mullikin as he is recorded as a minister amongst Friends.

And finally, I ask for everyone to consider the importance, perhaps even the necessity to make contact with other

F/friends. We live in such a fast paced society that we seldom pause long enough to encourage or to stimulate friendships and relationships. That is what the Church is supposed to be all about. By faith we come to Christ, and in that faith we work and fellowship with one another. Facebook and Twitter are not enough to truly develop a lifelong relationship, neither with God nor with each other.

Today I spoke with someone that is considering a calling to service in the Friends Church. Three days ago I had a similar conversation with a different person. What that means to me is *hope*. Hope for the future but it also is received as a challenge, what can each of us do with each other to encourage an atmosphere where a person can not only find God, but find His will, or a calling amongst our friends. Come and see, come and taste what wonderful things God is doing amongst Friends here and around the world.

Iowa Yearly Meeting's	
Calendar of Upcoming Events - 2011	
FAMILY CAMP @CQH FUM TRIENNIAL held at Wilmington Yearly Meeting/W	J∪LY 8-10 J∪LY 27-31 /ilmington College
Iowa Yearly Meeting Ministry Conference "Forward by Faith"	
@Camp Quaker Heights	August 4th - 7th
Golf Retreat @ CQH PASTOR RETREAT @ CQH Speaker will be Colin Saxton	Sept. 16-17 October 2-4

### Camp Quaker Heights News

- Thank you for the donations of used bicycles to our camp facility. We now have plenty of the adult sized bikes! However, there is still a need for good used children sized bicycles.
- Also, in regards to Tall Lodging at our Annual Sessions, the Lodge is nearly full (as of the time of going to print with the newsletter). PLEASE call ahead to inquire about availability (641-673-9717).
- Finally, registrations for Family Camp need to be sent in as soon as possible. If you need a form, please contact the yearly meeting office and they will send one out.

## Friendly Flashes- a Ministry of USFW of Iowa

Come join us at Camp Quaker Heights Chapel Saturday, August 6th 2011 @ 9:45 A.M. for Cel ebration of Service ~ guest speakers ~ Nathan and Brianna Martin

We will have some folks discuss their mission trips to Cuba, Kenya, & Belize Reading Awards Eliza Armstrong Cox Awards & Installation of Officers Mark your calendars and plan to attend FALL RETREAT GRACE FRIENDS MOUNT PLEASANT, IA Saturday September 24, 2011 This will be a fun day for all!!



## 2011 FUM Triennial, July 27-31

The FUM Triennial will be held at Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio, July 27-31. Visit the online registration site to view the week's schedule. A link to the online registration is available at www.fum.org.

If you do not wish to register online, call the FUM office at: (765) 962-7573, or e-mail: info@fum.org.

#### Obituaries

Helen Baiotto, 91, former Rubio resident died on June 7, 2011, at Maplewood Manor in Keota. She was born on May 9, 1920, in Knoxville, IA to Earl and Inella McDaniel Watkins. She graduated from Attica High School in 1937. Helen married Paul Baiotto on July 30, 1941, in Des Moines. They lived in Des Moines, Union, IA and Bangor, IA before moving to Arnolds Park, IA where she and Paul lived for 29 years before moving to Rubio. She was a stay at home mother, pastor's wife, taught Sunday school, was the church pianist and organist, raised her own family, her brother, Larry, two nephews and many other children who needed help of some kind. Helen had been active in Arnolds Park Ladies Aid, Rubio Ladies Club, and several kitchen bands which she organized and led. She retired in 1991. She is survived by three daughters: Beth Miller of Boerne, TX, Marilyn (Nino) Cellamare of Marion, IA, Carol Long of Richland, three sons: Mike (Jacki) Baiotto of Staunton, VA, Chris Carey of Las Vegas, NV and David Carey of Tempe, AZ, 10 grandchildren, 9 greatgrandchildren, 3 sisters: Eldred Tiogo of Des Moines, Dorothy Dreyfus and Connie Snyder both of Arizona and one brother Don Watkins of Arizona. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two brothers: Dave & Larry Watkins and one sister: Marilyn Bolton.

