

Lighthouse of Iowa

May 2014

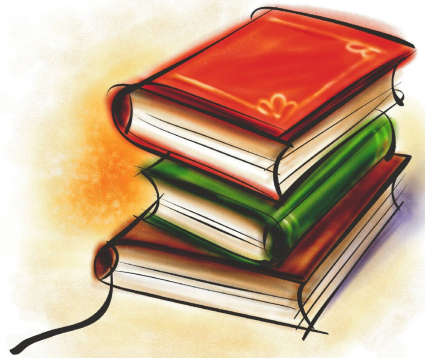
I have chosen the way of truth...Psalm 119:30

The grandchildren were having a discussion about truthfulness. "Is a lie badder than a fib?" the six-year-old wanted to know. "Oh, yes!" said his older sister solemnly. "Is even a *white* lie badder than a fib?"

His sister looked puzzled. "Well, um, maybe, I don't know. If you tell one to keep from hurting someone's feelings, is that so bad?" And she glanced questioningly at their Aunt Caroline.

"I think it's best to avoid all three," their Aunt Caroline said. "And I'll tell you why. When I was a young girl, I had a grandmother—your great-grandmother—who was very kind to me. On my sixteenth birthday, she gave me a book. I set it aside, meaning to read it,

but I forgot all about it, until one day Grandmother asked me if I had enjoyed it. I was ashamed to say I hadn't read it, and I wanted to spare her feelings, so I said, 'Oh, yes, I enjoyed it very much!'



"Grandmother looked at me thoughtfully and didn't reply. Not long after that, she died. A few years later when I was cleaning out my bookcase and pulled that book down, out fell a check—a nice, fat birthday check that had been there all that time. Now of course I

couldn't cash it because Grandmother was no longer living. So, you see, you can never be sure when even a white lie is harmless. It's better to stick to that old rule: 'Honesty is...'" She looked at them quizzically. "The best policy" chorused all the grandchildren at once. So that took care of that.

Father, help us remember that truth tampered with is no longer truth.

Arthur Gordon



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



Congratulations to Chantelle Schreck and Brett Jackson, who were married on April 12th in Lone Jack, Missouri. They are now living in Pleasant Hill, Missouri. Several of our members were able to attend the wedding.

On March 16th, our visitors were Neal and Peg Warren, Mike and Tracy Penick, and Drew and Courtney Tegtmeyer. Neal, Mike, and Drew helped with our service and it was greatly appreciated.

Delores Van Egdome is spending some time with her son, Keith, and his family in Wisconsin.

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

David, Marla, and Kara Fetters spent some time in Blue Springs, Missouri, with their daughter, Alissa Garbi, and family.

Margaret Warren is home from the Altoona Care and Rehab Center and is doing better. She would like to thank everyone for the prayers, calls, and visits.

We were happy to have David and Joyce Ingle attend services with us on Sunday, April 20th. David gave us an excellent morning sermon.

Donna Meek is in Mercy Hospital, Room 562. She has been very ill with pneumonia and a blood infection. She is now on oxygen and is very weak. She will go to Fleur Heights for therapy when she is

stronger. Her family has requested prayers on Donna's behalf.

Mike Warren passed away Monday, April 21st, at the age of 52. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 23rd with burial Friday, April 25th, at Rising Sun Cemetery. Survivors include his children, Adam (Jamie) Warren and Lindley Warren; grandchildren, Joseph and Johnthan Warren; parents, Don and Margaret; and siblings, Janice (Larry) Sellers and David Warren.

Visitors this month were: Jake McClung, Rodney and Alena Ingle and babies, John Chapman, Jayme and Grayson Plummer, Kirsten Done, David and Joyce Ingle,

Larry Sellers, and Zack and Mallory Lamkin.

Ill this month: Margaret Warren, Pam Climpson, Donna Meek, and Neal Warren.

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

Visitors this month have been: Timber and Minka Negley of Urbandale; and Hadley Miller and Zoey, Beau, and Kemper, all of Clarinda.



Jack and Bobbi Swisher celebrated 66 years of marriage on April 25th. There were four generations of the Swisher family together at church April 21st. This included their daughter, Tammie and Steve Driftmier of Clarinda and their three children—Amy, Molly, and

Clint, and their spouses, and their children. This group of 17 made for a nice family gathering, for such a happy occasion! We thank Jack and Bobbi for being such good Christian role models for our church family and for our community.

We are looking forward to having John Lee with us on May 2, 3, and 4th. We will have sessions with John on Friday and Saturday evenings and two sessions on Sunday, with a potluck dinner at noon.

