

THE IOWA FRIEND

Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends

Clergy Appreciation Month is a special time that congregations set aside each year to honor their pastors and pastoral families for the hard work, sacrificial dedication and multiple blessings provided by these special people. It is also important to remember that appreciation, affirmation and prayer support of our spiritual leaders is appropriate throughout the entire year.

The nature of the service provided by pastors and their families is unique. God has entrusted to them one of the most precious of assignments — the spiritual well-being of His flock. When a pastor becomes ineffective, the very souls of his or her parishioners are endangered. When eternity is in the balance, we should all be concerned.

God has instructed us to recognize His servants.

“The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching” (1 Timothy 5:17).



Friends World Committee for Consultation...

... invites every Quaker meeting and church from around the world to celebrate **WORLDQUAKER DAY** (WQD) on October 2, 2016. The theme, ***Inspired by Faith - Witnessing Together in the World***, focuses on FWCC's mission of Connecting Friends, Crossing Cultures and Changing Lives.



In planning for **WORLD QUAKER DAY**, consider how the theme will influence what you do on the day. Perhaps it prompts a person or persons to speak on how their lives have been transformed by faith. Perhaps there is opportunity for children to lead the meeting or church in an activity or conduct a multi-generational activity relating to Quaker witness in the world.

REVIVIFY

Ministry Conference

Highlight Pictures!



Are Today's Friends Institutions Being Forced to Compromise?

Friends have traditionally been on the forefront of education and have started several institutions of higher learning. Many of these were started to provide formal education for leaders in the Quaker movement and in Friends churches.

However, the trend of the day is that the degrees in ministry and lacking severely the student enrollment needed to sustain any type of ministry training program. Many Friends institutions have been forced to pour resources into degrees that pay the bills. They may still offer a Religion Degree that is broad based but the majority of their Academia is focused on mainstream degrees.

Thomas Hamm wrote this in his formal introduction to the book "Founded By Friends" on page xi, "All these schools, save perhaps Bryn Mawr, were founded to educate 'the children of the meeting' and to strengthen Quakerism. And most have experienced some strain with their founding bodies. Almost all have faced worries that they were making too many compromises, were not sensitive enough to the Quakers who founded and provided the critical early financial and moral support, and, by appealing to non-Friends, were forgetting the reasons for which they came into being." So where does that leave Yearly Meetings who are looking to these institutions to crank out leaders for our churches. Iowa has been fortunate to benefit from institutions like Barclay College that has pumped \$1.5 Million in the last five years into higher biblical and theological based learning in order to serve the Friends Church as a whole. Barclay has never been better suited to train students than it is today, offering online or on campus biblical and ministry training degrees. And Iowa has seen the fruit of that, hosting many leaders that came out of Barclay equipped to enter the field as leaders locally.

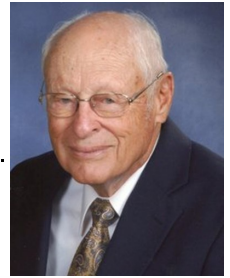
So How does a Yearly Meeting support a college like Barclay in order to ensure that we continue to benefit from a Bible-based education? According to Dr. Adrian Halverstadt, the only way to secure ministry programs way into the future is to set up an Endowment that would fund a Ministry Chair. You can find out more information by contacting your Friends Institution and asking more about an Endowment.

What happens when we no longer have institutions **that** offer any kind of formal training for ministry? How then can Friends remain viable in the evangelical Friends movement?

Kathi Berry, Missions Board

Wayne Cecil Allman, 90, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, August 31, 2016.

Wayne was born to Harold and Ruth Perry Allman in Haviland, KS on October 9, 1925. The family moved to Paonia, CO in



1928 and then to Friendswood, TX (where his parents were reared) in 1932. He attended grade school and high school there. Collegiate and graduate work were accomplished at Friends Bible College in Haviland, KS; Bible College in Cleveland, OH; seminary in Kansas City, MO; and Northwestern University of Oklahoma, in Alva, OK. On July 9, 1946, he married Mary C. Steel in Mt. Pleasant, OH from which union were born two daughters, Cheryl Ruth and Marsha Kay.

On August 13, 2009, Wayne united in marriage with Ann Radford who brought much joy and happiness to his life. Together they enjoyed life and as his health declined she was his loving caregiver.

Wayne was Recorded a Friends Minister in 1951 and pursued an active ministry as pastor in Tongonozie, KS; Alva, Oklahoma; Marshalltown, IA; and New Hope Friends in Goldsboro, NC. Between the last two pastorates, he was the Superintendent of Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends for eleven years and as Associate Secretary of Friends United Meeting of Friends for eleven years. While serving as Superintendent of Iowa Yearly Meeting, he with his family spent six weeks in Mexico serving Friends in the Ciudad Victoria area.

From 1990 to 1999, Wayne served on the Board of Trustees of the Houston Graduate School of Theology, and was also the Chairman of the Board of Advisors of HGST/NC for four years.

Retiring from the pastorate at New Hope Friends in October of 1994, he authored a 222 page book about his maternal grandparents titled, **PIONEER FRIENDS PREACHERS**. A second Edition of this book was published in 2001. Previously, he had authored the book titled, **EXPERIENCING RE-NEWAL THROUGH GOALS**.

HANDICAPPED & SAFE

Is your church handicapped accessible? If you were disabled and in a wheel chair or using a walker or cane.....would you want to attempt to get into your church? Would it be safe? How about the bathroom accessibility? Is the stool adult size, or is it a little kids close to the floor type? Ya know, crippled people still can live an active life. We have good ideas. We like to get out and visit with you and fellowship and yes, solve problems. Please take time to notice our needs and help us be able to attend worship at our local meetings! Take time to see your building with the eyes of someone who has a handicap.

