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Friend to Friend



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MARCH 2018

Church office hours **Pastor's Hours**

M-W-F 8:15-12:15 MW 8:30-Noon

Bulletin Deadline **Youth Pastor Hours**

Friday 8:15 MWSu 5-8

Friends,

In the past several weeks God has been reminding me that He is the living God, not a distant god or grandiose idea of mine or others. He has demonstrated this to me in some really significant ways as well as subtle ones. It has been my prayer that even though I have seen some wonderful strides within our congregation's spiritual hunger and thirst, we have not had many recent new commitments to Christ, and yet just these past five days God has opened up opportunities to share the gospel with five different adults who are seeking something real in their lives! Please continue to pray for opportunities to do this, not only for me, but for each of us.

As for the subtle ways, one of those conversations was instigated by one of God's divine appointments two weeks ago, where I ran into this young man and had an initial conversation about something unrelated to religion at first, but it dipped into faith issues. He then reached out to me for a meeting last week. Another lady in our town, who I had the honor of ministering to during her husband's illness, has been hard to reach. Today I was going to drive by the post office to pick up our mail on my way home from Marshalltown when I remembered I had decided not to drive to the post office, even if I was already out and about, but walk the few blocks to get the mail. We had an ice storm and it was so slick I stayed primarily on the frozen grass on my way there. I glanced across the street and saw this very lady that had been on my heart and I was able to give her an arm while we traversed the ice together. We also had time to talk. If I had driven there, I would have missed her. If God had not allowed ice to come down, I would not have had good reason to walk beside her. Oh yes, God is a Living God with a plan!

How is God showing Himself to you? Let us worship and serve Him with all that we are! Please pray for those we know who need Jesus as Lord and Savior. And may we, who have made that commitment already, be sure that He is indeed not just Savior, but also Lord of our lives. God bless each of us this month.

1 Peter 3:15

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, NIV

Blessings

Pastor Alan

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sundays

8:15am Praise Team
9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Worship
6:00pm H.S. Youth
5:30pm Young Adults
(every other week)

Monday

6:30 pm Bible Study

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Vandervelde Scholarship

Application forms for the Vandervelde Scholarship are now available from the Church Office. The scholarship is available to anyone who attends an accredited school for academic credit whether full or part-time. Other selection criteria are outlined in the application form. Applications are due April 15. The scholarship will be awarded by June 15 and will be available to use for tuition costs for the Fall, 2018 term.

Missions Scholarship

\$1,000 college scholarship for people who are pursuing an education to prepare for missionary work. Contact office@laYM.org

Bi-Monthly Meeting - February 11, 2018

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

Treasurer Nancy Slingluff gave her reports for the months of December & January, noting that there will be a very high Alliant bill for the March report. December expenses were \$10,449.19 & giving was \$11,326.76. January expenses were \$10,253.91, giving was \$10,252.01. Meeting approved of her reports.

Pastor Alan gave his reports for the months of December & January. Average attendance for December was 32 for SS & 73 for worship, January was 33 for SS & 65 for worship. Highlights for him were: still being able to announce at home EM basketball games; helping with other area clergy in grief counseling at high school as a teacher passed away (Mike Mallas); the caroling party; he has become a board member of a group called "Hope4Healing"; making lots of hospital calls. Meeting approved his reports.

Pastor Alan asked to set his parsonage housing allowance (income) for the year 2018 at \$6,000. Pastor's housing allowance (expenses) for the year 2018 for no more than \$18,000. Meeting approved.

Youth Leader Michelle Stubbs presented her reports for the months of December & January. Highlights for her: youth providing message on 12/3 "Almost Awesome"; attending FCA meetings at the high school; Scott Biddle surprise visit on 1/7 & Blizzard Blast this past weekend. Upcoming events in February will be serving meals at the House of Compassion & food packaging. Meeting approved.

Jay Wyatt read a request for a donation to the East Marshall After Prom event & meeting decided to donate \$100.00.

Phil Rush reported for the Trustees that there is a sewer issue at the parsonage, yard will need to be dug up for repair, hopefully done in early spring. They've decided to have the lawn mowed on a volunteer basis using Larry & Donna Eakin's mower. Also, they are still pursuing finding a new home for the organ.

