



Western Work

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April, 2010

News of Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church

Co-Superintendents' Bible Study, Matthew 7:7-11

Steve & Marlene Pedigo

“Keep asking and it will be given you; keep on seeking and you will find; keep on knocking [reverently] and the door will be opened to you. For every one who keeps on asking receives, and he who keeps on knocking it will be opened. Or what man is there of you, if his son asks him for a loaf of bread, will hand him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will hand him a serpent? If you then, evil as you are, know how to give good and advantageous gifts to your children, how much more will your Father Who is in heaven [perfect as He is] give good and advantageous things to those who keep on asking Him!” (Matthew 7:7-11, NIV)

This is a Biblical passage for prayer. The tone of this passage gives one the feeling of God’s desire for us to pray. The Lord wants us to ask, seek, and knock. Prayer is the means by which we can bring any and all cares and burdens to God.

“Prayer is the outcome of our sense of need, and our continual dependence upon God. He who uttered the invitation, “Ask and it shall be given to you,” is himself the Mediator and High Priest, who by His Spirit, prompts the petition, and who presents it with the acceptance before God...A life of prayer cannot be other than a life of praise. As the peace of Christ reigns in the church, her living members accept all that they receive as from His pure bounty, and each day brings them fresh pledges of their father’s love. Satisfied with the goodness of His house whether as individuals, in families, or in congregations, they will be still praising Him, heart answering to heart, “Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name.” (Faith and Practice of Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church, pages 87-88)

PRAY FOR THE YEARLY MEETING!

Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church

153rd Annual Sessions --- July 30 – August 2, 2010

“The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. [Philippians 4:7]

We hope you will join us this summer for the 153rd Annual Sessions of Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church. All Friends are encouraged to pre-register this year by July 15. You may obtain a registration form from the WYM Website: www.westernym.net.

Friday, July 31, 2010

- 8:00 a.m. – Registration & Unprogrammed Worship
- 8:30 a.m. – New Attender Orientation
- 9:00 a.m. – Opening Minute & Bible Study – **Bob Stubbs, Phil 4:4**
- 10:00 a.m. – Business Meeting
- 12:00 noon – Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. – Business Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. – Dinner
 - Earlham Gathering
 - WYM Pastors Dinner at the Golden Corral
- 7:00 p.m. – Multi-Generational Worship, WYM Youth Cabinet
- 9:00 p.m. – Desserts & Fellowship

Saturday, August 1, 2010

- 7:30 a.m. – Training/Recording Fund Raiser Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. – Unprogrammed Worship
- 9:00 a.m. – Morning Worship & Bible Study - **Jason Grant – Phil 4:5**
- 10:00 a.m. – Business Meeting
- 12:00 noon – Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. – Workshops: Session I
- 2:00 p.m. – Workshops: Session II
- 3:00 p.m. – Workshop: Everyone Encouraged to Attend
- 5:00 p.m. – USFW Tea & Quaker Men Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. – Missions Program – USFW & Quaker Men

Sunday, August 2, 2010

- 7:30 a.m. – Training/Recording Fund Raiser Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. – Unprogrammed Worship
- 9:00 a.m. – Sunday School (all ages)
 - USFW/Quaker Men – *Adults*
 - Central Area – *Children*
- 10:30 a.m. – Morning Worship – **Della Stanley-Green, Phil 4:6**
- 12:00 noon – Young Friends’ Fund Raiser Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. – Memorial Service – **Marilynn Bell**
- 2:30 p.m. – Quaker Lecture – **Terry Wallace**
- 5:00 p.m. – Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. – Unprogrammed Worship
- 9:00 p.m. – Dessert & Fellowship

Monday, August 3, 2010

- 8:00 a.m. – Unprogrammed Worship
- 9:00 a.m. – Morning Worship & Bible Study – **Jeff Wolfe, Phil. 4:7**
- 10:00 a.m. – Business Meeting
- 12:00 noon – Lunch (*on your own if needed*)
- 1:00 p.m. - Business Meeting
 - Closing Worship
 - Concluding Minute

A Sincere & Constant Love Book Discussion

Friends are invited to bring a bag lunch and join in a discussion of the book *A Sincere and Constant Love, An Introduction to the Work of Margaret Fell*, on Saturday, May 15, at 12:00 noon at the Western Yearly Meeting lounge. Discussion leaders for the first chapter are Marlene Pedigo and Ann Pannah. The author, Terry Wallace, will be present with us this summer as the Quaker lecturer. Terry Wallace writes, “The late Lewis Benson, one of the foremost scholars on the early Quaker movement and George Fox, characterized Margaret’s grasp of the Quaker vision as capturing the very essence of the message of George Fox, a pristine distillation of all that was most important.” Join us as we consider this early message of Friends.

