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**JANUARY 2019**

<b>Church office hours</b>	<b>Pastor's Hours</b>
M-W-F 8:00-Noon	MW 8:30-Noon
<b>Bulletin Deadline</b>	<b>Youth Pastor Hours</b>
Friday 8:00	MWSu 5-8

LEGRAND FRIENDS CHURCH

# Friend to Friend

Friends,

We have been enjoying an unseasonably warm couple of weeks and this past week I had the opportunity to go outside for a walk on a sunny day. When we can, Sheryl I enjoy walking together, but this time I was on my own. When that happens I often listen to a book on tape to occupy my mind and to keep my attention off possible weariness. I was in the middle of a pretty good book and fifteen minutes into my walk when suddenly, my headphones went off. No sound so no more listening to the book. It was then, as I continued, my mind strayed to a concern I had been thinking over and I got to pray more about it to God. Then a kindness I could do for Sheryl came to my mind, and I determined to do that too which, by the way, I did. Then I noticed even more of the beauty of the area I was walking through--the sounds, the animals, the sky. I had not really noticed these things as strongly until my headphones went silent. I ended up having an even more refreshing and fulfilling walk because of this. The interesting thing was that after the walk, when I had time to check out the headphones, I found that there was nothing wrong with them; they were working again. It was like God had shut them off to get my attention.

*"So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." 2 Corinthians 4:18 NIV*

It is often when we listen, God gives specific directions and then He can be glorified as we obey His leading. When we set aside some of the noise in our lives, we are used even more effectively for the Living God, allowing Him to shine through us.

*"For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ." 2 Corinthians 4:6 NIV*

In this time of extraordinary business and distractions, may God shut off our headphones, or give us the wisdom to do so ourselves, so that our minds can dwell even more upon Him and be ready to listen and respond to His voice. May our lives shine the light of Christ before others, that He may be glorified!

In Christ,  
Pastor Alan

**SUNDAY**

8:15 Praise Team  
9:00 Sunday School  
10:00 Worship  
5:30 Young Adults & Pebbles (every other week)

**WEDNESDAY**

5:15 Chuckwagon  
5:45 Pioneer Club  
6:00 Middle School

**THURSDAY**

9:00a Men's Group



*Save the Date!*

## **HOPE ARISING:**

All Day Women's Conference

**Feb. 23**

HOPE in believing  
HOPE through worship  
HOPE through healing  
HOPE through prophecy

## **HOPE ARISING**

At Heart of Iowa  
House of Prayer  
ALL WOMEN WELCOME

### **LEGRAND MONTHLY MEETING**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018

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

Treasurer Nancy Slingluff presented her reports for October & November. October giving was \$11,391.08 & expenses were \$10,707.47; November giving was \$9,426.34 & expenses were \$9,628.22. Updated balances from various church accounts were not included for this report. Meeting approved her reports.

Pastor Alan gave his reports for the months of October & November. Average numbers were: October SS - 37; worship 74; November SS - 36; worship 75. Pastor commented on nice it is to have very consistent numbers for SS. Highlights were: he continues to help Phil Rush with the Junior High youth on Wednesday nights; his thankfulness for two new puppeteers in Brooke Vaughn & Bailey Grant; being a part of the wonderful celebration of Doris Koch's life; he's been asking someone in the community to go for a meal once a week; being with the Parks family as Larry is currently in Hospice. Meeting approved his reports.

Youth Leader Michelle Stubbs presented her reports for the months of October & November. Meeting approved the use of Youth budget to pay for four young adults to attend the Youth Summit in Colorado with her. Meeting approved her reports.

Phil Rush reported for the Trustees that during the snow season, he & pastor will take care of the sidewalks at the church & Shawn Hoskins will take care of the parking lots. Phil has received the equipment to fix the outdoor sign; lighting in secretary's & pastor's offices will be done by Troy Underhill; during a recent furnace inspection the one that heats the office area has an issue, since it's not worth it to fix it, Meeting approved to purchase a new one using Trustee Project Fund.

For Ministry & Counsel, Nick Grossman noted that they will be handing out hams once again for the Pioneer Club families who attend the program Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. He also encouraged us to be mindful of those in need this Christmas season.

Chairman of Stewardship committee, Moose Slingluff, presented the proposed budget for the new year January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019. He went over the adjustments/changes, with new one coming in at \$119,035.00. Meeting approved.

Clerk Jay reminded us that Monthly Meeting will be held again the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of January the 13<sup>th</sup>

**NO**  
**Pioneer Club**  
**Dec. 26 or Jan. 2**

**Club resumes**  
**January 9**



**In Memory of Doris Grace Drury Koch**

Doris Drury Koch, age 89, of Conrad, passed away Thursday, November 22nd, at the Iowa River Hospice Home with her family at her side. Doris had been a long-time active member of LeGrand Friends Church

Born Doris Grace Ferneau on August 12th, 1929, in Marshalltown, she was the daughter of Harry and Grace (Stewart) Ferneau. Doris graduated from the LeGrand High School in 1948, along with the love of her life and high school sweetheart- Richard "Dick" Drury. On January 1st, 1949, the two were united in marriage at the LeGrand Friends Church.

Following their marriage, the LeGrand community was home. Doris was a farmer's wife and homemaker and worked part-time at Tractor Supply in Marshalltown until the early 1970's and then for LeGrand Oil. She was a member of the LeGrand Friends Church and served on the Missions Committee, VBS and Sunday school (receiving the name of "Grandma D").

In 1994, she lost her husband Dick, to cancer. She was blessed with finding love after loss and was united in marriage to Melvin Koch on October 30th, 1999, at the LeGrand Friends Church. After marriage, they moved to his home in Conrad. Doris could be spotted at local parades in his antique Mercury and was smiling the moment she woke up in the morning. She loved having Christ in her heart and family at her side. After seeing the love and compassion she and her family received during Dick's last days, she began a ministry with Iowa River Hospice. She worked at Iowa River Hospice for many years and later became a volunteer. She was voted "Volunteer of the Year" by hospice. She is remembered with love by many family and friends.

**IAYM CALENDAR**

**FRIENDS SUMMIT – 2018**

12/28-1/1 Denver CO.

**Jan. 12 – Marketplace Ministry**

**Workshop** 9:30 at CAF in Oskaloosa

Lloyd Stangeland & Kevin Glesener

**Feb. 9 – Equipping Ministry**

9:30 at CAF in Oskaloosa

Charlotte Stangeland

**Feb. 23 – Quaker Men's Winter**

Family Banquet

**March 23 – Spring Body of**

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**JANUARY  
2019**

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



This is the day  
the LORD has  
made;  
We will rejoice  
and be glad  
in it.  
Psalm 118:24