

Lighthouse of Iowa

January 2015

I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.—
Psalm 16:8

Not long ago I complained to a friend about extra activities in my life that were eating into my important personal time, such as allowing myself, against my better judgment, to be talked into serving as an officer in a women's social group; going shopping (reluctantly) with a relative for items I didn't need; and accepting an invitation to a luncheon in honor of someone I barely knew.

"Madge, you need to work on your priorities," my friend replied. "Don't become one of those people who *majors in minor things.*"

Her words stayed with me the rest of the day. That night I re-read in my Bible the story that shows that Jesus knew about setting priorities, even at the age of twelve. When his parents rebuked Him for going off to the



temple to talk with the doctors, He replied, "...wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" (Luke 2:49).

No, Jesus did not major in minor things. He put God first, above all else. That's a good example for me to keep in mind as I start this new year. I'm going to sit down now and draw up a list of those activities that are most important in my life and pin it on the wall beside my new

calendar. I'm going to check that list before adding to my schedule, to make sure I'm not once more majoring in minor things.

Father, this year I'm putting You first.

MADGE HARRAH

Take Time

Take time for friendship when you can.
The hours fly by swiftly, and the need
That presses on your fellowman
May fade away at equal speed
And you may sigh before the end
That you have failed to play the friend.

Not all life's pride is born of fame;
Not all the joy from work is won.
Too late we hang our heads in shame,
Remembering good we could have done;
Too late we wish that we had stayed
To comfort those who called for aid.

Take time to do the little things
Which leave the satisfactory thought,
When other joys have taken wings,
That we have labored as we ought;
That in a world where all contend,
We often stopped to be a friend.

EDGAR A. GUEST

Chariton

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

We have suspended our Sunday evening services until April.

Norm Riekens' mother has been ill and is not doing well.

Several of our members have been ill with cold-type illnesses.

Visitors this past month have been Andrew and Stephanie Hansen and children; Stephanie's sister, Tasha, and her son; Daniel Hansen; Bruce, Sue, Leah, and Travis Schreck; and Jenika Welte.

January Birthdays

3 – Jeanette Schreck
13 – Mary Jo Riekens



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

Peter and Frances Hawthorne flew to Arizona for a two-week visit with their daughter. They were accompanied by their other daughter, Valerie Hawthorne.

On Sunday afternoon, December 21st, a group of us sang for Maxine Phipps and others at Prairie Hills where she resides.

Dean Cobb, uncle of Marla Fetters and Roberta Milinsky, passed away. They attended his

funeral in Blockton, Iowa.

Roberta Milinsky traveled to Texas to visit family.


Ruth Sharp, mother of Ron Sharp, was hospitalized with acute pneumonia.

Visitors: John Chapman; Kamryn Aswegan; Alissa, Jude, and Caden Garbi; Bill and Bryan Charlier; Denise, Max, and Jack Flickinger; Roger Elam; and Morgan Cummings.

Ill: Shirley McNeece, Don Warren, Earl and Mary Lou Allen, and Mary and Dillon Dobberke.

January Birthdays

2 – Kennady Prenosil
19 – Connor Wilkins
23 – Mary Lou Allen
28 – Debbie Wilkins



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

Visitors this month have been: Lori Bryant and son, Gage, of Kearney, Missouri; John and Deb Negley and daughter, Madeline, of Coralville, Iowa; Clint and Darra Driftmier and son, Kyler,

of Norwalk, Iowa; Amy Schmidt and children, Micah, Isaac, and Skylar of Sioux Center, Iowa; and Van and Molly Gilmore and daughters, Zoey, Beau, and Kemper of Clarinda.

January Birthday

9 – Mary Rine



Martensdale

Meeting Times—Sundays: 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.

Location—10985 44th 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

During the months of January and February we will be having a basket dinner and afternoon service on the first and third Sundays of each month.

Courtney Teghtmeyer had her appendix removed December 16th. She is doing well.

Fred Bown is having some problems with arthritis in his hip. He is currently going to physical therapy and trying some other treatments. He is slowly improving.

