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Iowa Yearly Meeting: Spreading Like Prairie Grass to Make the
Love of Jesus Christ Known in the Heartland and Beyond

Celebrating our
150th Year!

William Penn Campus Ministry summer activities

Update on campus ministry, William Penn university, fall 2012



In May, WPU campus ministry attended a leadership development camp with two student leaders, and connected with 150 student leaders from our area at an event titled, "Catalyst". We attended classes focused on multi-ethnic ministry.

Throughout the summer, campus ministry students served in a number of ways. Recently graduated students, potential WPU students, and current campus ministry leaders served at Freedom Village outreach, Des Moines Iowa. Each summer for the past two years, WPU students and I served at a housing project in Des Moines on Wednesday nights.

This gives us experience multi-culturally and as leaders.

We serve through ESL work, music, crafts and hands on service work. Also this summer, the Campus Ministry band also played at Relay for Life, in Oskaloosa, June 10.

Every June, I am a cabin counselor at Iowa Yearly Meeting's High School camp. Many of my campus ministry interns have come from this camp. At the camp this summer, I presented a workshop on personal and team leadership development for 22 campers (StrengthFinders material), and helped students present talents in music. This year's band at the youth camp was made up of some past and future WPU students which also speaks to the campers

about considering their involvement in WPU.



On Aug 22, 43 people from five local churches and alumni, gathered from 9am to 3pm to welcome students and their parents to the Oskaloosa community and WPU. At Move In Day, Oskaloosa families join to walk up and down the stairs for other families entrusting us with their children. We physically help them move their boxes into the dorms. This year, even local youth groups started to participate. Some faculty also asked to be invited to serve also next year.



All this preparation built momentum to open our campus ministry meetings which started the first day of classes. Campus ministry kicked off with 100 pounds of wings in cooperation with SGA's ice cream social. We opened up the microphone for some urban style "singing." The next week, we had a strong crowd at our opening night of our weekly evening worship service, which was near 50 students. You can view all of this information on a PowerPoint presentation which is available upon request.



Student leaders are now gearing up to begin small groups which among many things, helps greatly with retention. Some of the small groups include men's and women's Bible Studies, athlete's bible studies, an urban worship group, and a weekly Apples to Apples game at the Smokey row coffee shop. We have weekend retreats planned in September and October. We are also planning for our Poverty Awareness Week which takes place every year annually, the second week of November. The speaker is Pastor Michael Hurst from Elim Baptist church in Des Moines.

Submitted by Spencer Thury, September 22, 2012.

Be unashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ for it has the power of God to change a life.

**IAYM October Mission's Emphasis
Belize Friends School**

The school will be the Thanksgiving Offering! Please check FUM's website for any information needed for the work in Belize.

USFW is joining the 40 Days of Prayer for the Future of Friends. We ask that you join us in your prayer closet and pray with us from October 10th - November 18th. We specifically ask that you pray that USFW changes hearts, lives, and communities with the love of Christ in these days ahead. We are all a part of the Body of Christ and what a joy that our small part can make a huge difference in the life of another woman somewhere around the World!

Join your faith with ours as we stand and declare the Greater things that are yet to come!! A devotional guide/booklet is available online at the FUM website:

<http://www.fum.org/about/40daysofprayer>

Kerry

60th Anniversary Celebration

Erwin and Ardith Cook will be celebrating 60 years of marriage. There will be a potluck/fellowship time for them following service at Smyrna Friends Church on October 14, 2012. If you are able to attend, please call 515-961-6158 for directions and information.

Cards may be sent to:

Erwin and Ardith Cook
10807 200th Avenue
Ackworth, IA 50001

Quakerdale Marriage Enrichment Retreat 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, Oct. 26th and close at 5:30 pm on Sat., Oct. 27th. Cost: \$150 per couple (overnight stay), \$120 per couple (commuting)

Register by contacting Mindy Hadley:
mhadley@quakerdale.org or 641-497-5294.



We've got some opportunities for you to join us in our ministry here at CQH.

WORK DAY(s) on a WEEK DAY
October 16, 9:00(or when you get here!)-3:00
October 17, 9:00--3:00

It will be the usual fall jobs (leaves are falling at the same rapid pace as ever, just a few days earlier) of raking (and perhaps burning), chopping, carrying, cleaning (even though it will likely be cleaned again in spring) and putting things to rights before winter.

Rolls upon arrival as well as a hearty lunch will be provided.

