

A monthly publication for Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends

October is Pastor Appreciation Month by Tom Showalter

I submitted most of the following article two years ago for the October 2016 Iowa Friend. As I re-read it, I felt like it was still timely and I wanted to share it again. Our pastors work hard to pursue God's agenda and October is a month set apart to thank and encourage those who lead our local meetings.

P.S.: We recently received a letter from the Lilly Foundation informing us that we did not get the grant we submitted for in June. Lilly offered 30 grants for up to a million dollars over five years. Six hundred applicants submitted grant proposals. Even though we did not receive a grant, we will still strive to provide CARE (Counsel, Accountability, Resources, and Educate) for our pastors.

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 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.

Thanksgiving Offering 2018—Nathan & Brianna Martin

Dear Friends of Iowa Yearly Meeting,

Warm, heartfelt greetings from Cambodia! It has been nearly a year and a half since we were last among you and since we came back to Snuol to continue in the work. We miss you already! You may remember that four years ago as we traveled through Iowa, we shared about the Parable of the Mustard Seed, and how it gave us hope for this unplowed ground. This last year has been an exciting new season of celebrating budding growth of this mustard seed, and we thank God for each stem and shoot.

A surprising part of the year started when our dear friend, and fellow believer, Srey Lieng, relocated to a village about an hour from the market by motorbike. This remote area was very unreached, almost untouched by the gospel. Roads to this area have been almost unpassable until the past few years. Srey Lieng is now living there with her sister, Leng, and the two of them farm cassava together. Sadly, this



sister, Leng, lost her husband this year to suicide and she has three school-aged children. In the midst of this pain, and other trauma, Leng was almost completely broken, but she began asking questions about Jesus. Last November, she called us and asked, "Would you please pray for me, that I can believe? I want to believe, but there is so much pressure in my village and I'm not sure I can stand". We pressed on in prayer and a few weeks later she invited us to visit. When I (Brianna) arrived I saw her spirit shelf for spirit offerings was swept clean and she explained with joy how she believed in Jesus and He had given her hope! We celebrated and sat in awe of God's



goodness. We began to meet in her home for worship on Sundays, just us, Srey Lieng, Leng and her three kids. Every time I drove out there I felt a rush of amazement. Then, after a few months, a young house church pastor from another village met us there almost by "accident". His eyes looked astonished to see there were believers gathering there and he said "I have been praying for this village for six years and there has never been any opening." We were all happy to be connected to other believers and we began working and dreaming together. We decided to start a children's outreach at Leng's house before Sunday worship, and Leng and Srey Lieng were eager to start. This group of kids began meeting and has now grown from 20 to 40, to 50, even 90 kids one morning! We praise God for these children who are coming to sing, color a picture, and hear a chronological Bible story, and we give thanks for the adults who are staying around to hear more. If you had asked us a year ago, we might have put all of this in the category of "impossible". But, here our God is at work doing impossible things! Thank you for your prayers for these people over the years. Please keep praying for the roots of this gospel planting to grow deep and strong!



This year was exciting for several other reasons too, and we look forward to sharing those stories with you in person during our next home assignment which is starting in April of 2019. One highlight that we can't miss pointing out was the blessing of having Julie Jones from Lynnville Friends come for two weeks in February. We were so encouraged by her visit!

Thank you for thinking of us this Thanksgiving through the IAYM Mission Board Thanksgiving offering. We feel honored and are so grateful for your support!



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You Are Invited to the:

Iowa U.S.F.W. Fall Retreat

LUNCHEON at noon

Lynnville Friends Church
503 East St.
Lynnville, IA

October 13, 2018

9:30 AM—Registration

10:00 AM—2:00 PM

Morning:

Announcements

Praise & Worship

Message Presented By:

Julie Jones—Sharing about her visit to Nathan &
Brianna Martin,
Missionaries to Cambodia



Afternoon:

Praise & Worship

Business Meeting

Closing Prayer

Registration: 9:30 AM

Retreat Cost: \$10.00

Registration Deadline: October 8, 2018

A CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN

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March 8-9 2019

Hosted by Women's Ministries Fairfield Friends Church
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Women's Ministries
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Pastor

Kelley Augi
Worship Leader

Linda Kuhar
Christian Life Coach



Betty P. Arterburn went to be with the Lord on August 27, 2018. She was born Betty Joh Powell, daughter of James Dennis and Sarah Edith (Sheets) Powell on April 27, 1927 in Lewistown, Missouri. She graduated from Edina Missouri High School in 1945.

On June 26, 1949 she was united in marriage to Paul A. Arterburn and they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary before his passing in 1999.

She was a long-time member of Bangor-Liberty Friends Church where she served as Sunday School teacher, Bible School Teacher and in other ministries, including Iowa Yearly Meeting Missions. She was able to participate in the House of Compassion monthly meals served by Bangor-Liberty until just recently.

After graduation she worked for the telephone company in Longmont, CO; Kirksville, MO and Marshalltown, IA. She worked many years as secretary of Union-Whitten Schools. After retirement she volunteered at the House of Compassion sup-

ply closet; at local schools in the library and reading to smaller children and at the Iowa Veteran's Home pushing residents from place to place well into her 80's. She was a member and officer of the Marshalltown American Legion Auxiliary for many years.

She was an avid walker and enjoyed hiking in Colorado, and walking the annual Volkssport walk in the Des Moines Skywalk system, something she did with her family for 30 years. She also enjoyed playing piano, quilting, needlepoint, sewing, crafts, cooking, baking Christmas cookies (and giving them away), and keeping the library at Glenwood Place in order. She always enjoyed a challenge and trying new things. She was a 4-H Leader for many years when her girls were in the club.

