



Western Work

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May, 2010

News of Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church

Co-Superintendents' Bible Study, Acts 2

Steve & Marlene Pedigo

After the ascension of Jesus Christ, the early disciples gathered together for prayer in the upper room where they experienced an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon them. The church of Jesus Christ was born on Pentecost. The early believers were devoted to the apostles' teaching from scripture, meeting for fellowship, breaking of bread and prayer. With glad and sincere hearts they met together and the Lord added to their number daily. The church is the Body of Christ Jesus, built together as a dwelling place in which God lives by his Spirit.

*Here now, everyone, whose eye is single, may see that none can come, but whom the Father draws and they that are taught of God, come to the Son, who He has given a light into the world. This is the way, the truth, and the life, and no man comes to the Father but by Him (John 14:6-7). In no other way nor by no other name under heaven shall anyone be save, but by Him (Acts 4:12). He is able to save to the utmost all those that come unto God by Him. No other foundation can any man lay than this which is already laid (1 Cor. 3:11). But let everyone take heed how he builds thereon (1 Cor. 3:10). He which preaches another gospel, let him be accursed: for this is the rock and foundation on which the whole church is built, Christ Jesus the light and precious stone which Jews and Gentiles that are saved are built on, for He is their peace, who has made both one and has broken down the middle wall of partition which was between (Ephesians 2:14-15). Through Him we have both an access to the Father and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets. Jesus Christ Himself is the chief cornerstone, in whom all the building fitly framed together grows unto a holy temple in the Lord, who are built together for a habitation of God through the Spirit (Ephesians 2:20). *A Sincere and Constant Love, an Introduction to the Work of Margaret Fell, Edited by Terry Wallace, pp. 69-70.**

Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church

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

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

There is one remaining Barclay Class left in the 2009-10 Academic Year. **Advanced Bible Study Methods [Hermeneutics]** will be offer on the weekends of May 21-22 and June 4-5, 2010. Steve Pedigo will serve as the faculty for this class.

In the 2010-2011 academic year we will be offering the following classes: Christian Church History & Ministry, Wisdom Literature, Pauline Epistles, Systematic Theology I, Old Testament Prophets, Systematic Theology II, Biblical Evidences, and Spiritual Formation.

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

Leadership Opportunities

Sincere & Constant Love

Don't let this summer go by without reading the book, *A Sincere and Constant Love, An Introduction to the Work of Margaret Fell*. Besides being the wife of George Fox, Margaret was considered the "nursing mother" of the Religious Society of Friends. This book edited by Terry Wallace, the WYM Quaker Lecturer this summer, provides you with Margaret's original writings communicating early Friends theology, justification for Friends women in ministry, and the peace testimony of Friends. It contains small group discussion questions in the back. Enjoy this book with other Friends!

George Fox University Leadership Institute

You are invited to attend a four-day intensive experience to empower church leaders in group discernment, integrating theological spiritual and practical organizational processes. Topics include: Biblical foundations of group discernment, discernment as leadership, individual discernment, steps in discernment process, conflict resolution through discernment, group discernment in youth ministries, clearness committees/listening groups, and an individual discernment plan for your congregation/organization. Cost is \$325. To register, please call: (206) 368-6846 or e-mail: janwood@goodnewsassoc.org.

Fit for Friends

ESR is pleased to announce the *Leadership Fit for Friends Conference* to be held on May 20-22, 2010. For more information contact <http://esr.earlham.edu/?q=news-event/events/leadership10>.

Summer Mission Project

Friends United Meeting is encouraging all churches that have a Vacation Bible School to consider raising money to provide clean water to villages in Kenya. It costs roughly \$60 for a bio-sand water filter and about \$2,500 for a borehole in western Kenya. This year's Summer Mission Project goal is to raise \$10,000 to give the water of life to people in Kenya.

Statistical Report

Truax, Doral Mae, (Mooresville) b. 6-15-1920 d. 3-13-2010

Young, Whitney, (Hemlock) b. 8-16-1920 d. 4-4-2010

Missions Outreach



Barbers Available This Summer

Sam & Becky and their four children, Robert, Katie, Kristy and Kassie, are the current Friends United Meeting field staff at the Belize Friends Boys School. They will be available this summer to speak in Western Yearly Meeting from June 21-26. Sam and Becky are providing quality education and life skills, helping these young men to succeed with their schooling and become attractive candidates in the work force. The Barbers hope to influence the boys by modeling a good Christian family, as well as to encourage parental involvement in the school as much as possible. The Barbers want students to experience hope, to feel loved and to recognize the possibilities their futures hold. 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.

