

Lighthouse of Iowa

June 2015

Ye shall rejoice in all that ye put your hands unto....
Deuteronomy 12:7

Before going to a friend's house last night, I gave myself a manicure. I was taking a gift, but I couldn't wrap it till the polish dried. I couldn't get dressed, either, or work on my hair. I stood in the bedroom, fanning my hands in the air, helpless without them.

That's why hands are the blessing I'm focusing on today. Hands, those miraculously designed tools I used this morning for everything from hammering a picture hook into the wall to tying my shoelaces. Sensitive, strong, flexible, adaptable, surely the human hand is one of God's most awesome creations!

Our life stories could be told as the record of what our hands have touched. These hands have held babies and placed my mother's urn in its

niche. They've washed dishes and worn rings, held flowers and pencils, scrubbed floors, and gripped the hands of strangers.



What if they could do none of these things? I have a paraplegic friend whose fingers are curled against his palms. Watching him struggle just to hold a spoon or turn the page of a book, I think I'll never again take for granted the matchless dexterity of "ordinary" hands.

But, of course, I do. Within an hour, mine are performing a hundred needed functions, quite unnoticed. Until, that is, a coat of nail polish interrupts their activity long enough to remind me that hands are also active when they're folded in a prayer of gratitude.

Lord, whose Word tells us "Whatsoever thy hands findeth to do, do it with thy might" (Ecclesiastes 9:10), show me the work You have for my hands today.
—Elizabeth Sherrill

Vandalia Weekend Meeting June 13 & 14, 2015

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

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

Meals will be served between services each day. For housing, contact Joy Cummings, 515-210-2397, dmdcc@msn.com; or Brittney Dowdy, 515-729-1925, brwessel@yahoo.com

Dean Avenue

June 14-19 with John Lee

Sunday: 6:00 p.m.

Monday-Friday: 7:00 p.m.



Vacation Bible School

Pleasant Hill

June 21-26 with John Lee

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

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

Evelyn Bennett has had a reoccurrence of her cancer and had surgery on June 3rd.

Carl Bennett continues to struggle with his health issues.

Norm and Mary Jo Riekens attended the wedding of their granddaughter, Ali Faulkner, in Dallas, Texas, on May 9th.

Albert and Jeanette Schreck and Brian, Tammy, and Ethan Schreck attended the party and high school graduation of Vanessa Groves.

Deloris Van Egdome returned home after spending three weeks in Wisconsin with

her son, Keith, and his family. While there she attended the play, scholarship awards, and high school graduation of her granddaughter, Megan.

John, Carol, and John Wayne Smead traveled to Wisconsin over Memorial Day weekend to attend the graduation of their niece and cousin, Megan Van Egdome.

John Wayne Smead got a piece of metal in his eye at work, and after numerous doctor visits they think it will be okay. He also broke a finger at work and is still seeing a

doctor for that.

Andrew and Stephanie Hansen and children continue to meet with us. Renee Beebout, granddaughter of Carl and Evelyn Bennett, attended with us on May 31st.



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 here for a week-long meeting beginning on June 14th.

David, Marla, and Kara Feters traveled to the meeting in Lawrence, Kansas, where David was one of the speakers.

Linda Head had open heart surgery to replace an aorta and the aorta valve. She came through the surgery very well, but has had some problems with her heart beating irregularly. They are adjusting her medications, and hopefully she will be feeling much better soon.

Jessica Strable and John Chapman were married on May

15th. Congratulations to them!

We celebrated with Kara Feters on her graduation from Southeast Polk High School with an open house in the church building.

Don and Margaret Warren have moved to Courtyard Estates. Their new address is 6132 N.E. 12th Ave. #104, Pleasant Hill, IA 50327.

Kara Feters spent a week visiting the McClungs.

Bill and Shirley McNeece's new grandson, Paxon Boozell, was born prematurely. He was having a few problems with his lungs, but is doing better now.

John and Donna McNeece

have moved into their new home. It's not finished yet, but they are glad to be there. Their new address is 1070 S.E. 68th St., Pleasant Hill, IA 50327.

The Feters family was in Missouri for Richard Riggins' funeral and to visit Alissa and her family.

Please remember Mary Lou Allen. She is in pain all the time, but still attends services.

Recent visitors have been John Chapman; Madden Sharp; Colton Boozell; Kamryn Aswegan; Aiden Boozell; Jude and Caden Garbi; Bill, Bryan, and Max Charlier; Jake

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Dean Avenue

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McClung; Alissa Garbi; and Andrea, Nora, and Ivan Garbi.

Those experiencing illness were David Feters, Risa Schamel, Conner Wilkins, Jan Sellers, and Don and Margaret Warren.

June Birthdays

1 – Margaret Warren

4 – Marla Feters

5 – Chloe Prenosil

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

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've had several visitors this month, including: Paul Negley; Mary Smith, Alex and Aubri; Rob Ritson, Bekha and her friend Nick; Amy and Jon Schmidt and family; Molly and Van Gilmore and family; and Clint and Daira Driftmier and Kyler.

We're thankful to have the Crum family back in the area and worshipping with us!

