

Lighthouse of Iowa

April 2013

For in Him we live, and move, and have our being — Acts 17:28

Last week while visiting a lodge in the mountains, my husband and I found a row of rocking chairs on the porch. We settled into a couple and started to rock. Soon more guests joined us until six chairs were rocking. I couldn't help but notice how out of sync the chairs were, like a row of pistons moving up and down, each at a different rhythm.



But something fascinating began to happen. Gradually the

chairs fell into exactly the same rhythm. "Look how our chairs are all moving together now," I said to the man on my right, who happened to be a research scientist.

"If you hang several pendulums on a wall and give them enough time, they will do the same thing," he said. "Even insects that chirp or blink will eventually fall into unison. It's known as entrainment. It means that two or more rhythmic beings will gradually alter their movements until they are locked together in the same rhythm."

As we rocked on, I thought about this unusual scientific phenomenon that God designed into His universe, and I wondered. Hasn't God instilled the same mystery in the human heart? If I spend

time rocking gently in God's presence, in time, won't my life-rhythm gradually fall into harmonious alignment with His? Of course.

Teach me the art of spiritual entrainment, Lord.

Sue Monk Kidd

ERASERS

Erasers are the nicest things!

Of that there is no doubt.

We write wrong words. A few quick swipes—

And big mistakes fade out.

And you will find erasers,

Of every different kind,

Extremely helpful, if you will try

To bear these facts in mind:

When you bump someone in a crowd,

And you almost knock her down,
A soft "I'm sorry!" may bring smiles

And rub out that old frown.

Apologies, invariably,

Obliterate mistakes;

And three small words, "I love you!"

Can erase the worst heartaches.

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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—Albert Schreck, (641)535-2381

We have resumed our Wednesday evening services.

Mary Jo Riekens underwent tests and had a stent and pacemaker put in.

Clarence Van Egdom is undergoing testing for some stomach issues.

Bernard Brawdy, brother of Jeanette Schreck and Mary Jo Riekens, passed away March 11th.

Albert and Jeanette Schreck attended Saturday services of the Section, Kansas, meeting.

Some of our members attended the Spring Meeting at Dean Avenue.

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

Thank you to everyone who attended our Spring Meeting, and helped to make it a success. Peg Warren would like to especially thank the other congregations for their help in housing our guests.

Peter Hawthorne has improved enough to go home! Frances thanks everyone for their prayers, and asks for them to continue.

Don Warren had a TEE test, and it was discovered that he has a leaky heart valve. This has probably caused his irregular heartbeat. For now, the doctors are trying to control things with medication.

Mary Lou Allen continues to

suffer with a lot of pain. Please remember her.

Risa Schamel was taken to the hospital with chest and arm pain. We are pleased to report that after a day of testing, an angiogram showed she has a pristine heart with no blockages! She will follow up with her doctor to try and determine the cause of the pain.

Jan Sellers has stress fractures in her left knee. She has to try and stay off it for four weeks.

Visitors this month: Bill, Sarah, and Bryan Charlier.

Ill this month: Jean Van Egdom, Donna Meek, Shawn Head, Don Warren,

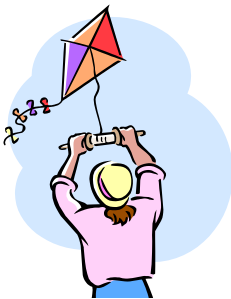
Margaret Warren, Mary Lou Allen, Jan Sellers, Pam Climpson, and Risa Schamel.

Travelers this month: Ron, Karma, and Toby Sharp vacationed in Florida.

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



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

We are all still anxiously awaiting the arrival of spring in southwest Iowa! The robins have arrived, the geese are flying north, and the calendar says spring is here, but we'd sure enjoy some green grass and warm temperatures!!

Marvin and Jean Negley traveled to Japan early in the month and then more recently made a trip to Washington, D.C. with several Japanese foreign exchange students.

Elsie Negley and Mary Lou Madden have both been maintaining their health this month, with Elsie being able to attend services on the 31st. Mary Lou enjoyed a visit from her

Colorado family and was thrilled to make the acquaintance of her first great-grandson during the month.

Richard and Janet Negley's grandson, Gage, underwent a successful surgery and is recovering well.

Thoughts and prayers continue with Lowree Crum's sister, Toyah Gholson, as she proceeds with her cancer treatments. Eddie, Lowree, and Kassi were able to make a trip to Texas to see Toyah and were glad to report that not only did they have a great trip, but also that Toyah was feeling better.

Bobbie Swisher had an outpatient surgery to repair a

torn meniscus, so they will be staying in Florida a little longer.

We have enjoyed having several visitors this month, including: Ashley Schreck; John, Deb, and Maddie Negley; Paul, Dasha, Timber, and Minka Negley; Hannah Long; Amy, Jon, Micah, Isaac, and Skylar Schmidt; Molly, Van, Zoey, Beau, and Kemper Gilmore; and Clint, Daira, and Kyler Driftmier.