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.

Hear John Muhanji

John Muhanji, Friends United Meeting Director of African Ministries, will be speaking in the area during the month of May. You are invited to hear a personal update of the Friends Missions in Kenya.

- Saturday, May 15, 9:00 a.m. - Spring WYM Board Meetings in Plainfield, Indiana
- Sunday, May 16, 10:00 a.m. - Ridge Farm Friends Meeting for Worship, Ridge Farm, Illinois
- Tuesday, May 18, 6:00 p.m. - Friends United Meeting "Tune in Tuesdays" in Richmond, Indiana (bring \$5 to cover the cost of meals, a free-will offering will be taken).

Collection Projects for WYM

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

Choctaw Friends Center New Directors

Tim and Ann Kendall have been appointed by North Carolina Yearly Meeting as the Co-Directors of the MOWA Choctaw Friends Center beginning May 1. For more information contact Keith Kendall at MOWA Choctaw Friends Center, 66 Academy Lane, McIntosh, AL 36553; (251) 829-6507; or <http://mowacfc.blogspot.com>.

Christian Education Opportunities

Youth Cabinet

Upcoming Western Yearly Meeting Youth Cabinet Road Show calendar:

May 2 – *Newberry/Friends of Jesus*

Fellowship

May 16 – *Gray Friends*

July 30 – *Multi-Generational Worship Service*

@ *WYM Annual Sessions*

Young Adult Connections

Western Yearly Meeting Young Adults are invited to the next Connections Meeting on Sunday, June 27, 3-6 p.m. at Westfield Friends. For more information contact Mariya Jones, (317) 839-2789.

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!

College/Young Adult Quaker Haven Camp

Western Yearly Meeting college students and young adults (high school graduates – thirty years) are invited to Quaker Haven Camp on May 21-23. Cost is \$60 or after May 1, \$75.

Quaker Haven Summer Staff

Quaker Haven is in need of young men and women for paid positions in the areas of food service, grounds maintenance, life-guarding, housekeeping, and crafts. To apply visit: www.quakerhaven.com, click on "resources" tab and then "employment" for an application. They also need an assistant cook for the summer youth camps, May through September 6, 2010, and a camp nurse during the summer programs, June through July. If you are interested call, (574) 834-4193.

News Among Friends

Katy Palmer joins Westfield Friends Staff

Katy Palmer has accepted the position of Westfield Friends Youth Pastor to begin September 1.

Joshua Brown to Speak to WYM Retired Ministers

WYM retired ministers have invited Joshua Brown to speak on May 18 at 10:00 a.m. in the WYM Meetingroom. Joshua is the editor of the recent book, *The Autobiography of Allen Jay*, published by Friends United Press. WYM pastors are invited to join the retired ministers to hear Josh Brown speak and then have lunch together at the Golden Corral in Plainfield.

Quaker Haven Camp Work Day

Western Yearly Meeting volunteers are invited to spend a day at Quaker Haven Camp on May 15, 22, and/or 29 for a Spring Work Day to prepare Quaker Haven for the summer camping season. There are many tasks to be accomplished for a variety of volunteers. Lunch will be provided. Call Quaker Haven Camp to tell them you plan to come, (574) 834-4193.

Dan Bauer Retirement Party

Dan Bauer's Retirement Party will be on May 23, 3 p.m., at Quaker Haven Camp. Plan to come and honor Dan for his twenty-five years of service at Quaker Haven Camp.

16th Annual Quaker Haven Golf Scramble

The 16th Annual Quaker Haven Golf Scramble will be on Saturday, June 19 at the Arbor Trace Golf Course, tee time is 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$70 per person, with the profits going to Quaker Haven's Renewal Capital Campaign. Reservations forms need to be made by June 12.

