

March 22, 2011

Dear Family:

At the 2010 reunion, we planned for the next reunion to take place at the Bear Creek Meetinghouse site June 24-26, 2012. It's not too early to get this date into your calendars... It's also not too early to let me know you are planning on coming. Ted Foster maintains the reunion website at: <http://standingfamily.org/>. Look for updates there.

The Plagmans again are the coordinators, with a big supporting cast of relatives who live close by. Jackie Leckbend of the Bear Creek Meeting has agreed to be our cook for the weekend.

The Plagman Girls are planning on writing a new mini-play for the talent show, comparing and contrasting life NOW with life THEN. They need material, so please complete the enclosed/attached survey. If there are additional stories/memories that you would like to share, use extra sheets of paper.

Passing on stories and memories is part of what the reunion is about:

- When Richard Standing traveled across the pond to be at the 2008 gathering, he said that for him Ifield Meeting House site in England was sacred ground, because it was “where it all began”... Wedding vows of our ancestors were exchanged there a hundred and fifty years ago.
- Sylvia Thomas said that we gather at the reunion, bound together by our common ancestry and the mystery of our own death.
- Sally Russell brought a new quilt to a reunion a few years ago and said that the family reminded her of the blocks in her quilt, each unique and yet joined by a common pattern.



The Little Schoolhouse, built 2008 by Nick Knight and his crew using plans drawn up by Roy Knight. It is a testament to the community of memory as well as the community that still exists at Bear Creek. Its plans are a model for green technology: materials recycling and alternative energy use.

You may send your completed surveys to my postal address:

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I will attempt to send more of the reunion mail out electronically, so would appreciate more e-addresses to substitute for US Post addresses.