WE WANT TO HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH OUR LORD JESUS ALONG SIDE OF YOU! Yes, our hips may not work well and our knees and feet may not function like they should, but THANK GOD, HE still loves us and we want to celebrate OUR VICTORY OVER SIN with others. Please check your floor plans at your church....PLEASE, I AM BEGGING YOU, fix your building and your bathrooms and check your walk ways and your parking areas for smooth cement transitions into your building. When you don't have good balance, it is very scary to lean on a metal instrument and TRUST that it will help hold you up. When the gravel rocks move or your walker or cane sinks into the grassit leaves you in a precarious situation.....cuz you might topple over! For me, it is worse when I am 'trusting' someone to push my wheel chair over the terrain, because it literally throws you around in your seat and you feel like you are going to fall out.

For the Love of Jesus, Lyn Kinney Peace & Social Concerns

Pleasant Plain Friends 175th Anniversary Saturday, October 29th

In February 1841, 175 years ago, a group of concerned Friends came from Salem Monthly Meeting to establish a Preparative Meeting at Pleasant Plain. This became the second Friends Meeting west of the Mississippi River.

The church will be open beginning at 2:00 p.m. for fellowship and viewing of church history/memorabilia. Refreshments will be available, as well as children's activities.

Dinner will be provided 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Worship service with Ron Bryan will begin at 7:00 p.m. Ron began his pastoral career at Pleasant Plain and recently retired from service as the Iowa Yearly Meeting Superintendent.

We're also excited to have you meet our new pastor, Kevin Rohr, and his family.

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www.pleasantplainfriendschurch.org

Worship with us Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

How is your church investing in Leadership Development for the future? Do you have anything in place to encourage young people towards a life of ministry, service and calling? Kaleo ("to call") Academy would like to come alongside your church in helping develop high school leaders for the Friends Church, and most importantly, for the Kingdom of God.



This program is designed for young men and women from evangelical Friends Churches around the country who are entering 10th & 11th grade the fall of 2017. The four components of the program include:

- 1. THEOLOGY CAMP (June 25-July 1, 2017 in Haviland, KS)**
- 2. MENTORING (10 months following Theology Camp)**
- 3. ONLINE COMMUNITY LEARNING (10 months following Theology Camp)**
- 4. THE RELEASED PROJECT (50 hours of Service Learning)**

If you would like some more information or have young leaders in your church who would be a good fit for this program, Katy (Palmer) Moran will be in Iowa Sept. 21st-24th and would love to meet with you. We want to see how Kaleo Academy can partner with you in developing young leaders for the Friends Church in Iowa! Contact Katy at: 317-450-4712 or katy.moran@barclaycollege.edu to connect with her while she is in Iowa. OR contact Kaleo Academy Director, Brockie Follette at brockie.follette@barclaycollege.edu or 620-862-5252 ext. 26.

The group that formed around George Fox and started the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) were known as the Valiant Sixty. Those early Quakers were young and passionate in telling people about Jesus, the One who can speak to every person's condition. We are looking for the new Valiant Sixty; young people who are ready to answer the call and help lead the Friends Church into the future!

Visit our website for more information and to apply: <http://www.barclaycollege.edu/kaleo/>
Applications are being accepted now through January 1, 2017.

Celebration of West Branch Friends Meetinghouse—100 Years

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord" Psalm 122.

For the past 100 years, the house of the Lord for West Branch Friends Church has been our stately brick meetinghouse at 116 North Downey Street. The warm wood tones of the sanctuary have welcomed members and visitors to step away from the cares of the world and experience the presence of Christ in our midst.

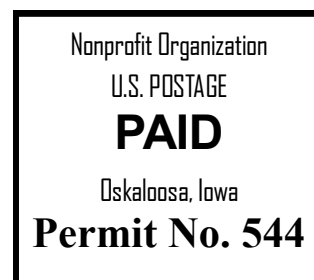
On Sunday, September 25th, we will celebrate the centennial of our meetinghouse and, more importantly, the life of the gathered meeting that has equipped members to go out into the world and be the Light of Christ.

The schedule for the day includes:

- 9:00 AM Welcome breakfast and fellowship
- 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM Treasure hunt in the archives
- 10:30 Worship with special guests and music
- 12:00 – 1:00 PM Fellowship lunch
- 1:00 PM Walk to the original meetinghouse in the Hoover Park
- 2:30 Closing and farewell
- Optional field trip to the Friends cabin

We hope you will plan to join us

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Garrison Memorial Scramble

September 17

9:00am Shotgun Start

Oakland Acres Golf Course
Grinnell, IA

\$200/team of 4

Contact the office
for more
information!

September

- 9/17 Garrison Golf Scramble @ Grinnell
- 9/24 USFW Fall Retreat @ Woolson Friends
- 9/25 West Branch 100th celebration of their meetinghouse

October

- 10/9-11 Pastors Retreat @ CQH
- 10/28-29 All Boards Retreat @ CQH
- 10/29 Pleasant Plain's 175th Anniversary Celebration

Looking ahead to next year.....

March 11, 2017 BOC meeting @ College Avenue Friends Oskaloosa IA

March 25, 2017 Spring Body of Representatives @ Mesquakie Friends Center

July 26-29, 2017 Annual Ministry Conference Iowa Yearly Meeting @ Oskaloosa