

OCTOBER is MISSIONS MONTH!

GUARDING our Hearts...



the wellspring of life
Proverbs 4:23

Colorful and helpful materials have been shipped to every church.

What can you expect?

- GCB Color Brochure
- NEW! EFM Prayer Directories!
- Prayer Bookmarks
- Colorful Posters
- Slinky's for Kids
- Special Month of Missions Calendar Bank Label
- Magnetic Calendars for 2006!

Begin planning now how to promote missions in your church during October!

If more supplies are needed, please call the W.O.C.

Katrina Update:

We are grateful that through our Friends Disaster Service, EFC-ER Churches have been able to respond with quick, generous, practical support for the hurricane victims.



Dean & Freda Johnson have been working closely with the Salvation Army in Gulfport, Mississippi.

We've sent several shipments:

- First, a shipment of \$10,854 in foodstuffs.
- Our second shipment was \$15,000.
- Monday, Sept. 12th, the FDS crew loaded their 3rd truck of food to go to Biloxi, Mississippi.
- In addition, two semi-trailers full of thousands of gallons of fresh drinking water have arrived in the South, where it will be distributed by the Salvation Army.

Pastor Bill Williamson reports:

"God has been so good. He has provided the volunteers to load, wrap, and carry the water. Then, He not only provided two trucks, He also provided two more free of charge. It has been a special blessing working with all the churches."

FDS is already in dialogue with the Salvation Army about locations and options for rebuild work. Watch for notices from FDS as volunteers for rebuilds are needed.

Friends Disaster Service Reunion/Banquet Update

Dean & Freda Johnson wish to thank all who participated in the FDS Banquet this year.
Banquet Donations for FDS: \$28,560
Special Katrina Offering: \$3,274
Total Giving: \$31,834

"A great time of real celebration and reunion. Thanks to everyone!"

On a Personal Note:

Freda had back surgery Monday, September 12th. Dean reports that she is recovering at home. Please keep them both in your prayers.

Friends Adult Ministries Tenth Annual Fall Retreat

When? Thursday October 27th
 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM
 Where? THE AMISH DOOR VILLAGE
 1210 Winesburg St.
 Wilmont, Ohio

The schedule will include:

- 9:30 AM – 10:00 AM Registration with Coffee & Pastries
- 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM Program including an Amish lunch served family style.

Entertainment:

Country Gospel Music with Jerry & Seth Wenger of East Richland Friends Church, and John Schmid of Common Ground Ministries.

Entertainment through Drama with Malone College Chancel Players

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Ron Johnson, President of Malone

Cost per person: \$25.00
 (\$20.00 if paid by Oct. 10th)

(Envelope must be postmarked by Oct. 10th for discount)
 Contact your church office for a registration form.

For additional information, contact
 Harry Mosher, Chairman: (614) 882-6822

Pastors - Be sure your calendar for December includes Mini Conference!

Northern Pastors will meet November 29th

Pastors in the South will meet December 1st.

MAB Candidates - heads up for your next interview: Monday in the North/ Thursday afternoon in the South.

Pastors - MARK YOUR 2006 CALENDAR for two exciting events!

- **EFC-ER Pastors Spring Mini Conference March 13-15 in Ripley, W. VA**
- **7th Friends Ministers Conference November 17-20 in San Antonio, Texas**

Please note: We're offering a shorter, less expensive spring retreat because 2006 is also the year for the 7th Friends Ministers Conference, which includes Friends United Meeting and EFI-NA Friends Pastors from across North America. The theme will be "The Living Christ Today."

TWO IMPORTANT LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR EVERY CHURCH:

CHURCH LEADERS AND PASTORS:

FIRST: Each church must maintain their legal status within their state to solemnize marriages. For more details, please check out this helpful website: <http://www.aweddingministers.com/rules.htm>

SECOND: As part of your on-going church operations, it is also important to maintain your 501(c)3 status as a tax-exempt organization.

For churches in Ohio, there are two official tasks that must be completed with the Secretary of State's office:

- 1 - filing and maintaining a statutory agent
- 2 - filing notice of renewal to continue your operation. Ohio churches can refer to the Secretary of State's Website at www.sos.state.oh.us
 Churches in every state should contact their Secretary of State Office for details.

