

# THE IOWA FRIEND

## Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends

### October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Focus on the Family and other organizations have associated October as a time to honor pastors and pastoral families. From the "Thriving Pastor" website (<http://www.thrivingpastor.com/clergyappreciation/>):

*"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 typically scheduled in October, but can be held at any time that is convenient for the church and the community. It is also important to remember that appreciation, affirmation and prayer support of our spiritual leaders is appropriate throughout the entire year."*

I would like to encourage IAYM meetings to make special effort to creatively, extravagantly, and abundantly honor your pastor and their families. Pastoral leadership is a unique calling with little recognition, but is deserved nonetheless. Most people do not realize the burdens that our pastor's carry, the amount of time it takes to prepare a sermon, the unnecessary critiques they receive, or how often inadequate pastors often feel in trying to fulfill the calling and expectations of their posts.

When I was in pastoral ministry, I kept a photocopied book excerpt nearby to remind me of my humanness and to help keep a proper perspective:

"The ideal pastor:

Preaches exactly twenty minutes and then sits down

Condemns sin but never hurts anyone's feelings

Works from eight in the morning until ten in the evening but never gets tired

Is 26 years old and has been preaching for 30 years

Has a burning desire to work with teenagers but spends much time with senior citizens

Makes fifteen calls a day on church members, yet evangelizes the unchurched at a record pace

Does all of the above without ever being out of the office when you call!"

Each pastor has a special calling that God has placed upon his or her life. I love Hebrews 13:17, "Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you" (NIV). In no way am I asserting that our pastors are perfect or infallible, but they need your support, encouragement, accountability, assistance, and, most of all, your love.

Let us focus on the mission of the church to "make disciples" (Matthew 28:19) or as one author expounded, "to make disciples who make disciples." In closing, Luke 10:2 states, "He [Jesus] told them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'" We are most effective when we work together in the same direction, toward the same goals, with the same fruit, and for the same reason. May we move forward together.

*May God's Richest Blessings Be Yours!*

*Tom Showalter ~ General Superintendent*



## Hey, have you heard that corn causes cancer?

What would Iowa farmers do if the world believed corn causes cancer? At first, farmers would protest, reminding people that corn is great for feeding cattle, pigs and poultry. But if consumers stopped buying corn, would Iowa farmers keep growing corn? NO! Corn production would stop FAST!

The shocker statement about corn is a metaphor for what Quakerdale is going through today, one that could also be applied to churches as well. Would cancerous corn mean farmers were no longer farmers?

Farmers would still be farmers, but I believe farming would change radically and almost instantly. For a few years, it would be tough. Farmers would go through some really hard times and some would quit. But farmers would still be farmers with the goal of feeding the world and our rich black Iowa farm land would still be here. The idea of growing crops would still be the mission of farmers and another crop or two or three would replace corn, and eventually Iowa farmers would be busy again through adaptation and planning.

Today, "best practices" taught in universities and among social service professionals claim that out-of-home group homes and shelters are universally bad for families. This movement started back in the 1990's. This summer, responding to diminishing placements and these "best practices," Quakerdale closed the last of our group homes and shelter programs. We closed our Waterloo and Manning campuses because enrollment had dropped (again) 20% from the previous 12 months in our remaining shelter programs. The state (our customer for those services) rarely requires kids to be helped in out-of-home services anymore.

Since June people have asked, "Does Quakerdale help any kids anymore?"

Quakerdale has a mission, just like Iowa farmers, and a cultural change will not stop our efforts. Quakerdale exists to teach children about God and teach them discipline and work skills, a mission begun by our founder Josiah White in 1851.

Thankfully, Quakerdale has many other ministry programs which help thousands of children and their families each year! Even though we are renting and willing to sell the Manning and Waterloo facilities, we continue to have a clear mission to teach people about God and life skills, just as we have been doing for over 165 years.

