

Lighthouse of Iowa

April 2014

*"I am Alpha and Omega,
the beginning and the end, the
first and the last."*

Revelation 22:13



As a farmer, I make my living working with the natural order that God has established. I plant the seeds and watch them sprout and slowly ripen until they are harvested. I watch my calves grow from birth to maturity, until they are ready to bring forth life themselves. I've grown accustomed to the tremendous, stately rhythms.

But in personal relationships, things don't always run so smoothly. When my wife Cherry was pregnant with our fourth child, I found that everything revolved around waiting for the arrival of our newborn. I had to take care

of Cherry and my three daughters first; often chores had to wait or be put aside. No two days were alike, and many times I felt pushed in all sorts of uncomfortable directions.

But, finally, Todd Curtis Coen was born. A healthy son! We were thrilled. When I held my newest child in my arms, it made all the irregularities and upsets of the past nine months more than worth it. Until then I hadn't seen the total picture, but temporary discomfort had led to unimagined joy.

Now I think I understand myself better. These push-and-pull times *are also* part of the natural rhythms of life. When things aren't going my way, it helps me to remember that God's glorious plan includes *all* these things: schedules *and* disruptions, pleasures *and* disappointments, victories *and* defeats. And in the midst of it all, He is the one changeless Contin-

uity Who never fails me.

Lord, help me to see that life includes irregular rhythms, too. And give me the strength to make it through them with joy and understanding.

—John Coen

April Song

Sing praise to God for April,
For bliss of apple bloom,
For honeysuckle's fragrance,
For lilac's cool perfume,
For dogwood white and holy,
Upon a moonlit hill
Where mockingbirds, enchanted,
Glad psalms of rapture spill.

Sing praise to God for April,
For green and silver days
Of shy and tender glories—
Oh, ever sing His praise.
Praise Him till praises echo
To the tall blue above
Who clothed the earth with April
And blessed it with His love.

—Jane Hess Merchant

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 Bennett was hospitalized for several days in Mercy Hospital. He underwent surgery to stop fluid from leaking into his lung and to take a biopsy. They found an infection, which they treated. He is now at home and feeling better but is to only be out for

doctor appointments and to attend church. Carl and Evelyn would like to thank everyone for the cards and prayers.

Evelyn Bennett's family threw her a surprise 80th birthday party on March 23rd.



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

Ron, Karma, and Toby Sharp traveled to Florida over spring break. Ron and Karma went on a cruise, and Toby visited Jamie Hayes.

Neal Warren celebrated his 80th birthday at Honey Creek Resort with many family members.

David, Marla, and Kara Feters want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, visits, and phone calls when Kara was in the hospital. It was all very much appreciated! Kara is doing much better.

Pam Climpson had an accident at work. A metal sign fell and hit her in the head, causing a concussion. She made a quick recovery and is back at work.

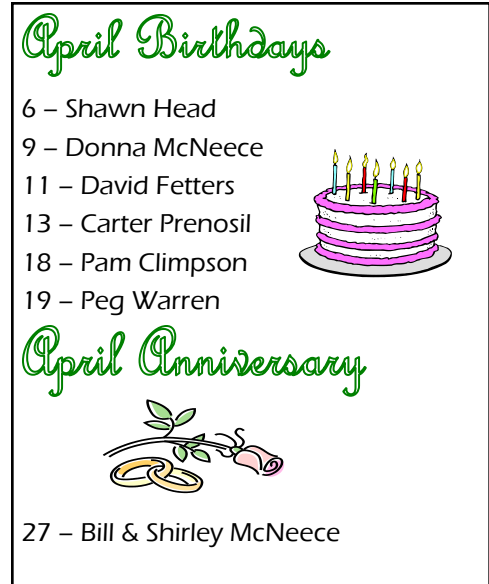
Kara Feters attended a

meeting in Section, Kansas.

Margaret Warren fainted at home. EMTS stabilized her and took her to the hospital. She was in ICU on a ventilator for two days, and then five days in the hospital. She had pneumonia and has recovered from that. She developed a swallowing problem and is slowly improving. Currently, she is at Altoona Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Room 1N for therapy.

Visitors this month were: Jake McClung, Rodney and Alena Ingle and Theron, John Chapman (friend of Jessica Strable), Kirsten Done and Aiden Boozell (grandchildren of Bill and Shirley McNeece), and Jake McNeece (grandson of John and Donna McNeece).

Ill this month: Don and Margaret Warren, Mike Warren, Kara Feters, Pam Climpson, David Feters, and Donna Meek.



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

Visitors this month have been: Logan and Katelyn Wilhoit and son, Scott; Scott Riley; John and Amy Schmitt and family; Tracy Roberts; Kayla Hoelting; John and Deb Negley

and Madelyne; and Paul and Dasha Negley and daughters.

Jack and Bobbie Swisher returned to their Clarinda home on March 22nd. They had spent the winter in Florida.

