

# Lighthouse of Iowa

May 2013

*It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad...Luke 15:32*



May Day is one of our oldest holidays. In olden days, Romans celebrated it with joyous feasts. Merrymakers in Ireland and Scotland often built hillside bonfires on May Day eve. In England and France, ladies rose before dawn to wash their faces in morning dew, hoping to capture beauty. Maypoles were erected on village greens and dancers circled them, intertwining the attached streamers into beautiful patterns. These were celebrations of gladness and thankfulness for the arrival of spring and the awakening of nature.

In our country today, May Day brings few celebrations. Yet it can be a day to celebrate spring and the joy of being alive. A beautiful spring day always feels good to me like a party God has invited us all to share. We can join the celebration by treating our fellow living creatures like guests.

How? We can help build up a friend's confidence. We can make our spouses feel especially loved—hold hands, go for a long walk together, sing an old romantic song. We can listen—really listen—to what our kids say and laugh out loud with pleasure at their observations.

This springtime, let us awaken from the sluggishness of winter to the goodness of being alive. Let's plant gladness in the hearts of those we love, and nurture relationships with support, care, and kindness.

*Father, we rejoice in the new life we see around us in the green of Spring, and Your life in our hearts, renewing us every day.*

Oscar Green

## MOTHER'S DAY

Gentle hands that never weary  
toiling in love's vineyard sweet,  
Eyes that seem forever cheery when  
our eyes they chance to meet,  
Tender, patient, brave, devoted, this  
is always mother's way.  
Could her worth in gold be quoted  
as you think of her today?

There shall never be another quite  
so tender, quite so kind  
As the patient little mother;  
nowhere on this earth you'll find  
Her affection duplicated; none so  
proud if you are fine.  
Could her worth be overstated?  
Not by any words of mine.

Death stood near the hour she bore  
us, agony was hers to know,  
Yet she bravely faced it for us,  
smiling in her time of woe;  
Down the years how oft we've tried  
her, often selfish, heedless, blind,  
Yet with love alone to guide her she  
was never once unkind.

Vain are all our tributes to her if in  
words alone they dwell.  
We must live the praises due her;  
there's no other way to tell  
Gentle mother that we love her.  
Would you say, as you recall  
All the patient service of her, you've  
been worthy of it all?

EDGAR A. GUEST

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# 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

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Clarence Van Egdome has been diagnosed with cancer of the liver. There is no treatment, but they will try a few hormone shots to slow down the progression of the cancer. Clarence and Delores want to thank everyone for the thoughts and prayers.

Mary Jo Riekens has been getting shots to try to stop the spasms of her vocal cords but hasn't seen much improvement yet.

Carl Bennett is still on oxygen and will be returning to the doctor to have things re-evaluated.



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# 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

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Jessi Strable has officially been accepted and enrolled at Lincoln Culinary Institute in West Palm Beach, Florida. Classes start on October 1<sup>st</sup>. As of right now, her moving date is September 26, 2013. She will be spending just over a year there to get her Associates Degree in International Baking and Pastry. She has also located a Church of Christ not far from campus, where she will be attending.

Jean Van Egdome has moved to Warrensburg, Missouri, where her parents live. We will miss her, and wish the best for her. Her address is 174 SW 625

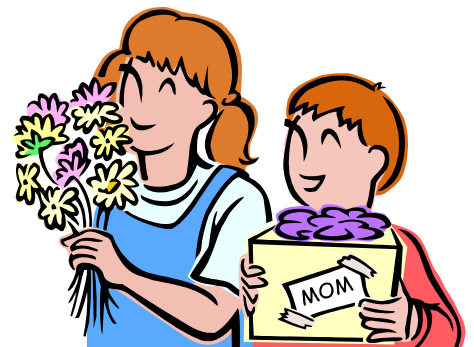
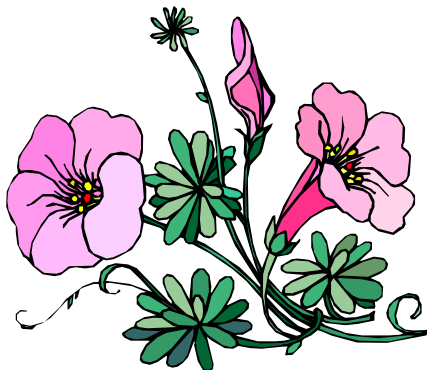
Road, Warrensburg, Missouri, 64093.

Peter Hawthorne had to return to Younkers Rehab with a blood clot in his leg. He is back home now, and loves to have visitors.

Mary Lou Allen continues to suffer with a lot of pain. She also had a bout with thrush. Please pray for her.

Visitors this month were: Bill and Bryan Charlier; Vivian Daniels from Warrensburg; Kim Lanc; Sierra Coe; Megan Stevens; Kamryn Aswegan's friend, Lauren; and Kara Fetter's friend, Colton.

Ill this month: Jean Van Egdome, Donna Meek, Shawn Head, Don and Margaret Warren, Mary Lou Allen, and 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 were glad to welcome Jack and Bobbie Swisher back safely from their winter home. Richard Negley underwent eye surgery and is progressing well.

We continue to keep Lowree Crum's sister, Toyah, in our prayers as she continues through her chemo treatments.

Visitors joining us during the month were: Hannah Long, Traci Robinson; Ashley Schreck and Shelby (another Northwest Missouri State University student); Mary Swisher Smith; Alex and Aubri, Zoey, Beau, and Kemper Gilmore.

