



THE  
*Spiceland Friend*

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### Red Hot Faith



Over the past three months, as we followed the earliest Christians through the book of Acts, we could see the RED HOT FAITH that they had. We witnessed the mighty power of the Holy Spirit in the lives of both individuals and the early church. Early converts placed their faith in the Son of God and continued a life of sacrificial living as they spread the gospel worldwide. **As we transition from the early church in Acts and apply those lessons to Spiceland Friends, we see the need to keep our faith ignited and RED HOT.**

We end the month of April by completing our focus on 1 Peter, chapter 1. Peter has encouraged us to view our Christian Faith in a day-to-day way. Peter encourages his readers to anchor back to the resurrection for their faith and then tells us how to live out our Christian Faith practically. While Peter encourages us to consider heaven, he inspires us to know that it is now, not

later, that we should live out our Christian Faith in a way that deepens our connection and the connection of others to the risen savior Jesus Christ.

As we lean into the month of May, I want you to become even more practical and **consider one small daily habit that can move your faith toward the RED HOT zone.** This may look different for each of us. For some, it might be a habit of **prayer**, the practice of **simplicity**, or a time of **solitude**. For others, it may be spending time in **confession, worship, or service and love toward others.** I pray that both as individuals and as a congregation, God works mightily through each of us in a way that inspires us to grow **RED HOT in our faith walk.** May we grow in Him as individuals and as a congregation for His glory.

*“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity.”*

2 Peter 3:18

*Eric Bowman*



“Save the Date” for the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on September 28-29.

## High School and College Graduates

On Sunday, May 19, we will recognize and honor our 2024 high school and college graduates during our worship service. If you have not turned your graduate information in to me yet, please do so as soon as possible. I will need some information to share with the congregation. There are information sheets on the front table in the Welcome Center to fill out with the following information: where he/she went to school, what activities they were in, what their future plans are, the names of parents and grandparents, and any other information they would like to share with the congregation.



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**Nancy Wadman,**  
Ministry Coordinator

## Thursday Bible Study Is Starting New Book

Every Thursday from 11:00 to 12:00 a Bible Study group meets to read and discuss Christian books and/or books of the Bible. We are just now starting *Unveiling Mary Magdalene* by Liz Curtis Higgs. She starts with a modern day Mary Magdalene fiction story and then does an in depth study of Mary using scriptures from the Bible. Liz has a great sense of humor, and she doesn't hold back with studying the Bible and its importance in our lives. We have a great group and would love for you to join us. P.S. – We always go out for lunch afterwards. See **Nancy Wadman** if you would like to join this fun group.

## Baby/Child Dedication Service Opportunity

We will have a baby/child dedication during our worship service on Mother's Day, May 12. Please let **Eric Bowman** know if you would like to have your new baby or young child dedicated during this time. Spiceland Friends would like to be a part of the village it takes to raise your child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

## Sermon Topics for May

**Eric Bowman** will be preaching May 5, 12, and 26. **Pat Byers** will be preaching on May 19.

### May 5

Sermon – “A Red Hot Faith (Part 1)

### May 12 – Mother's Day

Sermon – “A Red Hot Faith (Part 2)

### May 19

Sermon – “Goodness of God”

Scripture – Daniel 3

### May 26

Sermon – “A Red Hot Faith (Part 3)

### June 2

Sermon – “A Red Hot Faith (Part 4)

## Membership

We would love to have you join Spiceland Friends. Official membership is a simple way of saying that you desire to join arms with us as a way to walk out your Christian Faith in the encouragement of one another as we share Jesus with our community. Let **David Brock, Eric Bowman, or Nancy Wadman** know if you are interested or have questions about becoming a member.

## Vacation Bible School Is Coming Up!

Get your scuba gear and your water wings ready for Vacation Bible School! On June 24-28 our children will be SCUBA diving into friendship with God. There will be scriptures to anchor our lives with, food to nourish our bodies and souls, adventures with Bible characters, as well as reef recreation. It promises to be deep diving fun and adventure. **Nancy Wadman** is recruiting crew leaders and a clean-up crew for each night. There will be sign-up sheets and lists for supplies later in May or early June. Nancy is trying to contact individuals to be crew leaders either by phone or in person. Please contact her if you would like to be part of this amazing outreach for the children in our community.

## Memories of Spiceland Friends Meeting

My husband, George A. Lacy, retired from the United States Army in August of 1984, after serving for 24 years. He became aware of a position teaching JROTC at the Knightstown Children's Home and since we were both raised in Indiana, he decided to accept that position.

We looked for a home and decided on a house in the Spiceland area, which turned out to be a very good choice. We were welcomed by the community and within a few weeks were invited to several churches.

