

Lighthouse of Iowa

April 2011

For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of the birds is come.....Song of Solomon 2:11,12.

My computer sits on a desk in my home office, its back to the windows that show me the view of my front lawn and the street on which we live. Below the windows are beds with green plants in them: calla lilies; a broad-leafed plant whose name I don't know; some cacti in terra cotta bowls; and a large bird-of-paradise plant, which every spring produces exotic orange and purple blossoms.



This past spring, Perky, the little Australian shepherd mix who lives in my office because she can't get along with the other dogs, took to standing on her hind legs and looking out the window at the street. I thought she probably did it because she was lonely when I

wasn't in the office with her. Then I discovered she had a friend.



I was sitting at the keyboard, typing one morning, when I saw an iridescent green hummingbird at the bird-of-paradise blossoms, wings moving impossibly fast, long beak probing for nectar in the vivid blooms. I stopped working to watch; there is something about a hummingbird that makes me marvel at creation. Perky came over to the window and stood to put her paws on the sill. I thought she would bark at the hummingbird, but she didn't, and I didn't want to shoo her away because I thought it would startle the little bird.

The hummingbird left its flower and came over to the window, hovering on the other side of the glass just beyond Perky's nose. They looked at each other for almost thirty

seconds, and it was possible to imagine that they were communicating, asking how things were going, wishing each other well. The meeting done, Perky dropped back down on the rug, the hummingbird went back to breakfast, and I returned to my work, feeling privileged to have been eavesdropping on a natural scene I could never have imagined.

Thank you, God for the glimpses You give me of the glory of Your creation.---
ROHDA BLECKER

54TH ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

CHURCH OF CHRIST

2907 DEAN AVENUE APRIL 23 & 24

SATURDAY 3:00 & 6:30 P.M.

SUNDAY 10:00 A.M. & 2:30 P.M.

PLANNED RECREATION SAT. EVE.

MEALS SERVED FOLLOWING SAT. P.M. & SUN. A.M. SERVICES.

FOR HOUSING/RESERVATIONS:

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Chariton

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

Location—15th & Roland, Chariton, Iowa

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

Keith, Denise, Megan, and Riley Van Egdome of Wisconsin have been spending some time with Clarence and Deloris. They were here for Clarence and Deloris' 60th Wedding Anniversary and during Ron's illness and death. Clarence and Deloris Van Egdome were married 60 years on March 17!

Norm and Mary Jo Riekens have returned from Texas. They had lots of fun and wish to thank everyone who filled in at services for them while they were gone.

Carl and Evelyn Bennett recently spent a weekend in Kansas City and attended services at Claycomo. Their son and daughter-in-law took them down to visit their granddaughter, Annette, and her family.

Albert, Jeanette and Chantelle Schreck attended the weekend meeting at Section, Kansas.

<p><i>April Birthdays</i> 5 – Chantelle Schreck </p>



We would like to sincerely thank everyone for all of the thoughts and prayers this last year during Ron's battle with cancer.

We will miss him dearly. We also want to thank you for all of the thoughtful cards, phone calls and food.

Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated.

With love and thanks,
Clarence & Deloris Van Egdome



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

After an extensive battle with cancer, Ron Van Egdome died at home on March 25th. He had been in and out of the hospital the past several months. During the past several weeks his wife's parents, Kenneth and Barbara Thompson of Warrensburg, Missouri, had arrived to share this difficult time. Many family members attended services and shared end of the month dinner at Dean Avenue Church of Christ on Sunday, March 27th. Visitation was held at Grandview Funeral Home on Monday, March 28th. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, March 29th at the same funeral home, followed by dinner at Dean Avenue Church of Christ.

Jean Van Egdome wishes to thank everyone for their many prayers, food, phone calls, visits, and other supportive efforts during this difficult time.

Those who were on the sick list last month included Maxine Phipps; Elsie LeMar; Risa Schamel, who had foot surgery; and Greg Head, who underwent gall bladder surgery, plus removal of gallstones. Mary Lou Allen was hospitalized over night the last weekend of March with severe back pains. She and her husband, Earl, were missed since they rarely are absent from church services.

