

# Lighthouse of Iowa

May 2016

*Yea, they may forget,  
yet will I not forget thee.*

ISAIAH 49:15

The lilacs were especially abundant that year, so I encouraged my eleven-year-old daughter, Trina, and her friend, Rachel, to clip extras. Now we would make our Memorial Day journey to decorate the graves of several friends. Since I had grown up in New Hampshire but relocated to Wyoming twenty years ago, I had no relatives to honor here; however, I wanted my children to understand the eloquent ritual of remembering and blessing loved ones with spring flowers.

The ride to Mount Hope took only a few minutes. Many others were there ahead of us. They spoke in hushed voices as they arranged a

vase or spray, straightened a flag, or simply stood shoulder to shoulder gazing at a headstone. We delivered jars of dewy lilacs to the resting places of those we had known for all too short a time: Mick, the sheep shearer; Roy, the chicken rancher; and Loraine and Emmett, godparents of my son Tom.

When we had finished, I walked back toward the van reminiscing, while Trina and her friend lagged behind carrying the leftover lilacs.

"Wow, this one says **"BORN OCTOBER 31, 1903, DIED MARCH 29, 1904."**" Trina squinted, calculating, "She was only a baby! Look, Mom." I retraced my steps to the bleached stone, topped with a lamb.

"And nobody even

brought her any flowers," said Rachel disconsolately.

"Well, let's give her some!" said Trina.

"Are there any more babies?" Rachel wondered. Both girls scanned the flowerless plaques, some bearing sentiments like "Budded on earth to bloom in heaven" or "God needs angels too." The girls continued to put flowers on the babies' graves until the lilacs were gone.

I shouldn't have worried about carrying on the tradition far from home. Our Memorial Day recollection is in compassionate hands.

*Dear God, thank You  
for the gift of children  
who reflect Your  
compassion.*

GAIL THORELL SCHILLING

# Chariton

Meeting times—Sundays: 10:00 a.m. (no evening services)

Location—15th & Roland, Chariton, Iowa

For information call—Albert Schreck, (641)535-2381

Carl Bennett had a PICC line put in place. He will be receiving antibiotics every day for a month to treat his ongoing ear infection. He is also taking medication to prevent the infection from returning while on the antibiotics.

Recent visitors were Brett and Chantelle Jackson, Gerry and Ashley Fenton, Kayla Bratcher, Travis and Jenika Schreck, Neal and Peg Warren, Mike and Tracy Penick, Drew and Courtney Tegtmeyer, Stephanie Stephens and girls, and Teresa Groves.

## May Anniservary



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

Jamie Hayes, son of Risa Schamel, came for a visit from Florida and to spend some time with his grandmother, Bev Hayes, before she passed away.

Peg and Neal Warren and many family members traveled to Honey Creek Resort for a long weekend to celebrate Peg's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. They attended church at Chariton and everyone had a great time.

John and Donna McNeece have two great-grandsons who were born this month. They are Ashton Christopher Bauman (who weighed seven pounds, one ounce) and Kasen Richard Bauman (who weighed seven pounds, five ounces).

Shawn Head traveled to Chicago, Illinois.

David, Marla, and Kara Feters traveled to Kansas City to visit Ian, Alissa, Jude, and

Caden Garbi and to celebrate Jude's 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Kara Feters had the opportunity to meet her birth father. Her sister, Alissa Garbi, went with her. They spent the day with him on two occasions and had wonderful visits.

Roberta Milinsky spent several days traveling in Spain.

Karma Sharp had her knee scoped to do repair work on her meniscus.

Greg Head had some tests on his kidneys.

Visitors: Bill, Bryan, and Max Charlier; Jaclyn Chamberlain; and Aiden, Colton, Preston, and Paxon Boozell.

Ill: Pam Climpson, Bill and Shirley McNeece, Conner Wilkins, Jessica Chapman, and Mary Lou Allen.

## May Birthdays

20 – Emily Dobberke

26 – Linda Head



## May Anniservaries



4 – Rex & Tammy Fitzgerald

5 – David & Marla Feters

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

No news this month.

