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The Iowa Friend

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 University Campus Ministry Program



Since December, campus ministry has had various meetings that met with varied success. We continue to travel and serve at different meetings, and have done more speaking this year than in the past. After serving at Fairfield Friends Church, Lower Grove Church, Gateway Nazarene, and College Avenue, we are still looking for more opportunities.

Our interns have been effective in working together through the many adjustments we have needed to make this semester because of snow storms, basketball championships, and Spring break. There have been a few cancellations of speakers and events that came up on us suddenly this year, but we rolled with the changes.

We led worship at the spring break outreach we attended. We have led music at College Avenue Friends church once a month this year.

Highlights of the ministry this semester include a snow storm that hit the campus and classes were cancelled. The student leaders met and followed through with their planned service project anyway. Campus ministry students were offering pizza, praying with students, and literally taking out their garbage. Our Spring break this year was spent serving in St. Louis. WPU students joined others from St. Louis, Coe College, and Kennesaw State in Atlanta Georgia who had the same break as us. Together we ate, laughed, and played as we served the homeless, refugees from Iraq, and potentially homeless widows. As well as painting, building a podium, picking up trash, and talking to the neighbors.

Different student leaders stepped up their game this year. Our typical week begins with a prayer meeting led by one of the interns on Sunday nights. Together we review the details of the past week and set agendas for the following week. An intern, Dylan Westrick, was asked to take a role as a guitar player in a praise band for a local church. Robert Radcliff spoke at a few meetings and church events. Jamorsay Lambert has been writing rap songs inspired by and Bible verses like Psalm 143. Elias Thury and Dylan Westrick are behind him backing him up on their acoustic guitars. Bailey Morrison has offered a much needed perspective on team decisions. Elias Thury considers a large part of his ministry to befriending through offering rides off campus. These leaders are now leading new Bible Studies and other meetings.

By: Spencer Thury



CAMP QUAKER HEIGHTS NEWS



2013 Camp Dates

Little Fry	May 31-June 2
Fry Camp	June 27-30
Fox Camp	June 23-27
Jr. High Camp	June 7-12
JR High Weekender	June 7-9
HS Camp	June 14-19
HS Weekender	June 14-16
Young Adult Weekender	May 31-June 2



**KNOW
GOD
John 17:3**

Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent

Registration forms are now available at the
Yearly Meeting Office!

Camp Quaker Heights

WorkDay April 6th @ 9 am

There will be coffee and light breakfast items upon arrival. Lunch will be provided.

Things to bring; leaf rake, wheel-borrow, favorite cleaning supplies, chainsaw, gas powered post hole digger, tools for working on the new bike shed, vehicle to pick up sticks and debris.

Projects: general cleaning of buildings, cleaning/raking grounds, cutting up firewood, low challenge course, bike shed.

Please contact the office if you have any questions 641-939-5977

website: campquakerheights.org

Garrison Scholarship for Christian Ministries

Purpose: To encourage individuals from IAYM to pursue a degree in Christian Ministries. Must be an active member at a church in IAYM who apply in the spring prior to enrolling as a half-time or full-time student. Currently maintaining a GPA of 2.5 or better, pursuing a degree in a field related to Christian Ministries. More than one applicant may be selected each year. Applications and references must be submitted to the Yearly Meeting office and postmark dated by **May 31, 2013**. Contact the office for more information!!

Christian Education Board Announces

THE CE EXCHANGE TABLE

Please consider sharing/exchanging your old

VBS Materials/Programs

Sunday School Curriculum

Holiday Programs

A table/exchange area will be set up at our Annual Session for churches to bring items to exchange!

Please share items that are complete sets. OR are current programs where additional materials could be purchased.



FUM North American Ministries Retreat

May 3-4, 2013

Join Friends from several different Yearly Meetings for a weekend retreat sponsored by Friends United Meeting and hosted by Quaker Hill Conference Center in Richmond, Indiana.

This gathering is part of series of regional workshops "Unleashing the Power of Your Meeting/Church" coordinated by the North American Ministries Committee of FUM.

Two options are being offered at the Richmond event.

Clerking: Serving the Community with Joy and Confidence will be led by Arthur Larrabee, General Secretary of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. Arthur is well known for his excellent and practical instruction on effective clerking and assisting meetings/churches in the worshipful work of business and listening to God together.