Her family will miss her quiet spiritual guidance, her kind, loving and giving nature, her care packages, her cooking, her homemade noodles and her hugs, kisses, her encouragement and her smile. She always thought of others before thinking of herself. This is her legacy.



Frederick "Fred" Elias Marsh died September 8, 2018 at Iowa River Hospice in Marshalltown, Iowa. He was born in Marshalltown on April 19, 1929, to Earl C. Marsh and Mary E. (Perisho) Marsh. Fred weighed in at only two pounds, but through the tender care of his loving mother, he flourished and grew healthy and strong.

Fred grew up on the family farm southwest of New Providence where he learned the importance of stewardship of the land and resources, and developed a lifelong love of farming.

Fred attended the New Providence Community School, where he graduated in 1948. It was during this time that Fred met Mildred Lister, and so began a love story that would span over 70 years. Fred and Mildred were married on August 1, 1948 in the New Providence Friends Church. They made their home in the family farmhouse, and raised three daughters and a foster son there.

Fred was active in the Honey Creek New Providence Friends Church as well as serving a term as the President of Iowa Quaker Men. Throughout his life, Fred shared his beautiful tenor voice in a ministry of music that blessed people throughout Iowa and the surrounding states. He was the first runner-up at the National Gospel Singer's Convention in Estes Park, Colorado, in 1979. In 1970, Fred and Mildred made a mis-

sionary journey to Kenya, East Africa where Fred laid the corner stone of the Kitale Friends Church. Later, in 1973, Fred returned to Kenya where he experimented with hydroponic gardening in the desert Turkana area. While in Kenya, Fred developed deep and abiding friendships with African Quakers. These relationships were a joy to him throughout his life.

Carpentry was also one of Fred's gifts. He constructed grandfather clocks, the New Providence Roundhouse sound booth, stage sets for high school musicals, and beautiful pieces of furniture for his family, friends, and local churches. A special project was the restoration and preservation of the old Honey Creek school bell, which now makes its home on the lawn of Honey Creek Friends Meetinghouse.

He also served in other community organizations such as the New Providence School Board, Kiwanis and the Hardin County Pioneer Cemetery Association.

Fred is survived by his wife Mildred, and three daughters: Julie (Kevin) Burkett of New Providence, Peggy (Dave) Harrell of New Providence, Joan (Wayne) Riskedahl of Eldora, and foster-son Jim Langfitt of Harris, Iowa, seven grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, all of whom were an endless source of pride and joy to Fred.

2018 IAYM

PASTOR'S RETREAT & CONFERENCE

*October 19-23, 2018
Camp Quaker Heights*

Friday to Sunday Pastoral Family Retreat

New to our gathered time this year is an invitation to the entire pastoral family. If you work during the week or if you need to be back for church on Sunday morning, join us for Friday, Saturday, and/or Sunday (whatever portion you can be with us). We plan to have a time of rest and retreat with one another prior to the conference start Sunday night

Camp Quaker Heights is offering this time of refreshment to IAYM pastors at no cost. Bring your family for retreat, even if it is for one night. Meals will be simple, but provided.

Sunday to Tuesday Pastor's Conference

4-Chair Discipling Training being offered during the Conference

The 4 Chair Discipling Seminar looks at the model of Jesus for being a disciple who makes disciples, answering the questions: What is a disciple? What is the process for becoming a disciple who makes disciples?

Where am I at in that process, and what are my next steps?



Speaker: Joel Zaborowski

Joel is the Associate Director of Leader Development for Sonlife Ministries. He trains, coaches, and mentors pastors, youth pastors, and ministry leaders across the U.S.. He has written training material for Sonlife, and leads their life-of-Christ disciple-making study tour in Israel.

Brochures/information can be found on the IAYM Pastor Facebook page and via email to pastors & churches.

Deeper in The Spirit Workshop list:

The following workshops will all be held at College Avenue Friends Church.

October 6	9:30 am
<i>Praying with Others for Healing</i>	
November 10	9:30 am
<i>Roadblocks to Hearing God</i>	
January 12, 2019	9:30 am
<i>Marketplace Ministry</i>	
February 9, 2019	9:30 am
<i>Equipping Ministry & Leadership Gifts</i>	

USFW Fall Retreat at Lynnville FCC building (behind the church) October 13 Starting at 9:30 am Cost \$10 ~ includes Lunch

Julie Jones will be speaking and showing pictures on her stay with Nathan & Brianna Martin at Cambodia recently.

The offering will go to the Martins.

**The 2018-19 USFW theme for the year is
"Great is Thy Faithfulness"**

Plan to attend and listen on how God has been faithful in the ministry of the Martin's!

2018 Mission's Thanksgiving Offering

**Nathan & Brianna Martin
Serving in Cambodia**

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2018

October

October 5-7
October 6
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October 11-13
October 13
October 19-23

Man Camp at Camp Quaker Heights
Deeper in the Spirit Workshop
Winneshiek Quarterly Meeting @ Valton
Fall FUM board meeting
USFW Fall Retreat @ Lynnville Friends
Pastors Retreat at CQH

November

November 2-3
11/10

All Boards Retreat @ CQH
Deeper in the Spirit Workshop

December

12/28/18—1/1/19

Friends Summit 2018 for youth ages 16-25
Held in Denver CO
Visit FriendsSummit.com for more information!

January 12, 2019

Deeper in the Spirit Workshop @ 9:30 am

February 9, 2019

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Visit iaym.org and view our calendar page to view more 2019 events!