Just like the farmer with a mission to grow crops, Quakerdale is still a ministry with a mission. While the approach was primarily group homes and shelters in the 70's – 80's, other programs and ministries have been developed. Last year, Quakerdale served 3464 children and their families (some were served in more than one program). 167 of those children were served in our group homes and shelters. That means that in 2015, 3297 were touched to by Quakerdale through home and community based programs!

Yes, folks, Quakerdale is still **#makingadifference** for kids and their families in Iowa and the Midwest. Our methods might be forced to change, and the means may change, but our mission remains the same! That mission is what makes Quakerdale so special...

Please come to our web site [www.quakerdale.org](http://www.quakerdale.org) to learn of all the different things going on at Quakerdale. Or, if you are a facebook friend, like us there to see regular updates on what is happening at Quakerdale. We are excited to see what God has for us in the future as we make room for his guidance and change at Quakerdale.

And PLEASE NOTE that Quakerdale ministries are made possible by the donations of volunteers and gifts of donations or assets of those from the past and present! Keep us in your annual or monthly charitable giving. Remember us in your estate planning so you can leave a legacy with Quakerdale!

***Rob Talbot, Quakerdale Executive Director***

PS. I mentioned the church in my opening "shocker" metaphor. Have any of you noticed church attendance changing? I believe that the church, like Quakerdale, and like the farmer, has the same important mission it has always had, but how it does it needs to change, and as soon as churches figure out what the change needs to be we will see church participation rise. Watch this interesting video spoken to college students about the revival of our selves and of the church into the future. It takes pruning and faith to go to the next place God has for us! We have to stop doing old things in order to start new things for Christ!



**Francis Darrell Zeliadt**, of Des Moines, passed away on Saturday, September 10, 2016 at The Village Care Center in Indianapolis. Francis was born on January 19, 1924 in Warren County, IA. to Ivan and Vivian Zeliadt. He was the fifth of six siblings.

Francis met his wife, Mildred Macy, when they both attended the First Friends Church in Des Moines. They were married on October 29, 1944 and resided on the family farm for two years. They then moved to Des Moines where they lived until 2015.

After high school, Francis farmed with his dad and they operated a Surge Milking Machine dealership. Francis' other employment included Solar Aircraft and C.E. Erickson. He retired after 25 years as an Appliance Serviceman with Sears Roebuck. After his retirement, Francis worked part-time for Merle Hay Funeral Home and he continued to be self-employed past his 90th birthday in appliance service and as a handyman.

Francis' hobbies included his classic 1959 Edsel which he took to car shows and parades, where he won many awards. He also loved to help people and he was named "Neighbor of the Week" by the Des Moines Register in 1991 for always helping anyone who needed assistance with any projects.

Those left to remember Francis are his loving wife, Mildred; daughters, Marilyn Bender, Carol (Dave) Geil, Julie Zeliadt and Lorie (Pat) Foley; son, Darrell (Cathie) Zeliadt; sister, Iris Stark-ey of Riverside, CA.; eight grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and special friends.

Our Youth and Young Adult Board have some items we want to bring to your attention. We are reviewing our list and would like to have as many as possible contacts for our board for youth and young adult activities. **Please email the yearly meeting office to get a quick link to the google forms being used for updates!**

**PLEASE** fill out the google doc for every young adult (18-35) in your church. **PLEASE** include name, cell phone, email and name of college if they are college students. Fill out the second document to list adult youth leaders, Sunday School teachers or the persons in charge of youth activities, and a young adult contact.

**Thank you in advance for helping our board follow God's command to "Go and make disciples..."**

Tom Palmer chair of Youth/Young Adult board

Scott Biddle, Director of Youth/Young Adults

**Rev. Nancy F. English**, formerly of West Branch and Iowa City, passed away suddenly in her home during the early hours of July 21, 2016.

She had recently returned from visits to Los Angeles and Eastern Iowa, catching up with family and friends. She had attended the recent USFWI/QMI Triennials in Iowa.