Visitors who attended services during the past month

included Tracy Penick; Ciera Coe; Kim Lanc; Alexa Ferrel; Clarence and Deloris Van Egdome of Albia, Iowa, and their son, Keith Van Egdome from Dodgerville, Wisconsin; Kenneth Thompson from Warrensburg, Missouri; Shawn Head from Michigan; Tyler Curry from S.E. Polk; Tammy and Ashley Fitzgerald; plus four generations were represented in Don and Margaret Warren's family with the visits of their great-grandchildren, Courtney, Kenneth, and Carter and Amy on March 6th.

During spring break, David and Marla Fetters and daughter, Kara, flew to Hawaii

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to visit their oldest daughter Alissa Garbi and husband, Ian.

Earl Allen, Skip and Risa Schamel, and Ron and Karma Sharp went on a weeklong driving trip to Albuquerque, New Mexico, to visit Earl's brother, Warren Allen, before motoring on to California and returning home.

Yvonne Coe visited relatives in Florida.

Shirley McNeece flew to Austin, Texas, to visit her daughter, Jamie Fertig, who was expecting a new baby. She was joined by her husband, Bill McNeece, a week later.

Members rejoiced when Mike Warren stepped up to pledge his commitment and return to Dean Avenue congregation. He has been driving his parents, Don and Margaret Warren, to and from church services.

April Birthdays

- 2 – Karla Fetters
- 4 – Tyler Aswegan
- 6 – Shawn Head
- 9 – Donna McNeece
- 11 – David Fetters
- 13 – Carter Prenosil
- 19 – Peg Warren



April Anniversaries

- 27 – Bill & Shirley McNeece



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

In March, John, Deb, and Madelyn Negley worshiped with us, as did Amy, Jon, Micah, and Isaac Schmidt; and Molly, Van, Zoey, Beau, and Kemper Gilmore. It's always refreshing to have young people join us - especially the little "amens"! Elsie Negley has been able to attend a couple times this month and Jewell Warner once. However, Mary Lou

Madden has been under the weather or just didn't feel up to getting out. We miss their wisdom and spunk!

Our congregation is pleased to have an updated kitchen, with Neil and Becky McCoy providing quite a bit of the footwork and elbow grease.

Steve Driftmier will be flying to Florida in late March to drive Jack and Bobbie

Swisher home. We look forward to their safe return to Iowa for the summer.

April Anniversaries



- 2 – Jim & Mary Rine
- 19 – Richard & Janet Negley
- 25 – Jack & Bobbie Swisher



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

Congratulations to Cassidy Phillips and Dave Henderson, who were a part of the Martensdale-St. Mary's Class 1-A Champion Girls Basketball team. Cassidy is a sophomore player on the team and her step-dad, Dave, is the assistant coach.

Steve and Cerine Proudfit were in the area March 4-6. They were able to watch their niece, Cassidy Phillips, play in the championship game at Wells Fargo Arena and they worshiped with us Sunday morning.

Dwight, Diana, and Lindsey Adell from the Gregory Blvd. Congregation attended services March 13th. Lindsey spent the following week (spring break) with Cassidy Phillips. Maddy Hermon also spent some time with them and attended Wednesday evening services.

Bryan and Jennifer Bown and their family were in the area over the March 12-13 weekend to see Marlene Bown before her surgery. Jennifer and the kids worshiped with us

on March 13th.

Cindy Stanley (daughter of Dick and Phyllis Bown) had surgery for colon cancer on March 9th. Everything went well and she is at home now recovering from the surgery. Phyllis is spending a couple weeks with Dennis and Cindy and their three boys to help out while Cindy recovers and Dick is going down on weekends. Please continue to keep Cindy and her family in your prayers, as she will go through another round of treatments once she recovers from surgery.

Marlene Bown had surgery on March 16th to have a hysterectomy, gall bladder removal, and hernia repair. There was cancer in the uterus but it had not yet spread to any other areas and all of her lymph node samples came back cancer free. She is expected to come home Monday, March 28th.

Marta Weeks was involved in a car accident and broke her wrist and bones in the opposite hand. She has had surgery on both and will be off work for

several weeks.

A wedding shower for Drew Teghtmeyer and Courtney Penick was held at the Pleasant Hill building on March 19th. We had a lot of fun and they received many nice things. Due to the shower we had several visitors attend morning worship on March 20th, including: Drew's parents, Randy and Laura Teghtmeyer; his sister, Amanda Wall and her husband Bill; his sister Cassie Crane and cousin Brian. Courtney's sister, Stephanie Stephens and her daughter, Ada, also attended services.

