

Lighthouse of Iowa

May 2012



Neither can they die anymore...being the children of the resurrection.--Luke 20:36

“The peonies are late,” I can hear my mother fretting to dear Auntie Snider, our next-door neighbor, who was not a relative, but Auntie to everyone. “Have a little faith, my child, they’ll be out by Decoration Day,” the diminutive, white-haired woman would reassure her...



Peonies and Decoration Day, the two are synonymous in my mind. That’s because those prolific crimson and white blooms seemed to be the official grave-decorating flower of everyone when I was growing up in Montpelier, Ohio. And everyone decorated the graves of their loved ones—not just veterans—on Memorial Day. It would have been sacrilege not to. If you had extra flowers, you offered them to others to use. It was the friendly thing to do.

I’m not suggesting that this spring ritual is a thing of the past, but I do know that it is not as pervasive as it once was. Like many others, I now live far away from my

birthplace, and Memorial Days are not the same. I’m not on hand to decorate the graves of the people who contributed so much to my life, which I regret because taking time to honor those who have gone before is important. It helps us all to see the continuity of life, its rhythmic cycles, its inexorable march onward.

Some, I know, find this day of remembering painful, and pangs of sadness are undeniable. But it should also be a day of gladness because with its coming there is the promise of spring eternal and the promise of a Saviour Who taught us that the grave is not a final destination, but a rest stop on the way to a grand reunion with our loved ones.

Especially on this Memorial Day, Lord, remind us that life is too short to waste, too beautiful to squander.

—FRED BAUER

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

Clarence Van Egdome has had 42 treatments of radiation for cancer and will find out in October if the radiation killed the cancer cells or if he will need further treatment. He also had skin cancer removed from his back. They got all of the cancer but he developed an

infection and is now being treated for that. Clarence and Deloris attended the funeral of Clarence's cousin's wife in New Sharon recently.

Norm and Mary Jo Riekens attended services at Pleasant Hill on the 29th, and then went on to Mason City to visit family.

May Anniversaries



30 – John & Carol Smead

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

The Lord blessed the efforts of all who helped to make the 55th Annual Spring Meeting a great success. Thanks go out to all who gave, including those who helped with housing and attendance. We had a full house for every session, and the speakers were exceptional and the fellowship wonderful.

Peter Hawthorne returned to the hospital briefly because of infection, but is back at the Ramsey Home. He is making some progress. He enjoys visits and cards. Unfortunately, during the severe thunderstorm that did so much damage in this area, their house was also damaged. Trees were blown down and their chimney was broken off with roof damage. Between their son, and insurance, things are pretty much back to normal. Please keep this dear couple in your prayers.

Pam Conn is having a great

deal of pain, nausea, etc., from the chemotherapy. In spite of this, she often comes and stays as long as she can sit. Her son, Kenny, is staying with her now, so she is not alone. Keep Pam in your prayers.

Margaret Warren is doing much better and able to attend services. The skin cancer removed from Don's cheek has healed nicely and they do not have to go back to remove any more tissue which is a relief to them. He has had a ruptured vein in his eye and has been treating that. It has not impaired his vision. Mike Warren has received his new prosthetic shoes and the first couple of weeks getting used to them were painful, but he is doing much better now.

Keith Feters, David Feters' father, is in the hospital in the ICU in Texas. They have called all the children to come if they can.

Remember this family in your prayers.

Mike Meek had an accident while working on a car the end of April. He has improved steadily.

Those who have been ill during the month include: Jeannie Van Egdome, Janice Sellers, Mary Lou Allen, and Roberta Millinski. Visitors this month include: Terry and Kim Lanc, visiting Debbie and Conner Wilkins; Kenny Conn; and Tracy Penick.

Marla Feters retired from UPS after 25 years of service on Wednesday, April 11th and then on April 14th, she flew to Hawaii to be with Alissa. Justin Garbi (8 pounds, 13 ounces), arrived via C-section on April 24th. Ian was able to come home, but missed the actual birth. Marla will stay there until the end of May and

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Dean Avenue

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then move Alissa, baby, dog, and possessions back to live with them until Ian is home from overseas. We certainly will miss her and pray that everything goes well.

May Birthdays

20 – Emily Dobberke

26 – Linda Head



May Anniversaries

4 – Rex & Tammy Fitzgerald

5 – David & Marla Fetters

17 – Neal & Peg Warren



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 home from Florida!

Elsie Negley spent some time in the hospital, but has returned to Westridge and is recuperating slowly.

Mary Lou Madden was able to join us for services one week.

Marvin and Jean Negley made their annual trip to Washington, D.C. with some of the Japanese exchange students.

Will Crum joined his fellow classmates for their senior trip.

Visitors with us this month included Paul, Dasha, Timber

and Minka Negley; Hadley Miller; and Zoey, Beau, and Kemper Gilmore.

May Birthdays

10 – Dustin McCoy

19 – Clint Driftmier

29 – Becky McCoy



Martensdale

Meeting Times—Sundays: 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:30 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

Marc, Ginger, Nicholas, Shea, and Gabrielle Hermon worshiped with us on Sunday, April 1st. Marc gave the morning exhortation.

Several families traveled to Missouri to visit family over the weekend of April 14 and 15. They were Duane and Mary Proudfit; Dave and Christy Henderson and Cassidy and Bethany Phillips; Mike and Tracy Penick; and Drew and Courtney Tegtmeyer.

Megan Stevens worshiped with us on April 15th while visiting her cousin, Jordan Bown.

On Wednesday, April 25th, Stephanie and Ada Stephens attended services while they were in the area visiting family. Neal and Peg Warren also worshiped with us that evening.

