

The Iowa Friend

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WPU Campus Ministry Newsletter for winter at campus ministry: February *by Spencer Thury*

Talking with a student on Monday Feb 13th, we rejoiced in Psalm 18:35, "He stoops down to make me great." We rejoice that we serve a transcendent God that is also immanent. He is holy and yet dwells among us in our imperfection. It serves as an example for us to live right among others humbly, and even be offended as we serve in love.

Good things have been happening at WPU campus ministries. The leadership core is larger than it has ever been. We are adding new members to replace the seniors we will be losing at graduation. Our invitations to speak at churches have filled our schedule. Students are being asked to do more than just music. Students who are outside the leadership core are traveling together. Saturday Feb. 11th, we were part of a special service in New Sharon celebrating the arts. We have helped a local Friend move out of her shop. February 25th four of us met with Sarah Martin, formerly of Riverside Friends Church, and helped her with a 30hour famine event at Iowa Wesleyan College. We hope to further establish vital campus ministry at that campus with InterVarsity there. The next day, nine of us ministered at Trinity Friends meeting for their Quarterly Meeting. One of the students present at that meeting will be teaching in New Sharon and is considering being a part of the music for New Sharon Friends Church. WPU campus ministry has helped to plant a second international church for IAYM. We have spent three weekends attending the new Friend's Church North congregation. Lastly, nine students attended Quaker Men's family banquet at WPU.

Good things are about to happen among campus ministry students. Our schedule of upcoming events in churches in town looks strong, and seems to grow daily in invitations. The students are now a regular part of serving at the newly formed Friend's Church North. Non campus ministry students are attending and serving with them. Lower Grove Church (a local church north of Oskaloosa) has asked WPU campus ministry to fill the pulpit there once a month. This allows WPU campus ministry students a consistent pulpit opportunity. During our upcoming Spring break we will serve at Riverside Friends Church in Mason City, Grace in Mt. Pleasant, and both Friends Church West and North in Des Moines.

We have entered into a new period of small groups where we forego our large group meeting twice a month in order to branch out and develop relationships with more student groups outside our own. Some of these groups are spiritually based, some seem to be just about having fun. I have been leading a group that will be serving urban students by uniquely offering a "jam session" that features urban gospel music.

Since a large percentage of Wm. Penn students are athletes, campus ministry has also encouraged Bible studies with the athletic teams. The year began with Jan Werling from the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Des Moines sharing the vision of FCA and how God can use the platform of athletics to speak to our culture. This meeting was well attended with many coaches and their student leaders. Two football coaches lead Bible studies at different times during the week throughout the year and the volleyball coach had pre-game devotions with his team during the season. Pastor Tom Palmer, a former Penn player, organized pre-game devotions for all the football games. Another Bible study is held weekly for athletes of the various sports to attend.—from Tom Palmer, Pastor at College Avenue Friends

Please be in prayer for these new cell groups to reach unreached students; for our student leaders to serve in unity and mutual encouragement, and for us to keep Jesus as our center as we serve. We are in need of our own video recorder and projector for the meetings we are helping to establish.

May you be blessed and your ministries expand as you allow Jesus' love to fill you as you serve others in His name.



Quakerdale Upcoming Events



Quakerdale Marriage Enrichment Retreat on March 30th and 31st at the [Wolfe Ranch Life Enrichment Center](#) in Marshalltown, Iowa.

The two day retreat will provide an opportunity for husbands and wives to get away from the daily hustle and bustle of life and spend quality time together as a couple. Through Christian perspective and various disciplines of psychology the following areas will be discussed:

- ✦ Communication Killers
- ✦ Conflict Management
- ✦ Personality Difference
- ✦ Teamwork for Marriage
- ✦ Rebuilding Trust
- ✦ Improving Problem Solving
- ✦ Seasons of Marriage

The retreat will begin at 6:00 pm on Friday, March 30th and close at 5:30 pm on Saturday, March 31st. Cost: \$150 per couple (overnight stay), \$120 per couple (commuting) Register by contacting Mindy Hadley at mhadley@quakerdale.org or 641-497-5294.

Chick-fil-A Leadercast Event at Quakerdale

Community business leaders can access the knowledge and experience of world-renowned leaders by attending Chick-fil-A Leadercast at Quakerdale in New Providence on May 4, 2012.

Chick-fil-A Leadercast is a one-day leader development event broadcast LIVE from Atlanta, Ga. to hundreds of sites throughout the nation, including New Providence

This year's program will focus on the power of choice. The diverse group of internationally-acclaimed authors, leadership experts and practitioners will share insights to help leaders empower and equip others at work, at home and in the community through his or her choices.

For more information about Chick-fil-A Leadercast, visit www.chick-fil-a-leadercast.com. For local ticketing information, call or email Mindy Hadley (641) 497-5294 mhadley@quakerdale.org or visit www.quakerdale.org.