Jordan Bown attended the weekend meeting at Section, Kansas.

April Birthdays

7 – Bethany Phillips

11 – Marta Weeks

29 – Marlene Bown



April Anniversaries



14—Duane & Mary Proudfit

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.

Our visitors this past month were: Lou and Connie Meinke, and Marian Parrish; Pat Schriber was visiting her sister, Marje Turnquist and family; and Kevin Waits.

Nels and Marje Turnquist were in Minneapolis visiting with daughter Suzanne and family.

Ryan and Jamie Ingle and Elijah, Rodney, and Alena Ingle

visited with Ryan and Rodney's grandparents, Roy and Ruth Whanger.

Betty Curtis, Tyler and

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Ryan were in Arizona.

Josh Brady was in South Carolina for two weeks for training with Iowa Air National Guard.

Marc and Ginger Hermon and family were visiting with Matt and Kelly Harvey and family in the St. Louis area.

Marty and Lisa Williamson and Nathan were on a cruise.

Marje Turnquist spent a few days in St. Louis with her sisters.

Josh and Erica Conner were in Tennessee.

Rodney and Alena Ingle, Carly Felice and Megan Stevens went to the Ottawa, Kansas meeting.

Those who have experienced illnesses during the past month were: Dani Brand; the Marc Hermon family; Dan and Amy Pritchard and Josiah; Niko Felice; Brandon and Kinnick Ingle; Kelly and Brady George; Sharon Stevens; and Suzanne Harvey, who had hernia

surgery. She is home and doing well.

Dean and Bev Hayes will be celebrating 60 years of marriage on April 14th. Congratulations!

Our Vacation Bible School will be held June 20-24, with John Lee. Please watch future issues for more details.

The cooking class will be Sunday afternoon, April 17th at Nora Lee Ingle's.

Iowa Traveling Bible Study (ITBS)

The May study will be
May 7 at Nora Lee Ingle's

June study: Clarinda

Please check with hostess to see if she would like you to bring any food.

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

April Birthdays

- 2 – Brandon Ingle
- 2 – Robert White
- 6 – Rena Christian
- 7 – Mary Alice Fillman
- 7 – Rosanne Van Vleet
- 8 – Betty George
- 9 – Annabel Albright
- 10 – Ryane Brady
- 10 – Wanda Burkman
- 11 – Bruce Harvey
- 17 – Melba Tingle
- 18 – Carroll Warren
- 18 – Pam Climpson
- 20 – Cheree Stump
- 21 – Lilly Albright
- 26 – Betty Warren
- 30 – Brady George



April Anniversaries

- 5 – Randy & Teresa Ingle
- 14 – Dean & Beverly Hayes



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 were saddened at the passing of Rachel Daugherty on March 12th. She was very dear to us all and had been a faithful member here for many years. We offer our sympathy to her husband, Walter.

Our visitors this past month were: Paige Trunnel (niece of

Kelsey Knight), Ryan and Jamie Ingle and Elijah; Christine Green (friend of Rob Guthrie), Dawn Dowdy; and Jason and Staci Miller.

Charles and Angie Ingle, Charity and Lucas spent a few days in Chicago on vacation.

Doug and Lisa Fiorentin

and Nathan spent a weekend in Carrolton, Missouri visiting Jason and Staci Miller. They also spent part of spring break vacationing in Omaha.

Derek and Amy Ingle and Brighton spent a weekend at Clear Lake.

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This poem from the book
Every Eye Beholds You was
contributed by Marvin Ingle in honor
of our dear sister, Rachel Daugherty.

Our sister's gone, she is no more;
She's quit our coast, she's left our shore;
She's burst the bounds of mortal clay,
The spirit's fled and soars away.
We now may hear the solemn call:
"Be ye prepared both great and small,"
The call excludes no sex or age,
For all must quit this mortal stage.
Then let the righteous sing,
When from corruption they get free:
O death where is thy sting?
O grave where is thy victory?



April Birthdays

6 – Margaret Ingle



April Anniversaries

15 – Devon & Erin Ingle



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