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### NOVEMBER 2017

<b>Church office hours</b>	<b>Pastor's Hours</b>
M-W-F 8:15-12:15	MW 8:30-Noon
<b>Bulletin Deadline</b>	<b>Youth Pastor Hours</b>
Friday 8:15	MWSu 5-8

Friends,

It seems that when we intentionally set aside time away from distractions, distractions try to intrude. During times of silence, God and I have some very good times of quiet, modest amounts of conversation, and reassuring amounts of gathering calm. In a recent time of silence, I also had thoughts intruding periodically trying to shift my focus, but I had to smile as I was reminded of the dogs with speaking boxes depicted in the Disney movie *UP* where they would be speaking then suddenly look to the side and say, "Squirrel!" pause, then go back to speaking again. How the world wishes to have us dependent on their voices and how challenging it can be to practice silence. I am considerably more at ease, calmer, and have a relaxed focus after spending time with the Living God.

Ps 46:10-11a *"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." The Lord Almighty is with us; NIV*

Ps 38:15 *"I wait for you, O Lord; you will answer, O Lord my God." NIV*

I would encourage you to set aside a time of 10 or 15 or 20 minutes where you don't work on studying or reading, but begin by asking God to protect your mind even as you intentionally listen to His voice. Perhaps you will gain insight on something that has been weighing you down. Perhaps you will spend significant time listening without too many distracting "squirrel" moments. In these times where cell phones, computers, TVs, radios, games, etc. seem to be taking so much of our attention, we desperately need to take time and listen. May God bless us as we exercise silence with God. Blessings.

In Christ,  
Pastor Alan

Give thanks to him and praise his name.  
For the LORD is good.  
Psalm 100:4-5



## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### **Sundays**

8:15am Praise Team  
9:00am Sunday School  
10:00am Worship  
6:00pm H.S. Youth  
6:30pm Young Adults

### **Monday**

6:30 pm Bible Study

### **Wednesday**

5:15 Chuckwagon  
5:45 Pioneer Club  
6:00 M.S. Youth

### **Thursday**

9:00 Men's group  
6:30pm Bible Study

### Winter Weather

In the event leadership feels it is wise to cancel **church services or events**, we will send out an email to our church network indicating such. We will also notify television station channels 8 and 13 of the cancellation. Also radio station KIX 101.1 will be notified. If the weather is in question, *please check one of these places before you leave home.* If school is cancelled on a Wednesday, **Pioneer Club** is also **automatically cancelled.**

## **LeGrand Friends Bi-Monthly Meeting – October 8, 2017**

Le Grand Bi-Monthly Meeting met after worship today with 14 members present. Clerk Jay Wyatt opened the meeting with prayer and Denise Phipps read the minutes from the August meeting. They were approved as read.

Treasurer Nancy Slingluff presented her reports for the months of August & September. For August, giving was \$8,521.14 and expenses were \$8,673.95. For September, giving was \$9,282.85 & expenses were \$9,422.24. Meeting approved these reports.

Pastor Alan went over his reports for August & September. Average August attendance for worship was 77; average September attendance was 70. He noted how it was a privilege to be a part of the Bernice Duncan funeral service, how nice it is to just be able to make one call to the funeral committee and all is taken care of & runs so smoothly & how Pioneer Club has started off with very strong attendance. Meeting approved his reports.

Youth leader Michelle Stubbs said that there was good energy for the August start up, there is a strong core of kids and she'll be looking into a service trip for the group.

Phil Rush reported for Trustees that work will eventually need to be done on the steps on the west side of the church.

For Ministry & Counsel, Nick Grossman said that Trudi Johnson from EMHS came to their meeting to visit about the food pantry thru the school for those children needing food during the weekends. Nick also asked that our committees have more communication with our treasurer so she'll know of upcoming financial needs.

Representing the Music Committee, Paula Rush asked if the organ could be moved so there is more room on the stage for the keyboard and that the keyboard has had functioning issues that Dwight has just worked around, but that a new one is needed. Discussion was held.

Jay Wyatt closed meeting with prayer.

Denise Phipps, recording clerk

### **laYM Upcoming Dates**

Oct. 27-28 All Boards Retreat at CQUH  
Jan. 10-17 Belize work team  
Feb. 17 Quaker Men's Winter Banquet  
Feb. 9-10 Blizzard Blast  
Mar. 3, 2018 Board on Coordination (BOC)  
Mar. 24 Spring Body Meeting  
July 18-22 Chicago Youth Mission Trip  
July 25-28 Yearly Meeting Conference



### **Open House**

**Don & Mary Ann Lovell**  
4-9p.m.

Central Iowa Fair Activity Building

## November is Missions Month

NOVEMBER is when we make our annual missions pledges. Please prayerfully consider what your pledge will be. Below are the missionaries we support.

**Kirk & Lou Ann Johnson**, with Cru-Campus Crusade for Christ

**Dan & Tracey Whitehead**, Ecuador with ADSE, affiliate of Mission Aviation

**Nathan & Brianna Martin**, Cambodia with Overseas Missions Fellowship in Cambodia

**John Losike Moru**, Turkana Friends, Kenya

**Robert Wafula**, Friends Theological College, Kenya

**Mac & Berny McDonald**, Mesquakie Friends in Tama, Iowa

**Local Mission Fund** - House of Compassion. Youth Camps & N



### By Adora (Hartman) Davis

*Dick Hartman was pastor at LeGrand Friends in the mid-1970s. This is an excerpt from an article in the Iowa Friend by Adora Hartman, his adopted daughter.*

“By the age of two and a half, my sister and I had become wards of the State of Iowa... When our father died early in his life, the minister of Hesper Friends, Richard Hartman, presided over the funeral service... Legal custody was awarded to the same Quaker Pastor, Richard Hartman and his wife. For several years we grew up in Iowa Yearly Meeting [including LeGrand]...

The influence of people in the community had a profound and significant influence in our life. Those directly responsible may never know how their decisions and interventions made it possible for my sister and I to thrive... Never think that your involvement is meaningless or insignificant. You may never know the life that you have touched.

*After 40 years in education and grant-writing Adora retired in Florida. Her sister, Damaris, was a registered nurse and passed away in 2005.*

### Pray for Belize Work Team

Our Belize work team is leaving **November 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Members of the team are **Travis Vaughn, Gary Bryant, Lloyd Stangeland and Alan Mullikin**. They are looking forward to their time of painting, framing, sheet-rocking, cleaning, and so forth. **Please pray for them** to have a safe journey and productive time of ministry in Belize.

### Another Opportunity for a Belize Mission Trip – Jan. 10-17

IaYM is planning a work trip to Belize January 10-17. The IAYM Friends Response Team is looking for 6-12 people (men and women) to participate. The work includes the addition of electrical circuits, installation of two toilets and two showers, and a small cabinet with a kitchen sink. Additional work might include painting the walls and floor of the dormitory. And there is always cleanup detail to do. Travel to Belize will be the biggest cost. January is within the prime tourist season for all points south. So expect to pay around \$750 for a roundtrip ticket. The team will stay at the Belize Friends School Center. Cost to the center and food expenses amount to \$45/day. Participants will have one day for a cultural experience in the city and time to visit the Friends School. The team will attend worship together on Sunday.

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



# Harvest Home

## Sunday, November 19

**MISSIONS SUNDAY**

9:00 Sunday School

10:00 Worship

### **Speakers - Dan & Tracey Whitehead**

With ASDE and Mission Aviation Fellowship in Ecuador

### **Potluck Dinner Following Worship**

*Please bring one main dish and one side dish to share.*

*Table service & Drink provided.*