


Lighthouse of Iowa

February 2013

Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Matthew 25:40

During a recent snow-storm in our area, cars were backed up for miles and miles and hours and hours on Interstate 80, most of the occupants without food or water. Later I talked with one of these travelers, a woman who had picked up a few bananas at a grocery store before heading home to Kearney from Grand Island.

 She was eating a banana and thanking God for providing for her needs, when a windblown young man knocked on her car window. Did she have any food to share? She thought quickly and then said, "No." After all, she couldn't feed everyone on the highway. Besides, she had no idea how long she'd be stranded. So she watched

as the young man went from car to car, collecting what he could, while she got more and more upset that he'd take advantage of people that way. Then she saw him cross the median, and there, in the eastbound lane, was a school bus full of hungry children.



The woman pulled up the hood of her coat, grabbed the bananas and began her trek toward the bus. On the way, she again met the young man. "I'm so sorry," she said, and then handed him the bananas.

He accepted her apology, thanked her and then added, "Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of these..."

"When I got back to my car," said the woman, "I found I had something more than food to be thankful for. I was thankful for having a second chance."

Lord, we know You are the God of second chances... and third...and more. Thank You Father, that as long as we live, it's never too late to serve You by serving others.

--Marilyn Morgan Helleberg



The service we render to others is really the rent we pay for our room on this earth. It is obvious that man is himself a traveller; that the purpose of this world is not "to have and to hold" but "to give and to serve." There can be no other meaning....

WILFRED T. GRENFELL

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

No news this month.

February Birthdays



25 – John Wayne Smead

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 Hawthorne continues to improve. He is in Wesley Acres, Room 245, in their restorative care area. Their daughter, Valerie, from the Washington, D.C. area is still here helping her parents. Also, their daughter, Venita James, and her family from Arizona came for a visit. A few of us went to sing for Peter, and he was able to sing along on many of the songs. It was a good experience for all of us.

Kara Fetters attended the Youth Rally at Gregory Blvd. the end of December.

Alissa Fetters Garbi has completed college course work for a Bachelor of Science Degree

in Global Business Management.

Visitors this month were Tristan Vanderlinden, Joe Rulli, Valerie Hawthorne, and Venita James and family.

Those who were ill this month included Jean Van Egdome, Margaret Warren, Chloe Prenosil, Brett Dobberke, Emily Dobberke, Shawn Head, Glen Meacham, Jan Sellers, Pam Climpson, and Travis Head.

Maxine Phipps has been suffering from shingles. She also fell and injured her leg. Please remember her.

Katie Bauman, granddaughter of John and Donna

McNeece has been having stomach problems and is going to have some medical tests.

Alissa and Jude Garbi went to Eldon, Missouri to visit Louis and Sally Garbi.

Shirley McNeece visited her daughter and family in Texas.

Skip and Risa Schamel are vacationing in Hawaii.

February Birthdays

5 – Earl Allen

8 – John McNeece

16 – Bill McNeece

25 – Frances Hawthorne



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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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

Prayers continue for Toyah Gholsen, Lowree Crum's sister, as she recovers from surgery and prepares for her chemo and radiation treatments.

Janet Negley had a successful outpatient back surgery and is feeling much better.

Eddie Crum has been leading our morning study in the book of Ephesians and great discussion has been generated. A wonderful take-away about the importance of selflessness for all of us was "when we put

the wants, needs and desires of others first, everything else falls into place."



Steve and Tammie Driftmier welcomed a new granddaughter on January 22nd. Skylar Marie Schmidt joins parents Amy and Jon Schmidt and big brothers Micah and Isaac in Sioux Center, Iowa.

Guests joining us during the month were Molly, Zoey, Beau,

and Kemper Gilmore and NWMSU students, Ashley and Shelby.

Our congregation has been meeting at the Glenn Miller Museum for the past couple weeks as our building is being insulated, drywalled, painted and carpeted.

February Anniversaries



14 – Marvin & Jean Negley

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

We're hosting a weekend meeting with Wade Stanley March 2nd and 3rd. ITBS (Iowa Traveling Bible Study) will be held on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. led by Wade, then Wade will speak at 7:00 p.m. that evening. He will give the morning exhortation on Sunday, followed by a basket dinner, and then Wade will speak again at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Marc Hermon gave the morning exhortation on January 6th.

