



Friend To Friend

Honey Creek-New Providence Friends Church

March 2011

Opting In by Justin Weber

Many Thanks

Thank you, Evelyn, for keeping everyone 'in touch' with the Friend To Friend since 1997. That's 156 newsletters! Your dedicated service to the community and HCNP has been very appreciated!

Congratulations!

Congratulations goes to Don Humrichouse, a recent recipient of the Peace and Social Concerns Service Award. Don has worked in numerous states and local communities while serving on the Friends Disaster Service. His dedication to Camp Quaker Heights, community and church, are to be commended. Don's caring spirit is a blessing to all who know him.

It's A Girl!

Nora Beth Seehusen
born February 6

Daughter of Mike and
Holly Seehusen
Granddaughter of
Kollene Dreifke

This past Sunday our church family celebrated Abner and Pauline White's seventy years of marriage. During meeting for worship, the children created and hand delivered an anniversary card to this wonderful couple. The children also gave them chocolate hearts in appreciation of their loyalty to one another and the fine witness they have given us all.

Abner then rose up with gratitude in his voice for Pauline and said these wise words. "We decided early on that we could disagree without being disagreeable."

That profound statement resonated deep within me. What a great insight for married couples and families, and the family of believers. They are words much of our society has forgotten. Look at the divisions, the labeling and demonizing of others who hold a different perspective. We can see this most clearly in politics and in the media, when the talking heads (multiple guests on a broadcast which show only their heads) interrupt and shout over one another in vehement disagreement. There is no genuine listening or attempt to under-

stand, it simply devolves into a childlike fight. Urban areas in the metro are becoming more and more 'tribal' in nature as people gravitate and decide where to live according to economic and political views. And what we are seeing is an 'opting out' from being genuinely engaged with people who hold differing viewpoints. Instead of putting in the time and effort to understand the other (understanding is not the same as agreeing), individuals and whole groups are 'opting out' of any civil form of dialogue. Tensions between the state union and the state legislators in Wisconsin are a prime example. This is unsettling. If we simply barricade ourselves in with our own 'tribal thinking' our growth as human beings will be greatly diminished, and our society will continue to fracture.

Sadly, this detrimental fallen spirit of the world can and has invaded much of the church of Christ. Many believers 'opt out' of various faith communities because they have discovered people hold a variety of beliefs about God, which differ from

their own, or some interpretation of Scripture is different from others. An example is a pastor of a mega church who recently questioned the rampant adulation of America during a community worship service in his community. Struggling with this issue he began to raise up Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, but his flock began to decrease. Although the majority of attendees remained, two thousand 'opted out' before all the dust settled.

The wisdom Abner and Pauline have discovered by seeking to understand and to agree to disagree without being disagreeable seems to be the way of God's peace. They 'opted in' by doing the redemptive work described in *The Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*: "O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek...to be understood as to understand..."

"I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name – the name you gave me – so that they may be one as we are one."

John 17:11

Quaker Membership Course

What does it mean to be a Quaker?

Join Justin in this eight week membership class, beginning Sunday, March 6.

6:30-8:00 pm each Sunday evening

Please sign up for the class in the church office.

It's time to order Easter Lilies and /or Palms



Lilies: 6 inch pots \$12.99 ea.
Palms: \$6.00 per bundle
(18 leaves per bundle)

These plants, in honor or memory of a loved one, will add to the beauty and message of this Easter season.

Orders need to be placed by March 20.

- Elsie Minear
- Lillian and Cherokee 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



Friendly Fellowship

March 15 **Gary Knox**
talented wood carver

April 19 **Kathleen Ziemer**
'Butterfliz of Iowa'

May 17 **'World Religions'**
(tentative date) *in central Iowa*
(see included flyer)

We meet each 3rd Tuesday monthly,
10:00 a.m.-noon
Join the fun!

Labels Available

Organizing your office file cabinets or home storage?