USFW Spring Fling

The Spring Fling will be held at Marshalltown First Friends Church Saturday, April 14th

We will have little video clips of music from missions trips from "Around the World" and special guests will be Spencer Thury and team from Campus Ministry of Wm Penn University.

Registration begins at 9:30am and lunch will be served, with the closing prayer at 2:30pm. You won't want to miss this wonderful day of fun and fellowship with Friends women from Iowa! Bring your USFW group and come ready for a blessing!

Pre-registration is recommended and you can register with Ann Nichols by email: anichols@q.com, or call her at 641-752-1931 by April 9th.

The cost remains at \$10.00 for the entire day that includes your lunch. Consider blessing someone else and bring them along!

Scholarships Opportunities

Deaths:

Ryan James Mathias, age 22, died Friday, January 27, 2012. He was born Nov. 1, 1989, in Des Moines.

Ryan was home-schooled through high school and attended Grace University, Omaha, Neb. He had been employed at Cambridge Investments, Fairfield.

He was an accomplished musician and played several instruments. He especially enjoyed Irish music. Ryan attended Fairfield Friends Church.

Surviving are his parents, James and Donnalee Mathias; a brother, Tyler Mathias; and paternal grandparents, Harold and Jane Mathias, all of rural Birmingham; maternal grandparents, Walter and Betty Shuka of Marion; and other relatives and friends.

Taylor Mason, comedian/ventriloquist

Date: March 9

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Lynnville Friends Church

Music, provided by Lenis De Cook and family

Proceeds from the event will go to "Arvin's Mission" a non-profit fund set up in memory of my husband, who died as a result of a vehicle rear ending him while on his tractor. He loved doing mission work on the Texas/Mexico border and that is what "Arvin's Mission" supports, ministry and missions on the border and in Mexico.

From Brenda Cox—Woolson Friends Church

I was so excited when I received the call from Ron Bryan giving me the news of the financial gift from Iowa Yearly Meeting to support my travel to the FWCC conference and to the Friends Bringing Hope work in Kenya. I feel honored and blessed that you have chosen me. I pray that I will be used in a mighty way, to bring the love of God to the women of Friends Bringing Hope who are not worth anything in the eyes of many. Seeing their smiles and excitement when we visit, help them with their micro-enterprises and physical needs makes me remember that a little love and a hug mean the world to these women.

Thanks you so much! Will you pray that God will guide my steps and that my spirit will be open and aware of God's voice? I will be going to Turkana on April 13th and coming back the 17th in time for the conference. I want to be an encourager for John and Grace Moru, and others who are ministering in the area.

Editors note: there has been several pictures on our Facebook site of Brenda and the team at the Friends

Iowa United Society of Friends Women

William Penn University Scholarship Fund

Guidelines

Following are guidelines for the selection of candidates for Iowa USFW William Penn University Scholarship. The Scholarship Committee shall consider applications for scholarships and make decisions as to 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 **March 31st**.
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.

Send in your requests to the Yearly meeting office!

Mission Scholarships From our IAYM Mission Board

Iowa Mission Board Offers Short-Term Mission Scholarships The Iowa Yearly Meeting Mission Board announces that scholarship funds are available for adults and youth within Iowa Yearly Meeting for short term mission trips. Guidelines for this opportunity are available at the yearly meeting office and can be found on the IAYM website. The maximum amount for each scholarship is \$150. **Deadlines for Applications are January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1.** Contact the Yearly Meeting office for more information!

Memorials from your local church need to be sent to:

Marie Moffitt

15529 Kennedy St.

Indianola, IA 50125

“Recycling for the Lord”

From Lynnville Friends Church

For years used Sunday school papers, books and a variety of other Christian material had been kept and it was apparent the cupboards and storage areas were ‘bulging at the seams’! It seemed wrong to destroy these materials. Surely they could be re-used. Prayers, seeking God’s guidance were offered. The suggestion of searching the internet resulted in the discovery of Love Packages, located in Butler, Illinois which sends a variety of used Christian materials to missionaries. For the past few years churches in our area have helped fill a pickup with used material for fall delivery to Butler. (Type in the words –www.lovepackages.org for a 7 minute video which explains this outreach ministry) They can also be reached at 217-532-6701.

On the map, Butler is a very small town and if a person blinks, the town could be missed. “Mystery trips are always fun”. That fact became a reality. A landmark most everyone is familiar with is an abandoned school house. Steve, a former alcoholic, had given his life to the Lord, was able to purchase this building as a processing center and with God’s help began shipping Christian literature of all types to missionaries in various countries. Last year a total of 883 tons were sent to 15 different countries. The sorting and handling is all done by volunteers. Last year over 1600 people volunteered their time. In the same building are rooms which serve as sleeping rooms for groups who come a distance. Cooking facilities are also available because there is no restaurant or gas station in town!

