

Lighthouse of Iowa

June 2014

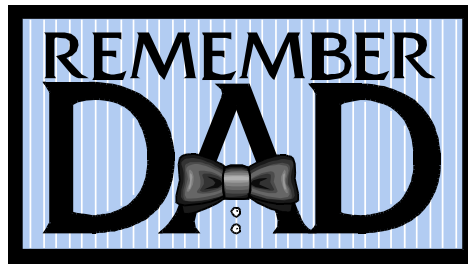
The glory of children and their fathers.

Proverbs 17:6

Last year my husband Sandy and I went to see the movie *Field of Dreams*. In it a young Iowa farmer hears a voice whisper in his cornfield: "If you build it, he will come." He's mystified, but soon realizes that for some reason he's being compelled to build a baseball diamond in his cornfield. When he completes it, baseball players from the past, long since dead, begin to show up and play on his field. One night he notices that one of the young players has a familiarity about him. Looking closer, he sees the player is his father, for whom he'd lost most of his loving feelings. He goes to him, grateful for a second chance, and in a deeply moving scene, they play ball together.

When Sandy and I got home from the movie, he opened his dresser drawer and pulled out a box I'd never seen before. He opened the box and took out the contents, reverently holding each one: A silver Pearl

Harbor pin from World War II, a red pocketknife, a place card from a Cub Scout father-son banquet dated 1957, a plastic model car and a baseball autographed by Connie Mack. As I watched, it dawned on me. All of these things were remembrances of his father who'd died sixteen years ago. Sandy looked at the baseball. "Dad got this for me," he said. Suddenly his eyes brimmed with tears. "I still miss him, you know." "I know," I said.



He held the baseball almost tenderly. "I was thinking during the movie how wonderful it would be to have a second chance to see Dad again," he said.

"What would you say to him?" I asked.

He smiled. "I'd say, 'Thanks.'"

On Father's Day, help us open the lost and tender feelings we have for our fathers and say, "Thanks."

----Sue Monk Kidd

Vandalia Weekend Meeting

June 7 & 8, 2014

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Meals served between services each day. Recreation is planned after Saturday evening services. For housing, contact Joy Cummings, 515-210-2397, mdmdcc@msn.com or Brittney Dowdy, 515-729-1925, brwessel@yahoo.com

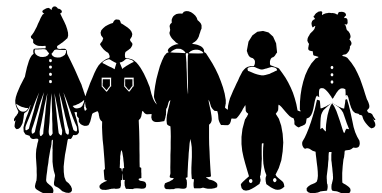
Dean Avenue

June 8-13 with John Lee

Sunday: 6:00 p.m.

Monday-Friday: 7:00 p.m.

Vacation Bible School



Pleasant Hill

June 16-20 with
Wade Stanley

Weeknight classes:

7:00-8:30 p.m.

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

Our visitors May 11th were Bruce, Sue, and Leah Schreck and John, Teresa, and Vanessa Groves.

Delores Van Egdome returned from visiting with her

son, Keith, and his family in Wisconsin.

Brian, Tammy, and Ethan Schreck attended the Memorial Day meeting in Lee's Summit.

June Birthday
9 – Ashley Schreck 

June Anniversary
2 – Carl & Evelyn Bennett 

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

John Lee will be speaking here beginning Sunday, June 8th, through Friday, June 13th. Services are at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday night and at 7:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday nights.

Roberta Milinsky traveled in France.

Mike Warren's family wants to thank everyone for the prayers, visits, food, care, and concern shown them after Mike's passing.

Donna Meek is improving slowly. She is now at Fleur Heights Care Center, 4911 SW 19th St., room 812, for therapy.

Her phone number is 515-402-4525.

Peter Hawthorne has been able to attend services some on Sunday mornings. We are very thankful Peter continues to slowly improve.

Visitors during May were: Rodney and Alena Ingle and babies, Betty Warren, Larry Sellers, Jayme Plummer, Grayson Plummer, Kirsten Done, Valerie Hawthorne, John Chapman, and Jake McClung.

Ill during May were: Risa Schamel, Marla and Kara Feters, and Margaret Warren.

June Birthdays
1 – Margaret Warren
4 – Marla Feters
5 – Chloe Prenosil
13 – Jean Van Egdome
17 – Tammy Fitzgerald
23 – Janice Sellers
29 – Don James
29 – Frank Meek

June Anniversaries
5 – Matt & Mary Dobberke 
25 – Don & Margaret Warren
29 – Ron & Karma Sharp

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

Becky McCoy retired from Page County State Bank in Clarinda, Iowa, after 25 years. She is enjoying a new 'chapter' in her life.

Steve and Tammie Driftmier helped their son, Clint, of Norwalk, Iowa, recognize his achievement of having a Master's Degree in Education this month.

John Lee spent a weekend with us, and topics included:

Worry and Anxiety, Problems of Evil, and Historical Concept of Baptism. We enjoyed fellowship all weekend with pizza on Friday evening and a potluck dinner on Sunday.

Visitors this month have been: Hadley Miller, Linda Lou Taylor, Paul Negley, Steve and Wanda Carter, and Mary Swisher Smith and grandchildren.

Jack and Bobbi Swisher furnished fish for their annual fish fry on May 25th. A potluck dinner was enjoyed by all. We are sure glad that Jack enjoys fishing!

June Birthdays

22 – Janet Negley

27 – Neil 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

We are happy to have Tanner George as an official member of our congregation. He placed his membership May 11th. Tanner was a member at Smart Road Church of Christ in Missouri.

We're happy to have Cassidy Phillips home from Northwest Missouri State for the summer!

