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**JANUARY 2017**

**Church office hours**

M-W-F 8:15-12:15

**Bulletin Deadline**

Friday 8:15

**Pastor's Office Hours**

MW 8:30-Noon

LEGRAND FRIENDS CHURCH

# Friend to Friend

Friends,

We are in the wind down of the Christmas shopping, card giving, and meal planning. These activities lead up to the days when we enjoy the culmination of all those plans, the time when we gather together with family and friends. Even as our times at the Thanksgiving table are often more about us and the food than truly giving thanks, we have to be mindful of the temptation to be more about gifts given and received than about the ultimate gift of God's son being wrapped in flesh. So whether you receive this before or soon after Christmas, please take time to ponder these things, to thank God for His most amazing gift, and to accept this gift of Christ and all that acceptance means for us.

If there are any New Year's resolutions to be made, please plan to approach yourself with firmness of resolve that you might succeed, but also to be prepared to offer yourself grace so that if something doesn't go quite as planned, you do not lose heart.

2 Cor 4:15-17 NIV

*“. . . that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.”*

Have a blessed Christmas and New Year.

In Christ,  
Pastor Alan

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Sundays**

- 8:15am Praise Team
- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:00am Worship
- 6:00pm Youth
- 6:30pm Young Adults at Eakins' (every other week)

**Wednesdays**

- 5:15pm Chuck wagon
- 5:45pm Pioneer Club
- 6:00pm Middle School

**Thursdays**

- 9:00am Men's Group
- 6:30pm Prayer Meeting



# 2017 Concert of Prayer

Iowa Yearly Meeting

Saturday, February 4 – 2:00 p.m.

LeGrand Friends Church

Plan to attend the kick-off for *50 Days of Prayer for Revival*.

## Young Adult Retreat

February 10-12

\$60 / person by Jan 27<sup>th</sup>

\$65 after Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>

14975 Nature Rd.,

West Union, IA 52175

Register at [IAYM.org/events](http://IAYM.org/events)

*Bring Bible, notebook &*

*snow wear*



## Blizzard Blast 2017

For 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders

Feb 17-18th

Register at [IaYM.org](http://IaYM.org)

## New Young Adult Study

**Starting January 15**

Relat(able): Making

Relationships Work

At Larry & Donna Eakins'  
home

6:30 p.m.

## Minutes for Bi-Monthly Meeting – December 11, 2016

Le Grand Monthly Meeting met after worship December 11 with 15 members present. Clerk Jay Wyatt opened the meeting with prayer and Denise Phipps read the minutes from the October meeting. They were approved as read.

Treasurer Nancy Slingluff presented the treasurer's reports for the months of October & November. For October, giving was \$10,623.88 and expenses were \$10,806.82. For November, giving was \$10,534.62 & expenses were \$9,901.83. Nancy noted that there was elevator work done in October at a cost of \$2000, which needs to be done every 5 years. Our treasurer also praised God for helping us meet all our needs financially. Meeting approved these reports.

For Trustees, Rich Amendt noted that the furnace needed a new blower and motor & we got in on a special they had and got all five furnaces serviced.

Gloria Mitchell & Judy Amendt reported from the kitchen committee that four new white tables were purchased and all the old, heavy, wooden ones are now gone, the majority of them going to Camp Quaker Heights.

Pastor Alan presented his reports for the months of October & November. Average attendance for worship in October was 73, SS was 40. Average numbers for worship in November were 71, no #'s for SS. Pastor noted the even though there was inclement weather, there was a great turnout for the "Food, Fire & Film" event in October, he continues to announced at the EM volleyball & basketball games, they attended the EM musical and had a "get-to-know-you" meeting with the new EM Superintendent. Meeting approved his reports.

IAYM has asked to use our church for a kick off of the "50 Days of Prayer" event on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. All Quarterly Meetings will be able to participate via videocast. Meeting approved the request.

It was noted that Tom Mitchell & Garol Cooling worked on the shed at the parsonage, getting the door to be able to close & will finish the project in the spring.

For Ministry & Counsel, Nick Grossman reported on how they are taking into consideration the length of worship service on Sunday mornings. Nick is encouraging anyone to call, email or visit with him or anyone else on the committee as they want input. Nick also encouraged all to get Charlotte Stangeland's book "Pursuing Pentecost: 50 Days Preparation for Revival".

Moose Slingluff presented the proposed budget for the new year 2017. He went over all the changes to the budget from last year, coming in at \$123,035.00. After discussion, Meeting approved the budget.

Clerk Jay Wyatt closed in prayer

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**Other 2017 Events**  
Feb. 25 - Quaker Men's Banquet  
Mar. 25 – Spring Body of Representatives  
@ Mesquakie Friends  
Followed by REVIVAL MEETING – approximately 2:00-4:00 p.m.  
July 12-16 – FUM Triennial  
July 26-29 – laYM Annual Conference

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*Strengthening and Expanding the Church of Jesus Christ, one heart at a time.*



PRAYING GOD GIVES YOU A  
**year of favor**

FULL OF HIS UNENDING LOVE.

May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us...

PSALM 90:17a