

# Lighthouse of Iowa

April 2012

*The entrance of thy words  
giveth light...Psalm 119:130*

Our words can have a tremendous impact on those whose lives touch ours. I thought seriously about this when I received a church bulletin recently. "When we speak words of love," it read, "we plant flower seeds." Negative words beget "weed seeds." Because I love flowers, this message appealed to me. I long to plant "flower seeds," but I often lack the proper words. The bulletin suggested using these "flower seed" phrases:

*Good work!  
Let me help you.  
I forgive you.  
Congratulations!  
I'm sorry.  
Thank you.  
I love you.*



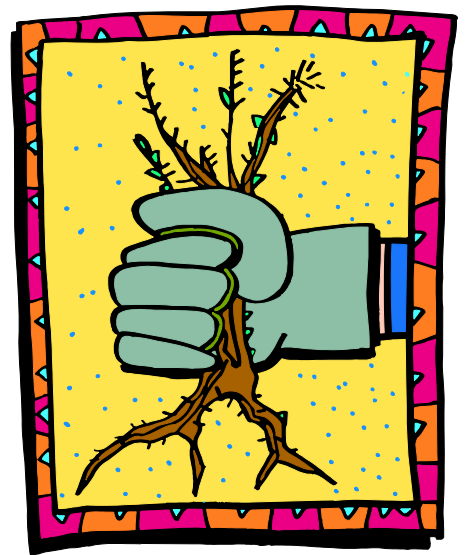
I've copied this list on a card and glued a photo of one of my favorite flowers—a columbine—on the back. Each time I use one of these sentences, I put a check mark beside it. I hope this soon becomes a habit, producing flowers that seed and reseed in an endlessly widening garden.

Has your garden been overrun lately with weeds of anger or resentment, hurt or envy?

Why not pluck them out and start planting "flower seeds" of hope, happiness, joy, contentment, and peace? Water these "flower seeds" of yours and watch them grow tall.

*Dear God, whenever I plant  
seeds of speech, let them reflect  
Your love.*

Aletha Jane Lindstrom



**55<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SPRING MEETING  
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**2907 DEAN AVENUE ✦ APRIL 7 & 8**

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

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

Planned recreation Saturday evening.

Meals served following Saturday p.m. & Sunday a.m. services.

**FOR HOUSING/RESERVATIONS:**

Peg Warren, 515-265-1005;

802 County Line Road, Des Moines, IA 50320

# 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—Albert Schreck, (641)535-2381

Carl and Evelyn Bennett were in Chicago visiting Carl's sister, Doris.

## April Birthdays

5 – Chantelle 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

We are saddened to announce the death of Elsie LeMar on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March, who was a member here most of her adult life. Elsie was the last surviving child born to Kit and Dan Brady. She always had a smile and love in her heart for everyone. She will be deeply missed.

Peter Hawthorne has been moved to Ramsey Village, room 149, and he continues to make slow progress. He enjoys visitors and they continue to request prayers that Peter may continue to improve. Their daughter, Valerie, has been here working via her computer. She had to go back, but is returning soon. She is a great help and encouragement to Frances and Peter.

Lillian Bartlett has moved to Valley View, room 6, and she seems to be adjusting well.

Margaret Warren was in the hospital for nearly a week after a near fall at Valley West Mall. They have sorted out her medications and she seems to be doing better. She was able to attend both services the 25<sup>th</sup>. Don had further surgery on his cheek to remove more tissue.

Lab results revealed the tissue removed earlier was malignant, and quite a lot of tissue was removed during the second surgery, but he says he has no pain.

Keith and Ercell Fetters continue to battle their various problems. David feels they will probably never come back from Texas. One of Ercell's sons lives very close to them and is very helpful.

Peg Warren had a scare with what seemed to be her heart, but when they got to the ER, they did not think it was her heart. She had an angiogram which seemed to be normal, but she continues to have weak spells and pain in her chest. Stressful situations make it difficult for Neal to cope, so they both need prayers.

Pam Conn had another chemo treatment and seemed to tolerate it a little better. Her attitude is so good – she knows God is helping her through this.

Peter and Frances Hawthorne were thrilled to become great-grandparents on January 12<sup>th</sup> when a son was born to their grandson, Justin. All are doing well. They live in

## April Birthdays

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



## April Anniversaries



- 27 – Bill & Shirley McNeece

Iowa City.

Roberta Milinsky and her sister Anita drove to Texas to visit with their brother. Ron and Karma Sharp, Jessie, Dani, and Yvonne Coe all traveled to Florida. Debbie and Connie Wilkins drove to Cedar Rapids to visit with her sister Kim Lanc's family.

Those who were ill this month included Jeannie Van Egdome, Pam Conn, Linda Head, Emily Dobberke, Margaret Warren, and Peg Warren.

Recent visitors included Alexis, Reese, and Madison

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## Dean Avenue

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Dunn, granddaughters of Shirley McNeece; Kenny Conn;

and Valerie Hawthorne.

Remember our 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Meeting, April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. Come and feast on the Word of

the Lord. Those who would like to help with housing can call Peg Warren at (515)265-1005.

## 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

Our Sunday School study continues in John 1–3 with lots of great discussion and comments.

