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December 2016

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sundays

8:15am Praise Team
9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Worship
2:00pm 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

Friends,

Sheryl and I have watched a couple of TV-made Christmas movies over the past week or two. I have long been a sucker for a sweet story line and happy ending, so we have enjoyed those movies. Something that stuck out to me, especially during one of them, was the focus put on the 'Spirit of Christmas'. It was almost like this 'Spirit' had mystical powers and was a living being. The description tended to be very worshipful. This 'Spirit' would change you from the inside out. Now I do not know if the writers of the story were trying to point us to the real Living Spirit of God, but some descriptions brought the Holy Spirit to mind. What is more likely is that the creators of this movie are indeed pointing toward something they believe in that is a more controllable substitute for the Living God.

Then I began wondering if there were other areas in my life where I have been putting my own twist on things, worshipping something or someone other than God. This can be true during other times of the year as well, where we have put other activities or people or interests on the throne instead of God. Have I been looking more toward Christmas for the giving and getting, or the focus on celebrating the birth of Jesus? Just as Thanksgiving can devolve into a celebration of turkey and football, so Christmas can lose its hope-giving reminder of the Living God who wrapped Himself in flesh, dwelling among us.

John 1:14 NIV

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Gift giving and receiving are not inherently evil, but they can distract us. Being kinder toward others should not be a seasonal thing, but the way we, who are being transformed by the Spirit, treat others every day. May we not be guilty of substituting our own gods and desires for the Living God and all that He offers us.

Sheryl and I wish you each a blessed Christmas and coming New Year.

In Christ,
Pastor Alan



Christmas Caroling

Sunday, Dec. 11, 4:00 p.m.

Meet at the Church

Soup following caroling

Pioneer Club Program

7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 14

Everyone welcome



NO Pioneer Club or Youth Group on Dec. 28 or Jan 4

Scholarships

TRUSTEES SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now being taken for a \$500 college scholarship to be distributed January of 2018. Deadline for this scholarship is **January 1, 2017**.

USFW SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is for students attending William Penn University. The amount is determined by need. Applicants must be an active member in a Iowa Yearly Meeting church. Deadline for applications is **Jan. 31st, 2017**.

MISSIONS SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship for up to \$1,000 for 2017-18 school year is being offered by IaYM Missions Board. It is available for students who are preparing for a career in missions. The deadline for applications is **Mar. 1, 2017**.

Contact IaYM Office for more information.

Kaleo Academy

Kaleo Academy is a leadership training program for students from evangelical Friends Churches who are entering 10th & 11th grade the fall of 2017. If you would like

more information contact Katy Moran at: 317-450-4712 or

katy.moran@barclaycollege.edu

Applications are being accepted now through **January 1, 2017**.

**Deadline for January
Newsletter / Calendar
December 21**

SAVE THE DATES:

LeGrand Friends Church will be joining with the other churches in Iowa Yearly Meeting for 50 Days of Prayer for Revival.

Concert of Prayer

Saturday, February 4 at 2:00 p.m.
to start the fifty days of prayer.



50 Days of Prayer

Feb. 4-March 25

Plan to join a small group and participate in daily personal prayer and weekly small group prayer for revival.

Revival Meeting

Saturday, March 25 – approximately 2:00 – 4:00 p.m

Mesquakie Friends Church

Gather with other Friends Churches from Iowa Yearly Meeting to hear what the Lord will say to us through a special speaker and gifted musicians. This meeting will start following Spring Body of Representatives.

Upcoming laYM Events

Feb 10-12 – Young Adult Winter Retreat

Feb 17-18 – Jr. High Blizzard Blast

March 10-12 – Ignite Retreat H.S. &
Teen leaders

March 25 – Spring Body of
Representatives & Revival Meeting
@ Mesquakie Friends

Thanks be unto God for his



indescribable gift.

2 Corinthians 9:15

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>LeGrand Friends Church 641-479-2025 lfc@iowatelecom.net www.legrandfriends.org</p>				<p>1 9a Men's Group 6:30 Prayer 7:00 Ministry & Counsel</p>	<p>2 <i>Owen Pascoe</i> <i>Hunter Postel</i></p>	<p>3 Ministry & Counsel Retreat 9-2 <i>Rick & Jen Weitzel</i> <i>Larry Eakins</i> <i>Caitlin Egleston</i></p>
<p>4 8:15a Praise 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Worship 6:00p Youth 6:30p Young Adults <i>Shannon Mitchell</i></p>	<p>5 <i>Melva Vint</i> <i>Marjorie Beane</i> <i>Raeann Meling</i> <i>Dan & Denise Crookshank</i></p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 5:15p Chuckwagon 5:45 Pioneer Club 6:00 Middle School</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 <i>Jacki Pippin</i></p>
<p>11 8:15a Praise 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Worship Bi-monthly Meeting 6:00p Youth 4:00 – Caroling & Soup</p>	<p>12 <i>Mac & Jane Carter</i></p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 5:15p Chuckwagon 5:45 Pioneer Club 6:00 Middle School 7:00 – Pioneer Club Program <i>Emily Wyatt</i></p>	<p>15 9a Men's Group 6:30 Prayer <i>Beth Tow</i> <i>Jackie Weitzell</i> <i>Loran & Florence Vis</i> <i>Jay & Amy Wyatt</i> <i>Emmett Pascoe</i></p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 <i>Bev Forbes</i></p>
<p>18 8:15a Praise 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Worship 6:00p Youth 6:30p Young Adults</p>	<p>19 <i>Lee & Tomagayle Egleston</i> <i>Robb & Jackie Pippin</i></p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 5:15p Chuckwagon 5:45 Pioneer Club 6:00 Middle School Newsletter/ Calendar Deadline – 8:15 a.m.</p>	<p>22 9a Men's Group 6:30 Prayer</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 6:00 p.m.</p>
<p>25 MERRY CHRISTMAS 8:15a Praise 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Worship 6:00 Youth</p>	<p>26 <i>Caleb Stamp</i></p>	<p>27 <i>Bud Strand</i></p>	<p>28 NO Pioneer Club or Youth Group</p>	<p>29 9a Men's Group 6:30 Prayer <i>Danielle Stubbs</i> <i>Larry & Donna Eakins</i></p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 <i>Claude Vokoun</i> <i>Desiree Mullikin</i> <i>Emah Drury</i></p>

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

**Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service**

Saturday, December 24

6:00 p.m.

LeGrand Friends Church