Brian Martin and Hannah were married this month; our love and best wishes to them.

Our prayers continue to be with Becky McCoy as she continues to move forward with her treatment plan.

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

Pam Deckler and Tracy Penick traveled to Pleasant Hill, Missouri, to visit Kyle and Stephanie Stephens and family. Pam also traveled to Ohio to spend time with her family.

We had a graduation celebration for Tanner George after evening services May 10th. Tanner graduated from the Tool and Die program at DMACC and is currently working at Innovative Manufacturing

Engineering.

Al and Marlene Bown traveled to meet their new great-granddaughter, Vayda Lu Woody. She was born to Sam and Kelsey Woody on May 9th. She weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces and was 19.5 inches long.

Visitors this month have been Mike and Tammy George, Rodney and Alena Ingle and children, Steve and Cerine Proudfit and girls, Randy and

Laura Tegtmeyer, Jared Groves, Maddy Hermon, and Stephanie Stephens and girls.

Dick and Phyllis Bown traveled to Lone Jack, Missouri, to attend the graduation of their grandson, David Stanley. David is the son of Dennis and Cindy Stanley. Dick and Phyllis also traveled to Springfield, Missouri, to visit Roger and Melissa Bown.

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Martensdale

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We had a fishing tournament at the home/pond of Mike and Tracy Penick. It was a lot of fun and many awards were given out.

Duane and Mary Proudfit traveled to Pleasant Hill, Missouri, to visit Steve and Cerine Proudfit.

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.

Vacation Bible School will be June 22nd-26th with John Lee. John will also speak on the 21st both morning and evening.

Bud and Mary Fillman have a new address: 335 56th Ct., Pleasant Hill, IA 50327.

Mike and Shirley Warner attended services at Clarinda and then went to Bedford for a grandson's graduation.

Joyce Ingle was visiting family in Missouri.

Alex, Ryane, and Audra Needham were in Topeka. They also visited in Omaha.

Randy and Theresa Ingle and family were in Kansas City. They attended services at Murray Road and took in a baseball game.

Royce and Georgia Flowers from Trenton, Missouri, have been visitors.

Paul and Barb Kirk from Farmington, Missouri, have been visitors.

Nora Lee Ingle visited with Mark and Cindy Morris. Nora Lee also got to see Tom and Ann Dennis in Nixa, Missouri, and visit with her grandson, Ben Morris, and family.

Ryan Zinnel graduated from DMACC with a degree in Robotics, Electronics and Automation.

Denise Drake and Jake Flickinger were sick.

Elijah Ingle had reconstructive surgery on Monday, June 1st.

Dan and Amy Pritchard, Josiah, Alivia, and Sammy welcomed a baby daughter/sister into this world on May 27th. Maisie Elizabeth weighed 8 pounds, 2.6 ounces, and was 20 inches long. Everyone is doing well. Grandparents are Steve and Pat Thompson. Congratulations!

Steve and Pat Thompson went to Minnesota for a few days.

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

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 13 and 14. See page 1 for details.

Kevin Waits recently restored his membership with our congregation. We are happy to have him with us again.

Charles and Angie Ingle, Charity and Lucas, and Nancy Clark went to the graduation party and ceremony for Vanessa Groves. They attended services at Brookfield, Missouri, on May 9th.

The Alan Klein family attended services at Kirksville, Missouri.

Our visitors included Valerie Burkman; Ryan Zinnel; Amanda Martin, Kara, Lorraine, Jessie Lynne, and Megan; D.D. and Donna Russell; Jason and Stephany Russell, KaDee and Kadence; Vanessa Groves; Roger Elam; James and Shela Welte, Janel, Maverick, Malachi, Mikale, Mundan, Jennady, Matyus, Malex, Jadence, and Nathan; and Denise Drake, Max, and Jack Flickinger.

James and Laura Dowdy and Cole; Lynnette Dowdy; Doug and Lisa Fiorentin, Trent and Nathan; Bruce Fiorentin and Blake; Brittney Dowdy and Carson; and Staci Miller, Allison and Isaac all went to Indiana to attend the wedding

of Raechel Owens and Mike Anderson.

We sang with the residents at Mitchellville Care Center.

Morgan Cummings moved to an apartment in Mitchellville.

Nancy Clark retired from her teaching career at the end of May. She worked for the Southeast Polk School District for 16 years—two years as a reading specialist and 14 years as a kindergarten teacher. Nancy was dearly loved by her students, and we congratulate her on this milestone!

Charles Ingle, Marvin and Melda Ingle, Nora Lee Ingle, and Bobbi Duckstein attended the funeral service for Richard Riggins in Carrollton, Missouri.

Bruce and Kelsey Fiorentin and Blake, along with Doug and Lisa Fiorentin, spent some time at the Mayo Clinic to find out what is causing Bruce's headaches and other complications. He had numerous tests, but the doctors are still unsure of the cause.

June Birthday

29 – Lori Cole



June Anniversaries



1 – Doug & Lisa Fiorentin

2 – Michael & Joy Cummings

29 – Charles & Angela Ingle



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