



Friend To Friend

Honey Creek-New Providence Friends Church

April 2011

Facing Our Jerusalem by Justin Weber

We are deep into the Season of Lent, a period in the church calendar reminding us of the sacrificial life and death of our Lord Jesus. Many Christians sacrificially give up a pleasurable habit or food remembering that our Lord was giving up His life. Lent is a time of spiritual reassessment as we think not only of our Lord's ministry and demise in Jerusalem but also of our own deaths. This is why the Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, a stark and symbolic reminder that we are all moving toward our own deaths and eventually returning to "dust and ashes." (Gen. 18:27)

Of course this season is all about our Lord as "he fixed his face to go on to Jerusalem." (Lk. 9:51) Jesus set his face like flint toward Jerusalem, caught up in His vocation as Messiah. (Lk. 9:51; 9:53; 13:22; 17:11; 18:31; 19:41) Jerusalem held from Him monumental misunderstandings of His messiahship, an ultimate betrayal, and a ghastly execution. Jesus knew that Jerusalem is where the prophets were killed,

and yet he marched on. We march on also, toward our own demise. Thomas a Kempis (1380-1471) the late Medieval Catholic monk who wrote *The Imitation of Christ*, in the lingering aftermath of the Black Death, also known as the Bubonic Plague, penned these words: "Always be thou prepared, and so live that death may never find thee unprepared." A' Kempis offers us some profound wisdom reminding us to "so live that death may never find thee unprepared." Reflecting upon the reality that one day we will be absent from this earthly existence, gives us a chance to rethink our attitudes, behaviors and choices under the tender scrutiny of God's light. (II Cor. 4:6) It is a reminder that God can use even our own endings, to generate new beginnings in the power of the Holy Spirit. May we all "so live under the influence of Christ's Spirit that death may never find us unprepared" as God's life, eternal life, springs up within us anew! (See Galatians 2:20)

Good Friday Community Service

12:10 pm—12:50 pm
First Congregational
UCC of Eldora
led by Justin

Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m.
Early Service
led by the High School
Sunday School class

8:30-9:30 a.m.
Breakfast

9:30 a.m.
Sunday School

10:45 a.m.
Easter Worship

Christian Symbols—Coins

The Bible often uses coins to symbolize human greed. During Holy Week, 30 silver coins—usually shown with a bag or purse—represent Jesus' betrayal by his disciple Judas (Matthew 26:14-16).

Many of Jesus' teachings are about money, including the parable of the lost coin. Coins also symbolize giving as an act of worship, just as the widow offered her last "mite" (Mark 12:41-44).



Elsie Minear and her family want to express appreciation to her church family for all of the cards, greetings, visits, and participation in the Open House for her 90th birthday! Her church family is a blessing!

- Elsie Minear
- Lillian and Cherakee Elliott
- Family of Marjorie Schwarck
- Megan Ingledue
- Mary Lu Ellis
- Family of Vera Cutler
- Lola Callaway
- Noma Hadley
- Quakerdale
- Dan Whitehead and family, challenges of MAF ministry
- Providential Homes
- Alan McDonald, with the Peace Corps in Panama
- Judy (Tatum) Davis
- Those serving our country, Emely Shore, Caleb Humphrey, Wes Burnham
- Darlene Frahm, Gene Frahm's mother
- Linda Bacon at the passing of P.J. Ackerman
- Stan Hughes



Teacher Recognition



The Iowa Reading Association recently chose Marlene Reece as Iowa Reading Teacher of the Year. She will be honored April 7 at a banquet during the state reading conference in Ames.

Congratulations, Marlene, for 30 years of dedicated teaching service and this recognition!

USFW Work Day

Thursday, April 7—10:00 am

Caring For The Elderly

Plans for this work day at the church will include making May baskets for the folks at Valley View Nursing & Rehab. Center.

All are welcome to join the fun of not only making the baskets, but preparing items to fill them!