Nancy Jean Frazier was born June 23, 1935, to Preston and Mildred (Baker) Frazier in Cedartown, Ga. She graduated from Cedartown High School in 1953 and left home to pursue a degree at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta. While a student, she met her husband, Rev. Edward M. English, and they were married June 10, 1956. She later completed her undergraduate studies with a degree conferred by the University of Iowa in 1980.

Nancy supported her husband's Methodist ministry in New Jersey and New York, eventually settling in Iowa. She became Recorded as a Minister of the Religious Society of Friends in 1981, sharing the pulpit with her husband at West Branch Friends Church, then as pastor of the Welsh Church at Old Man's Creek (UCC) in rural Iowa City. Following her retirement from the University of Iowa, she served as pastor at Maryville (Tenn.) Friends Church. She was serving Lindsey Chapel Methodist Church in Cedartown, Ga., at the time of her passing.

During her career at the University of Iowa, she worked for University News Service, then as the administrative assistant to the Director of Hancher Auditorium. As the assistant to the chairman of the Department of Chemistry, she helped to facilitate the construction of the Iowa Advanced Technology Laboratories and was active with the International Facility Management Association.

Nancy served in various Friends organizations, including the Friends World Committee for Consultation – Section of the Americas and the United Society of Friends Women International. She was active in the Georgia Choral Society, was a member of the Three Rivers Singers, and served as a Chaplain to the Polk County (Ga.) Sheriff's Department.

She is survived by sisters Sherry Champion of Cedartown, Ga., Donna (Don) Gamel of Stone Mountain, Ga., and Milda (Gray) Pettit of Cedartown, Ga.; brother Phillip (Margie) Frazier of Lindale, Ga.; sons, M. Edward (Tanya), Jonathan Preston (Lisa), of West Branch, Iowa, and Andrew Joseph of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; grandchildren Joseph (Kristi) English of North Liberty, Iowa. Liberty English of Portland, Ore., Betsy English of Souderton, Pa., Andrew (AJ) English of Los Angeles, Calif., David English of Des Moines, Iowa, Melody English of Boise, Idaho, Daniel English of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Samuel English of Iowa City; great-grandchildren Deacon, Marcus, Annie, and Daisy Jene; and numerous nieces and nephews who loved their "Aunt Nancy."

She was preceded in death by parents Preston and Mildred Frazier; husband Rev. Edward M. English; still-born grandson Edward Oliver English; and still-born great-grandson Aidan Michael Ashby-English.

"Until we meet again, in this world or the next. Blessings, friend."

Spencer Chapel, which was completed in 1923, has served many purposes over the years, however, it has been out of use since the early 2000's. A general state of disrepair and the construction of the Daily Auditorium are the main factors contributing to its close.

The renovation has been a long time coming says President John Ottosson. The funds have been gradually raised and phase one of the project is now underway. The first step to restoring Spencer Chapel is the exterior—new brick work and windows are currently being installed. Additionally, the chapel will be rid of dangerous materials such as mold, lead, and asbestos so that it is safe for students and faculty.

Spencer Chapel has been on campus since the 1920's and has quite the history to go along with it. In the past its top floor has been used as a chapel, auditorium concert hall and much more. The bottom floor of Spencer has traditionally been more modern. It once housed a skating rink, a two-lane bowling alley, the campus bookstore and a small café for students.

Spencer Chapel has been on the renovation list for a long time, according to President Ottosson. However, William Penn decided to prioritize and construct some other important Penn buildings first. "We wanted to build the PAC, the MTC, the new dorm. Some of those things that would enhance the student experience" said President Ottosson.

The seats in Spencer Chapel—originally installed in 1921—will also eventually be replaced and around 400 people will be able to comfortably sit. President Ottosson says that the renovations are important for two reasons: "Spencer Chapel has a lot of history that it would be great to bring back. But we also want to return it to the point where we can use it for concerts, convocations and other events".

The roof of the building was actually redone 10-15 years ago while the chapel was still in operation, so that is one less thing that will need to be fixed in order to see the chapel returned to its former glory.