April Anniversaries

2 – Jim & Mary Rine

19 – Richard & Janet Negley

25 – Jack & Bobbie Swisher



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

Thank you to everyone who attended our meeting with Wade Stanley. We were blessed to have many visitors and are thankful for the spiritual edification and fellowship!

Steve, Cerine, Isabelle, Emelia, and Maylee Proudfit attended services while visiting Steve's parents, Duane and Mary Proudfit.

Dick and Phyllis Bown traveled to the Kansas City area to visit their daughter,

Cindy Stanley, and her family. Jordan Bown rode down with them and visited friends.

Allen Bown had gastric sleeve surgery on March 25th. Everything went well and he is continuing to recover at home.

Duane and Mary Proudfit spent some time in the Kansas City area helping out Steve and Cerine Proudfit and their family while Cerine had surgery on her ear.

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.

On March 2nd Tim Brady was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his accomplishment for freedom in Afghanistan. The Bronze Star is the fourth highest combat declaration and only one percent of military members are awarded. He served as a detachment officer-in-charge of the most active combat area of the region. He was assigned to the top priority construction project during his tour. It's great to have him back safe!



Nick and Susan Conner welcomed a baby boy March 11th. He weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces, and joins big brother Jack at home.

Carroll and Betty Warren have been under the weather. Betty has been able to attend services, and Carroll is improved some every day.

Alex and Ryane Needham, Miles Wood, Gabby Hermon, Michele Zinnel, Suzanne Harvey, and Lowell Hermon were sick during the past month.

Rodney and Alena Ingle attended the Martensdale meeting with Wade Stanley.

Betty and Ryan Curtis took a cruise for spring break.

Justin Stevens visited a friend in Alabama.

Ryan and Jamie Ingle and Elijah vacationed in Colorado.

Marty and Lisa Williamson and Nathan visited with Marty's dad and stepmother in Illinois.

Rodney and Alena Ingle, Miles Wood, and Maddy Hermon attended the Section, Kansas Meeting.

Marc and Ginger Hermon, Shea and Gabby visited with Matt and Kelly Harvey and family in the St. Louis area.

Laura McClurg and Aubrey were visiting Brian in North Carolina.

Nora Lee Ingle attended the 98th birthday party for her sister, Martha Shivers, at Knoxville.

Norm Riekens was a visitor.

Marian Parish is visiting family for a couple of weeks.

Betty George has moved to Altoona. Her new address is:

1034 8th St. S.E.
Altoona, IA 50009
Phone (515) 967-5201



May 4th

Drew & Courtney Teghtmeyer's

June 1st

Camp-out at Chariton

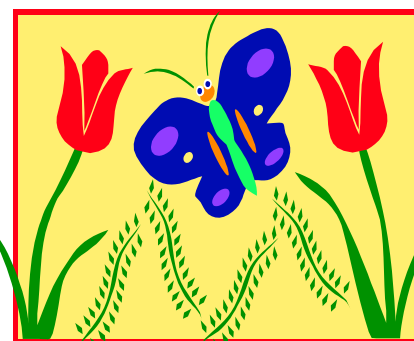
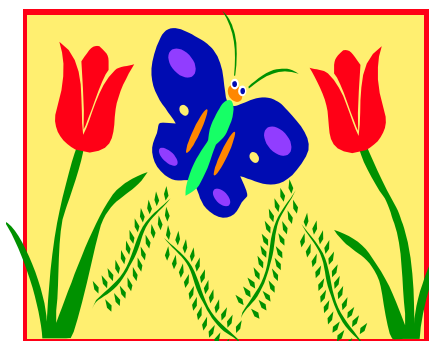
April Birthdays

- 2 – Brandon Ingle
- 2 – Robert White
- 3 – Karla Fetters
- 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



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 131st St.
 Website: vandaliacoc.com

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

Our visitors for the month were: Neil and Becky McCoy; Vanessa Groves; Jason and Staci Miller and Allison; and Ryan Zinnel.

There were many empty seats in our congregation on March 24th, when the wedding of James Dowdy and Laura Hayes took place in Indiana on March 23rd. Among those attending included Lynnette

Dowdy; Justin and Brittney Dowdy; Marvin and Melda Ingle; Charles and Angie Ingle, Charity and Lucas; Doug and Lisa Fiorentin, Trent and Nathan; Bruce and Kelsey Fiorentin and Blake; Devon and Erin Ingle and Emma; and Derek Ingle. James and Laura are planning to move to Vandalia in April.

April Birthdays

6 – Margaret Ingle 

8 – Pam Skinner

April Anniversaries



15 – Devon & Erin Ingle

All Nature Tells Us Nothing Really Ever Dies

Nothing really ever dies

That is not born anew –

The MIRACLES of NATURE

All tell us this is true...

The flowers sleeping peacefully

Beneath the Winter's snow

Awaken from their icy grave

When Spring winds start to blow

And little brooks and singing streams,

Icebound beneath the snow,

Begin to babble merrily

Beneath the sun's warm glow...

And all around on every side

New life and joy appear

To tell us NOTHING EVER DIES

And we should have no fear,

For death is just a detour

Along life's wending way

That leads GOD'S chosen children

To a bright and glorious day.

– Helen Steiner Rice

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