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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

Standing on the Shoulders of Giants

Hebrews 12:1-3

By Ron Bryan, General Superintendent

“This is what the ancients were commended for” Hebrews 11:2, NIV. Last year we celebrated 150 years of being an organized Yearly Meeting. We were blessed with good planning, good speakers, and good attendance. “Intimacy with God brings unity, purity and power” is what we focused on as we looked at the past and hinted at the future. This year, 2014, we want to focus our attention on the future with an emphasis on leadership from the people who are called to serve Iowa Yearly Meeting into the decades before us. Along with this emphasis we are opening ourselves to allow God to equip us for the future, while remembering from where we have come. This is to say there are some exciting and innovative ideas being developed to make 2014 a wonderful year of being alive in the work of the Kingdom.

We ended 2013 with good news from the Stewardship and the budget side of the year. We will close out the year (not yet completed at the time of this writing) probably in the black but below our expected income. We are able to be in the positive because we did not fund the Youth and Young Adult position for one half of the year. That will mean that we must try a little harder as a Yearly Meeting in 2014. As we ramp up our activities and involvement, as we work to bring up new leaders for the future we will all have to contribute our time and finances. But the wonderful part of this equation is we have people, under the age of 35, that are already demonstrating their interest and capabilities for our works. That is exciting from where I sit and look out across the landscape of Iowa Yearly Meeting.

I wish to close by saying again that I am thankful for what all of you do to help make our jobs here in the leadership positions doable. So from the people you have appointed in Oskaloosa at the Yearly Meeting Office, from the Mesquakie Center near Tama and from our ever expanding ministries at Quaker Heights near Eldora, thank you. Let us stand on the shoulders of the giants of faith who have gone before us, together.

Winter Family Banquet

Hosted by the Quaker Men of Iowa

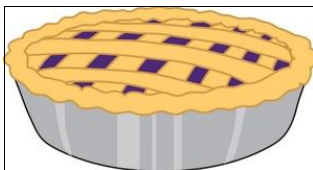
Circle Saturday, February 22nd on your calendar and make a New Year's resolution to attend our annual Winter Family Banquet—brought to you by your Iowa Yearly Meeting Quaker Men. This is a date for fun, food, fellowship, celebration, inspiration, and firing up for a new year of ministries. The banquet will start at noon in the MTC Atrium on the campus of William Penn University. Come early and see old friends and make new ones.

This year feature speaker/music will by Phil & Pam Morgan. They are from Kansas City and began a traveling ministry in 1996. Audience response has propelled their call into a fulltime job. They were recently at Pleasant Plain Friends for their Fall Festival. Their program was fun and inspiring with a combination of music and real life stories.



Also, DON'T FORGET THE PIE AUCTION!

The auction will be an event in itself...just ask someone who has been there. This is the 3rd year for the auction and it is back by universal acclaim. Our auctioneers will be Joe and Kerry Hadley!



We encourage advance reservations so the food service can plan ahead. There will be tickets at the door as well.

Menu:
Market House Salad
Fresh Roasted Vegetable Medley
Pork Loin
Chicken
Chocolate Layer Cake
Red Velvet Cake
Rolls
Coffee/Tea/Water

Scholarships Opportunities

The Iowa Yearly Meeting Mission's Board is offering a college scholarship of up to \$1000 for the 2014-15 academic school year. People within Iowa Yearly Meeting who want to pursue an education at a Christian college or an accredited college or seminary to prepare for full time mission's work with a Friend's organization may contact the Mission's Board to receive an application. For the 2014-2015 scholarship, please contact Mary Glenn Hadley, IAYM Mission's Board, 611 South R St. #6, Indianola, IA 50125 or call 515-961-0606. The deadline is March 1, 2014.

Winter Family Banquet

WHEN: February 22nd
WHERE: MTC Building @
William Penn University

TIME: meal starts at NOON
PRICE: \$12 for advance reservations
(by February 10th)
\$13 at the door

Please send reservations to:
Chuck Watson
902 Penn Boulevard,
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
641-673-3755
charleswatson902@msn.com

Reservation Information

Name: _____

Number of meal reservations: _____

Contact information:

Email: _____

Phone: _____

IAYM Missions Emphasis

International Friends Church

In 2011 the Lord led [Minneapolis Friends Meeting](#) to plant a new evangelical worship Friends Church (International Friends Church) in Twin Cities, MN. The International Friends Church (IFC) is still in a preparatory stage under First Friends Church monthly meeting in Marshalltown, Iowa.