We have surplus self-adhesive label holders from the church kitchen cabinet labeling project.

1"x 6" - can be cut to any size

Pkg. Price: \$8.50

Contains 10—6" strips

Contact Jan Glace 858-2637



Pauline and Abner White would like to thank everyone for the cards and kind words on their **70th Anniversary** and special thanks to Justin Weber for the children bringing the candy hearts to them. According to Jean Perry, "They have been married 25,550 beautiful days!"



*Vera Cutler, age 94,
of New Providence
passed away February 5*

*John Langfitt, age 59, of Eldora
passed away February 8*

March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:45 am Mothers of Adult Children Prayer 7:00 pm HCHE Parent's Mtg. Stacy Howell 	2 9:00 am Prayer with Justin 6:45-7:45 pm Inter- generational Bible Study Ty Cook	3 1:30 pm USFW Brenda Crabb 	4	5
6 9:00 am Breakfast 9:30am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Mission Sunday 6:30 pm Membership Class	7 6:30-9:30 am Community Breakfast	8 7:45 am Mothers of Adult Children Prayer Alice Williams 	9 9:00 am Prayer with Justin 6:30-8:00 pm Sr. High Youth Jr. High Youth Ash Wednesday	10 9:00-11:00 am HOME Jenny Ingledue 	11 Blizzard Blast 5th—8th grade First Friends Marshalltown Ardith Talbot 	12 Blizzard Blast 5th—8th grade First Friends Marshalltown Frank DuChane 
13 8:30 am Monthly Mtg. 9:00 am Breakfast 9:30am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 6:30 pm Membership Class Krista Weber 	14 6:30-9:30 am Community Breakfast Bob Callaway 	15 7:45 am Mothers of Adult Children Prayer 10:00 am Friendly Fellowship	16 9:00 am Prayer with Justin 6:45-7:45 pm Inter- generational Bible Study Marilee Lawler Julie Gast 	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20 9:00 am Breakfast 9:30am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 6:30 pm Membership Class Jane Whitehead  Francis Mathis	21 6:30-9:30 am Community Breakfast Eunice Broer 	22 7:45 am Mothers of Adult Children Prayer Tasha Shore Jean Heikens 	23 9:00 am Prayer with Justin 6:30-8:00 pm Sr. High Youth Jr. High Youth	24 9:00-11:00 am HOME	25 Joey Longobardi 	26 Ashley McDonald 
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Looking Ahead
April 9

USFW Spring Fling
at
Middle River Friends



Sunday, March 13
Daylight Saving
Time Begins
Sunday, March 20
1st Day of Spring!

Youth For Christ Comedy Café

Featuring ***Taylor Mason***

FREE ADMISSION!

Taylor Mason's quick wit, flawless delivery & polished material make him a hit with audiences of all ages. His act features his talents as a musician, ventriloquist, and stand-up comic.

Sunday, March 20
South Hardin H.S. Auditorium
Eldora, IA 6:30-8:45 p.m.

Reservations Requested

To make your reservation, go to:
www.yfccomedycafe.com or call toll free 1-877-524-4554
North Iowa Youth For Christ



! Just For Fun !

Question: Why was Solomon the wisest man
in the world?

Answer: Because he had so many wives to
advise him.

A three year-old's version
of the Twenty-Third Psalm:
"He leadeth me beside
distilled water."




On the first day of Lent, pastors in many churches dip a finer in ashes (often made by burning palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday) and make a cross on parishioners' foreheads. God's people have used ashes as a sign of mourning, humiliation and penitence. In the Old Testament, ashes were used as a purification offering. The New Testament speaks of repenting in "sackcloth and ashes" (Luke 10:13, NRSV).