Spring Cleaning

Sweep over me, Lord,
and brush out my sin!
Replace it with faith,
and live here within. Amen.
Peggy Ferrell

Friendly Fellowship

April 19 **Kathleen Ziemer**
10:00 a.m. *'Butterfliz of Iowa'*  **April**

This butterfly expert brings live butterflies for a very informative hands-on program. Mark your calendars and plan on joining the fun!

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 *Birthday Blessings*



Best Wishes go to Charles Haywood.

Charles will be celebrating his 80th birthday Tuesday, April 5.

Blessings, Charles!

Guess Who's Coming To Dinner?

Nineteen families enjoyed great food, fun and fellowship at these events March 18-20. The idea was to have a meal where the host didn't know who was coming to their home, and the guests didn't know who else might be dining with them. Half of the fun for the participants was trying to solve the mystery before-hand!

"This was a wonderful time of getting better acquainted!"

"It was a blessing to be with others in our church family."

"We should do this more often!"

Participants

Marvin and Jean Heikens hosted Lisle and Margaret Cook, Jane Whitehead, Jean Perry, and Denny and Marlene Reece.

Neil and Alice Hadley hosted Bob and Brenda Crabb and Terry and Jane Beare.

Larry and Connie Pemberton hosted Kevin and Julie Burkett and John and Ann Rains. (pictured).

Randall and Denise Nichols hosted the Paul Brown family and Jeff and Janean Speicher.

Marcia Shaver-Floyd hosted Tom and Marlene McDonald, Walt Jackson, and the Webers.

Don and Mary Humrichouse hosted the Dan Cook family (pictured).



Photo by Mary Humrichouse



Photo by Connie Pemberton

BLIZZARD BLAST



Youth Attend Blizzard Blast

134 kids attended the Blizzard Blast in Marshalltown, March 11-12. (less than 70 were expected, so that was awesome!)











The speaker for the service was Brockie Follett; the Grinnell Friends Church's pastor's wife.

The worship band for the service was the Fairfield Friends Church youth, and a short concert was given by the band 'Fairfield'.

We enjoyed lots of food, including Pizza Hut pizza, swimming and lots of group games at the YMCA in Marshalltown, including volleyball, Wii, 3 on 3 basketball, and Uno tournaments.

We had a handful of kids that went to sleep but most of them stayed up all night. Breakfast the next morning was at the First Friends Church in Marshalltown.

Submitted by Alicia Daleske

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					Daniel Talbot 	Bonnie Phillips 
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:00 am Breakfast 9:30am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Mission Sunday 6:30 pm Membership Class	6:30-9:30 am Community Breakfast	7:45 am Mothers of Adult Children Prayer Charles Haywood 	9:00 am Prayer w/ Justin 6:45-7:45 pm Bible Study	10:00 am USFW	Janean Speicher 	USFW Spring Fling at Middle River Friends
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8:30 am Monthly Mtg. 9:00 am Breakfast 9:30am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 6:30 pm Membership Class	6:30-9:30 am Community Breakfast	7:45 am Mothers of Adult Children Prayer	9:00 am Prayer w/ Justin 6:30-8:00 pm Sr. High Youth Jr. High Youth Dottie Rains 	9:00-11:00 am HOME	Spencer Nelson 	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
PALM SUNDAY 9:00 am Breakfast 9:30am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 6:30 pm Membership Class	6:30-9:30 am Community Breakfast	7:45 am Mothers of Adult Children Prayer 10:00 am Friendly Fellowship	9:00 am Prayer w/ Justin 6:45-7:45 pm Bible Study Heather Talbot 	Kollene Dreifke Ellie Castle  Andy Gast	GOOD FRIDAY Service 12:10 pm First Cong. UCC of Eldora led by Justin Alex Boggess 	Omelet Breakfast at Roundhouse
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
EASTER 8:00 am Early service 8:30am Breakfast 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship	6:30-9:30 am Community Breakfast	7:45 am Mothers of Adult Children Prayer 4:00 pm Christian Ed.	9:00 am Prayer w/ Justin 6:30-8:00 pm Jr. High Youth 7:00 pm Ministry & Counsel	9:00-11:00 am HOME		

