

# THE BELL

August 2022

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## Iowa Yearly Meeting Ministry Conference 2022

This month I'd like to tell you a little about what happened at the IAYM Ministry Conference that took place July 27-30 in Oskaloosa. This year was the 160<sup>th</sup> Annual gathering of Iowa Yearly Meeting sessions. In those 160 years the make-up and participation in the Yearly Meeting has changed. What was once an event that families took time out to travel together to Oskaloosa and spend 4-5 days with friends in a combination of worship and business meetings has evolved into a much smaller affair. Today it has become an event more for individuals who are involved at the Yearly Meeting level or those who have greater involvement at the Monthly Meeting level. While there is a good deal of fellowship and meeting of friends we don't see regularly throughout the year it has become much more focused on the business meetings over the last several years. That, however, is a trend that seemed to change this year...

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### Mystery Friend

Our Mystery Friend for August was born in Eldora, Iowa. He/She has three sisters (1 deceased), 4 children, and 5 grandchildren. This person attended Union-Whitten Community School and graduated in a class of 23 students. He/She attended Iowa State University majoring in education. That is where they met their spouse in Friley Dining Hall during summer school. This person's first job was babysitting. They were a model for a college art class, owned and managed a bookstore in SW Iowa, and taught elementary and middle school special education (which was their favorite). Favorite foods include almost all seafood, mushrooms, red raspberries, dark chocolate, and fried green tomatoes. Most people would not know that this

### Liberty USFW Ladies to Meet

Ladies, mark your calendars for Thursday, September 15th. Kay Feltz is the hostess for the September meeting starting at 6:30 at her house east of Union. Plans for the new year will be revealed and the 2022-2023 reading course books will be available to check out. Dues are \$5. All ladies of the church are welcome to join the fellowship, service projects, and fun.

### Christian Education

A big thank you to Margaret Good for spearheading VBS this year, we had a great turn out with lots of

enthusiastic kids! We have begun to reach out to volunteers who have helped with nursery and Sunday School. If you would like to help in any way, contact a person sang with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra at the opening of the new CY Stephens Auditorium at Iowa State University. He/She has traveled to 40 US states and Canada. They have waded in the water on all 4 borders of the USA. This person states that they like the feeling of family we have at Bangor Liberty Friends celebrating praises and responding to prayer concerns. A highlight is the Christmas Eve Program each year. Letters in our Mystery Friend's name are:

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The Mystery Friend for July was Maverick Wayne Grafke. member of the committee: Robin Bishop, Alicia Matney, David Willits, Melidy Martin, Nate Bishop, Margaret Good, or Karen Hammers.

### Trustees

The men of the Trustees committee have been busy with repairs to the church and parsonage. There is more to be done before winter, so if you have some free time contact one of the guys to see how to help.

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## **SAVE THE DATE!**

**On Saturday, October 1 at 6:00 PM we're hosting The Fabulous Blackwood Quartet! This gospel group has been around for many years, and travels all over the country. Stay tuned for more details as the date approaches.**

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# Missions

Our church has designated Little Rock Ministries, located in the Pine Crest Mobile Home Park in Eldora, as our mission emphasis in August. Twice a week during the school year kids come after school for a simple meal, Bible story, crafts, or games. During the summer we support them to attend church camp, provide a VBS program and occasional fun at the local parks or pool. In August we hand out school bags with supplies to every student in the park. Currently there are 29 kids in grades K-12. Many items were collected during Bible School. If you still want to help, it would be best to donate funds so we can fill in what is missing. We hope to provide all the items the children need to return to school feeling confident and ready for a new year of learning. Deadline is August 14. We will give out bags on the 21st. Thanks for aiding this local ministry and encouraging the children!

Margaret Good & The Little Rock Ministries Board

24:7 DAD: A FREE 11 week group for Hardin County Dads to discuss the challenges of fatherhood. Wednesdays from 6:00pm-8:00pm beginning August 24 continuing through November 5 at the Eldora United Methodist Church, 1415 S. 12th St., Eldora. Discuss topics such as discipline, connecting to your child and co-parenting. RSVP to David at YSS, Youth and family social services, @ 641-752-2300. Space is limited. A FREE meal will be provided at 5:45 to those who register before August 24.

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