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

We will begin remodeling the auditorium of our building on March 31st, which will impact our ability to have services. If you plan to attend a Sunday morning service with us, please contact Duane Proudfit or Mike Penick (whose phone numbers are listed above) or check our website to see where we will be holding services. We aren't sure if we will be in the basement of the building or meeting in members' homes for the month of April. We will not be having Wednesday night services until the remodeling is complete.

Zach and Jenna Wheeler announced they are expecting a baby mid-August. We're very happy for them!

Thanks to everyone who attended our meeting with Jay Graham. We enjoyed the fellowship and edification.

Al and Marlene Bown have returned from Texas and Allen Williams is working in the area again. It's nice to have them in regular attendance again.

Rodney and Alena Ingle and their boys have been worshipping with us on Sundays. Other visitors this month have been Dave, Joyce, and Nora Lee Ingle; Alex, Ryane, and Audra Needham; Ashley and Chantelle Schreck; Hannah Clevenger; Miles Wood; and Steve and Cerine Proudfit and their girls.

Roger Bown was home visiting his parents, Dick and

Phyllis. His girlfriend, Melissa, and her son Ian accompanied him.

Zach and Jenna Wheeler attended the meeting at Section, Kansas, where Zach was one of the speakers.

April Birthdays

7 – Bethany Phillips

11 – Marta Weeks

29 – Marlene Bown



April Anniversary



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: Mikka Gustafson from Virginia, Margo Suddeth, Ralph Ford, Eric Thompson and family, and Duane and Donna Needham and family.

Brady George traveled to Washington, D.C. with his Southeast Polk High School group, where they sang.

Kelly George visited his brother, Mike, in Missouri. Joyce Ingle visited her parents in Missouri.

Marc and Ginger Hermon, Maddy, Shea, and Gabby visited Matt Harvey and family.

Ryan and Jamie Ingle went to Michigan, where they attended funeral services for Jamie's uncle, Dave Evans. Our condolences go to this family.

Betty Montgomery, sister of Marge Turnquist, passed away in early March. Our sympathy to her family. Randy Spinney's father, Larry, also passed away

recently and we send our sympathy.

It was good to see Carroll Warren back to services, and also Nels Turnquist. Nels had suffered a fall recently, but fortunately he had no broken bones.

Mary Alice Fillman had colon surgery and is now home. She will not need any treatment, for which we are very thankful.

Cheree Stump was in Lutheran Hospital for a few days with a viral infection. She is now home with her parents, Randy and Theresa Ingle. It was good to see her back at services.

Marc Hermon and Diamond Blackman were ill this month. Audrey Brady has not been feeling well. Tammy Brady is suffering with migraines. Wanda Burkman fell and is recovering.

April Birthdays

- 2 – Brandon Ingle
- 2 – Robert White
- 3 – Karla Fetters
- 6 – Rena Christian
- 7 – Mary Alice Fillman
- 7 – Rosanne Van Vleet
- 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



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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 this month were: Jason Henle, Vanessa Groves, and Rodney and Alena Ingle and children.

We rejoiced when Edna Peterson, 103-year-old resident of the Altoona Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, expressed a desire to be baptized on a Sunday evening after our singing session there.

The Alan Klein family worshiped with the congregation in Memphis, Missouri, on a recent Sunday, and the following Sunday they attended a weekend meeting in Section, Kansas, where Destry was a speaker.

Marvin Ingle sends his thanks to everyone for the

many cards and calls in celebration of his 90th birthday. He says he received around 100 cards.

A surprise 16th birthday party for Mason Burkman was held after services March 23rd.

Ruth Schell spent a week in Springfield, Missouri, while her cousin, Sue Holmes, underwent surgery. She was able to meet with the church at Nixa while there.

We enjoyed singing with the residents at Mitchell Village Care Center on a recent Sunday evening.

Cheyenne Goode has been nominated for the Irene Ryan Award. She will go to Minneapolis this coming fall,

during her senior year at Grand View University, to compete. She was also recently inducted into the Grand View Honor Society, and is majoring in Theatre.

April Birthdays

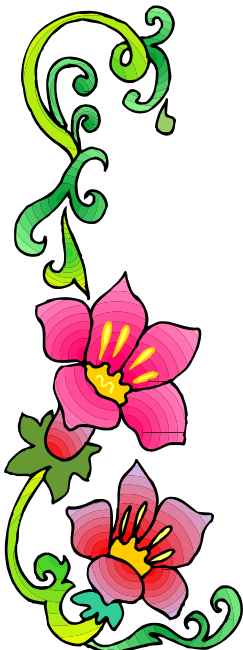
6 – Margaret Ingle
 8 – Pam Skinner



April Anniversaries



15 – Devon & Erin Ingle



*The year's at the spring
 And day's at the morn;
 Morning's at seven;
 The hillside's dew-pearled;
 The lark's on the wing;
 The snail's on the thorn;
 God's in His heaven -
 All's right with the world!*

-Robert Browning