The work on our auditorium is complete and we were able to hold services there May 18th.

Dick and Phyllis Bown spent a week in Springfield, Missouri, visiting their son, Roger.

Bethany Phillips ran in two events at the State Track Meet

at Drake Stadium. Bethany placed 18th in the 100 meter dash and also ran with the 4x100 relay team. Congratulations, Bethany!

Visitors this month have been Rodney and Alena Ingle and boys; Stephanie, Ada, and Allie Stephens; Miles Wood; Sue and Leah Schreck; Hannah Clevenger; Julie Wheeler; Allen Williams; Mike George; Dennis, Cindy, David, and Daniel Stanley; Doug Bown; Randy and Anita Bown and several members of the Witt family (relatives of the Bowns).

Several of us attended the Memorial Day Meeting at Murray Road.

June Birthdays

4 – Kyle Bown

4 – Tracy Penick

10 – Phyllis Bown

12 – Fred Bown

21 – Al Bown



June Anniversaries

12 – Fred & Marlene Bown

13 – Zach & Jenna Wheeler

29 – Bill & Marta Weeks



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.

VBS will be June 16–20 with Wade Stanley from 7:00–8:30 each evening.

Our congratulations to Madison Hermon, who graduated from Carlisle High School on May 18th, and to Clay Felice, who graduated from Southeast Polk High School on May 25th.

Tim Brady was chosen to be an employee of the State of Iowa.

Bev Hayes and Sammy Pritchard were ill this month.

Madison Hermon had her appendix out earlier this month.

Audrey Brady is in Lutheran Hospital. She has suffered another stroke. Please keep this lovely lady in your prayers.

James and Cheryl Evans were here visiting with Jamie, and Ryan Ingle and family.

Pat Schriber is here visiting with her sister, Marje Turnquist, and family.

Devon, Erin, and Emma Ingle were here visiting with the Zinnel family.

Duane and Donna Needham and Sam were here visiting with Alex, Ryane, and Audra Needham.

Marilyn McClurg went to Tennessee for her granddaughter Jill's graduation. Congratulations to Jill, as she graduated Cum Laude.

Linda Oldham was in Missouri for a graduation.

Miles Wood, Brandon Ingle, and Madison Hermon attended the meeting in Lee's Summit.

Keith and Connie Price were in Idaho visiting with family.

Steve and Pat Thompson and Cliff and Roseanne VanVleet have gone to Minnesota for the summer.

Megan Stevens is spending part of the summer in Texas.

Chip and Jennifer Albright and girls were in Kansas

visiting family.

Keep in mind the two-week study from July 27 to August 8. Go to our website shown above for more information.

June Birthdays

- 2 – Beverly Hayes
- 15 – Bob Flack
- 23 – Dan Pritchard
- 23 – Josh Conner
- 24 – Tricia Brady
- 24 – Jamie Ingle
- 28 – Mary Gearhart
- 29 – Sophia George
- 30 – Randy Spinney



June Anniversaries

- 2 – Don & Wanda Burkman
- 8 – Carroll & Betty Warren
- 9 – Bud & Mary Alice Fillman
- 26 – Nels & Marj Turnquist



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

We hope to see you at our weekend meeting on June 7–8. See page 1 for details.

Bonnie Harkins and Bobbi Duckstein spent a few days in the hospital recently. Both are back home and able to attend services again.

Several from our congregation attended the meeting in Indiana. They were: Doug and Lisa Fiorentin, Trent and Nathan; Bruce and Kelsey Fiorentin and Blake; Staci Miller and Allison; Morgan Cummings; Justin and Brittney

Dowdy and Carson; and Lynnette Dowdy.

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

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Greg and Margaret Ingle were in Minneapolis, where Greg attended a medical conference. They later spent a few days at Clear Lake.

Caleb Ingle recently had his adenoids removed and tubes placed in his ears.

Alan and Shonya Klein and family attended the weekend meeting in Kansas City.

Bob and Sharon Cummings and Tim and Melody Burkman and family have completed their moves in the area.

Lynnette Dowdy is now employed at Prairie City Family Clinic.

Jason and Staci Miller and Allison visited family in Carrollton, Missouri.

Joy and Casady Cummings visited family in Brookfield, Missouri.

We sang with the residents at Mitchellville Care Center recently.

Our recent visitors were: Vyrlee (Ingle) Covington from Arkansas; Larry and Ila Ingle of Newton; Valerie Burkman;

John and Amber Morris and family; Vanessa Groves; Rob Guthrie and Trinity; and Ryan Zinnell.

June Birthday

29 – Lori Cole 

June Anniversaries

1 – Doug & Lisa Fiorentin 

2 – Michael & Joy Cummings

29 – Charles & Angela Ingle



Summer



*Bees are in the blossoms,
Birds are on the wing,
Roses climb, and summertime
Is kissing everything.
Little pansy faces
Wink and smile at me,
And far and near there's not a tear
That human eye can see.*

*There's beauty in the garden,
There's beauty in the sky,
The stately phlox and hollyhocks
Have put their sorrows by.
The gentle breath of summer
Has blown the cares away;
All nature sings, for morning brings
Another lovely day.*

*Yet some are blind to beauty
And some are deaf to song;
The troubled brow is heard to vow
That all the world is wrong.
And some display their sorrow,
And some bewail their woe
And some men sigh that love must die
And summertime must go.*

*Yet some there are who blossom
Like roses in the sun,
Who dare to climb in summertime
When all their care is done.
They hide 'neath smiles of beauty
The sorrows they have borne,
They seem content that God hath sent
Another lovely morn.*

—Edgar A. Guest