We have been blessed with several visitors during the past month: John, Deb, and Maddie Negley; Lori and Gage Bryant; Jon, Amy, Micah, and Isaac Schmidt; and Van, Molly, Zoey, Beau, and Kemper Gilmore.

Elsie Negley has felt well enough to attend services several times this month. Her presence is an inspiration!

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Mary Lou Madden as she battles health issues. We miss her wisdom and encouragement.

Congratulations go to Will Crumm on his recent honors during state speech contest and to Kylie Boggess (granddaughter of Richard and Janet Negley), who will become a doctor in early June. Kylie will move to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she will do her four-year residency at a

women's health hospital there.

We're looking forward to having our winter travelers back with us soon. Rob Ritson, Jack and Bobbie Swisher's son-in-law, will be driving them home from Florida in early April.

### 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—10985 44<sup>th</sup> 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

Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary to Duane and Mary Proudfit! They will celebrate their golden anniversary on April 14<sup>th</sup>. In lieu of an anniversary party, they are planning to celebrate by going on a trip this summer with all 16 members of their immediate family.

We want to thank everyone who attended our weekend meeting with Rick Sparks. The building was full on Saturday night and nearly full on

Sunday. It was a great weekend of spiritual food and fellowship!

We are thankful Al and Marlene Bown have returned home safely from Texas. It is nice to have them back!

On Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, Steve and Cerine Proudfit and their girls worshiped with us while visiting family. Tanner George was also in the area visiting that weekend and attended services. Tom Woody worshiped with us Sunday night and gave a lesson on

“Who are Weak?”

Zach and Jenna Wheeler and Jordan Bown attended the weekend meeting in 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](http://pleasanthillchurchofchrist.org)

For information call—Bob Flack, (515)262-7329; Lowell Hermon, (515)989-0727; or Mike Warner, (515)967-4529.

Bruce Harvey had surgery; he is home and improving every day. Paul Zinnel is doing well after his surgery. Melba Tingle had two stints put in and is doing well. Niko Felice had a device put in his chest to hopefully clear up some health issues he has been having. All have been back to services.

Lowell Hermon was diagnosed with Graves disease and will find out treatment and options in a couple of weeks.

Carly Felice and Sophia George were sick.

Marc Hermon and family, Megan Stevens, Brandon Ingle, Ryan Zinnel, and Rodney and Alena Ingle attended the weekend meeting at Martensdale.

Miles Wood was visiting in the Kansas City area.

Troy Brand was in Chicago for business.

Rodney and Alena Ingle,

Maddie Hermon, and Megan Stevens attended the Section, Kansas meeting.

Josh and Ashten Brady and Ava vacationed in Florida.

Steve Wood and daughter were visiting with Miles and friends. Nancy Clark was a visitor. Alex Needham and Ryane Brady were visiting with Ryane's family. Shannon

Schriber and girls were visiting with Shirley Warner. Sherry Sorensen and Jenna were visiting with family. Hannah Clevenger was visiting with friends.

## 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
- 20 – Cheree Stump
- 21 – Lilly Albright
- 26 – Betty Warren
- 30 – Brady George



## Iowa Traveling Bible Study (ITBS)

**The April 14 study will be at Ryan & Jamie Ingle's**

**May 5: Rodney & Alena Ingle's**

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

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

## April Anniversaries

- 5 – Randy & Teresa Ingle



# 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 131<sup>st</sup> St.  
Website: vandaliacoc.com

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

Cheyenne Goode was recently inducted into Phi Eta Sigma as a freshman in the National Honor Society at Grand View University. We congratulate her!

Brittney Dowdy spent a few days in Indiana visiting with family.

Our visitors were: Ryan and Jamie Ingle and Elijah; Denise Drake and Kevin Waits; and Jason and Staci Miller.

Charles and Angie Ingle,

Charity and Lucas spent a few days vacationing in Clear Lake.



We were happy to learn that Bob Cummings has now been able to return home following a recent stroke, and is doing well with therapy sessions.

We offer our sympathy to Lori Cole and Tina Hinckley, who both lost a grandmother recently.

Walter Daugherty is in Lutheran hospital, where he underwent gall bladder surgery.

It was good to see Melda Ingle back at services after being ill for several days.

We sang with the residents at Mitchellville Care Center on a recent Sunday evening.

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| <b>April Birthdays</b>     |  |
| 6 – Margaret Ingle         |   |
| <b>April Anniversaries</b> |  |
| 15 – Devon & Erin Ingle    |   |

## THE SIN OF OMISSION

It isn't the thing you do;  
It's the thing you leave undone,  
Which gives you a bit of heartache  
At the setting of the sun.

The tender word forgotten,  
The letter you did not write,  
The flower you might have sent,  
Are your haunting ghosts tonight.

The stone you might have lifted  
Out of a brother's way,

The bit of heartsome counsel  
You were hurried too much to say.

The loving touch of the hand,  
The gentle and winsome tone,  
That you had no time of thought for  
With troubles enough of your own.

The little acts of kindness,  
So easily out of mind;  
Those chances to be helpful  
Which everyone may find—

No, it's not the thing you do,  
It's the thing you leave undone,  
Which gives you a bit of heartache  
At the setting of the sun.

MARGARET E. SANGSTER

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