There are challenges that come with starting a new church; however, with God's blessings and many prayers, Pastor Thomas Freeman came at a time when a pastor was desperately needed. He has faithfully and diligently served the church for over a year. The pastor and most of the members are from Liberia with a few Kenyans. The diverse spiritual background is what makes IFC unique among the Friends Churches in U.S. Most of us come with different faith and cultural background that requires patience and nurturing from all of us. Ron Bryan, the Iowa Yearly Meeting Superintendent said "I don't know much about Liberia but I started to research to know the history of the country, the people and their religion." Likewise, they are learning about who the Quakers are at their own pace. The Iowa Yearly Meeting Extension Board Committee and First Friends Church have been and



continue to provide learning opportunities. On numerous occasions, delegates from First Friends Church and Iowa Yearly Meeting have come to meet and worship with IFC members.

The church has grown with 20 committed members and a few frequent visitors. At the beginning, the worship place was a problem to find, but the Lord blessed IFC for the past one and half years. Sunday worship continues to be held in a small park building in the city of Brooklyn Park, MN. The building can accom-

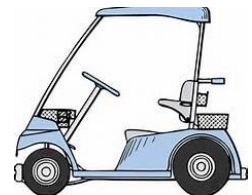
modate up to 30 people for \$32.00 a Sunday. IFC has held several church related events in this building with delegates from First Friends Church, Iowa Yearly Meeting and William Penn Campus Ministry.

We thank everyone that has helped IFC in any way regardless of how great or small. We value your prayers, time and efforts and are so greatly appreciative of all that you do and pray regarding us. Please continue to pray for IFC, we have many children but lack the means to minister to them. My hope is in the near future we are able to put more into our youth ministries to cater to the children and better our church as a whole.

Many Blessings, Phena Shimaka.



Garrison Memorial Scramble
April 26, 2014
Oakland Acres Golf Club
(www.oaklandacresgolfclub.com)



If you haven't played Oakland in awhile, the course is under new management and undergoing some great changes. Fairways have been improved, greens are being fixed,, there are new cart sheds and a beautiful new clubhouse.

On top of that, the course is giving us a great deal on rates, so just by moving the event, we will make an extra \$500 for our scholarship fund.



Speaking of...., we were able to award THREE scholarships in 2013.

The recipients were:

Isaac Garrison of Eldora

Nathaniel Vanderploeg of Grinnell

Kalika Jaeckel of Marshalltown.

Thanks everyone for the continued support of this annual event!

FUM Ministry of the Month

Ramallah Friends School

January 2014

Educational Equality at RFS

A very vivid culture of the Quaker testimonies of tolerance, equality and empathy remains in the center of every educational program at Ramallah Friends School (RFS). In Palestine, children with disabilities have little or no educational opportunities. Therefore, RFS launched a pioneering Learning Support Program in 1998 with the aim of demonstrating the spirit of inclusion and equality to every child. Students of all abilities take part in classroom activities

as well as sports, music, dance and art. Today, it provides over 50 students an opportunity to become involved and to become loved members of their community.



RFS is the first and only school in Palestine to offer such an inclusive educational opportunity. The school has now become a model throughout the region and has encouraged the Palestinian Ministry of Education to adopt similar policies for inclusion nationwide.

Please support the Ramallah Friends Schools with your daily prayers:

- For the RFS special needs students and their families—may they continue to thrive and feel loved on the grounds of RFS.
- For the teachers of Learning Support Program as they work diligently with love to mentor their students.
- For the wider school community as we continue to challenge our practices and better align them with the values of tolerance and equality.
- For the school's Board of Trustees and administration as they continue to seek funds to cover the cost of this program. For other schools in the region to adopt inclusive educational practices as the need is great.

Winter Young Adult Retreat

For ages 18-35ish
Childcare provided!

Rescheduled to
January 24-26

Location:

Middle River Friends

Cost: \$25 per person

For registration link AND more information

Contact Scott at:
scott@iaym.org
641-673-9717

WPU campus ministry is starting up this week. We will be visiting churches and attending IAYM youth and young adult events.

Please pray for our ministry as we learn to serve. If you have any questions about this ministry please call Spencer at 641 512 5501.



THANK YOU

I wanted to express our gratitude to all of the churches in Iowa Yearly Meeting who gave to the love offering presented to us. This money will be used for bills. We are thankful to those who came to the hospital to visit and pray for Zana following the car accident. We can feel the love of our Friends surrounding us. Please continue in prayer for us! God Bless All!

