

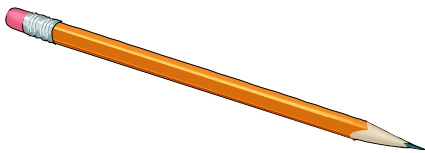
Lighthouse of Iowa

March 2011

Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else.—1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NIV)

When I was a little girl, not yet in school, an older neighbor invited me to walk to the store with her. The nearest grocery—a dry goods store selling fabrics, hardware, school supplies, towels, almost everything—was half a mile away by the railroad tracks. I felt very grown up when Mother said, “Yes” and gave me a nickel. I knew just what I would buy.

Mr. Bish, the grocer, pointed out his glass candy jars: jelly beans, gumdrops, and banana caramels. I shook my head. I told him I wanted a pencil. He handed me a bright yellow one.



I looked the pencil over. There was no point. “This pencil’s no good,” I said.

“What’s wrong with it?” Mr. Bish asked, looking puzzled.

“It doesn’t have any lead,” I replied.

“Why, you’re right,” he said. “I’ll go put some in it.” He sharpened my pencil at the back of the store, and then brought it back to me. I smiled gleefully and left perfectly happy, believing Mr. Bish was the smartest man in the whole wide world.



It might seem like a small incident, but Mr. Bish’s kindness to a shy, country girl was never forgotten. He didn’t laugh at me or chide my ignorance. Instead he treated me with dignity, and the gift of his generosity has outlasted my prized pencil.

Now as a school librarian, I try to give the gift of dignity to my young students who come in bewildered by the Dewey decimal system or the endless card catalog drawers. I try to be sensitive to their questions and help them feel comfortable around books.

Dignity can cost so little, yet can last forever—especially when given to a

child. Share that gift with someone today—it could last a lifetime.

Dear Father, help me to see beyond an irritation to the genuine need of the person who seeks my attention today.

—Flossie Noltemeier



NEIGHBOR—Love your neighbor for God’s sake, and God for your own sake, who created all things for your sake, and redeemed you for His mercy’s sake. If your love hath any other motive, it is false love; if your motive hath any other end, it is self-love. If you neglect your love to your neighbor, in vain you profess your love of God; for by your love of God, your love to your neighbor is acquired; and by your love to your neighbor, your love of God is nourished.—

The Beauties of Thought.



Chariton

Meeting times—Sundays: 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Location—15th & Roland, Chariton, Iowa

For information call—Clarence Van Egdome, (641)932-5686 or Albert Schreck, (641)535-2381

Tyler Schreck attended services with us on February 27th.



Thanks to everyone who sent cards, called or recognized my 80th birthday in any way. We really appreciate our Christian friends. Thanks again.

God bless you all.

Mary Jo Riekens



March Birthdays

- 5 – Ethan Schreck
- 9 – Barbara Fetters
- 23 – Evelyn Bennett
- 25 – Norm Riekens



March Anniversaries



- 17 – Clarence & Deloris Van Egdome
- 19 – Albert & Jeanette Schreck

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

Mike Penick of the Martensdale congregation brought the morning sermon on the last Sunday of February. This also was our end of month family dinner, followed by 1:00 p.m. services. Afterwards members of the congregation went to the new location where Maxine Phipps moved to sing for her.

Lillian Bartlett fell early in February and hit her head. She slowly recovered and was able to be out later in the month. Others who have recovered from brief illnesses include: Greg Head, Emily Dobberke, Alna Meacham, David Fetters, and Jean Van Egdome.

Ron Van Egdome has been in and out of the hospital, undergoing radiation and other medical procedures during the

past month. Reports are his cancer has spread and treatment is changing. We were happy to see his smiling face at services Sunday, February 27th. Keep your prayers going for him and his wife, Jean. Her parents, Kenneth and Barbara Thompson of Warrensburg, Missouri, were visitors on February 20th.

We were happy to have Alna Meacham at services the first Sunday in February. However, Glenn reported that she had fallen again later in the month.

Neal and Peg Warren reported the February 4th birth of a great-granddaughter, Ada Lynn Stevens, born to Kyle and Stephanie Stevens of the Smart Road congregation in Missouri.