Steve Pedgio, WYM Co-Superintendent, and Doug Shoemaker, IYM Superintendent, would like to see meetings generously support the ministry of Quaker Haven Camp by sponsoring a hole in the Golf Scramble. Your meeting can sponsor a hole with a \$100 contribution. Each sponsored hole will include a sign acknowledging the sponsor. Please help your superintendent have the "bragging rights" of having the most hole sponsored by his yearly meeting. To sponsor a hole, complete the line, "I'm enclosing \$_____ to sponsor a hole in the name of _____". At the bottom of the registration sheet and send in your contribution to Quaker Haven. Let's be generous and make Western Yearly Meeting a winner!

Noblesville Friends 10th Annual Spring Musicales

Noblesville First Friends invites all to its 10th Annual Spring Musicales, Sunday, May 2, at 3 p.m. Come join a diverse spectrum of WYM Friends united in celebrating Quaker community and the spring season with a variety of music for voice, trumpet, saxophone, piano and pipe organ. Fellowship with homemade apple pie, etc. follows the program.

Quaker Genealogy Workshop

Noblesville First Friends is sponsoring a Quaker Genealogy Workshop with Tom Hamm and Bill Medlin on Thursday, May 22, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided for a free-will offering.

WYM Faith & Practice Study Session

Mooreville Friends has planned a WYM Faith & Practice Study Session on Saturday, May 22, 9:00 – 2:00, with a pitch-in luncheon. The WYM CM&E has asked each local meeting within the yearly meeting to spend time studying *Faith & Practice of Western Yearly Meeting, 2005 Edition*.

Paul Buckley to Speak at Valley Mills Friends

Valley Mills Friends has invited Paul Buckley, Field Secretary of Illinois Yearly Meeting, to speak on May 23. Paul is the editor of the newly published book, *The Journal of Elias Hicks*. He will be discussing the life of Elias Hicks during Adult Sunday School and given the message during worship.

Carole Spencer joins ESR Faculty

Earlham School of Religion announces the appointment of Carole Spencer as Associate Professor of Christian Spirituality beginning in July. Carole was the 2009 WYM Quaker Lecturer.

Quivering Arrow Mission Trip

On June 13-17, 2010, Westfield Friends Church is planning a mission trip to Quivering Arrow Camp in Oklahoma. Volunteers will be building twenty bunk beds for the girls' bunk house and cleaning the camp grounds in preparation for camp the next week. For more information contact Jeff Beals at j.l.beals@att.net.



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Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church Calendar

**MATERIALS DEADLINE
FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER:
5/24/10, 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

Fifth Month

- 1 Danville Friends Garage Sale, 9-4
- 1 Executive Committee Called Meeting, 9 a.m.
- 2 Road Show @ Newberry/Friends of Jesus Fellowship
- 2 Noblesville Spring Musicale, 3 p.m.
- 3 Nominating Committee, 2:00 p.m.
- 8 Training & Recording Committee, 10:00 a.m.
- 10 West Central Area Pastors, 6:00 p.m. @ WYM Office
- 13 Northern Area Pastors, 11:30 a.m. @ Courtland Avenue Friends
- 15 WYM Board Meetings, 9:00 a.m.
- 16 Road Show @ Gray Friends
- 16 Northern Area Friends, 6 p.m., Russiaville Friends
- 18 Retired Ministers, 10:00 a.m. @ WYM Meetinghouse
- 20 Western Area Pastors, 9:00 a.m. @ Vermilion Grove Friends
- 21-22 Advanced Bible Study Methods Class
- 21-23 College Camp @ Quaker Haven Camp
- 23 Quaker Haven Retirement Party for Dan Bauer, 25 years of service, 3 p.m. @ Quaker Haven
- 24 North Central Pastors, 11:00 a.m. @ Italia Mia
- 24 Quaker Haven Camp Early Bird Registration Deadline.
- 25 Program Committee, 2 p.m.

Sixth Month

- 4-5 Advanced Bible Study Methods Class
- 5 Board of Finance, 10:00 a.m.
- 6-11 Pioneer Camp at Quaker Haven
- 13-18 Junior High Camp at Quaker Haven
- 20-25 Senior High I Camp at Quaker Haven
- 27-30 George Fox Camp at Quaker Haven
- 25-27 Beginners Camp at Quaker Haven