## 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

We would like to invite everyone to our weekend meeting with Wade Stanley on May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Wade will speak for us Saturday night at 7:00, with refreshments in the basement to follow. Our Sunday morning service begins at 10:00, and Wade will give the exhortation. We will have a basket dinner followed by an afternoon service at 1:30, at which time Wade will bring us another lesson.

Maddy Hermon spent a weekend in Excelsior Springs, Missouri, at a young people's meeting led by John Morris.

Mike and Tracy Penick and Drew and Courtney Teghtmeyer worshiped with the Chariton congregation on April 10<sup>th</sup>. They spent the weekend with family at Honey Creek

Resort celebrating Peg Warren's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Amber (a friend of the Hounsom family) and her children attended services on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Dick and Phyllis Bown traveled to Lone Jack, Missouri, to attend a baby shower for their new granddaughter, Savannah.

Jay Graham was in the area on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and gave a lesson on "Being Content" at our mid-week service. We had several other visitors that night: LuAnn Woody; Marc, Ginger, Shea, and Gabriel Hermon; Nick Hermon and Kayley Zimmerman; and Bruce and Suzanne Harvey.

Ada, Allie, and Anna Stephens spent the weekend

with their grandparents, Mike and Tracy Penick.

Zach and Jenna Wheeler announced they are expecting an addition to their family in November! Congratulations to them!

## May Birthdays

6 – Theron Ingle

14 – Jenna Wheeler

21 – Joshua Soard

27 – Allen Bown



## May Anniversaries



9 – Rodney & Alena Ingle

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.

We are sorry to report that our dear sister in Christ, Bev Hayes, passed from this world on Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. The funeral was held on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. She will be greatly missed by us all.

Kelsey Wood has placed her membership with us. We are very happy to have Kelsey.

It was great to see Carroll and Betty Warren, as well as Paula, for services. Thanks to Paula for bringing them!

Marje Turnquist is back from her winter travels. Marje and her sister, Pat Schriber, visited in Arizona.

Ryane and Audra Needham were visiting with Alex's parents in Kansas.

Jason Brady, Diamond and Dominique Blackman have been sick.

Larry Brady is home and doing well after knee replacement surgery.

Bruce and Suzanne Harvey were visiting with their son, Matt, and family.

Troy and Dani Brand and family were in Indiana for a wedding.

Chip and Jennifer Albright and girls were in Fort Scott, Kansas, visiting with family.

Nora Lee Ingle and Bobbi Duckstein have enjoyed a six-week nutrition course in Mitchellville.

Mark and Cindy Morris were weekend guests visiting with family.

Jim and Sheryl Evans were visiting with Jamie Ingle and family.

Linda Flickinger is visiting for the summer.

Brian McClurg has been in the hospital with blood clots. He had a procedure done and is expected to go home soon.

Nora Lee Ingle will be celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Her children are having a card shower. If you would like to send a card, her address is: Nora Lee Ingle, 10760 N.E. 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Apt. A, Mitchellville, IA 50169.



ITBS for the month of May will be held at Wade and Janeane Stanley's home in Unionville, Missouri, on May 7 at 5 p.m. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Contact Ginger Hermon if you are in need of transportation. Study topic is "Life After High School."

## May Birthdays

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



## May Anniversaries



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



# 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

Mason Burkman, Briana and Destry Klein, Trent and Nathan Fiorentin, and Charles and Angie Ingle, Charity and Lucas attended the young people's meeting in Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

Doug and Lisa Fiorentin and Nathan were in Carrollton, Missouri, for a weekend.

Lori Cole had surgery and is home recuperating.

Bonnie Harkins spent a few days in a skilled care facility after her hospital stay, and she

has now returned home.

Visitors were: Valerie Burkman; Roger Elam; Larry and Ila Ingle of Newton; and Vyrlee Covington and her daughter, Wanda Newland, of Eola, Arkansas.

Lynnette Dowdy visited family and friends in Missouri and Indiana.

We sang with the residents at the Altoona Nursing and Rehab Center on a recent Sunday evening.

## 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

Happy  
 Mother's Day



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