Linda Garrison's Work in Cuba

The Friends United Meeting website says, "Friends United Meeting is a cooperative program of twenty-seven Friends Yearly Meetings..." One of those yearly meetings is Iowa Yearly Meeting, and one of Iowa Yearly Meeting's churches is Honey Creek/New Providence. Another yearly meeting is Cuba Yearly Meeting.

Early in the 20th century, a Quaker effort began in Cuba. Zenas Martin of Hardin County was involved as Superintendent of IAYM, and the first missionaries were Penn College students. Cuba Yearly Meeting now consists of 13 monthly meetings and missions, located in 3 provinces.

Friends United Meeting invites individuals to form work teams to visit many sites, and this year a work team from the US visited to Cuba, carrying all the documents necessary for legal travel. The team had members from New York Yearly Meeting, Baltimore Yearly Meeting, Indiana Yearly Meeting, and 2 participants from Iowa Yearly Meeting, Juli Hisel of Richland, Iowa and Linda Garrison of Eldora.

The work this year consisted of painting at the Cuba Yearly Meeting facility in Gibara in the province of Holguin. Located just 3 blocks from the seaside, these buildings need painting frequently. In addition to painting, work team members visited 9 of the meetings and missions worshipping and sharing our respective lives and faith.



The delightful weather, gracious hospitality, lively worship and newly-struck friendships, both with team members and Cubans, made for warm memories.

Text and photo by Linda Garrison

Thank you to the volunteers that watch over the children in the nursery each week.

April Nursery Schedule

- April 3 Gene and Myrna Frahm
- April 10 Jimmy and Christie Giguere
- April 17 Dustin and Mindy Hadley
- April 24 Roger and Linda Hildreth



Ana Mae Mosher and Jordyn Hadley

“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” Mark 10:14

Photo by Terry Beare

Without Jesus...

Without the risen Savior in our hearts, life is like:
 A chocolate Easter Bunny—empty on the inside;
 An Easter bonnet—easily blown off kilter;
 Last year’s Easter outfit—it doesn't quite fit right;
 An Easter lily—it soon withers and dries up;
 A bag of jellybeans—sugary and sweet but lacking substance;
 An unfound Easter basket—full of gifts that spoil and go to waste;
 A colored Easter egg—looks great but cracks under pressure;
 The Easter bunny—always hopping here and there;
 Marshmallow Peeps—becomes hard when opened up;
 Easter parade—a long journey with no destination;
 An unopened Easter card— a message of love unclaimed.

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Do You Know These Hymns?

Dentist's Hymn.....	Crown Him with Many Crowns
Weatherman's Hymn.....	There Shall Be Showers of Blessings
Contractor's Hymn.....	The Church's One Foundation
The Tailor's Hymn.....	Holy, Holy, Holy
The Golfer's Hymn.....	There's a Green Hill Far Away
The Politician's Hymn.....	Standing on the Promises!
Optometrist's Hymn.....	Open My Eyes That I Might See
The IRS Agent's Hymn.....	I Surrender All
The Gossip's Hymn.....	Pass It On
The Electrician's Hymn.....	Send The Light
The Shopper's Hymn.....	Sweet Bye and Bye
The Realtor's Hymn.....	I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop
The Massage Therapists Hymn.....	He Touched Me
The Doctor's Hymn.....	The Great Physician



Submitted by Mary Humrichouse

AND for those who speed on the highway - a few hymns:

55 mph	God Will Take Care of You
75 mph	Nearer My God To Thee
85 mph.....	This World Is Not My Home
95 mph	Lord, I'm Coming Home