#### Looking for a ride to Triennial Sessions in Wilmington?

The CQH van will be taking passengers, leaving early July 27; there will be a fuel charge of \$40 per person. While pick-up times and locations are yet to be announced, there is room for several more. Call Linda (641-751-4088) or email (lindakgar@yahoo.com) for more information.

Dorothy (Pickard) Payne, 86, of Salem, IA "went on to Glory" at her home February 1, 2011. She was born March 24, 1924 on a farm outside Salem. She graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School in 1941 and married Herbert Payne at Salem Friends church in 1944. They bought a farm just outside Salem where she lived for 60 years. Besides farming she also worked in the Henry County ASC office for 25 years. Dorothy's family began attending Salem Friends Church when she was a young girl. She became a member in 1937 at 13 years of age. She loved her church and church family. She was at the church whenever the door was open and helped with everything the church did. She taught Sunday School for 60 years and began playing piano for church meetings in 1938. She served on committees until her health prevented it. In her lifetime, she served on nearly every committee the church offered. Her love for missions started on the early 60's when Roscoe Townsend introduced Salem Friends Church to Mission Conventions and Faith Promise giving. She also went on many short term mission trips such as Rumania, Haiti, Redrock Indian Reservation in Arizona, Kenya, Jamaica, Cabrini Green in Chicago and Mexico. She is survived by 3 children, 6 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, and 2 sisters. Dorothy's love for her Lord and His Kingdom work was a shining witness to all who met her. For all of us who came after her, we find her very faithful and we miss her greatly.

## Meeting Moments and Vital Signs

#### **Cedar Creek Friends Church**

Recently a handicap ramp has been built, so now anyone who has difficulty getting in and out will be able to enter the building easily. Cedar Creek Friends raised the money and Iowa Yearly Meeting Disaster Relief men installed the ramp. On Sunday, May 22nd, a dedication service was held for the new ramp. Pastor Don Coffin, thanked the following Salem Friends Church men for their work in installing the ramp; Terry Vance, Jon Mills and Larry Heitmeier. A ribbon cutting ceremony was then held. Jeanette Trueblood, Larry Heitmeier, Ralph Breazeale and Terry Vance cut the ribbon. (Jeanette and Ralph representing the church). On Easter, which was the first Sunday after the ramp was com-

pleted, the church had a brunch and Easter Service with 29 peo-



ple in attendance, one of them in a wheel chair. This past winter a young Russian woman who is married to an American walked the short distance from her house to attend worship. Now her husband also attends with her.

#### **Bloomington Muscatine Friends**

Two months ago Bloomington-Muscatine Friends started a new Sunday evening service, called "Sweet Hour of Prayer". This service has been opened up to the public and most Sunday evenings we have two churches of Muscatine represented. This service is an hour of guided prayer. We pray for many different things, from our President, our government, and for the people of our country, for missionaries, all the churches in Muscatine, the people in the community and our own church that are going through a hard time, whether sickness, unemployment, spiritual struggles, or whatever their need. It is a really fast hour. We are doing the work that God called us to do and God is hearing our corporate pray, We know because we have seen answer. Please pray for our "Sweet Hour of Prayer" and that God continues to bless our church through this ministry.





Stuart Friends Church

4 Ladies and 3 teens from Stuart Friends and 2 ladies from Morrisburg Church joined forces to make 200 diapers for Haitian children. Pastor Dean Porter ministers in both churches. The diapers go to an orphanage and they use 800 diapers a day. Diapers are made from 100% cotton t-shirts. They plan on doing this again next January-February-March. It is a wonderful mission project!



Ackworth Friends recently dedicated a new exterior handicap ramp and an interior chair lift.

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#### "Forward by Faith" - workshop selections A Night FUM ať **Friends School** Friends Turkana Quakerdale in Belize John Moru will be leading this On Thursday evening we are invited "Bridging the Gap between workshop and sharing with us the to the Quakerdale Campus in New Poverty and Possibilities" work in Turkana Providence for a meal, tour and Workshop Leader: presentation from Rob Talbot. Miss Candi Young Evening worship will be held in their gymnasium. Children can be **Friends Church West** A Contemporary Quaker Church Peacemakers A sample of the different Church Planting update levels of curriculum from the Friends Church West Peace Curriculum Project will **EFM Missions Update** be presented. This workshop Led by: Rich Kopp will be led by our Christian With Ron Stansell Education department.