Ministry Leadership Classes

The Western Yearly Meeting Training and Recording Committee is pleased to announce the development of a Barclay College Advantage Site Program on the campus of Western Yearly Meeting! This new Barclay partnership allows Western Yearly Meeting to offer college accredited pastoral training classes to individuals in our meetings who are currently in the recording process, to current WYM pastors seeking continuing education, or to those within WYM leadership who hope to strengthen their ministry skills. Continuing Education Scholarships will be offered from the Pastoral Ministry Excellence Fund.

Upcoming classes will be taught by recorded ministers of Western Yearly Meeting. The 2009-2010 schedule includes:

Principles of Church Planting & Church Growth. [Faculty, Gary Wright], April 9-10 & 23-24, 2010

Advanced Bible Study Methods [Hermeneutics]. [Faculty, Steve Pedigo] May 21-22 & June 4-5, 2010

For more information about these classes, please contact the WYM Office (317) 839-2789. To register online: www.barclaycollege.edu.

Recommended Leadership Reading

1. **Strategic Leadership for a Change, Facing our Losses, Finding Our Future** by Kenneth J. McFayden (Herdon, Virginia: The Alban Institute), 2009.

In the midst of change and grief, it is easy for a congregation or yearly meeting to become anxious. This book addresses concerns such as--is the congregation stuck, do they really want to grow/change, do they yearn yet resist leadership, have they addressed the numbness and pain which comes from grief, is distorted communication actually accelerating the pain? Reflection questions for discussion follow each chapter so it can be used to facilitate questions in small groups.

2. **How Your Church Family Works, Understanding Congregations as Emotional Systems.** by Peter Steinke. (Herdon, Virginia: The Alban Institute), 2006.

Steinke takes the family systems approach in counseling and applies the basic principles to churches--the Body of Christ. This is a good introductory text for individuals who are seeking to understand the relationships of the church as emotional systems. The author explores such topics such as: exchanging integrity for tranquility, chronically anxious churches, identifying anxiety flows in a church, attempting to eradicate pain by blaming, and to have church health we need to have an intentional response.

3. **Lead Like Jesus.** By Ken Blanchard (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson), 2005.

In an attempt to define servant leadership in the church, Blanchard explores the head, heart, hands and habits of a servant leader. Blanchard is best known for his book, **The One Minute Manager**, but in this book outlines how servant leadership and teamwork strengthens a church. In the Bible "leadership" is only mentioned 6 times, but being a servant of God is mentioned 900 times. Blanchard asks such questions about EGO---do we Edge God Out or Exalt God Only.

Statistical Report

Births

Gilbert-Nease, Corydon Heath R. (Second Friends) b. 12-14-2009.

Deaths

Couch, Guy Jr. (Hazel Dell) b. 10-14-1920 d. 1-27-2010
Fields, Betty (West Newton) b. 4-30-1910 d. 2-27-2010
Rutledge, Marvin (Danville) b. 8-21-1915 d. 1-16-2010

New Pastor

We are glad to welcome Dave & Marilyn Kay Freelan as pastors of Hazel Dell Friends Church!

Missions Outreach



Barbers Available This Summer

Sam & Becky and their children are the current field staff at the Belize Friends Boys School. They will be available this summer to speak in Western Yearly Meeting from July 8-19. If you would like to have them speak to your Meeting or group, contact Candi McDonald (317) 773-9034 or candimcd@gmail.com. Please remember to pray for the Barbers while they minister in Belize and check out their updates at: www.belizebarbers.org.

USFW Project

A letter has been sent to the Clerk of each monthly meeting from the United Society of Friends Women of WYM asking that your meeting designate a Sunday in March, 2010 for giving to a mission project of your choice. This is in observance of the first meeting held in March, 1881 at White Lick (Mooresville) Monthly Meeting that launched the beginning of what is now known as the United Society of Friends Women International.

