# L ghthouse of Iowa

#### January 2013

Forgetting those things, which are behind....
Philippians 3:13

In 2013, I'd like to be a better person than I have been this past year, and to help me achieve this goal I've formed a spiritual alphabet. I'm resolved to memorize and practice my ABC's:

Anger makes me unattractive. Overcome it (Psalm 37:8).

**B**e forgiving. I want my sins forgiven, don't I? (Luke 6:37).

**G**ount my blessings; name them one by one (Proverbs 10:22).

**D**elete negatives from my mind and conversation (Philippians 4:8).

**E**at wisely, exercise regularly. My body is the temple of the Holy Ghost (I Corinthians 6:19-20).

**F**ind opportunities to do good deeds (Colossians 3:17).

**G**o the second mile (Philippians 3:14).

Mide God's Word in my heart. It will keep me from sinning (Psalm 119:11).

I mitate Jesus (John 13:35)

Judge not (Matthew 7:1).

**K**now the truth. It will set me free (John 8:32).

**L**ive by the Golden Rule (Matthew 7:12).

**M**ake a joyful noise unto the Lord (Psalm 66:1-2).

**N**ever spend time or effort trying to even the score (Matthew 5:39-42).

**O**we no one anything but love, appreciation, forgiveness (Romans 13:8).

**P**ray about everything (Philippians 4:6).

**Q**uench not the Spirit (I Thessalonians 5:19).

**R**espect all human life. We are made in God's image (Genesis 1:27).

**S**earch the scriptures daily (John 5:39).

**T**ell some one you love that you love them; tell them again (Romans 5:5).

**U**p with praise, down with criticism (Matt. 7:3-4).

 $\mathbf{V}$  is it a shut-in (Matthew 25:36).

"Whosoever" in God's Word means me! Take it personally (John 3:16).

**"X**-cell" in saying, "I'm sorry" (Luke 17:3).

**Y**esterday is gone—enjoy today. It may be all I have (Psalm 118:24).

**Z**ero in on my spiritual ABC's. Make them priority this year (Matthew 6:33).

Dear Lord, help me to be disciplined in learning to love You—from A to Z.

Dorothy Shellenberger



# Chariton

Meeting times—Sundays: 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Location—15th & Roland, Chariton, Iowa For information call—Albert Schreck, (641)535-2381

Clarence Van Egdom had a colonoscopy and biopsy done. There wasn't any cancer and it was determined his problems were due to radiation he received a year ago. There are no treatments or medication at this time.

Mary Jo Riekens continues to improve after her knee surgery.

Ali and Gentry Faulkner

visited with Norm and Mary Jo Riekens for a couple of days.

Clarence and Deloris Van Egdom had 14 members of their family at their house on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Most were surprised at the lack of snow down here.

Carl and Evelyn Bennett had most of their family at home on December 29<sup>th</sup>.

were Bruce, Sue, Leah, Travis and Tyler Schreck and Jared Groves.

## January Birthdays

3 – Jeanette Schreck13 – Mary Jo Riekens



Visitors on December 23rd

# Dean Avenue

Meeting times—Sundays: 9:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.

Location—2907 Dean Ave., Des Moines, Iowa

For information call—John McNeece, (515)263-9428 or Don Warren, (515)967-5650

Earl Allen's sister-in-law, Rose Allen, passed away December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012. She lived in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Alissa Garbi and Kara Fetters visited family in Kansas City. Also Alissa and Jude Garbi spent the holidays with Ian Garbi in Hawaii.

Connor Wilkins went home to Ottawa, Illinois with aunt Kim and uncle Terry Lanc for winter break.

Peter Hawthorne underwent surgery on his stomach area for a blockage. The surgery was successful, and Peter is improving. He is in Wesley Acres, room 132, in the skilled

care area. Frances Hawthorne has been having some problems with high blood pressure. Their daughter Valerie from the Washington, D.C. area has been spending quite a bit of time here helping her parents. Frances thanks everyone for the prayers in their behalf over the last several months, and asks for continued prayers for Peter's progress.

Visitors this month were Bill, Sarah, and Brian Charlier; Tristan and Dan Vanderlinden; Joe Rulli; Alexa Farrell; Valerie Hawthorne; and Kim and Terry Lanc.

Yvonne Coe fell and

sustained a hairline fracture in her left wrist. She is wearing a soft cast.

Mary Lou Allen and Margaret Warren continue to have health problems, but attend services as often as they can. Others ill this month were Jean Van Egdom, Tammy Fitzgerald, Mike Warren, Risa Schamel, Earl Allen, Bill and Shirley McNeece, Don Warren, Kara Fetters, and Jude Garbi.

## January Birthdays

2 – Kennady Prenosil

19 - Connor Wilkins

23 – Mary Lou Allen





# **Fairview**

Meeting time—Sundays: 10:00 a.m. Location—22nd & Orange St., Clarinda, Iowa

For information call—Richard Negley, (712)542-3728 or Marvin Negley, (712)542-2972

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Lowree Crum and her family, as her sister underwent surgery for breast cancer, getting an all clear, only to have another, not as positive report from the pathologist. She will be undergoing a second surgery the end of December.