Vital Worship: Nurturing and Deepening our Experience of Gathering in Christ for Worship will be co-lead by Nancy McCormick, pastor in Wilmington Yearly Meeting, and Colin Saxton, FUM general secretary. Nancy and Colin will focus on individual and community practices that draw us toward life-giving worship.

The gathering begins with dinner on Friday evening and concludes with dinner on Saturday night. Saturday breakfast and lunch are included in the cost of the retreat. Each workshop has a limit of 40 participants, so Friends are encouraged to sign-up early.

**Costs: \$100.00 For Retreat, one night of lodging at Quaker Hill Conference Center and meals

**Nearest Motels are Comfort Inn (765-935-4766) and Super 8 (765-962-7576)

**\$65.00 For Retreat and meals

**\$10.00 Additional for Airport pickup and delivery at Dayton International Airport in Dayton Ohio

**\$37.00 One additional lodging at Quaker Hill Conference Center

**Rooms at Quaker Hill Conference Center will go fast and Single rooms are very few and an additional \$10.00 per night.

WE'RE MOVING!!!

Concert under the stars

For many decades when Bangor Liberty Friends held it's outdoor concert, it was always on the third Sunday of July. In order to make of more comfortable, especially now for our afternoon performers, we have decided to move the concert to Sunday, September 8. Please make sure that you reserve the afternoon and/or evening to enjoy some great music in the great outdoors. We will get more details about the day when we get closer to it.



Youth from Stuart Friends Church

Our church recently sponsored a couple of fund-raising activities. We sold homemade cookie dough (frozen) and the proceeds went to Barbers in Belize \$100---Martins in Cambodia \$100--Life Care Pregnancy Center in Stuart \$100. This was in Jan. 2013 and we have since sold \$60 which is going towards kids camp funds. The young people held a soup supper/ bake sale 3-16-13 and raised \$251.50 after paying for rent on hall, and advertisement. This money is going towards kids camp fees also.

This picture is of some of our young people who served the soup supper and participated in the bake sale. From left to right--Becky Jones--Jenny Jones--Dakota Weesner-- Ashleigh Weesner--Katherine Beggs--Michael Beggs. They really had a great time serving. We have 4 more young people who attend church also, but were not able to help. We use to have only 4 young people , so it is a blessing to have more now.

The church of the future is in our young people and in the fact that we all need to be filled with the Holy Spirit.



FAITH DRIVEN...COMMUNITY FOCUSED

**A Message from Paul And Jennifer Daniel on
upcoming
Marriage Enrichment Retreat,
Yours Faithfully**

Marriage is all about educating ourselves that there is a person that is more valuable than we are. We become selfless versus selfish. In so doing, marriage, then, is not about finding the right person as your soul mate in life; it is being the right person for your spouse.

Today, the biblical marriage has been hijacked by our societal norms and couples are making hasty decisions to terminate this covenant. The question "Why Did I Get Married?" is asked by husbands and wives frequently.

This question gives us the opportunity to reevaluate our marriage and take the pulse of our current relationship.

Yours Faithfully will give marriages a chance to identify areas of growth and areas of strength to build a Christ-centered relationship "till death do us apart."

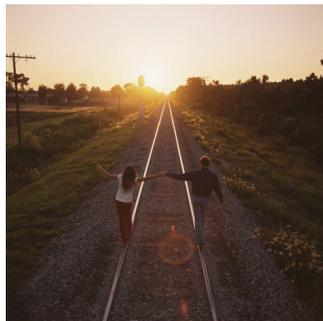
If this sounds like something interesting to you contact Mindy Hadley at mhadley@quakerdale.org This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it or 641-497-5294.