Congratulations to Jenna Wheeler who graduated from Simpson College on April 28th with a teaching degree!

Tanner George worshiped with us April 29th. He attended the Martensdale-St. Mary's prom with Cassidy Phillips.

May Birthdays

14 – Jenna Wheeler

21 – Joshua Soard

27 – Allen Bown



May Anniversaries

21 – Drew & Courtney Tegtmeyer



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.

Visitors this month included Mark and Cindy Morris, Mark McClurg, Ryane Brady, Alex Needham, Norm and Mary Jo Riekens, Chantelle and Ashley Schreck, and Laura McClurg and girls.

Carroll Warren spent a few days in the hospital. He also spent a few days in the Carlisle Care Center. He is now home and doing some better.

The Marc Hermon family and the Dan Pritchard family have also been sick this month.

Mary Gearhart had outpatient surgery for a hiatal hernia. She is doing well.

Bruce Harvey is still having a few problems, but is out some.

Danielle and Sydney Brand traveled to Mexico to visit some friends.

Joyce Ingle visited with her parents.

Sydney Brand traveled to St. Louis on a school trip for science.

Chip and Jennifer Albright and girls were visiting Chip's family in Fort Scott, Kansas, for the weekend.

Steve and Pat Thompson will be visiting their son Matt

in Bremerton, Washington, May 9-17. Steve and Pat will also be going to Minnesota very soon.

Cliff and Rosanne VanVleet will also be going to Minnesota very soon.

Bev Hayes, JoAnn Wilson, Karla Fetters, and Yvonne Coe all spent a few days in Branson.

Nora Lee Ingle attended the funeral of Sgt. 1st Class Eddie Viers who had been missing for 60 years. He was a former neighbor.

Austin Martindale (grandson of Bev Hayes) left April 17th for the Navy. Please keep him in your prayers.

Colton David Harvey arrived at Matt and Kelly Harvey's on April 10th. He weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 20½ inches long. He was welcomed home by big brother Blake and sister Alexandria. Grandparents are Bruce and Suzanne Harvey, great-grandma Nora Lee Ingle.

We will have several graduations this year. Spencer Burkman and Niko Felice from Southeast Polk, Sydney Brand from Lynnville-Sully, Cheree

Stump from Colfax-Mingo, and Nicholas Hermon from Carlisle.

May Birthdays

- 2 – Fred Brady
- 10 – Lisa Williamson
- 16 – Ava Brady
- 19 – Alivia Pritchard
- 20 – Nora Lee Ingle
- 29 – Shirley Warner



May Anniversaries

- 5 – Tim & Jami Harvey
- 6 – Dan & Amy Pritchard
- 9 – Rodney & Alena Ingle
- 22 – Tom & Fred Brady
- 25 – Steve & Nancy Brady



Iowa Traveling

Bible Study (ITBS)

The June study will be June 2nd at

Nels & Marge Turnquist'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.

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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

Mark your calendars for our annual weekend meeting, June 9 and 10. Watch next month's bulletin for the schedule.

Greg and Margaret Ingle enjoyed vacationing in Florida, where Greg attended a seminar.

The Alan Klein family spent a weekend visiting in Missouri.

Those attending the weekend meeting at Chapel Glen in Indiana were: Charles Ingle, Charity and Lucas; Doug and Lisa Fiorentin, Trent and Nathan; Mason Burkman; Morgan and Drew Cummings; Justin and Brittney Dowdy; and Lynnette Dowdy.

Michael and Joy Cummings, Morgan, Drew and Casady visited in Kirksville, Missouri.

It was nice to see Walter Daugherty able to be back at services April 29th. He still is at the Altoona Nursing Home, to

continue therapy after his surgery. He's experiencing a lot of chronic back pain also.

We met at the Mitchellville Nursing home April 29th and sang with the residents there.

Our visitors during the past month included: Dawn Dowdy and her fiancé Matt Mikus; Jason and Staci Miller; Anthony Gray (a nephew of Alan Klein) and his friend Miggie Ybañez; Ben and Jennifer Tarmann, Joselyn and Cooper of Bloomington, Illinois; and Denise Drake and Kevin Waits.

A wedding shower was given in honor of Matt Mikus and Dawn Dowdy at the church building Sunday afternoon, April 1st.

On April 22nd we enjoyed a cookout after services and a wedding shower honoring Bruce Fiorentin and Kelsey Knight

was held in the afternoon.

Ruth Schell attended the Upper Midwest Machine Knitter's Seminar in Princeton, Minnesota April 27 & 28.

Lynnette Dowdy announced the birth of her new grandson, Malachi Layton, born April 29th to Jason and Autumn Dowdy of Brookfield, Missouri.

May Birthdays

- 13 – Dorothy Van Maanen
- 15 – Lucas Ingle
- 23 – Bob Guthrie
- 23 – Caleb Ingle
- 25 – Charles Ingle
- 25 – Ethan Clark
- 26 – Tim Burkman
- 30 – Greg Ingle



May Anniversaries

- 13 – Justin & Brittney Dowdy
- 25 – Greg & Margaret Ingle



The Watcher

She always leaned to watch for us,

Anxious if we were late,

In winter by the window,

In summer by the gate;

And though we mocked her tenderly,

Who had such foolish care,

The long way home would seem more safe

Because she waited there.



Her thoughts were all so full of us,

She never should forget!

And so I think that where she is

She must be watching yet,

Waiting till we come home to her,

Anxious if we are late—

Watching from Heaven's window,

Leaning from Heaven's gate.

Margaret Widdemer