Richard and Janet Negley traveled to Idaho to spend time with family. Steve and Tammie Driftmier also were able to spend time with their three kids and families during the month.

Judy Madden had an eye surgery recently and reports she is doing well.

Neil McCoy continues to make progress following his joint replacement the end of October.

Timber and Dasha Negley attended services with grandparents Marvin and Jean Negley.

It has been wonderful to have Brian Martin, Will Crum, Justin Head, and Tracy Robinson be able to attend services several times this month, during college break.

Elsie Negley and Mary Lou Madden continue to amaze and inspire us when they are able to join us on Sunday mornings, with their positive outlooks and immense knowledge.

As another year draws to a close we give thanks for our many blessings and look forward to another year of Christian fellowship with our church family throughout Iowa. Special thanks go to Ruth Schell for her dedication to getting the Lighthouse News compiled and distributed!!!

January Birthdays

9 - Mary Rine



# Martensdale

Meeting Times—Sundays: 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m. Location—10985 44<sup>th</sup> Lane, Prole, Iowa (1.5 miles east of Martensdale, Iowa on Hwy. 92) For information call—Duane Proudfit, (515)961-4470 or Mike Penick, (515)989-4165

Roger Bown was visiting his parents, Dick and Phyllis Bown, and worshiped with us on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Joel, Aubrey, and Zoey Morris attended services while in the area visiting Drew and Courtney Teghtmeyer.

On December 23<sup>rd</sup>, Neal and Peg Warren worshiped with us for morning and evening services.

Pam Deckler has been traveling most of this month visiting family.

Jordan Bown and Bethany Phillips attended the Winter Youth Rally at Gregory Boulevard.

Mike and Tracy Penick and Drew and Courtney Teghtmeyer spent time in Pleasant Hill, Missouri, visiting family.

Zach and Jenna Wheeler worshiped with the Excelsior Springs congregation while visiting Joel and Aubrey Morris.

Steve and Cerine Proudfit and their girls and Dennis and Cindy Stanley and their boys attended evening service December 30<sup>th</sup>. They were in the area to ring in the New Year with family.













# Pleasant Hill

Meeting Times—Sundays: 9:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m. Location—5091 E. University, Pleasant Hill, Iowa ♦ Website: pleasanthillchurchofchrist.org For information call—Bob Flack, (515)262-7329; Lowell Hermon, (515)989-0727; or Mike Warner, (515)967-4529.

Mary Alice Fillman, Randy Ingle, Julene Pappan, Susan and Jack Conner, Ava Brady, Lowell Hermon, and Carson George have all been sick this past month. Wanda Burkman is having back problems. Carroll and Betty Warren have been having health issues. It was so good to see them back at services.

Ashten Brady and girls were visiting out of town.

Alex and Ryane Needham were visiting with his family.

Bruce and Suzanne Harvey are in Florida with Matt and family.

Tom and Fred Brady and Audrey are in Texas for a couple of months.

Joyce Ingle is visiting with her family.

Ryan and Jamie Ingle and Elijah were in the Kansas City area visiting with Jamie's family.

Nora Lee Ingle visited a few days with daughter Cindy Morris and family.

Dan Turner from Kansas City area was visiting.

Laura Ford was visiting with family.

Brian and Jill McClurg have been visiting with family.

Chantelle and Ashley Schreck, Tyler and Travis Schreck, Jared Groves, and Tanner George were visiting with Rodney and Alena Ingle.

Madison Hermon, Megan Stevens, and Brandon Ingle attended the Youth Study in Kansas City.

✓ The next ITBS will be February 2 at Kelly and Allison George's house.

#### January Birthdays

- 1 Denise Drake
- 2 Ann Casey
- 8 Tim Casey
- 15 Erika Turner
- 15 Taylor Turner
- 15 Taylor Turnei
- 28 Tom Brady
- 31 Doug Bown

#### January Anniversaries

8 - Rosanne & Cliff Van Vleet

## Vandalia

Meeting Times—Sundays: 9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:30 p.m. Location—2.5 miles east of Runnells, Iowa on F70, then 1 mile north on 131st St. Website: vandaliacoc.com

For information call—Greg Ingle, (515)994-2824 or Charles Ingle, (515)966-2537

Greg and Margaret Ingle enjoyed a few days in Branson.

Doug and Lisa Fiorentin, Trent and Nathan were in Carrollton, Missouri a couple of times this month.

Brittney Dowdy visited family in Indianapolis.

Bonnie Harkins enjoyed a visit with family in Illinois getting acquainted with her newest great-grandbaby.

Morgan and Drew Cummings and Lucas Ingle attended the Youth Rally at Gregory Boulevard.

Our visitors were James Dowdy and fiancé Laura Hayes; Vanessa Groves; and Brooke Matson.

Many of our members have been sick in the past few weeks.

We sang with the residents at the Altoona Nursing Home.

We enjoyed fellowship and games at our annual New Year's Eve party at the church building. It was good to have several visitors join us.

## January Birthdays

5 – Mary Ellen Goode

19 – Richard Goode



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