Details:

When: April 26-27

Where: Camp Quaker Heights -- 22605 V Ave Eldora, IA 50627

Cost: \$150.00/couple (including overnight stay), \$120.00/couple (commuting)



Friday, May 10

Chik-fil-A Leadercast

7:00 am - 4:00 pm

New Providence Campus

Leadership development simulcast from Atlanta, GA sponsored by Chik-fil-A

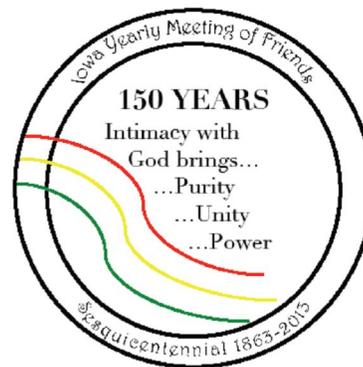
A special "Thank You" to Quakerdale

for hosting our recent Spring Body of Representatives Meeting. It was a please to gather in the new Broer Center on the New Providence Campus!



150th Anniversary of Iowa Yearly Meeting

July 31st- August 3rd @ WPU



A 150th Spiritual Trails Book will be published this summer which will contain the works of the 100th & 125th Spiritual Trail publications.

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

Get your reservations in by May so we can get a good idea of how many to print..... Thanks!



**SAVE THE DATE
CONCERT of PRAYER**

April 21st, 2013



Spring 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.

April

- Celebrate National Library Week - April 14-20. Drop off a card of appreciation and encouragement along with some Hugs & Kisses for the staff and volunteers. Leave \$10 at the desk with instructions for it to be used for the next person who needs to pay a fine. Leave a card with your church name.
- Prayer Walk around your community – simply pray for each home and/or business you pass.
- Give flower seed packets to retired couples or those widowed as a sign of hope for the future.
- In honor of National Poetry Month copy a favorite humorous poem and mail it to someone who needs a laugh. You could also post it on Facebook for many to enjoy.
- Spring clean your clothes closet. Give away what you are not using to charity groups.
- Buy sidewalk chalk. Take it to a park and pass it out for kids to decorate the walkways.

"Forgive and give as if it were your last opportunity. Love like there's no tomorrow, and if tomorrow comes, love again." (Max Lucado, Every Day Deserves a Chance)

These suggestions can be done as a family, individual or with a small group. You might want to print a few in your church bulletin each week.

Acts of love and kindness that can be expressed to children & youth

A special surprise one adult and 1 kid “date” at the restaurant of their choice.
Let them help you do something you normally do alone, even though it will take longer.
Plan a special day trip (children’s museum, park, large mall, music concert, ballgame, etc.)
Buy a funny card or write a letter and put it in the mail. Everyone loves getting personal mail.
Buy a book that was your favorite at their age and give it or read it to them.
Take a ball to the park and invite whoever is there to play with you.
Invite a child who’s grandparents don’t live nearby to be your adopted grandchild.
Share a skill you have acquired through the years with a child who has that interest.
Send cards to all the kids in your church on their birthdays. Include a note about how you enjoy watching them grow.

What if your church really embraced the idea of letting God’s love flow out into your community? What if you started loving God so much that you let what he feels for the people in your community overflow into your heart? Wouldn’t that be something?

Though it may not seem like you or your church can make much of a difference, God has entrusted you with the power to give thousands a taste of Jesus and awaken their thirst...So let’s give our all—heart, soul, mind, and strength—as we invest in something that lasts forever, the people Jesus loves and died for. It’ll be fun. We promise! *This article was adapted from, Outflow: Outward-Focused Living in a Self-Focused World (Group).*

Passing this along with our love and prayers . . . IAYM Christian Education, 2013

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**Iowa Yearly Meeting
Schedule**

April 2013

- 4/2-3 Pastor Short Course @WPU
- 4-6 USFW Spring Fling at West Branch
- 4/6 Camp Quaker Heights workday
- 4/21 IAYM Concert of Prayer
- 4/27 Garrison Memorial Scramble

May 2013

- 5/8-10 Barclay Church Multiplication Conference
- 5/12 WPU Graduation

June 2013

- Little Fry May 31—June 2
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- High School June 14—19
- Fox June 23—27
- Fry June 27—30

July 2013

- 7/4-6 USFW Triennials
Indianapolis, IN

July 31-August 3, 2013

!50th Yearly Meeting and Celebration
At William Penn University

4-Person Best Position Tournament
9:00 AM Shotgun Start

April 27, 2013

Westwood Municipal
Golf Course
3387 Hwy F48 W.
Newton, Iowa 50208

\$200 / team

Includes:
18 holes of golf
cart rental,
lunch & prizes

Questions?
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