Allen Bown hurt his back

and shoulder at work. He is scheduled to have surgery on his shoulder January 8th, to repair three tears in his rotator cuff. He will have an injection in his back later in January to help with pain for a bulging disc.

Pam Deckler spent the holidays with family in Ohio. While she was there, her aunt and uncle fell down the stairs of their home. Her aunt was injured and her uncle passed away. Please keep Pam and her family in your prayers.

Visitors this month have

included Alex, Ryane, and Audra Needham; Maddy Hermon; Rodney, Alena, Brenna, Theron, Hugh, and baby Ingle; Joyce Ingle; Tom and Dianne Collier; Adam Purdy (Cassidy Phillips' boyfriend); Travis Schreck and Jenika Welte; Jared Groves; and Bryan, Jennifer, Dawn, Bethany, Logan, and Lance Bown.

Many of us rang in the New Year at the home of Dave and Christy Henderson. We were blessed with lots of food, fellowship, and 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.

Sorry to report that Rena Christian passed from this life on earth December 5th. Funeral services were held on Friday, December 12th at Dunn's Funeral Home in Des Moines.

It was a great day of rejoicing when Diamond Blackman came forward and accepted the Lord as her Savior.

Betty Warren had a mild heart attack December 15th. There was no permanent damage and she came home on the 17th.

Margaret Franklin will be starting therapy for her shoulder.

Brady George had a foot run over. He is doing well but has to

wear a boot for a few weeks.

Steve Thompson fell and cracked a knee cap. He is also having trouble with medicines.

Danielle Brand is down in the back. Kelly George, Dave Ingle, Nora Lee Ingle, Amy Pritchard, and Bev Hayes were all sick. Wanda Burkman has sinus infection.

Nora Lee Ingle's sister, Margaret, had a massive stroke.

Alex, Ryane, and Audra Needham are vacationing in Branson with his parents. They also went to visit family in the Kansas City area.

Tom and Fred Brady and Bruce and Suzanne Harvey are

back from vacationing in the south.

Madison Hermon attended services at Martensdale.

Randy Spinney will be spending time with family in Ohio.

Brandon Ingle has been making trips to Indiana.

Linda Flickinger is here visiting family.

Niki and Maddy Hermon and Nathan Williamson were in the Kansas City area.

Marty and Lisa Williamson are vacationing in Branson.

Ryan and Jamie Ingle and family are visiting in the

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Pleasant Hill

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Kansas City area.

Joyce Ingle was at Martensdale.

Chip and Jennifer Albright and girls were visiting his parents in Kansas.

Tim and Tammy Brady are proud grandparents of a boy born to Todd and Christina Brady. They named

him Gregory Todd.

Note from Don and Wanda Burkman: Our family came to be with us for dinner on Thanksgiving Day in our home. Our children were great help with the food. There were 25 of us celebrating the many blessings of God. We were very grateful, thankful, and happy to be together.

January Birthdays

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



January Anniversary

- 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

Alan and Shonya Klein and family attended services in Memphis, Missouri.

We sang with the residents at Altoona Nursing and Rehab on a Sunday evening.

A reception was given in honor of Morgan Cummings upon her graduation from Iowa School of Beauty.

Justin and Brittney Dowdy and Carson visited family in Indianapolis.

Charity Ingle visited Vanessa Groves in Missouri.

Congratulations go to Lori Cole upon her completion of studies to become a certified pediatric nurse. She is

employed with CHILDSERVE CHILDCARE CENTER in Johnston.

We offer our sympathy to Bonnie Harkins with the loss of her daughter, Denise Ridley, who passed away in late December. She lived in Oskaloosa.

We helped Melody Burkman celebrate her special birthday that ended in a zero.

Our visitors included: Jason Henle and children, Valerie Burkman, Roger Elam, and Vanessa Groves.

James and Laura Dowdy and Cole visited relatives in Kentucky.

We enjoyed the annual New Year's Eve party, with games, food, and socializing. We were happy to have many friends join us. We had a full house on a bitter cold night!

We, like other congregations, are experiencing our share of colds and flu.

January Birthdays

- 5 – Mary Ellen Goode
- 10 – Emma Ingle
- 16 – Blake Fiorentin
- 19 – Richard Goode



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