Much Thanks!
Pastor Kathi Berry (Earlham Friends)

Jr. High and Sr. High

March 7-8 **Blizzard Blast** -
Jr. High only- Marshalltown
March 28-30 **Winter Retreat**
June 11-14 **Triennial** -
(Sr. High only)
June 22-27 **Camp** @ CQH

Young Adult

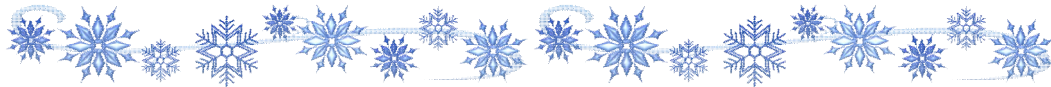
January 24-26 **Retreat**
@ Middle River Friends
May 30-June 1 **Weekender**
@ CQH

Kids

Little Fry Camp
June 6-8, 2014
Elementary Camp
June 15-19, 2014

Winter Ideas to “Live Love” Year 2

The “Live Love” project is to give practical examples of how we can show genuine love and compassion to those around us in an effort to live out the goal of loving God and loving others.



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

Celebrate National Hot Tea month in January by: asking a friend to de-stress by enjoying a cup with you; hosting a tea party at a retirement home; leaving your favorite tea bags at a concert treatment center; or inviting a young teen to join you in testing new varieties and bridging the generation gap.

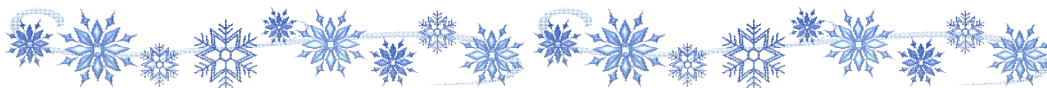


Winter Warmth: Purchase hats, gloves & mittens at a discount store and keep them in your car. When you see someone who needs one of these items, stop and give them one. Smile and say “I’m just sharing God’s love in a practical way.”

Coupon Clipping: Clip, then go to the store and tape it to the product as a surprise treat for someone.

National Compliment Day is January 24th: Create a sheet like those you see on bulletin boards when people have something to sell and list their phone number on a tear off tag at the bottom. Title your sheet “Free Compliments—take one for yourself or to share”. Then write several compliment phrases across the bottom for people to take. Example: You should be so proud of yourself! You look great today! You make me smile.

“Unexpected kindness is the most powerful, least costly, and most underrated agent of change.”



We encourage these suggestions to be a whole church challenge.

Polish & Paint: Take finger nail polish and supplies to a nursing home and offer to trim and point nails for any ladies who are interested. While you paint ask questions about their lives and you will gain a wealth of wisdom. If you can’t take time to volunteer; just donate the supplies and the aids will be happy to make use of them to brighten their day.



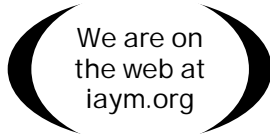
LIVE LOVE Ideas Especially for kids

For Sick or Needy Children: Hospital, doctor’s office, abuse shelter, human services

- Make a Necklace—Cut drinking straws into small lengths to string on lengths of yarn to make a necklace and/or bracelet. Take instructions to Ziploc. Add yarn and cut straws to bag.
- Puzzle Fun—Color a page from coloring book. With adults’ help cut each sheet into 5-6 puzzle pieces. Put pieces into Ziploc bag for sick child to enjoy putting the puzzle together.
- Sticker & Coloring Fun—Children put crayons, drawing paper, pencil, jokes & sheets of stickers in large Ziploc bags. Stickers can be used and reused on the outside of the Ziploc bag.

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Iowa Yearly Meeting Schedule—2014

January

1/18 YA/YA board meeting 1 pm at IAYM office
FEAST @ 3 pm Biddle Home—Oskaloosa

February

2/22 QuakerMen Family Banquet @ WPU

March

3/1 BOC 9:30 am at College Ave. Friends
3/7-8 Blizzard Blast for Jr.High youth
@ Marshalltown Friends
3/15 Spring Body 9:30 @ Grinnell Friends
3/28-30 Winter Retreat Jr/Sr. High in DSM

April

4/26 Garrison Golf

Summer Quaker Camps (2014)

Little Fry (k-2nd) June 6-8
Elementary (3-6th) June 15-19
Jr/Sr High (7th-12) June 22-27
Young Adult Weekender May 30-June 1

Triennial at FUM June 11-15

Yearly Meeting 2014
July 30th—August 2
at William Penn University

PAVE THE ROAD @ Camp Quaker Heights

The Quaker Men of Iowa Yearly Meeting are seeking funds to blacktop the road into Camp Quaker Heights. The work is planned to be completed by May 9th, and will include paving the road up to the Chapel and Lodge, as well as parking for Tall Oaks.



Estimated cost: \$60,000.00

Checks should be made out to
“CAMP QUAKER HEIGHTS”,
designated for the road, and sent to
Iowa Yearly Meeting, PO Box 657
Oskaloosa, IA 52577