

The Iowa Friend

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A Message to be Proclaimed and a Mission to be Accomplished

~by Ron Bryan, General Superintendent~

Dr. Paul Anderson of the George Fox Seminary once wrote: "Despite martyrdom and persecution, Friends continued to grow. Their sense of urgency arose from a MESSAGE to be proclaimed and a MISSION to be accomplished. The message of early Friends was that CHRIST HAS COME TO TEACH HIS PEOPLE HIMSELF."

As we begin a new church season of Sunday School and after school programs, I would hope and pray that each of our churches would remember that God has given us a task and that is to proclaim the Good News of Christ to all. We surely continue to have a message and a mission to proclaim and that we are each called to enhance and enliven that message not only from our acts of kindness but also from our words of encouragement and ultimately imparting the Love of God through the power and person of Jesus Christ. Scripture declares that God does not wish that any should perish, but that

all would come to Him. If they don't hear then how shall they know? Preaching and sharing continue to be vehicles that God uses and blesses. We must be about making disciples to be followers of Christ that are having their hearts transformed by the renewing of their minds. Each of us is called to do our part in this ministry of reconciliation. Bringing the good news comes in the form of each person utilizing the gifts God has bestowed upon us.

As we move forward into another church year, may we each experience the transforming love of God and refreshing call upon our lives to share in this wonderful experience of knowing and obeying our Lord Jesus Christ. We can all do something some of the time, it is not the responsibility of the paid staff but of each of us to make the Kingdom real in the lives of our friends and neighbors.

God is good all the time and all the time God is good.

2011 IAYM Ministry Conference

The following recordings
are available to purchase:

Thursday: (August 4)

Ron Bryan @ Quakerdale.....\$1.50

Friday: (August 5)

Memorial Service.....\$1.50

Ministry Workshop—session 1.....\$1.50

Miss Candi—Belize Ministry

Ministry Workshop—session 2.....\$1.50

African Ministries—John Moru

Worship service with Ron Stansell.....\$1.50

Saturday: (August 6)

Missions Banquet with John Moru.....\$1.50

Worship with Ron Stansell.....\$1.50

Sunday: (August 7)

Morning Worship service with Ron Stansell.....\$1.50

All items on 1 CD or MP3 format..... \$4.00

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Friendly Flashes- *a Ministry of USFW of Iowa*

USFW Iowa Fall Retreat

September 24, 2011, 9:30 AM Grace Friends USFW will host the USFW Iowa Fall Retreat at The Fellowship Cup, 203 North Jefferson Street, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. During this day event, we will learn about this local mission work, hear from the West Branch USFW as they share about their experience visiting Cuba USFW Friends. A delicious meal will be served. The afternoon session will include a report from Nancy Smith who visited the Barbers and the Belize mission field. There will be time for special music and fellowship. The offering will go to supporting the ministries of Cuba and Belize. **This year's theme is: Be Still and Know.**

Reservations for the Fall Retreat please contact Deb Savage by e-mail adsavage@mac.com or phone 319-385-3579, 319-931-2277. The program cost is \$10. Registration begins at 9:30. We will adjourn at 2:30.

There will be opportunities to tour the Lewelling House in Salem (Underground Railroad house during Civil War era) and the "Quarter Maybe More" Store after the program.

Morgan Martinez—IAYM Mission Board Ministry Emphasis for September

As the IAYM Mission's Board, we are continually trying to encourage people in IAYM, who are feeling called by God to missionary service whether it is in our community, nation, or world. This summer Morgan Martin became married and is now Morgan Martinez. She has now moved to Atlanta, Georgia, to work with InterVarsity at Georgia University. Previously, she was an intern for InterVarsity for one year at Coe College in Cedar Rapids and then worked full-time for two years at Coe College. She met her husband, Mario, several years ago on a mission's urban project through InterVarsity called "City Lights". Her husband attends Emory University in the MD/PhD program in Atlanta.

Morgan's enthusiasm for sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ to college students continues to be very evident. With the move from Iowa, her current funding for InterVarsity is at 42% of a \$49,000 budget. She needs at least 70% in order to work with students on campus.

Please consider supporting Morgan through prayer and financial giving. Send contributions to Dorothy Taylor, IAYM Mission's Treasurer, 1121 Parkway Drive Apt. #1, Boone, IA 50036 and mark it Morgan Martinez (InterVarsity).

Thank you again for your faithfulness in supporting missions. As the body of Christ, it is truly a privilege to work together and have our efforts multiplied. The Thanksgiving offering for missions will be Sam & Becky Barber with the Friend's School in Belize.

Mesquakie Friends Center WORKDAY with Friends Disaster Service September 16-17

Mesquakie Friends Center



For the last few years, the Mesquakie Mission at Tama has been the responsibility of Iowa Yearly Meeting. Now, Friends Disaster Service has been asked by the Yearly Meeting Board on Mesquakie Mission to partner with them to complete needed maintenance and repair at the Mission. What is needed most is men and women from the Yearly Meeting. Make a commitment now to be at the work site September 16 and 17 to help complete this project. For those who can work both days, there is room in the church for your air mattress and a limited number of other sleeping arrangements are available if reservations are made with Victor White (641-485-8497). Meals will be provided Friday noon through Saturday noon. RSVP's are appreciated if you are going to be present for any meals or need sleeping arrangements.

It is not necessary to bring any tools, but it would be helpful, if you have them, to bring weed whackers and paint rollers with extension handles.