Lewis and Lola Rutherford invited us to their church, Spiceland Friends Meeting. They not only invited us but also picked us up and drove us to church the next Sunday and introduced us to many members. George had been raised in a Nazarene Church and I had been to a Baptist Church so we had no connections with the Quaker faith and beliefs. We soon became regular members and as we learned about the beliefs and organizations of the Meeting we became very active in many areas of their ministry, which has continued through the last 40 years.

– **Barbara Lacy**

(Note: George enjoyed gardening and for many years he would bring fresh vegetables to church on Sunday mornings to share with whomever might like them. The only thing he asked in return was a freewill donation that he then gave towards the Meeting's new addition. The congregation was doubly blessed with fresh produce, grown with love, and extra money in the building fund.)

## Quaker Haven Kids and Youth Camps



Parents, grandparents, and friends of children and teens! Quaker Haven Summer Camps are currently filling up. There are great camp programs for kids from ages 5-18. If you know of a young person whose faith you would like to encourage, this is a fantastic opportunity to do just that. More information can be found at [quakerhaven.com](http://quakerhaven.com). Do this soon! Some camp scholarships are available at Spiceland Friends. See **Eric Bowman** if you have an interest.

## May Guest Speaker

**Pat Byers** will be helping us celebrate our 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by speaking on May 19. Pat and his wife, Sara, and their children live in Wabash, Indiana. Pat was our Associate Pastor from 1998 to 2000. He is currently the General Superintendent of Indiana Yearly Meeting. We are looking forward to hearing his message.

## Worship Assistants for May

### Scripture Readers

May 5 – Lacey Thompson  
May 12 – Debra Weber  
May 19 – Janet Putnam  
May 26 – Barbara Lacy

### Children's Story

May 5 – Janet Putnam  
May 12 – Diana Bowman  
May 19 – Debra Weber  
May 26 – Mike Van Osdol

### Junior Church Leaders

May 5 – Claudia Garner; Jessica Noteboom  
May 12 – Kristin Davis; Jessica Noteboom  
May 19 – Josie Weber; Jessica Noteboom  
May 26 – Claudia Garner; Jessica Noteboom

**Song Leaders** – Tasha Crandall and Hayley Painter  
**Greeter for May** – David Baker

## Missions Committee Activities

Spiceland Friends donated \$596.05, plus some that came in later, from the baby bottles for the Henry County Pregnancy Care Center as well as diapers and baby supplies. **Tommie Hunt** donated several baby blankets that she crocheted. They were beautiful and the ladies at the center were thrilled to get them. Thank you all so much for participating!

The Missions Committee will be providing drinks for the Spiceland Cares Day on May 4 and will have the church open for restrooms for the volunteers who are working in the park. It would be wonderful if you would like to volunteer that day. Please call Valorie Armstrong if you are interested. Her phone number is 765-717-0688.



## Easter Flower Memorials



Easter  
Flowers

We would like to thank everyone who donated an Easter flower as a memorial for our Easter Sunday worship service. They were beautiful!

ARTHUR "JAY" HALL, JR.

BOBBY THOMPSON

JAYNE ANN (HALL) DURNAL

Given by Mark & Marilyn Thompson

JOHNATHAN STRONG

Given by John & Nancy Strong

T. J. RICHARDSON

Given by Vickie Richardson

BRUCE EDWARDS & MARYLEE POPE

Given by Nona Edwards

GEORGE ALBERT LACY & FAMILY

Given by Barbara Lacy

CATHERINE EICHENBERGER

GARY BAUGHAN

Given by Carolyne Lantz  
and Daughters and Families

RALPH AND ILA McCOY

DON McCOY

Given by Carolyne Lantz  
and Daughters and Families

MAX MOFFITT

DAVID MOFFITT

Given by Betty Moffitt and Lisa Knotts

PAUL, JR. & JUANITA REECE

PAUL, SR. & GOLDIE REECE

FLOYD & ADA HINSHAW

Given by the Reece Family

DAVID NEWKIRK

BOB & BETTY NEWKIRK

Given by Virginia Newkirk & Family

AL AND ARLENE CHAMBERLIN

HOMER AND LIDA CRANDALL

BILL SMITH

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Given by Don & Cindy Crandall,  
Jeff and family, Kevin and family

BEN KNOTTS

Given by Ruth Knotts

Janice Radcliff

## Easter Flower Memorials (Continued)

HOMER & NELL DENNY,

MIKE BLESSINGER & SHANNON BLESSINGER,

KEITH DALTON & PHYLLIS AUSTIN & RALPH DENNY,

RON & WAVA GREGORY

Given by Debbie & Glen Denny

BILLY R. SMITH,

AL & ARLENE CHAMBERLIN,

O. B. & VIRGINIA SMITH,

LEIGH KOGER, BETTY GATEWOOD,

MARIAN COFFMAN,

BRENDA PFENNINGER CATRON,

SCOTT PFENNINGER

Given by Cathy Smith

JOY BUSSBERG

Given by Ruth Knotts

Janice Radcliff

## Notes of Thanks

"We want to thank everyone for your cards, food, prayers and love during this most difficult time of our lives. T.J. will be so missed."