After the project has been completed, write your story telling how or why your meeting chose the specific mission project, how you went about implementing the project, and the end result. It is with a giving heart that we open ourselves to receive God's blessings. Submit your written stories to me by April 30 and they will be compiled in booklet form and available during the 2010 summer session of Western Yearly Meeting.

Submitted by Mary Frances Taylor, USFWI-W President, 6514 West 250 South, Russiaville, IN 46979; Tel.: (765) 883-5280; E-mail: mftaylor@taylored.com.

2010 Special Project, Adopt-a-Nurse

The WYM Outreach Board 2010 Special Project is "Adopt-a-Nurse," salaries for nurses at Kaimosi Hospital in Kenya. The goal is to raise \$10,000. There is a great need for qualified nurses and the only way to attract them and keep them is if they are paid regularly. If each area could raise at least \$1,000 we could reach this goal! A Power Point presentation is available through the WYM Office, and speakers are available by contacting Candi McDonald, (317) 773-9034.

The Outreach Board also requests that you collect empty pill bottles, cancelled postage stamps, and Campbell soup labels to bring to the 2010 Western Yearly Meeting Sessions.

Fund Raising for Katy

There is a need for \$1,000 to be raised for Katy Palmer to attend the Friend United Meeting General Board Meeting in Kenya in July. If you are able to contribute to this fund, please send your gift to the Western Yearly Meeting Office, Box 70, Plainfield, IN 46168. Mark in the check "memo": Katy to Kenya!

Christian Education Opportunities

Youth Cabinet

Upcoming Road Shows:

April 11 - Courtland Avenue Friends

May 2 - Newberry/Friends of Jesus Fellowship

May 16 - Gray Friends

July 30 - Multi-Generational Worship Service

@ WYM Annual Sessions

Camp Need

We are looking for some old televisions to be used to decorate with at camp this summer. If you are upgrading your entertainment needs and have an old TV of any size lying around the house or garage, that still works, contact Katy at the WYM Office. Thanks!

Camp Scholarships

Camp scholarships are due to the WYM Office by April 30!

2010 Quaker Haven Camp

Beginners Camp, June 25-27

George Fox Camp, June 27-30

Pioneer Camp, June 6-11

Junior High Camp, June 13-18

Senior High I, June 20-25

Senior High II, July 11-16

Now's the time to start planning for summer camp! Lift up this summer's camping ministry in prayer as we look at our theme:

iGod; the only thing you need!

Jesus answered,

"I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father

Except through me.

John 14:6

Early Bird Rates apply until May 24!

Quaker Haven Capital Campaign

Quaker Haven has kicked off a capital campaign called RENEWAL. This capital fundraising campaign is threefold: (1) renew Friendship Lodge to better serve family ministries, (2) renew our commitment to leadership development with the building of the new climbing wall and zip line and (3) renew our equipment to maintain our beautiful natural settings. Brochures about these projects are available at the WYM Office and at Quaker Haven and information can be found on the newly redesigned Quaker Haven website. www.quakerhaven.com This is a wonderful chance to build on to the already wonderful facilities we have at Quaker Haven. The fundraising goal is \$125,000 by January 2012. Contact Brandon Dennis or John Meyer at Quaker Haven for more information about how you can be a part of this campaign.

News Among Friends

Quarterly Prayer Meetings

Hinkle Creek Friends Church is beginning a quarterly prayer meeting starting on March 30 at 7 p.m. You may also wish to check out their new website: hinklecreekfriendschurch.org.

North Central Area Meeting

North Central Area Friends will meet at Carmel Friends Church on Sunday April 11. At 5:00 p.m. there will be a pitch-in meal followed by a 6:00 p.m. meeting. Ken Perkins will speak about his Agricultural Mission trip to Laos. Ken is a member of Wabash Friends and a Senior Loan Officer at Famers' Bank in Converse, IN. John Carter will provide music.

West Central Area Meeting

Friends in attendance at the West Central Area Meeting held in November 2009 expressed a continuing need for healing from the 2009 Yearly Meeting Sessions. West Central Area Meeting therefore requested a meeting to be held that would include prayer and worship (without business) before January 1, 2010. It would be open to anyone that wanted to pray and worship with us. This prayer and worship service was held with approximately 50 people in attendance. The March 2010 West Central Area Meeting approved sending this information to be printed in Western Work. We ask other Area Meetings within Western to continue in prayer for our Yearly Meeting as we all struggle for a way to move forward.