Last fall when the load was delivered, Steve mentioned that there is a big shortage of Bibles. The 12 members of the Lynnville Friends Loyal Fellowship Class discussed this need, knowing that the Gospel is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes. “Could we fill a pickup with Bibles?” There is power in prayer and so the ‘mission’ began for used Bibles. A Bible that is used and worn out is of much more value than one in the drawer or on the shelf collecting dust. Bibles came from everywhere. The response was overwhelming. Along with the pickup load (2280 pounds) of Bibles, a check for \$1320 was delivered to Love Packages to help defray the cost of shipping. An urgent request had just been received from Liberia, Africa, so this entire load was going to be shipped within a few days. God is Good.

This mission project will continue as an annual event, and all used Christian materials can be dropped off at Lynnville Friends Church anytime.



Friends United Meeting

Mission Focus
March 2012

Amari Play Center



Malak is a student at the Amari Play Center. He is five years old. Last year his sister Amani was a student at the Play Center. When Malak was afraid of being away from his mother, Amani reassured him that he would be happy at the Play Center. “We play, learn to sing, and go on picnics,” she told him, adding, “I wish I could stay at the Play Center forever!”

Amani was right. Malak is happy at the school. “I like Miss Wafiyeh and Miss Reema,” he says. “I like to drink the milk at the Play Center. Sometimes Miss Reema makes it like pudding and puts coconuts and cinnamon in it on winter days.”

Amani helps Malak with his homework and says she wants to be a teacher at the Play Center when she grows up. Malak thinks he would like to work at the Play Center one day too, or even open a Play Center of his own.

Students like Amani and Malak benefit greatly from the educational instruction, regular meals, and spiritual nurture they receive from the staff and volunteers at Amari Play Center. Please remember them in your prayers this month.

Friends started the Amari Play Center in Ramallah’s refugee camp to provide a safe and nurturing learning environment for pre-school children. FUM continues to endorse and channel donations for this ministry.



Garrison Memorial Scramble

April 28, 2012
Westwood Municipal Golf Course
Newton, IA

Sponsorship Information

- Eagle Sponsor - \$500**
Includes
 - Registration fees for two players
 - Recognition before shotgun start at event
 - Tournament recognition at the post-event mailing
 - Sponsorship signs on each nine.
- Birdie Sponsor - \$250**
Includes
 - Registration fees for one player
 - Tournament recognition at the post-event mailing
 - Sponsorship sign on one hole
- Par Sponsor - \$100**
Includes
 - Tournament recognition at the post-event mailing
 - Sponsorship sign on one hole

- Prize Sponsor - Donate Items for Prizes**
Please include an itemized list of donated items and their approximate value, so that we can give you an accurate charitable contributions receipt.

For sponsorships including a hole sign, forms must be RECEIVED no later than April 13, 2012, in order to have proper time to have the signs prepared.

For more information, call (641) 236-6412 or send an e-mail to newsma213@hotmail.com

Contact Name: _____

Sponsor Name: (displayed on sign): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Blizzard Blast

Middle School (5th - 8th Grade) Lock-In



\$25

6 PM - 6 AM



Activities Include:

Dodgeball	Swimming	Pizza
Basketball	Air Hockey	(late night snack)
Volleyball	Board Games	Breakfast
Racquetball	Mario Kart (Wii)	&
Foosball	Other Big Group Games	Worship

Plus...

Marshalltown YMCA & 1st Friends Church

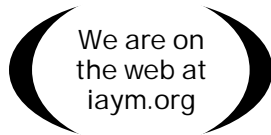
Friday, March 9, 2012

Pick-up & Drop-off @ 1st Friends
2409 S. 6th St., Marshalltown

Forms available at our website!

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Iowa Yearly Meeting Schedule

March 2012

- 3/3 M&C Board Meeting @ 9:30 in Grinnell
- 3/10 Missions Board Meeting @ 9:30 in Grinnell
- 3/17 BOC Meeting @ 9AM in Oskaloosa
- 3/19-20 Beane Lecture and Pastors Short Course @ WPU
- 3/31 Spring Body of Representative @ Motor Friends
- 3/31 Quakerdale Marriage Retreat @ Wolfe Ranch—Marshalltown

April 2012

- 4/6-8 Offices closed for Easter
- 4/14 USFW Spring Fling @ Marshalltown Friends
- 4/28 Garrison Memorial Golf Scramble 4-person Best Position Tournament
 9:00 am Start time
 @ Westwood Municipal Golf Course, Newton
 \$200 per team
 Contact Anthony Nieuwsma



August 2012

- 8/1-4 Iowa Yearly Meeting Annual Conference @ William Penn University

October 30-November 2 National Pastors Conference

Young Friends 2012 Camps

Little Fry Camp **(K-2)** June 8 - 10

Fry Camp **(2-4)** June 3 - 6

Fox Camp **(5-6)** June 24 - 28

Jr. High Camp **(7-8)** June 10 - 15

Sr. High Camp **(9-12)** June 15 - 20

College Weekender **(9-12)** June 1 - 3



Important Changes...

- Choosing which camp to attend is now determined by ***the last grade completed.*** (exceptions may apply)
- Students who have completed 2nd grade can choose to attend Little Fry with a parent OR independently at Fry Camp.