The priority tasks are to paint/stain/weather seal two decks, give two Tin roofs a new coat of paint, and to repair and re-install a large wind damaged barn door. There may also be a wooden fence needing some repair and painting (that's where the weed whackers are needed).

This is your chance not only to visit the mission but to be involved in refurbishing these facilities and making them more inviting to the surrounding Mesquakie Settlement. An important by-product will be to have fellowship with others from across the Yearly Meeting as you work together.

Meeting Moments and Vital Signs

Obituaries

Shirley Dunham, 84, of LeGrand Friends Church passed away Sunday, July 24, 2011 at Marshalltown Medical and Surgical Center in Marshalltown, Iowa. Services were held at LeGrand Friends Church on Thursday, July 28 with Pastor Alan Mullikin officiating. She was laid to rest in LeGrand Friends Cemetery, LeGrand, Iowa.

Shirley and her husband of 63 years, Junior (George E.) raised their children on the family farm in LeGrand. In addition, Shirley was employed by Bjel-land's Plumbing, Midland Transportation, and Mason's Furniture Store. She served her church family in several different areas through the years including teaching Sunday School when she was younger.

Shirley is fondly remembered for her love of going, doing, laughing, and taking charge. She enjoyed numerous sporting events (especially those involving her grandchildren.) She loved to be "on the go," socialize, and play cards particularly at LeGrand's Monday card group, Marshalltown's Wednesday card group, and family gatherings when it was men vs. women and she could "set" Junior! She was a hard worker who canned meat and vegetables and raised chickens for both eggs and meat. She was apt at letting those close to her know her views and what she expected of them. And, oh did she love to laugh.

She is survived by three of her children, her daughter-in-law, Susy Dunham, six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, two brothers and a sister-in-law. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son Don Dunham, a sister, two brothers, and a son-in-law.

Mason Stephens, 16, of LeGrand died in a tragic automobile accident on Monday, August 1, 2011. Services were held at the East Marshall High School gymnasium, LeGrand, Iowa on Friday, August 5 with Pastor Alan Mullikin officiating. Mason was laid to rest in LeGrand Friends Cemetery, LeGrand, Iowa.

Mason was entering his junior year at East Marshall where he was active in football, golf, and previously wrestling. He was an associate member of LeGrand Friends Church and was also a member of the Legion, the Y, and FFA. Mason enjoyed golfing, fishing, racing, playing football, watching the Iowa Hawkeyes, cheering on the St. Louis Cardinals, listening to country music, and go-karting. He had worked at LeGrand Sanitation and loved helping out area farmers.

Mason vastly preferred any outdoor activity (4-wheeling; camping; fishing; cattle choring; working on cars, trucks, or motorcycles) over staying inside or washing dishes. And you wouldn't very often find him sitting still, but rather out going and doing...enjoying life. This big, country-loving kid had a great heart demonstrated by his kindness, thoughtfulness and care for others. His list of favorite foods was long, but the list of people whose lives he touched was even longer. When he died, we lost a wonderful, gentle, fun and hard-working young man who will be greatly missed by a host of family and friends.

Mason is survived by his parents, Mark and Rochelle (Keller) Stephens; sisters, Courtney and Samantha; paternal grandfather; maternal grandparents and great-grandmother; numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins; and, his dogs Annie and Bandit. Preceding him in death were his paternal grandmother and two cousins.

2011 Yearly Meeting highlights

Congratulations to Alan Mullikin, pastor at LeGrand Friends Church! Alan was recorded at the 2011 Yearly Meeting conference. He and his family provided the music and sang a special. There was even some humor as many folks had special fans with Alan photo on the front. His kids showed their support after the service as part of his "fan club"!

A special thank you to the Camp Quaker Heights staff as they hosted our annual sessions this year. It was great to spend time at camp for our sessions.

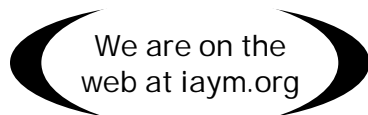
We also want to thank Quakerdale for hosting our group on-site for a meal and a sharing time. They have a tremendous vision of their ministry as it evolves toward the future.

Next year we will be back at William Penn University as we host the sessions on August 1-4 of 2012!



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Iowa Yearly Meeting's

Calendar of Upcoming Events 2011-12

- Golf Retreat @ CQH Sept. 16-17
- FDS workday at Mesquakie Sept. 16-17
- USFW Fall Retreat Sept. 24
- PASTOR RETREAT @ CQH OCTOBER 2-4
 Speaker will be Colin Saxton
- All Boards Meeting @ CQH October 14-15
- YF Meeting and FEAST @ Grinnell Oct. 24
- Impact @ Fairfield Friends Nov. 12-13
- Mid-Winter Dec 30—Jan 1
- BOC Meeting @ Oskaloosa March 17th
- Spring Body of Representatives March 31st
 @ Motor Friends
- 2012 Yearly Meeting @ WPU August 1-4

Fall Golf Retreat at Camp Quaker Heights



Camp Quaker Heights is once again happy to host our annual golf retreat after a 2-year hiatus. We'll be playing the Meadow Hills course in Iowa Falls, due to the re-greening at the local course. If you didn't pick up a brochure at YM sessions or seek additional info, please call Linda Garrison at 641-751-4088 or email campqhi@heartofiowa.net.

Plan to attend Sept. 16-17. Registration begins at 6 pm Friday. Full weekend price with 3 meals, overnight cabin stay is \$65 per participant; Saturday only, \$45.