On April 28<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated Jack and Bobbie Swisher's 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and Richard and Janet Negley's 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a basket dinner following services. Both Elsie Negley and Mary Lou Madden were able to attend services and the dinner along with Mary Smith; Alex and Aubri; Jon and Amy Schmidt, Micah, Isaac, and Skylar; Van and Molly Gilmore, Zoey, Beau, and Kemper; and Clint, Daira, and Kyler Driftmier. Jack and Bobbie were married on April 25<sup>th</sup>,

1948, and have lived at the same home (610 North 17<sup>th</sup> St., Clarinda, IA 51632) ever since! What a blessing to have two tremendous examples of marriage!

## May Birthdays

- 10 – Dustin McCoy
- 19 – Clint Driftmier
- 29 – Becky McCoy



# Martensdale

Meeting Times—Sundays: 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:00 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

Stephanie Stephens and her girls, Ada and Allie, worshiped with us while they were in the area visiting Stephanie's family, Mike and Tracy Penick, and Drew and Courtney Teghtmeyer.

Megan Stevens worshiped with us while spending time with her cousin, Jordan Bown.

Randy and Brandon Ingle met with us the morning of April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Cassidy Phillips was honored to be chosen as one of the students recognized at the Governor's Scholar Awards Ceremony at Hy-Vee Hall on April 28<sup>th</sup> and also for Channel 5's Best of Class on April 29<sup>th</sup>. She will graduate from Martensdale-St. Marys High School as valedictorian of her class on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.



## May Birthdays

- 14 – Jenna Wheeler
- 21 – Joshua Soard
- 27 – Allen Bown



## May Anniversary



- 21 – Drew & Courtney Teghtmeyer



# 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.

Betty Warren was in the hospital earlier in the month. She is home and has been to services some. Betty George has been in the hospital and is now home. She is able to be out. Marge Flack and Laura McClurg have been having some back problems. Wanda Burkman is also having back problems and a sinus infection. Danielle Brand has had neck problems. Jason and Theresa Brady were both sick. Suzanne Harvey has been having tests for digestive problems. She requests prayers.

Austin Pinegar, grandson of Larry and Bev Brady, was injured in a motorcycle accident. He is now home and feeling some better.

Joyce Ingle was visiting with family in Missouri.

Nels and Marje Turnquist were in Florida visiting with daughter Amy and family.

Chip and Jennifer Albright and girls were visiting family in Kansas.

Taylor Turner visited with his grandmother, Bev Hayes.

Randy Ingle and Brandon visited at Martensdale.

Duane and Donna Brand, (Troy's parents) were visitors.

Roger and Trevor Wright, nephews of Nels and Marje Turnquist, were visiting.

Cynthia Harris and son were visiting with her grandmother, Margaret Franklin.

Ryan Zinnel was visiting at Vandalia.

**VBS will be June 17-21.**

**More details next month.**



June 1

**Camp out at Chariton.**



## Graduation Open Houses

**Ryan Zinnel :**

May 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at Toad Valley Golf Course.

**Justin Stevens & Ryan Curtis:**

May 25<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 p.m. at Lion's Park Shelter House in Altoona.

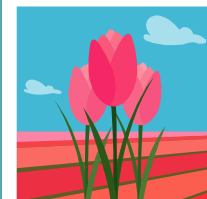
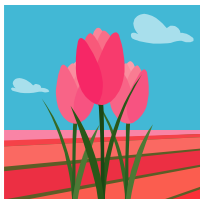
## May Birthdays

- 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



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

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

Mark your calendars for our weekend meeting on June 8 and 9. Schedules will be sent soon.

Visitors were: Dawn Mikus, Jason and Staci Miller and Allison, Ron Dowdy, Glenna Colyn, Kevin Waits, Denise Drake, and Ryan Zinnell.

Greg and Margaret Ingle vacationed at Clear Lake.

Lori Cole had surgery and is recovering at home.

We added James Dowdy as a member when he transferred from Chapel Glen in Indiana. He and his wife Laura recently moved to Vandalia, and both are working in Altoona.

We sang with the residents at Altoona Nursing Home.

Several of us enjoyed a waffle breakfast on a Sunday morning before services.

Ruth Schell attended the Upper Midwest Machine Knitters seminar in Princeton, Minnesota.

Lynnette Dowdy and Justin and Brittney Dowdy visited Jason and Autumn Dowdy and children in Missouri.



## GRADUATION OPEN HOUSES

### Morgan Cummings:

May 25, 5-8 p.m. at her home in Vandalia.

### Trent Fiorentin:

May 26, 5-8 p.m. at the Vandalia Church of Christ building.

## May Birthdays

8 – Easton Klein  
 13 – Anna Weaver  
 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  
 15 – Alan & Pam Skinner  
 25 – Greg & Margaret Ingle

## *A Graduate's Prayer*

Dear Lord,

As I look toward the future  
 Bright hope conducts this prayer,  
 For I know the plans You have  
 for me  
 Were wrought with divine care.

Holy Spirit, lead me.  
 Let me run at Your command,  
 Yet be still and know that You  
 are God  
 When trouble is close at hand.

Your Word will be a lamp for me,  
 A guide to light my way,

A solid place to set my feet,  
 A compass when I stray.

May I live my life to praise You,  
 Not for fortune, nor for fame,  
 May everything I say and do  
 Bring glory to Your name.

May my eyes stay fixed upon You  
 As I seek the way that's pure,  
 Tasting Your love and goodness  
 Sleeping and rising secure.

Planted by Your living streams  
 I'll delight in all Your ways,  
 Hidden by Your sheltering wings  
 With new mercies for each day.

Even in a dangerous land  
 When storms threaten to destroy,  
 At the cross I'll stand upon  
 the Rock  
 My Strength, my Hope, my Joy.

Dear Lord, show me Your favor,  
 At all times keep me blessed,  
 May Your face ever shine upon me,  
 With peace and perfect rest.

Amen.

--Mary Fairchild