Call Chip (319-939-6611) for more details.
641-939-5977 (answering machine)



Deaths:

Myrna Shope—LeGrand Friends

LeGrand Friends Church (LFC) lost a life-long member recently. Myrna Shope would often recount her church heritage by saying that she had come to this church every Sunday since she was born. Myrna passed away Sunday, August 26, 2012 at the Promise House in Hiawatha, Iowa. She was 89. Services were held at LeGrand Friends Church on Friday, August 31 with Pastor Alan Mullikin officiating. She was laid to rest in LeGrand Friends Cemetery, LeGrand, Iowa.

Myrna was born on April 20, 1923 in LeGrand to Oscar Willits and Edna (Kelsey) Johnson. She grew up on the Johnson Family Farm north of LeGrand and graduated from LeGrand High School. She attended Iowa State College where she was a member of the traveling marimba ensemble. On August 8, 1942, she married Van E. Shope; the couple made their home on a farm south of LeGrand. In addition to her church membership, Myrna was a USFW member (United Society of Friends Women,) and an active member of the LeGrand Lioness Club.

Myrna had talented hands and used them in many ways. She grew beautiful gardens of vegetables and flowers (especially miniature baby's breath.) She also was a gifted seamstress whose handiwork in creating gowns fulfilled the dreams of many brides as well as high school girls headed to prom. She hand-crafted the unique Christmas card greetings for which she was known. And, her creativity flowed into countless personalized diaper bags, placemats with coordinated napkins, delicate Christmas ornaments, and the like. She was famous for her "cookies on a stick," the ultimate reward for those who gave blood at the Lioness blood drives Myrna organized. The ability of her hands awed audiences as she played the marimba with no less than four mallets at once. And, let's not forget her years of handiwork at the piano as she and organist Bernice Brush played their offertory duets. Those two showed up at church like clockwork every Friday morning to "practice." We're pretty sure there was as much "FUN" as "practice" as their time was generously sprinkled with lots of visiting and giggling.

Left to honor Myrna's legacy are her four daughters: Marlene, Maureen, Monica, and Martha Kay, six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son-in-law Larry, brother Maurice, and sister Kathryn Louise.

Memorials can now be sent to the IAYM Office

Iowa Yearly Meeting
PO Box 657
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

FUM Ministry of the Month

September 2012

Lindi Friends School

Lindi Friends Schools was founded in 1996 as a nursery school for young children living in the Kibera slum, Nairobi, Kenya. This community is considered one of the largest slums in the world. Children face terrible challenges in this unsafe and unsanitary community and are not offered governmental assistance. In 2002, Friends United Meeting began partnering with the school and in 2010, Nairobi Yearly Meeting assumed direct oversight for the school.

Currently 202 students are enrolled. The school has offered the national primary exams since 2005 and many of its graduates have gone on to secondary school. FUM has continued to offer a number of scholarships to these graduates as they continue their education.

Students are provided a free lunch every school day as this is often the only healthy meal they consume that day.

Amid challenges and occasional setbacks, Lindi Friends School remains a beacon of God's love and light to this impoverished community.

Please keep Lindi Friends School in your daily prayers:

1. May the Board and management team receive divine wisdom as they guide the school.
2. May the students and their families experience God's loving provision and hope for the future.
3. May the Board find the means to recruit and pay several experienced teachers who can serve as mentors to the younger teachers and can raise the overall quality of education received in the school.
4. Praise God that Friends are answering the call to minister to the needs of slum-dwelling children in Kibera and in many other places in the world.
5. Thank God for the Friends in Nairobi and around the world who support Lindi Friends School and believe in the difference a good school can make in the life of a vulnerable child.
6. Pray that the Board, church and parents can cooperate together to improve the 13 teacher salaries and invest in educational materials.
7. Pray for the 21 Lindi students preparing to sit for their national exams in November 2012. We pray they will perform well and qualify for secondary school.



Join the world-wide community of Friends for a season of listening, prayer and discernment from **October 10–November 18**

Iowa Yearly Meeting

CONCERTS OF PRAYER

Sunday, November 11 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

**Remembering our Spiritual Trails
150th Anniversary of Iowa Yearly Meeting**

This excerpt is from the 100th year Spiritual Trails.