**ATTENTION
CHURCH LAY Leaders
October is
Pastor Appreciation Month!**

We encourage you to be creative in expressing your appreciation and gratitude for the faithful, loving service of your entire church ministry team.

Women's Missionary Fellowship is looking for a woman who loves computers and writing stories! WMF's Quill newsletter is in need of someone to collect the stories and set them up on the computer for printing. If this description fits you, and you have a heart for missions, contact Joyce Sams for more information.

Northeast Ohio Friends District Rally Sunday, October 23rd 6:30 p.m.

Guest Speakers:
Russell & Esther Zinn
Join the Zinns as they share about their life-ministry in Taiwan.

Where? Salem First Friends Church
When? October 23, 2005 - 6:30 pm
Business Meeting - 5:45 pm
Pre-Service Concert - 6:15 pm

NOTE:
There will be a brief business meeting at 5:45 pm preceding the Pre-Service Concert. Each church should send delegates based on formula used for Yearly Meeting.

PRO-LIFE VIDEO AVAILABLE
Additional copies of the Pro-Life Video shown during the Friends Action Board report are available through the W.O.C. Contact the office for more information.

Let's keep our Friends in Rocky Mountain in our prayers as they seek to fill a critical position:

Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting is looking for an individual to lead our yearly meeting on a transformational adventure. We believe we are being called to change from a declining, inward-oriented institution to an outward-oriented movement faithfully proclaiming Christ to the growing population of the Rocky Mountain area.

We are eleven small churches. We have few people and few dollars. We have begun the process of change. We need a leader. We need a leader who shares our vision and senses God's call to this ministry.

Applicants will familiarize themselves with the yearly meeting situation, and then submit a proposal for ministry delineating a leadership strategy they can offer for a compensation of \$15,000 in the first year.

For inquiries and more information about the state of the yearly meeting, please contact:

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A personal touch ...

- Our deepest sympathy to **Pastor John and Luba Huber** of Living Hope Friends Church, and family on the death of Luba's mother in August.
- We also extend sympathy to retired pastor **Earl Cosand** on the death of his son in August.
- Our prayers and deepest sympathies to **Pastor Steve and Marilee Savage** on the deaths of both Marilee's mother and father. Her parents died within one month of each other during August. We also extend our sympathies to **Pastor Rusty and Abby Savage** as these are his grandparents.
- Our deepest sympathy to the **family of Pastor Bud Voltz**, who passed away August 30th. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Arlene and family.
- Our deepest sympathy to the **family of retired pastor Claude Roberts** who passed away in August.

Please continue to keep the following Friends in your prayers as they recover from recent times in the hospital:

- We're thanking the Lord that **Edna Robinson** is recovering so well from her heart cath in July.
- Continue to pray for **Freda Johnson**, as she has an extended recovery from her back surgery last week.
- Please keep **Pastor Kerry Baker** of Newport Friends Church in Newport, RI in your prayers as he undergoes surgery.

Now's Your Chance to See Jamaica!
Another Mission Awareness Trip is scheduled for January 12-19, 2006.
Men, Ladies, Youth are welcome!
Contact Ruth Harsh at 330-337-7783 or jharsh3@neo.rr.com

Attention Summer Mission Trip Sponsors, Travelers & Enthusiasts... Did your church or youth group do something spectacular this summer? We want to share it with the rest of our churches! Let's take several pages of the next Facing Bench to feature how God has used us this summer --through an outreach in your community, across the country or around the world!
Please e-mail Donna Neff (efcerdonna@aol.com) with your information and a phone number. Or, call the W.O.C. to leave a message.

CALENDAR	
SEPTEMBER	
23-25	WMF Retreat #2, Ripley, WV OCTOBER - G.C.B. Promotion Month!
7-8	Malone College Board Meetings
11	Camp Gideon Comm., Camp Gideon, 5:00 pm
13	Missionary Board Meeting, 6:00 pm, W.O.C.
14	Missionary Board Meeting, 9:30 am, W.O.C.
21-22	Youth Board Meeting, Camp Gideon, 3:00 pm
23	NEO District Mtg., Salem First Friends, 6:30 pm
27	Adult Friends Fall Foilage Retreat, <i>The Amish Door, Wilmont, OH</i>