Please Note Change in Address

Homer & Gladys Dorrell have a change of address and telephone: 118B Meadow Lakes Dr., Mooresville, IN 46158; (317) 8384-8374.

Young Adult Connections

First Connection gathering for college age youth will be held on Sunday, March 28, 3-6 p.m. at the Plainfield Hampton Inn, 2244 Hadley Road behind the Golden Corral off of Interstate 70. There will be food, worship and friends! Connections will also meet on Sunday, April 25, 3-6 p.m.

Our purpose: To build each other up in the image of Jesus Christ by connecting relationally, spiritually and culturally through worship, learning, fellowship and service.

USFW Spring Conference

Friends are invited to the Spring USFW Conference on Saturday, April 24, 9:00 a.m. (CDT)/10:00 a.m. (EDT) at Ridge Farm Friends Church, 201 E. North Street, Ridge Farm, Illinois. Mary Glenn Hadley will be the speaker, current USFWI President. Mary Glenn will be sharing about the "Peace in a Community" curriculum being prepared for the primary schools in Kenya. If you plan to attend, please contact Dorothy Majors by Saturday, April 17 (217) 247-9991 or f.majors@comcast.net. If you need child care, please let Dorothy know when you make your reservation.

Quaker Haven Work Day

A work day at Quaker Haven Camp is planned for Saturday, April 24, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (or whenever you have to leave). The camp will serve lunch. This work day is open to all Quaker Men of Western and Indiana Yearly Meetings no matter what age. All 'honorary Quaker Men' (wives, daughters, friends...) are also more than welcome. As with many non-profits, the camp is trying to make do with a smaller staff to be careful with our funds. The guys have been unable to keep up with all the maintenance needed. Projects include: using your chainsaws in the RV area, using chainsaws at the east end of camp, replacement of gutter and retaining wall next to the workshop, and drill holes and install short lengths of telephone poles to make a retaining wall next to the beach. Your help on this day will be really appreciated!

Earlham School of Religion Alumni Reunion

The ESR 50th Anniversary Alumni Reunion will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2010, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Please RSVP with Mandy Ford by April 9 (800) 432-1377.

Meet the Author

A reception and talk with Delonda "Dee" Hartmann, mother of best-selling author and Earlham School of Religion alum, Haven Kimmel, will share at the Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library on Tuesday, April 13 at 7 p.m. Call the Plainfield library to register at (317) 838-3800.



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**MATERIALS DEADLINE
FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER:
4/26/10, 9:00 a.m.**

Our Purpose Statement

*Seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit,
Western Yearly Meeting equips Friends Meetings in the Gospel of Jesus Christ by exercising mutual care and extending cooperative ministries.*

Through various expressions of our Christian faith, we strive to inspire ministry and the release of gifts of leadership.

Office Hours:
9:00-12:00; 1:00-3:00;
Monday-Thursday

Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church Calendar

Fourth Month

- 8 Northern Area Pastors Mtg., 11:30 a.m. at Courtland Avenue Friends Church
- 9-10 Principles of Church Planting & Church Growth Class
- 11 Road Show @ Courtland Avenue Friends Church
- 12 North Central Area Pastors Mtg., 11:00 a.m., at "Italia Mia"
- 15 Western Area Pastors Mtg., 9:00 a.m. (Central) at Ridge Farm Friends Church
- 15 Northern Area Council, 7:00 p.m. at Hemlock Friends Church
- 17 Executive Committee, 9:00 a.m., in the Kelley Conference Room
- 19 West Central Area Pastors' Mtg., 6:00 p.m. at WYM Office
- 23-24 Principles of Church Planting & Church Growth Class
- 25 Connections Young Adult Gathering, 3-6 p.m.

Fifth Month

- 2 Road Show @ Newberry/Friends of Jesus Fellowship
- 15 WYM Board Meetings, 9:00 a.m.
- 16 Road Show @ Gray Friends
- 16 Northern Area Meeting, 6 p.m., Russiaville Friends
- 21-23 College Camp @ Quaker Haven Camp
- 24 Quaker Haven Camp Early Bird Registration Deadline.