“Part 3—The concern of Friends for Education

Development of the Sunday School

It was only 59 years after the establishment of the first Sunday School on the American continent that Friends in Iowa set up their first “First Day Scripture School” at Pleasant Plain in June 1844. The origin of the school grew out of a concern over the growing apathy of Friends toward a careful and regular study of the Scriptures.

As early as 1913 Iowa Yearly Meeting minutes showed a concern for work in the areas of Teacher Training, Cradle Rolls, Home Department, etc. “The church is beginning to realize that the most efficient agency within her reach for practical church extension is the Bible School. Modern Bible School methods are being adopted more and more by our Bible Schools. Our schools are becoming standardized, the graded system is being introduced to the great benefit of the pupils, better financial systems adopted, and teacher training is given more attention. The time is approaching when the demand for preparation of the Bible School teacher for her work will be on a par with the demand for preparation of the public school teacher before the children are entrusted to her. As our people become alive to the effectiveness of this instrument they will go out into surrounding districts where there is need and carry the Gospel through the agency of the Bible School. Thus in course of time revivals will break out, many will be brought into the Kingdom, and new churches will be organized. Such are the possibilities before us if we are faithful to use the opportunities as they come.” (from the Souvenir Bulletin of the 50th Anniversary of Iowa Yearly Meeting).

Schools of the Early Era, 1845—1892

The concern of Friends for the educating of their children and youth was seen immediately upon their arrival in this “far western territory”. The second half of the 19th century was the flourishing period for establishing of Friends educational institution. At least sixteen academies, seminaries and colleges were founded during this period of time. These schools were: Salem Seminary, Whittier College, Springdale Academy, Springdale Seminary, Ackworth Academy, West Branch Academy, Lynn Grove Academy, Stanford Seminary, New Providence Academy, Penn Academy, LeGrand Academy, William Penn College, Pleasant Plain Academy, Friendswood Academy, Hartland Academy, and Earlham Academy.

The contribution of the schools to the people of the church and community was tremendous. Several factors were involved in the decision to discontinue the avenue of service through the academies (1) As public high schools increased and came within the reach of all in providing tuition free education the pressure of need was lessened and the economic disadvantage rested upon the academy (2) Another economic

factor lay in the consolidation of funds for Penn College from over the Yearly Meeting, making it difficult to also support the area academies. (3) The academic standards in some of the academies tended toward failing to meet the requirements of higher schools of learning.

William Penn (College) University

The college had its origin in the settlement of two communities of Friends at Center Grove and Spring Creek, in the neighborhood of Os-kaloosa in the decade of 1850-1860. In 1855 a private school was opened in one of the homes in the former community, and two years later a boarding school was set up under the auspices of the Center Grove School Association. In 1860 the Friends of Spring Creek opened the Iowa Friends Boarding School, soon after changing its name to Spring Creek Institute. Unfortunately, in 1863, the building was burned but early the following year the patrons of the school formed a new association incorporated under the name of Spring Creek Union College. At the annual meeting of the Association in September 1873, the name was changed to Penn College Association and the first term of Penn College was opened on September 23, 1973 and the first graduation was in 1875.

REMINDER

The 150th Planning committee needs to get your church history pages in by DECEMBER 1st!

Your meeting’s page will be part of the history book project. We are combining information from the 100th & 125th commemorative history publications and adding information up to the present year. Each meeting will have a page to share their history. Meetings that have merged together can have a page for each of the individual meetings. Please send your historical write-up along with any pictures to be included with your page to:

**Marvis Smith
fourstarmarv@yahoo.com or
1951 250th St., Milford, IA 51351**

Please label all pictures sent in so that they can be returned. Also, pictures of any size can be sent in. We can resize them to fit the format of the page!

Also, please reserve a copy of the publication for yourself, church, or local historical library! Contact Mary at the Yearly Meeting office. Estimated cost of publication will be \$20-\$30.

Fall Ideas to “Live Love”

Genuine love and compassion for God and others
is what attracts people to the Gospel and thus to our church family.

Weekly suggestions can be done as a family, individual or with a small group

October 7: Fall Yard Work – Raking, pruning, weeding, trimming, cleaning gutters, sweeping, covering plants for winter, planting spring bulbs, etc. All these can be more fun and less time consuming if done as a family or small group.

October 14: Share a Laugh – Clip out your favorite comic strip and mail it to someone who needs a laugh. Email a joke or funny story. Send a humorous free e-card. Read a funny book (perhaps from our church library) then pass it along to another who would enjoy the same kind of humor.