The building will also mix the old with the new. The top floor of Spencer will be returned to its historical use and be the home of musicals, convocations, chapel and other events with large attendance. Sadly, students will not have the opportunity to bowl with friends or go skating on campus—as the bottom floor will not be renovated to its historical purpose. President Ottosson said, "the bottom floor will probably have classrooms and offices, we haven't totally determined what that will look like yet".

The project also has yet to have a set finish date. President Ottosson says that there is no way to know when Spencer Chapel will be finished because the funds have yet to be raised. Another interesting Penn connection comes in the form of the business laying the new brickwork—MG Masonry. The company is owned by William Penn alumni- Mallore Grove.

Highly anticipated work has begun on Spencer Chapel. The renovations will take time but someday soon, students will be able to sit in the historical building and leave a bit of history of their own.



## Our thanks to Annie Glen

years filling multiple roles within our Communications Department.

On behalf of the staff, general board and global Friends United Meeting community, I want to express my appreciation to Annie Glen for her service among us. After four-and-a-half

Annie came to the FUM staff during a time of great transition surrounding the communications ministry of FUM. Our long-time editor for *Quaker Life* was leaving, and we chose that occasion to reflect on our approach to written and digital communications. Could we better serve our local meetings and churches? Was there a way to do a better job telling the story of God's work through Quakers around the world, and could we reimagine the communications department as being a greater resource and support to Friends from individuals to local congregations to Yearly Meetings? Annie helped us move this direction in several significant ways.

Along with her work as a writer and editor, Annie served as our primary advertising staff and helped with distribution and mailing projects. Annie brought a pastoral presence to our Richmond office and has worked to build connections across the FUM community. —**Colin Saxton, General Secretary of Friends United Meeting**



### **Garrison Scholarship** \$500—\$1000

Scholarships are for individuals pursuing a degree in a field related to Christian Ministries. Acceptable fields include, but are not limited to: Youth Ministries, Christian Education, Pastoral Ministries, Missions, Music Ministries, or in a technical field as it relates to Christian service. More than one scholarship can be awarded per year.

Applications are accepted through October 25, 2016

Funds awarded at the beginning of January 2017.

### **TRUSTEES SCHOLARSHIP**

Applications are now being taken for a \$500 college scholarship to be distributed in the 2nd semester of the 2017-2018 academic school year (January of 2018). College students within Iowa Yearly Meeting are encouraged to seek an application through the Yearly Meeting Office.

**Deadline for this scholarship is  
January 1, 2017**  
**A recipient will be determined at Spring Body 2017.**

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,**
- 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, contact Katy at: 317-450-4712 or [katy.moran@barclaycollege.edu](mailto:katy.moran@barclaycollege.edu) OR contact Kaleo Academy Director, Brockie Follette at [brockie.follette@barclaycollege.edu](mailto:brockie.follette@barclaycollege.edu) or 620-862-5252 ext. 26. **Applications are being accepted now through January 1, 2017.**

### **Iowa United Society of Friends Women (USFW) William Penn University Scholarship Fund**

#### **Guidelines**

Following are guidelines for the selection of candidates for this 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 the Yearly Meeting shall have successfully completed secondary education requirements and shall have been accepted by William Penn University.
4. **Applications must be received by January 31st, 2017**
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.

### **MISSION BOARD'S ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Iowa Yearly Meeting Mission's Board is offering a college scholarship of up to \$1000 for the 2017-18 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 2016-2017 scholarship, please contact the Yearly Meeting office for more information.

**The deadline is March 1, 2017**

**To receive an application for any of these scholarships—contact:  
(641) 673-9717 or email  
[office@iaym.org](mailto:office@iaym.org)**

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**Upcoming  
Events**



**Registration** is now open for the 31st Triennial Gathering of Friends, July 12-16, 2017, in Wichita, Kansas. More information about the Triennial, as well as the registration form, can be found at the FUM website!

**October**

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

**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 Tama, IA

**July 26-29, 2017**

**Annual Ministry Conference**

Iowa Yearly Meeting

@ William Penn University—Oskaloosa, IA