

Lighthouse of Iowa

April 2015

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. COLOSSIANS 3:2

After living in the same house for over twenty years, Mom and Dad recently moved into a new, smaller home they'd built "for their retirement." Moving from the old house proved to be quite an ordeal. There were boxes to be packed, drawers to be emptied, closets to be cleaned out. Mom kept calling us kids to see if we wanted an old notebook she'd discovered, or a grade-school watercolor, or a faded photo. She even discovered some silver spoons she thought she had lost several years before.

"The worst thing of all," she told me on the phone, "was to discover that I have three of everything. Three boxes of tissues, three kinds of detergent, three different tape dispensers. I don't

know how I've accumulated so much stuff!"



Often it takes something drastic, like a move, to remind us how cluttered our lives have become. I'm always amazed at how happy I am on a trip with no more than a small suitcase carrying only necessities. In the spring it's glorious to clean out those overflowing closets, cupboards, and desk drawers. It's a little like emptying our hearts of all distracting thoughts so God can enter them.

Why not try it? Who knows what you'll find? Maybe treasures you've been missing for years!

Help us take the clutter out of our lives, Lord, and make room for You.

RICK HAMLIN

Sacrifice

When he has more than he can eat

To feed a stranger's not a feat.

When he has more than he can spend

It isn't hard to give or lend.

Who gives but what he'll never miss

Will never know what giving is.

He'll win few praises from his Lord

Who does but what he can afford.

The widow's mite to heaven went

Because real sacrifice it meant.

Edgar A. Guest

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

We have resumed our Sunday evening services.

Tammy and Ethan Schreck attended services at Lone Jack, MO on the 29th.

We still have several members battling various health issues and illnesses.

April Birthday

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

Several members went to sing for Peter Hawthorne, and helped him celebrate his birthday.

Brett Dobberke traveled to Washington, D. C., and Philadelphia with a group from his school over spring break.

Donna McNeece became ill and was taken to the hospital from the Mercy Clinic. She will follow up with further tests.

Marla and Kara Feters made trips to Kansas City to visit Alissa, Jude, and Caden Garbi.

Ron and Karma Sharp have a new grandson, Madden James, who was born on March 19th. He was 7 pounds 12

ounces and 19¼" long. Earl and Mary Lou Allen are great-grandparents.

David Feters has been keeping us updated on his father, Keith Feters', worsening health. He has been declining and may have had a light stroke. He sometimes refuses to eat. He is now under hospice care.

Don Warren had cataract surgery on his left eye. If all goes well, he will have the same surgery on his right eye in three weeks.

Visitors: John Chapman, Kamryn Aswegan, Alexa Ferrel, Jake McClung, and Aiden, Colton, and Preston Boozell.

Ill: Conner Wilkins, Travis Head, Shawn Head, Mary Lou Allen, and Jessi Strable.

April Birthdays

6 – Shawn Head

9 – Donna McNeece

11 – David Feters

13 – Carter Prenosil

18 – Pam Climpson

19 – Peg Warren



April Anniversary



27 – Bill & Shirley McNeece



welcome
April♥



Lighthouse of Iowa is a monthly bulletin for Churches of Christ in Iowa and members' families and friends throughout the country. News is submitted by representatives from each congregation, but you may send general questions, address changes, or news to Ruth Schell at 6645 S.E. 120th St. Runnells, IA 50237, (515)966-2027. Email: RuthLSchell@aol.com

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 were glad to welcome Jack and Bobbie Swisher back from their winter home in Florida.

Visitors this month included the Paul Negley family; Linda Lou Negley Taylor and Darrel

Barnes; Carlita and Maddie McCoy; Zoey, Beau, and Kemper Gilmore; and Emily Robinson and friend. Wes and Kassi Crum and new daughter, Clara, joined us for services on the 29th, while back from Colorado.

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 send our heartfelt condolences to the Woody family at the passing of Tom. LuAnn's parents, Alvin and Marlene Bown, made the trip to Illinois to attend the funeral, as well as Duane and Mary Proudfit and Christy Henderson. While they were there Marlene tripped and cracked her pelvis. She had surgery in Illinois and recovered at the home of LuAnn for a few weeks. She and Alvin have been able to return home, where Marlene continues to recover.

Thank you to everyone who attended our meeting with Wade Stanley. We had a great turn out with approximately 90 people on Saturday night!

Mike and Tracy Penick were blessed with a third granddaughter on March 18th. Their daughter, Stephanie, and

her husband, Kyle Stephens, welcomed Anna Faye to their family. She weighed 6 pounds and was 19.5 inches long. Big sisters are Ada and Allie and great-grandparents are Neal and Peg Warren.

Dick and Phyllis Bown had their 50th wedding anniversary on March 27th. They celebrated on March 28th with an open house at the home of their daughter, Cindy Stanley, in Lone Jack, Missouri. They had a nice turn out of friends and family. If you'd like to send Dick and Phyllis a card their address is: 1038 55th Ave., Prole IA 50229.

We have been blessed beyond measure with visitors this month. They've included Tad, JoAnna, and Nate Morris; Joel, Aubrey, Zoie, and Mackenzie Morris; Rodney, Alena, Brenna, Theron, Hugh,

and Baby Ingle; Megan Stevens; Brett Murphy; Mike George; Marc, Ginger, Maddy, Shea, and Gabriel Hermon; Nick Hermon and his girlfriend, Kayley; Ryan Zinnel; Tom and Diane Collier; Joyce and Nora Lee Ingle; Maddy and Luke (Pam Deckler's grandchildren); and Alex, Ryane, and Audra Needham.

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.

We've had several experiencing illnesses this month. Among them were: Lowell Hermon, Jason Brady, Diamond Blackman, Suzanne Harvey, Allison George, Bud and Mary Alice Fillman, Larry Brady, Carson George, Lisa Williamson, Taylor Ingle, and Steve Thompson.

Nora Lee Ingle fell at home and had some bruising.

Bev Hayes had knee replacement surgery and is doing very well.

Those traveling this month were: Marty, Lisa, and Nathan Williamson; Theresa Brady and

Allison George; Ryan and Jamie Ingle and family; Marc and Ginger Hermon and family;

Larry and Bev Brady; and Mike and Cindy Brady.

April Birthdays

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



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

Doug Fiorentin had shoulder replacement surgery and is coming along well.

Nathan Fiorentin also underwent gallbladder surgery and is doing fine.

Marvin Ingle recently had a light stroke; it affected his balance a little but otherwise he is doing fine. He celebrated his 91st birthday this month.

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

Lynnette, Brittney, and Carson Dowdy were in Kansas City helping Lynnette's

daughter, Dawn Mikus, celebrate her birthday.

Charles and Angie Ingle, Lucas and Charity; Drew Cummings; and Trent Fiorentin attended the weekend meeting in Topeka, Kansas.

Our visitors were: Andrew and Stephanie Hansen, Rebecca, Elizabeth, and Amos of Corydon; Roger Elam; Valerie Burkman; and Bailey Johnson of Pocahontas (a friend of Briana Klein).

Bruce and Kelsey Fiorentin and Blake have moved to an apartment in Monroe, Iowa.

April Birthdays

- 6 – Margaret Ingle
- 8 – Pam Skinner



April Anniversaries



- 15 – Devon & Erin Ingle