On Ash Wednesday, Christians are pained because our sins – private and public – led to Jesus' death. With repentant hearts, we begin the season of Lent, knowing it leads to resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Say Yes To God


"Many think of self-denial as giving up something during the Lenten season. Others have said that it is to be dead to self, or even to hate self. I disagree with these opinions. When Jesus referred to self-denial (Mark 8:34), he was not talking about denying ourselves some luxury item or denying the reality of self or the needs of self. Rather, he was focusing on the importance of renouncing self as the center of our life and actions." "In other words, self-denial is the decision of each of his followers to give over to God his body, career, money and time. A true disciple is willing to shift the spiritual center of gravity in his life. Self-denial is the sustained willingness to say no to oneself in order to say yes to God."

-Bill Hull



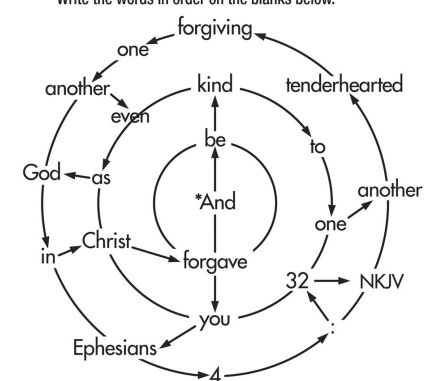
PUZZLE

WHY FORGIVE?



This Bible verse teaches an important lesson about how we should treat others – and why.

Directions: Start with the asterisk in the center circle and follow the arrows. Write the words in order on the blanks below.



"And _____ ,
 _____ , _____
 _____ , _____
 _____ ."
 _____ , _____

Answers: And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32, NKJV

Religions of the World in Central Iowa

Hindu Temple & Cultural Center of Iowa

With cornfields all around, take a tour of the beautiful **Hindu Temple** and see how the Hindu religion is practiced throughout India. A Hindu Priest conducts the tour and answers questions throughout.

Jewish Orthodox Synagogue

In the middle of a residential area in Des Moines, visit an Orthodox Jewish Synagogue. Tour the Synagogue and learn what they believe and why. See the kitchen and understand the significance of the three different ovens that are required to prepare meat, dairy and baked goods. Visit the sanctuary and understand why the women sit on one side and the men on the other.

Enjoy a variety of kosher appetizers and desserts from the traditional Jewish holidays. The **kosher lunch** will be prepared in the Synagogue kitchen

Basilica of St. John

Tour through the beautiful Basilica in Des Moines and learn the criteria of what makes a cathedral a Basilica.

Muslim Mosque

Visit a Muslim Mosque. Hear the chants from the afternoon prayers and learn from a Muslim professional about the Muslim religion. You will be surprised at the similarities the Muslim religion has to Christianity.

Buddhist Temple

The Buddhist Temple is a non-profit and charitable organization; it belongs to the Buddhist community.

See the beautiful and interesting Buddhist Temple, community center and the Buddhist courtyard in a residential area of Des Moines. Tour the Temple. Learn about the monks and how the Buddhist religion is practiced. The goal is to teach our fellow human beings to share, respect, and care and support each

other so that we may live together in harmony with love, happiness and prosperity.

- **Very little walking is required.**
- **Guests are required to remove their shoes and must wear socks at the Hindu Temple.**
- **Clean restrooms are available at each stop**

\$65.00 Price per person includes:

- **Tour of a Hindu Temple given by High Priest**
- **Orthodox Jewish Synagogue tour and luncheon**
- **Kosher Luncheon to include appetizers and desserts from the Jewish Holidays**
- **Visit a Muslim Mosque and learn about the Muslim Religion**
- **Guided tour of St. John's Basilica**
- **Tour of a Buddhist Temple**

A minimum of 25 people are needed to make this tour possible.

Having taken this tour, I was amazed that these places of worship existed in Iowa, and realized that we all worship a higher authority, no matter the religion! Our methods of worship may differ greatly, but we are all striving to share our 'God's' peace and love with one another.

This tour is open to all ages. Transportation will be determined when a final number of people is known. I hope you will decide to take this journey 'around the world'!

Joan Riskedahl

Reservations and payments are due in the church office by April 20.