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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,

I was pondering over the past couple days these questions, "Just how has God been transforming me? Am I a willing participant in that transformation?"

Not too long ago prayer requests were being shared at the beginning of a service I was at and there were people who had lost loved ones to death, a lady who had just found out about a daughter's cancer and another sad tiding. We prayed as a congregation for these needs then continued our worship together. One of the songs that morning was one of my favorites to sing, "Blessed Be Your Name". It always gets my toe to tapping and heart rejoicing due to the good news within it. That morning the words from one of the verses jumped out to me, "Blessed be Your name, on the road marked with suffering, though there's pain in the offering, blessed by Your name." And then there were some of the words to the bridge, "You give and take away, You give and take away. My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name." That morning God used that song to break my heart and restore it. He used it to help me see something more deeply and fully. He was transforming my heart and building my understanding and my faith.

Not too long ago I was stopping by to have some work done on my vehicle. This was not a specialized issue, so I had many choices where to have the work done. As I drove up to the place of business I had chosen and stepped from my vehicle, one of the workers greeted me with rudeness and condescension. Without any sharp response to this, I got back in my car and drove to another place of business. I then asked myself, was the rudeness justification to refuse to do business there or were those workers in need of someone who looked past it and demonstrated love and long-suffering? Was my response less than grace filled? What will my response be the next time something similar happens and how can my life best glorify God? God is continuing to work to transform my heart.

Not too long ago I made it a personal goal to read at least one verse of scripture each day, no matter what was going on because, "All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17 Even as I have thus far followed through with this goal, I am reminded of how I approached math in school. I, like many of my fellow students, did the work, but wondered if we would ever use it in the real world? Do we approach the study of God's word like math, not really useful in the 'real world'? Well, I have used math in the real world and have personally experienced the difference God's word makes in the real world. That is why I also want to have the truth, the hope, the wisdom and correction of God's word changing who I am and altering how I approach each day and each challenge. God is continuing to work to transform my heart.

May He continue His work in each of our hearts this summer, this year, today. God bless you all.

In Christ,
Pastor Alan

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sundays

8:15am Praise Team

9:00am Sunday School

10:00am Worship

6:30pm Young Adults at Eakins' (every other week)

Thursdays

6:30pm Prayer Meeting

BiMonthly Meeting Minutes - LeGrand Friends – June 11

Le Grand Bi-Monthly Meeting met after worship with 10 members present. Clerk Jay Wyatt opened the meeting with prayer and Denise Phipps read the minutes from the April meeting. They were approved as read.

Jay noted that Pioneer Days will not be taking place this year, so parking will not be a problem for Kelly Pratt's wedding. Another update was that Ross Smedley did not accept the youth pastor position as he accepted a full-time job in Indiana.

In treasurer Nancy Slingluff's absence, Jay presented her reports for the months of April & May. For April, giving was \$11,811.89 and expenses were \$9,957.00. For May, giving was \$8,826.47 & expenses were \$8,620.96. Meeting approved these reports.

Pastor Alan was on vacation this day so his reports were handed out for April & May. Average April attendance for SS was 34 & worship 82; average May for SS was 30 & worship 75. Meeting approved his reports.

Nominating committee presented all the new appointments to the committees and all were approved by Meeting for the year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

Phil Rush reported for Trustees that the gutters have been fixed & snow stoppers added by Thompsons from State Center.

Nick Grossman noted for Ministry & Counsel that they have a committee together for finding a youth leader and encouraged us all to be prayerful for this position to be filled. Their committee is also working on ideas on how we can be more of an outreach to our community, filling needs that are present.

Clerk Jay Wyatt closed in prayer.

Learn about KENYA MISSIONS



This summer we will have two unique opportunities to learn more about our missions in Kenya. **John Losike Moru**, director of Friends Missions in Turkana, will be at LeGrand Friends Church on July 9. Turkana is a hot, dry area with few resources. However, under John's direction the mission has grown from 9 churches in 2009 to 21 churches today. Moru is an amazing leader. Come and learn more about him and his mission.

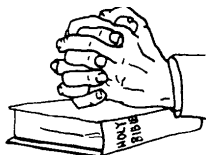
On July 30 **John Muhanji** will be with us for both Sunday School and Church. Muhanji is another visionary Kenyan leader. He oversees all of the Friends Missions in Kenya and is knowledgeable about Friends Theological College as well as Turkana and Samburu missions. He also serves on the SEEDS board with Lloyd Stangeland. **Sammy Letoole**, director of Samburu mission will also be in the area this summer and may be available to share in an informal way. All of these men are in the U.S. to attend the FUM Triennial Conference in Wichita.

Take advantage of these opportunities to learn more about the missions we support. Come and hear them speak on **July 9 and July 30**.

New Bible Study starting July 6

Names of God

Bible Study followed by Prayer
*every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at
the church. Everyone welcome!*



IaYM Annual Ministry Conference: THRIVE

Wednesday, July 26

9:00 BOC
10:00 Committees
1:00 M & C Body of Representatives
(MTC)
6:30 Worship (CAF) with Tom Showalter

Thursday, July 27

8:15 Devotions
9:00 General Body (MTC)
1:15 General Body
3:15 Service Project Planning
6:30 Worship (CAF)

Friday, July 28

8:30 Devotions
10:00 Memorial Service
1:15 Service Work in community
6:30 Celebration Service (CAF)

Saturday, July 29

8:15 Devotions (MTC)
9:00 Workshop 1
10:00 Workshop 2
11:00 USFW Celebration / Quaker Men Gathering
12:30 Mission Banquet (MTC)
Speaker – John Muhanji, Director of
African Ministries

Program for Children ages 4-6th Grade Growing with God

Wed 1-5 (\$5)
Thu & Fri 8:45-5:00 (\$15/day)
Sat. child Care only (\$10)
Cost for 4 days \$30/child or max of \$60/family
Nursery - \$10/day (pre-registration required)

For Registration: iaym.org
Questions call Mary
641-673-6830



COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

Free Family Blast

July 4, 7-9 p.m.

Food, Inflatables and Family Fun at First Baptist Church in Marshalltown. Stay and watch community fireworks from the church parking lot.

Share your Faith at the Fair

Share your faith at a booth in the Varied Industries Building at Iowa State Fair sponsored by Answers in Genesis. Free on-line training available. Register at <http://answersingenesis.org/go/iowa>.

Another opportunity to share at the fair:

Testify Training Camp August 10-14, Willowbrook Bible Camp, Des Moines. Training to share your faith using creation as a starting point. In the afternoons, participate in outreach at the Iowa State Fair.

Contact Jon Neifert, 641-780-4839 or jonsneifert@gmail.com

Or

Register at

www.willourgenerationspeak.com/register

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



VBS

Barnyard Roundup

Tue. July 18 - Fri. July 21

6-8 p.m.

LeGrand Friends Church

For those who are at least

4 years old and attended

Pre-K through 6th grade this past
school year (2016-17).

For more information

Call Charlotte at 641-295-0946

Join us for Bible School!

Games – Songs – Crafts & Bible Stories