Spring has been so slow arriving, but now the sights, sounds, and smells of this refreshing season are abundant. Each day is truly a gift to us, wrapped in God's beauty. We are so thankful for the moisture He has sent to the earth!!

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 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

The remodeling of our auditorium continues. It has worked out for us to meet in the basement, so we are having our Sunday morning and Wednesday evening services there.

We've been blessed with several visitors this month. Rodney and Alena Ingle and babies have met with us several times, as well as Miles Wood. Stephanie Stephens, Ada and

Allie worshiped with us while visiting the Penicks. Pam Deckler's sister, Linda, attended services. Randy and Laura Tegtmeyer visited Drew and Courtney Tegtmeyer. Allen Williams has met with us when he could, and Leta and Grace Fenton visited the Bowns.

May Birthdays

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



May Anniversary



21 – Drew & Courtney Tegtmeyer

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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 month were: Eric Thompson and family, Matt and Kelly Harvey and family, and Cindy Morris. It was good to see Marian Parrish, Della Camp, and Connie Meinke. They were visiting with Audrey Brady.

Mary Alice Fillman is recovering from surgery nicely. Margaret Franklin had carpal tunnel surgery. Others on the sick list were Wanda Burkman, Tammy Brady, and Diamond Black.

Dan and Amy Pritchard and family visited family in Fort Dodge.

Chip and Jennifer Albright and girls visited family in Kansas.

Bruce Harvey's mother, Mildred, age 90, passed away on April 25, 2014. Among her survivors are Ginger, Marc, Nick, Maddy, Shea, and Gabriel Hermon of Carlisle; Matt, Kelly, Blake, Alexandria, and Colton Harvey of Glen Carbon, Illinois; Tim, Jami, Grace, Emily, Taylor, and Joe Harvey of Pleasant Hill; and Bruce and Suzanne Harvey of Pleasant Hill. Her son, John, of Pleasantville and daughter, Stephanie (Steve) Sarcone, of Des Moines also survive. She had 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

On Sunday, June 15th, Wade Stanley will be speaking and will do VBS that week. We

will be studying Daniel for both children and adults. Also we will be hosting the two-week study July 27-August 8. Check our website for information.

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



Sunset Symphony



It comes...
every evening
without fanfare or drums
it comes...

it comes softly as a lullaby
beginning with a golden glow...
encircling a cloud...

and then the glow begins to grow...
pinks and violets fill the sky
a ball of orange delights the eye
then cymbals crash, the trumpets
blare
a symphony has filled the air,
a silent symphony!
Applause! Applause!
A spectacular show!

Then the ball of orange, ablaze,
aglow,
Sinks slowly out of sight...

God has tucked away a day
And ushered in the night!

ALICE JOYCE DAVIDSON

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



Alan and Shonya Klein welcomed a new baby girl into their home. Aryana Joy was born April 17, 2014 in Phoenix, Arizona. We are all very happy for this family and know she will be loved beyond measure.



Lynnette Dowdy received her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from Grand View University on Saturday, April 26th. Graduation ceremonies were held at Hy-Vee Hall in Des Moines. We helped her celebrate this occasion Sunday afternoon during our potluck dinner and afternoon services.



There will be a graduation celebration at the Alan Klein home beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 31st for Briana, who has completed her high school education.

Doug and Lisa Fiorentin

recently spent five days in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where Doug attended further factory training for his job. Doug later went to Springfield, Illinois, for extra classes. Doug has been released to go back to work with restrictions from his shoulder surgery last January.

Devon and Erin Ingle went to Chicago, Illinois, where they sought help for Erin's migraine headache problems.

Tim and Melody Burkman, Mason, Gavin, and Cameron will soon be moving from Prairie City to a home in Vandalia.

Jason and Staci Miller and Allison were in Carrollton, Missouri, for a couple weekends during the past month.

Joy and Casady Cummings and Charity Ingle spent a weekend in Brookfield, Missouri.

Bob Cummings spent a few days in the hospital with influenza. He is home now and

recovering. Bob and Sharon have purchased a home in the country east of Vandalia and expect to move soon.

Among our visitors this past month were: Ryan and Alena Ingle and children, Vanessa Groves, Brooke Matson, Ryan Zinnel, Tanner George, and Duane and Mary Proudfit.

May Birthdays

- 8 – Easton Klein
- 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 – Al & Pam Skinner
- 25 – Greg & Margaret Ingle