Fred and Marlene Bown helped their son, Bryan, and his family with their move to South Carolina. Bryan ended

up in the hospital with a bleeding ulcer the weekend they were to move, so Fred and Marlene drove the moving truck out for them. Bryan is better now and has returned to work.

Pam Deckler's cousin, Kathy, spent some time visiting Pam and attended services.

Dick and Phyllis Bown's grandson, David Stanley, was baptized! David is the son of Dennis and Cindy Stanley, who attend at Murray Road.

Stephanie, Ada, and Allie Stephens worshiped with us on January 13th while in the area visiting family. Miles Wood also attended services that morning.

Charlie Deckler attended services with his wife, Pam, on

January 20th.

Zach Wheeler's grandfather, Milton Wheeler, passed away January 19th. Our condolences go out to his family.

Phyllis Bown had a combination pacemaker/defibrillator put in on January 23rd. She is recovering.

We canceled morning services January 27th due to the ice. We did, however, have our evening services.

February Anniversaries



9 – Allen & Teresa Bown

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.

Betty George spent a few days in the hospital with double pneumonia. She is home and would appreciate cards, visits, and phone calls.

Tim Casey had hernia surgery in Arizona. Mary Fillman and Wanda Burkman had back problems. Steve and Pat Thompson; Randy, Kinnick, and Brandon Ingle; and Nora Lee Ingle have been sick, along with many others who had the flu.

Bruce and Suzanne Harvey spent time with Matt and Kelly

Harvey and family, and they visited Bruce's aunt in Florida. They are now enjoying the cold weather.

Melba Tingle is back from Arizona after visiting her son, Jim, and family. Rodney and Alena Ingle were in Brookfield visiting. Miles Wood was also in Brookfield. Joyce Ingle has spent time with her parents and brothers getting their parents moved to an assisted living facility. Chip and Jennifer Albright and girls were

in Kansas visiting Chip's family. Tim and Tammy Brady spent some time in the Caribbean. Alex and Ryane Needham were in Topeka.

February Birthdays

- 5 – Max Flickinger
- 6 – Marc Hermon
- 12 – Jake Brand
- 21 – Josh Brady
- 21 – Cliff Van Vleet
- 23 – Marje Turnquist
- 24 – Sharon Stevens



Vandalia

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

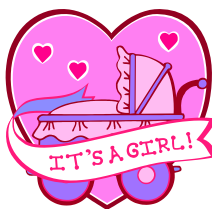
Location—2.5 miles east of Runnells, Iowa on F70, then 1 mile north on 131st St.

Website: vandaliacoc.com

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



Blake Owen Anthony Fiorentin was born on January 16th, 2013 to Bruce and Kelsey.



Allison Maria Miller was born January 19th, 2013 to Jason and Staci.

Doug and Lisa Fiorentin, Trent and Nathan; Marvin and Melda Ingle; Greg and Margaret Ingle; and Melody Burkman went to Carrollton, Missouri, at various times to see the new daughter of Jason and Staci Miller.

Denise Drake and Kevin Waits worshiped with us.

Ruth Schell recently had thyroid surgery.

Walter Daugherty had a siege of the flu, but he has been back to services lately.

Tim Burkman was diagnosed with diabetic peripheral retinopathy in his right eye, and he is undergoing a series of laser treatments. His left eye is developing the same condition, so he will need treatments on that eye as well.

Cheyenne Goode, a theater major at Grandview University, was recently named to the President's List. She also spent a week in Lincoln, Nebraska, where she attended various theater workshops. She learned about different techniques pertaining to film directing and the theater.

Lynnette Dowdy was named to the Dean's List at Grandview University, where she is earning an RN degree.

Morgan Cummings received two honors in school activities. She placed 2nd in Art in the Academic Decathlon Small School Honors division, and her Readers' Theater Group earned a 1 rating and will advance to state competition.

February Birthdays

- 2 – Walter Daugherty
- 8 – Melda Ingle
- 9 – Bruce Fiorentin
- 16 – Derek Ingle
- 26 – Amy Ingle
- 27 – Bobbi Duckstein



February Anniversaries

- 17 – Brett & Lori Cole