Clerk Jay closed the meeting with prayer.

Christ Remembrance Service

**Thursday, March 29
7:00 p.m.**

NO BIBLE STUDY

**Thursday, March 29 or
Monday, April 2**

FLOURISH WORKSHOP is sponsored by Friends United Meeting and Everence for pastors and stewardship leaders. It will provide insights and resources to enhance the generosity and stewardship-life of local Friends meetings and churches. March 2 & 3 at Quaker Hill Conference Center, Richmond, IN.

Register online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3MWTFXFG>



Deeper with the Spirit Workshop: Surrender, Sanctification & Friends Baptism

Led by Mary Glenn Hadley & Marlene Smith

March 17 - 2:00 p.m.

College Avenue Friends Church, Oskaloosa

**For anyone who wants to learn more about
Going deeper with the Holy Spirit**

This is the first of 8 workshops which will be offered approximately once each month for the next year. Participants are asked to read the first chapter in *Deeper with the Spirit* before the meeting. To register or get your book, contact Charlotte Stangeland, stangelandchar@gmail.com.

Another book *Surrender* by Nancy Leigh DeMoss is recommended reading (optional) for those who want to explore the subject in more depth.

*We have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love,
and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. 1 John 4:16 NKJV*

Obituary for Jackie Weitzell

Jacquelyn Faye Weitzell, 86, of Le Grand, passed away on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at the Iowa River Hospice Home in Marshalltown. She was born December 15, 1931 in Laurel, Iowa to Jack and Thelma (Lown) Carlson. Following Jack's death, Thelma wed Basil Tow who then adopted Jackie. Jackie graduated from Marshalltown High School in 1949.

On February 10, 1950, Jackie was united in marriage to Wayne E. Weitzell in Marshalltown. Jackie was a homemaker until her children got older and then went to work for Hy-Vee as a meat wrapper for 26 years. Jackie was a devoted member of the Eastern Star, enjoyed doing word search puzzles, watching TV, playing cards in her younger years and loved her dog, Gabby.

Jackie is survived by her children, Linda (Leland) Rahjes of Kansas, Jan (Charley) McKeever of Le Grand, DeLoris Samuelson of Knoxville and Don (Chris) Weitzell of Le Grand; grandchildren Scott, Kelli, Curt, Shelly, Deisha, Dana, Amanda, Brad and Jake. She is also survived by fourteen great grandchildren with one on the way; her caregiver Patti Johnson and sisters Sara Stone and Vickie Henriksen. Jackie is preceded in death by her husband Wayne, parents Jack, Thelma and Basil, great granddaughter Kaylee, brother Jay Tow and sons-in-law Dennis Heeke and David Samuelson.

IaYM Upcoming Dates

Mar. 3, Board on Coordination (BOC)
Mar. 9-11 Ignite
Mar. 17 Spring Body Meeting – CAF
Mar 17 -2:00 *Deeper with the Spirit
Workshop - Surrender & Sanctification*
April 3-4 Pastors' Short Course @
WPU Speaker: Mary Kate Morse
April 28 – USFW Spring Fling 10-2:30

IaYM Summer Activities

June 8-10 Little Fry Camp
June 10-15 Middle/High School Camp
June 17-22 Kaleo
June 24-28 Elementary Camp
July 18-22 Chicago Youth Mission Trip
July 25-28 Yearly Meeting Conference

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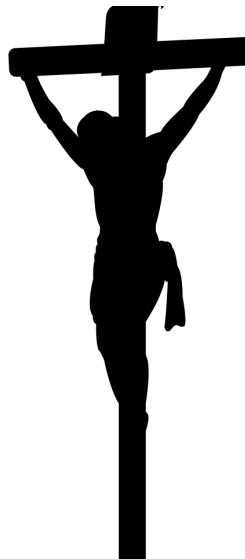
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Easter Cantata

Love Took His Breath Away

Sat. March 31, 7:00 p.m.

& Sun. April 1, 10:00 a.m.