– Vickie Richardson & family

"Friends, we are so proud and thankful to each and everyone for the help and compassion shown in this difficult time of loss of our friend – Carol Ware – Thank you."

– John & Nancy Strong

"Thank you sincerely for sharing our sorrow. Your kindness is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered by the family of **Barbara Ward**. Thank you for the lovely flowers."

"Thank you for your donation of \$200.00 to the Christian Love Center Shelter in February of 2024."

– Juanita Suggs

"Thank you so much for the diapers, pull-ups, baby wipes, lotion, afghans and for participating in the Baby Bottle Boomerang for the Henry Co. Pregnancy Care Center. Your continued support is vital to our ministry."

– Janet Modjeski

## The Spice Bush

I chose this timeless poem by **Ruth Pohlenz** from 1973 in a book commemorating the Sesqui-centennial of our Spiceland Friends Meeting (1824-1974) because the words Ruth wrote were just as appropriate on the very first day our Quakers gathered under the trees to hear Calvin Wasson preach along Buck Creek in 1824 as they are today in 2024. As we celebrate our next milestone, our 200<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary in September, I wanted to share this beautiful poem as a reminder of not only our deep roots but also our unwavering faith over the years.

### The Spice Bush

From the eastern states to Indiana they came,  
Founded a town, then sought a name.  
For the honor of namesake, they chose not an oak  
But a humble spice bush, befitting Quaker folk.

The spice bush didn't stand tall and proud  
And make a great display in a bid for fame,  
But just quietly shared its fragrance  
Giving Spiceland its name.  
It lifted its leafy branches up to God,  
Silently giving thanks for rain, sun and sod.  
In ways it resembled the Quaker settlers no doubt,  
For the spice of their faith, seasoned the  
community about.

They lived their lives simply in the honest Quaker  
way,  
Giving Spiceland a quality of life still evident today.

But like the salt that lost its savor,  
Should we lose the spice of our faith today,  
The Christian quality which has marked our town  
Will doubtless face away.  
Ruth Pohlenz, 1973

– Amanda Judge

## With Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of **Barbara Ward** upon her passing on March 20.

We also extend our deepest sympathy to **Andrew & Emily Pence** and family upon the passing of Andrew's father, **Lance**, on April 9.

## Please Remember in Prayer

### Church Family

Dennis Stamper – recovering at home  
Steve Stevens – rehab at The Waters  
Grandson of Janice Radcliff – broken ankle  
Richard Ratcliff – health problems  
Donna Hall – in need of prayer  
Dale & Jane Albertson – health problems  
Gary Stegner – at home  
Libby Henshaw – at Glen Oaks  
Judy Smith – at Stonebrooke  
Sarah Reiblein – cancer  
Steve Neal – liver cancer



### Extended Family and Friends

Dan Tauber – ill effects from accident  
Josh Johnson (grandson of Donna Tauber) – broken leg  
Daughter of Peggy MacFarlane  
Dawn Mogg – bone cancer  
Tara (Monica Altman) – high-risk pregnancy  
Danny Williams (Rust family) – stage 4 cancer  
Andy Denny (Debbie Denny) – Hodgkins Lymphoma  
Carol McLemore – recovering from surgery  
Craig (cousin of Judy Stevens) – in need of prayer  
Valerie Darling – health concerns  
Judah (Marilyn Thompson) – health issues  
Timmy Vanmatre (Cindy Mitchell's grandson) – MS  
Sherry Matney (Kandi Rutledge) – breast cancer  
Misty Brett Steffen (Sarah Reiblein) – rare cancer  
Gary Dice (Marilyn Thompson) – recovering from heart transplant  
James (Donna Hall's son) – lymphoma; chemo  
David Butler (Helen Rust's brother-in-law) – in need of prayer  
Jan Hurst (Judy Stevens) – Parkinson's; stroke  
Susan Weaver (Kristen Davis) – lung cancer  
Carolyn Lantz – health problems  
Rita Beavers (Garners) – bladder cancer  
Joyce Lacy (Sandi Swann) – needs prayer

## Harvest Food Bank

The Harvest Food Bank will be distributing food for local people on Monday, May 20, in our church parking lot. They will be here from 3:00-4:30 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, please contact **Nancy Wadman**. If you have the volunteer shirts that they gave us, please wear them that afternoon.