Other visitors during the past month included Katie

Betsworth from Indianola; Shawn Head from his new home in Michigan; and Alexa Ferrel, friend of Kamryn Aswegan.

March Birthdays

- 11 – Donna Meek
- 14 – Peter Hawthorne
- 16 – Neal Warren
- 17 – Lillian Bartlett
- 26 – Don Warren
- 29 – Greg Head
- 30 – Roberta Milinsky



March Anniversaries



- 11 – Larry & Janice Sellers

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Dean Avenue

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UPCOMING 2011 DATES AT DEAN AVENUE

The annual Spring meeting will be held on April 23-24.

Vacation Bible School will be held the week of June 12-17.

Rick Sparks is scheduled to be here the week of November 6.

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

Word was received that Anne (Swisher) Ritson was undergoing radiation treatments on a mass of the cervical spine. She will begin another series of chemo treatments the first week of March, taking one treatment a week for three weeks, and will then be re-evaluated. Anne's address is: 12295 Celestia Dr. Burlington, IA 52601.

It was great to see John Lee who brought wonderful lessons to the group on Saturday, February 19th and again on Sunday. Nancy and Sarah Clark; Angie and Charity Ingle; Molly and Van Gilmore along with daughters Zoey, Beau and Kemper all joined us for John's Sunday morning lesson which

was followed by a basket dinner.

Jewell Warner is recuperating nicely following carpal tunnel surgery in mid February and is thankful for relief from the pain!

Our sympathy is extended to Janet and Richard Negley at the passing of Janet's younger brother, Bernard Fastenau.

Megan Steeve attended services Sunday, February 27th with her grandparents, Neil and Becky McCoy; other visitors were: Paul, Dasha, and Timber Negley, along with Dasha's mom, Eva, who is visiting from the Czech Republic; Amame Yamaguchi, high school student from Japan

who is staying with Marvin and Jean Negley this school year; Jon, Micah, and Isaac Schmidt; (Steve and Tammie Driftmier's son-in-law and grandsons) all joined us for services. What a blessing to have guests and young people!

Neil McCoy will be having a heart monitor removed in early March that has been in place for three years.

Jack Swisher had a cataract removed recently and is getting along very well.

March Birthdays

- 7 – Jean Negley
- 8 – Molly Gilmore
- 18 – Jacob Rine



Martensdale

Meeting Times—Sundays: 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:30 p.m.

Location—439 Hwy. 92 (1.5 miles east of Martensdale, Iowa)

For information call—Duane Proudfit, (515)961-4470 or Mike Penick, (515)989-4165

Ada Lynn Stephens was born on February 4th. She weighed in at six pounds and was 19 inches long. Ada is the daughter of Kyle and Stephanie Stephens from Pleasant Hill,

Missouri, the granddaughter of Mike and Tracy Penick, great-granddaughter of Neal and Peg Warren, and the niece of Courtney Penick. Mike, Tracy and Courtney have made

several trips to Missouri this month!

Marlene Bown was able to return to services February 6th.

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Martensdale

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She has been doing well but currently has a sinus infection. Please keep Marlene and her family in your prayers. She is scheduled to have surgery again on March 16th.

Cindy Stanley (daughter of Dick and Phyllis Bown) has completed her radiation and chemo treatments for now and will be having surgery March 9th. Please continue to keep Cindy and her family in your prayers, as she will go through another round of treatments once the surgery is completed.

Courtney Penick will graduate from ISU this spring,

and she has accepted a position at the Clark School District in Osceola as a Family and Consumer Science Teacher for the 2011-2012 school year. Congratulations!

Bruce, Sue, and Leah Schreck, from Lee's Summit, Missouri, worshiped with us on February 20th. It was good to see them. David Fetters also worshiped with us and gave the morning exhortation.

Teresa, Kyle, and Jordan Bown attended services at Pleasant Hill on February 20th to witness the baptism of Megan Stevens.

Cassidy Phillips was

chosen to play her clarinet in the Pride of Iowa All-Conference Honor Band held at Graceland University in Lamoni on February 22nd.

Mike Penick attended services at Dean Avenue on February 27th.

March Birthdays

7 – Courtney Penick

18 – Dave Henderson

23 – Charlie Deckler



March Anniversaries

14 – Dave & Christy Henderson

27 – Dick & Phyllis 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.