October 21: Neighborhood Progressive Dinner – You can get lots of information about progressive dinners off the Internet. Four courses at four homes works well. Begin with appetizers, then soup & salad, the main course with side dishes and conclude with dessert & coffee.

October 28: Community Worker Appreciation – Write a note of appreciation to your local fire fighters, police officers, first responders, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, etc. Drop the note off with some homemade goodies, a plant or a gift card to a local restaurant. Encourage children to make an attractive “Thank You” poster and have them help create the homemade goodies.

November 4: Reconnecting – Call someone you haven’t seen at church recently. Let them know they been missed and be sincere in asking if there are any problems. Be willing to listen. Don’t be quick to give advice. Ask if they would like a visit from you or the pastor. If so, take along homemade goodies or a plant and allow plenty of time to listen to any concerns.

November 11: A Stress Free Meal – Cook and deliver a meal to someone who is dealing with a lot of stress in their life. Pray and have God lead you to the right person.

November 18: A Thankful Note – For the week of Thanksgiving write at least one, or several thank you notes. These could be to your family, friends, church workers, pastor, co-workers, service workers in your community, teachers, school bus drivers, postal workers, health care providers, etc.

November 25: Automotive Aid – Single women, senior citizens and any one with a low income would all appreciate help caring for their automobiles. Offer to check and change oil or washer fluid, check tire pressure & hoses, replace spark plugs, vacuum, wash, and other general upkeep.

*“If there is any kindness I can show,
or any good thing I can do to any fellow being,
let me do it now, and not deter or neglect it,
as I shall not pass this way again.”*

~ William Penn

We encourage the Monthly suggestions to be a whole church challenge.

Following are some ideas to pick from and use for September, October and November.

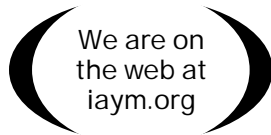
Fall picnic, bonfire, hayrack ride, harvest party, game night, soup supper, pie & coffee night, etc. (all free of charge) Invite the community. Make invitation notes for your members to hand out; publicize in the local paper; post flyers; put in on the local radio station, etc. But the best way is for a member to invite a friend as a personal one to one invite is most effective. Have cards available with church information, but don’t push involvement.

Community Clean Up Day: This could be at a local park or garden area, (check with local officials first) at your church, or at the home of someone who is unable to do the work themselves. Encourage everyone in the church to be involved. Bring rakes, cleaning supplies, perhaps even paint. Children can help out or just enjoy playing while adults do the work. End with a hot dog cookout or potluck meal.

College Care Kits: Put together care kits for the neighborhood students off at college. They will love getting a funny card of encouragement in the mail, but be even more grateful for a package of goodies. You might include any of the following: microwave popcorn, hot cocoa mix, coffee, post-it notes, granola bars, pudding cups, bubbles, crayons or small silly toys for stress relief, pens, small boxes of cereal or oatmeal, a gift card to a local pizza restaurant, laundry detergent and/or quarters, music CD, homemade cookies and/or Chex mix, lip balm, card game, Easy Mac, Ramen Noodles, gum, trail mix, batteries, etc.

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October 2012

10/12-13 All Boards Retreat @ CQH
10/20 100 Mile Run for Missions—Kip Schuler
10/26-27 Marriage Enrichment Retreat @ Wolfe Ranch

October 10—November 18 FUM 40 Days of Prayer

October 30-November 2 National Pastors Conference
Middlebury, IN

November 2012

11/11 IAYM All Church Concert of Prayer

December 2012

12/1 Church History Pages due for 150th book

March 2013

3/9/13 BOC at Grinnell
3/23/13 Spring Body at Quakerdale

April 2013

4/6/13 USFW Spring Fling at West Branch

July 31-August 3, 2013

!50th Yearly Meeting and Celebration
At William Penn University

HELP WANTED

Our 150th Publication Committee needs some folks to work on updating information on our history for the updated “Spiritual Trails” publication.

Areas that need updated are:

- Camp Quaker Heights
- Quaker Men and Friends Disaster Service
- USFW
- Missions works
- Quakerdale
- William Penn University
- Young Friends Programming
- Mesquakie Friends Center

Also, do have some pictures to share for the book? Pictures of folks who have/are serving in missions? Pictures from various gatherings in the Yearly Meeting?

Please contact Mary Thury at the Yearly Meeting office if you can help in any of these areas. All pictures will be scanned and returned to sender or they can be sent in electronically via email.