

Lighthouse of Iowa

March 2015

*I have showed you kindness,
that ye will also show
kindness...Joshua 2:12*

According to a recent item in my newspaper, we are in the midst of a kindness epidemic. The disease is highly infectious and difficult to arrest once it gets started. One deed prompts another and another and another...

The epidemic has become known as "The Random Acts of Kindness Movement." Though no one is really sure where it began, there are those who trace it to a woman paying her toll at a busy bridge crossing. They say she handed the toll-taker a five dollar bill and waited for her change. But, suddenly, she had an inspiration. "Keep it," she said. "I want to pay for the next nine cars behind me. Tell them to pass it on."

The toll-taker informed the following drivers that their tolls had been paid by a driver in front of them. They were dumbfounded. "Why?" they wanted to know.

"All she said was to pass it on," he replied. And apparently they did, because her one

random act has been multiplied thousands of times.



To join the movement, there's no application card to fill out or any membership fees to pay. All you have to do is perform some act of kindness. Let someone go ahead of you in line or help someone with a heavy package, or pick up litter thrown in your neighbor's yard. But to be in good standing you have to render at least one kindness every day.

I joined this morning when I saw a meter maid coming up the street. The meter beside the old car in front of me had expired, so I deposited a quarter and saved the driver a ten-dollar ticket. Did my gesture aid a senior citizen living on Social Security or a student trying to save money for college? I have no idea, but the thought that I helped

someone warmed my heart all the way home.

*Make me thoughtful, Lord,
thoughtful and kind. Loving
with deeds, not just with
mind....Fred Bauer*

OUT OF THIS LIFE

Out of this life | shall never take
Things of silver and gold | make.
All that | cherish and hoard away
After | leave, on this earth must
stay.
Tho' | have toiled for a painting
rare
To hang on a wall, | must leave it
there.
Tho' | call it mine and boast its
worth
| must give it up when | leave this
earth.
All that | gather and all that | keep
| must leave behind when | fall
asleep.
And | often wonder what | shall
own
|n that other life when | pass alone.

—author unknown

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

Carl and Evelyn Bennett have a new great-grandson born to their grandson, Ryan, and his wife in Wisconsin.

The Hansen family continues to meet with us.

Services were cancelled February 1st due to weather.

We still have ongoing and reoccurring illnesses among our members.

March Birthdays

5 – Ethan Schreck
23 – Evelyn Bennett
25 – Norm Riekens



March Anniversary



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

Zach, Jenna, and Malachi Wheeler from Martensdale attended a Sunday morning service. Zach gave an excellent sermon.

Debbie Wilkins became ill at work with her heart racing, light-headedness, and nausea. She was taken to the doctor and then to Mercy Hospital for several hours. She is now on medication waiting to see a heart doctor for follow-up.

Frances Hawthorne has been having problems with high blood pressure and had to go to the ER.

Those enjoying vacation

cruises were Skip and Risa Schamel, Neal and Peg Warren, and David and Marla Fetters.

Shawn Head vacationed in Minnesota to take part in an ice fishing tournament.

Our visitors were: John Chapman; Barry Brownsberger; Kamryn Aswegan; Alexa Ferrel; Aiden Boozell; Alissa, Jude, and Caden Garbi; David and Joyce Ingle; and Bill and Bryan Charlier.

Those experiencing illnesses were: Karma and Ron Sharp, David Fetters, Frances Hawthorne, Pam Climpson, and Yvonne Coe.

March Birthdays

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



March Anniversary



11 – Larry & Janice Sellers

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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

Timber and Minka Negley attended services with grandparents, Marvin and Jean Negley. Marvin and Jean celebrated their wedding anniversary on February 14th.

Our thoughts, prayers, and love are with those in the congregation, as well as our entire church family, that continue to struggle with personal and health issues.

John Lee was with the group February 7th and 8th, and presented lessons on “Christians Living in a Secular World” and “Hardening of the Heart.”

Wes and Kassi Crum welcomed a daughter, Clara Mae. Proud grandparents are Eddie and Lowree Crum. Eddie and Lowree worshiped with us when they were back from Colorado.

March Birthdays

7 – Jean Negley
8 – Molly Gilmore
18 – Jacob 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

We invite everyone to attend our weekend meeting with Wade Stanley on Saturday, March 7 and Sunday, March 8. The topic of Wade's lessons for the weekend will be the Holy Spirit. On Saturday at 5 p.m. the ITBS will meet in the basement at the church building, and Wade will lead them in their Bible study with supper for the class to follow. At 7 p.m. Wade will begin his series of lessons on the Holy Spirit with refreshments following. On Sunday we will meet at 10 a.m. with a basket dinner following and afternoon service at 1:30.

Alvin and Marlene Bown were back from Texas for a short visit.

John and Donna McNeece worshiped with us on February 15th, and John gave the morning lesson. He spoke to us on “Before and After.”

Mike and Tracy Penick took a cruise with Tracy's parents, Neal and Peg Warren.

Several members have been traveling this month, including Pam Deckler, Dick and Phyllis Bown, and Tanner George.

Rodney and Alena Ingle and their children have been worshiping with us, as well as their friend Amelia. Other

visitors this month have been Briana Klein, Travis and Jenika Schreck, Tom and Dianne Collier, Miles Wood, and Stephanie Stephens and her girls.

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.

Marje Turnquist had shoulder surgery and her sister, Pat Schriber, came to help while she is recovering.

Michele Zinnel had an appendectomy. She is recovering and back to work.

Randy Spinney had eye surgery and is doing well.

Marc Hermon, Jack Flickinger, and Jennifer Albright have been sick.

Pat Thompson retired on February 5th after being employed for the past 29 years with the Nymaster Goode law firm.

Chip, Jennifer, Lily, and Annie Albright vacationed in Chicago.

Duane, Donna, and Sam Needham and Tim and Melissa McClung were visiting with Alex, Ryane, and Audra Needham.

Betty, Tyler, and Ryan Curtis were in Oklahoma visiting.

Clay Felice had a tonsillectomy. He is recovering well.

Carly Felice was in Decorah visiting.

Cindy Morris accompanied Nora Lee Ingle to help Martha Shivvers celebrate her 100th birthday. Martha is Nora Lee's sister.

Allison George and Theresa Brady are in San Antonio for a golf convention.

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 Anniversary



- 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

We extend our sympathy to Lori and Brett Cole and family following the death of Lori's mother, Pat Klingensmith of Monroe. Pat was baptized into Christ just last fall, and she passed away January 29th.

Congratulations to Gavin Burkman for being named on the Honor Roll at Prairie City-Monroe Middle School.

Alan and Shonya Klein enjoyed a week cruising to Cozumel and other locations.

Brittney and Carson Dowdy spent a few days in Indiana visiting family.

Briana Klein worshiped at Martensdale recently.

Charity Ingle worshiped in Brookfield, Missouri, on February 22nd.

Our visitors were Roger Elam and Valerie Burkman.

A surprise 25th anniversary party was given for Brett and Lori Cole after services on Sunday evening, February 22nd.

We were happy for the good news that Pam Skinner (mother of Amy Ingle) has been given good reports of being cancer free!

March Birthdays

- 4 – Devon Ingle
- 15 – Marvin Ingle
- 19 – Mariha Goode
- 21 – Nick Guthrie
- 22 – Mason Burkman
- 23 – Sharon Cummings
- 29 – Michael Cummings
- 29 – Alan Klein



March Anniservary



- 23 – James & Laura Dowdy