We had two glorious Lord's days in a row, when Jesus' name was confessed and obedience through baptism was witnessed. Megan Stevens was baptized into the Lord on February 20th by her grandpa, Bob Flack. Carly Felice was immersed into Christ on February 27th by her grandfather, Tom Brady. We praise God for these two young people making this commitment. Our congregation has been truly blessed.

Jason Brady had his tonsils out. He is improving each day.

Suzanne Harvey is doing some better. She is attending services some.

Other sick included: Josh Conner; Ginger, Maddie, and Shea Hermon; Kathy King; and Wanda Burkman.

Ryane Brady was in Kansas. She will be moving there the first part of March.

Kelly and Allison George were in Florida on business.

Chip and Jennifer Albright and girls were in California visiting.

Larry and Bev Brady were visiting in Florida.

Dave and Joyce Ingle were in Indiana on some business for Dave.

Cindy Morris was visiting with her mom, Nora Lee Ingle. While here she took her mom to

help celebrate family birthdays.

Other visitors were: Alex Needham; Teresa Bown, Kyle and Jordan; Zachary and Jenna Wheeler; Marla and Kara Fetters; Roberta Milinsky; Joel and Aubrey Morris; and Tad and JoAnne Morris. Tad gave the morning lesson.

During the time of cooking class at Nora Lee Ingle's, the guys went shed hunting (for deer antlers). She then entertained 14 young folks for a meal afterwards. The next cooking class will be Sunday afternoon, March 20th. Everyone welcome!

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Pleasant Hill

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Tom and Fred Brady and Audrey Brady have arrived home from spending the winter in Texas.

Bob and Marge Flack are in Florida, visiting Bob's sister and brother-in-law.

Joyce Ingle was in Missouri visiting her parents.

Mike and Shirley Warner are the proud grandparents of Sydney Isabel, born February 26th, the new daughter of Shannon and Jeff Schiebel, and the little sister of Marissa.

Matt Thompson is deployed overseas with the Navy. Please keep him in your prayers.

Iowa Traveling Bible Study (ITBS)

The April study will be

April 2 at 5 p.m. at

Ryan & Jamie Ingle's

May study: 7-8 at Clarinda

Please check with host or hostess to see if they would like you to bring any food.

If you have any questions, call Rodney Ingle@515 669-0365.

March Birthdays

- 3 – Jennifer Albright
- 4 – Tim Brady
- 5 – Erica Conner
- 7 – Carly Felice
- 10 – Susan Conner
- 17 – Miles Wood
- 19 – Mike Brady
- 20 – Bud Fillman
- 23 – Lowell Hermon
- 24 – Megan Stevens
- 25 – Karole Turner
- 27 – Jami Harvey
- 29 – Junior Barlow
- 30 – Teresa Brady
- 31 – Allison George



March Anniversaries

- 11 – Bruce & Suzanne Harvey

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

Our visitors during the past month were: Jason and Staci Miller; Jason Dowdy and Sterling; James Dowdy and Angel Walker and Joey; and Declan Knight, (nephew of Kelsey Knight).

Justin and Brittney Dowdy spent a weekend in Indianapolis.

Lynnette Dowdy and daughter, Dawn, enjoyed a few days travelling to Wichita, Kansas.

Nancy and Sarah Clark, Angie and Charity Ingle attended services at Clarinda on February 20th, then traveled

to Missouri to attend a family baby shower.

The ladies enjoyed a brunch on a recent Saturday morning at the church building.

We helped Walter Daugherty celebrate his birthday with cake after Sunday evening services on February 6th.

The congregation met at the Altoona Nursing Home Sunday evening, February 27th and sang with Rachel Daugherty and other residents there.

Richard, Mary Ellen, Mariha, and Cheyenne Goode attended funeral services for

Jasper Champlin of Indianola. Mr. Champlin was Richard's uncle.

We have had several absent due to winter illnesses that have been prevalent throughout the area.

March Birthdays

- 4 – Devon Ingle
- 15 – Marvin Ingle
- 19 – Mariha Goode
- 21 – Nick Guthrie
- 22 – Mason Burkman
- 29 – Michael Cummings
- 30 – Katrina Cummings

