

# Lighthouse of Iowa

June 2016

*He that is of a merry heart  
hath a continual feast.  
Proverbs 15:15*

Several months ago I happened upon a letter in an old magazine. A wife wrote that at supper her family constantly argued or dwelt upon unpleasant experiences from the day. One morning she suggested, "Let's each watch for the nicest thing that happens today. Write it down and we'll share at supper."

The nicest things? Here are some of the things they recorded: sunlight making rainbows on dewdrops in a spider web; an unexpected shower when the fields needed it most; a woman in the laundromat quickly emptying her dryer and saying, "Use this one. It's still going"; a tiny red flower in the lane.

Simple, everyday things..... Yet they were such day-brighteners that the family decided to continue the game. The farm wife reported

increased awareness of God's gifts and happier days for everyone.



Poet Sara Teasdale wrote: "Life has loveliness to sell, All beautiful and splendid things..." And the price is simply awareness. We find what we're looking for. And when we're looking for lovely things, including kindness, we find them all around us.

Have you or your family been seeing only ugliness? Why not try the farm wife's system? It could easily become a happy habit.

*Dear God, keep us always alert for the wonders of Your world.*

--Aletha Jane Lindstrom

## Vandalia Weekend Meeting

June 11 & 12

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 & fellowship after Saturday evening service.

For housing, call or text Joy Cummings, (515) 210-2397, email, [mdmdcc@msn.com](mailto:mdmdcc@msn.com) or Britney Dowdy, (515) 729-1925.



## Vacation Bible School

Pleasant Hill

June 20-24

With Wade Stanley

"Armor of God"

Classes each weeknight

7:00-8:30 p.m.

# Chariton

Meeting times—Sundays: 9:30 a.m. (no evening services)

Location—15th & Roland, Chariton, Iowa

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

We were blessed with many visitors this past month.

On the 1<sup>st</sup>, Kayla Bratcher was here visiting Ethan Schreck.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> we had many members of the Ingle family who were in the area celebrating Nora Lee's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and we were blessed to have several members of the group conduct our services for us. Visitors were: Nora Lee Ingle; Dave and Joyce Ingle; Randy, Teresa, and Kinnick Ingle; Ryan, Jamie, Elijah, Riley, and Taylor Ingle; Rodney, Alena, Brenna, Theron, Hugh,



and Keturah Ingle; Bruce and Suzanne Harvey; Matt, Kelly, Blake, Alexandria, and Colton Harvey; Marc, Ginger, Nick, Shea, and Gabriel Hermon; Kaley Zimmerman; Cindy Morris; Jeremy, Michelle, Sarah, Ashton, and Natalie Morris; Ben, Emily, Paige, and Reese Morris; Tad, JoAnna, and Nate Morris; and Joel, Aubrey, Zoie, and Mackenzie Morris.



Ethan Schreck graduated from Chariton High School on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Visitors on the 22<sup>nd</sup> were Brett and Chantelle Jackson,

Gerry and Ashley Fenton, Sue and Leah Schreck, Jenika Schreck, Tyler Schreck, and John, Teresa, and Jared Groves.

*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



Dillon Dobberke, son of Mary Dobberke and grandson of Yvonne Coe, has graduated from North High School. His open house is Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Eastside Senior Center. Congratulations, Dillon!

Bill and Shirley McNeece vacationed in Texas and visited family.

Greg and Linda Head took a trip to Minnesota.

Kara Feters has been in the Kansas City and Lawrence, KS, areas visiting friends and family. Her birth father, Brad Madison, has cancer and is receiving hospice care.

Debbie Wilkins will have

hip surgery on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Peter Hawthorne had pneumonia and spent a few days in the hospital. He is feeling better now.

David Chamberlain, who is Yvonne Coe's grandson, is cancer free as of now. He still has some chemotherapy to finish up.

Greg Head had some tests on his heart.

Neal Warren has had some improvement in the health of his eye, but his eyesight has not improved.

Visitors: Bill, Bryan, and Max Charlier; Jake McClung; Kamryn Aswegan; Kristina Hilzer; Madden Sharp; Aiden, Colton, Preston, and Paxon

Boozell; Carroll and Betty Warren; Paula Sampson; Alissa, Jude, and Caden Garbi; and Kim Lanc.

Ill: Mary Lou Allen, Don James, and Pam Climpson.

*June Birthdays*  
 4 – Marla Feters   
 5 – Chloe Prenosil  
 17 – Tammy Fitzgerald  
 23 – Janice Sellers  
 29 – Don James  
 29 – Frank Meek  
*June Anniversaries*  
 5 – Matt & Mary Dobberke   
 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

No news this month.

## 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 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 have decided to have a potluck and afternoon service on the first Sunday of the month as well as on the third Sunday of the month.

Marlene (Al) Bown had cataract surgery on both eyes this month. She's recovering well.

 Hannah Hounsom graduated from Indianola High School May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Several of us were able to celebrate with Hannah at an open house held in her honor.

Our dear sister Wendy Hounsom was diagnosed with breast cancer. Please keep Wendy, her husband Bill, and their children in your prayers.

## 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](http://pleasanthillchurchofchrist.org)

For information call—Bob Flack, (515)262-7329; Lowell Hermon, (515)989-0727; or Mike Warner, (515)967-4529.



Congratulations to Carly Felice and Brandon Ingle who graduated from Southeast Polk High School.

Sixty-three family members of Nora Lee Ingle helped her celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with a great and joyous weekend at Honey Creek Lodge near Moravia. On Sunday they gathered to worship with the brethren at Chariton, ending with a picnic at Red Haw Park.

Those on the sick list this month were: Troy Brand, Tammy Brady, Kinnick Ingle, Taylor Ingle, and Kaylee Zimmerman.

Pam Sorensen fell and broke her shoulder.

Jason Brady has had kidney stones.

Please keep Marilyn Koestler in your prayers, as she

has started chemo. She is Marje Turnquist's sister-in-law.

Mike and Shirley Warner are vacationing in Branson.

Nick Hermon was in San Francisco with his class.

Kaylee Zimmerman has now gone to Colorado to be with family for the summer.

Carroll and Betty Warren have been able to attend church the last few weeks. Thanks to Paula for bringing them. It is wonderful to see them.

Steve and Pat Thompson will be heading to Minnesota for the summer.

Betty Metcalf and daughter Karen of Knoxville visited with Nora Lee Ingle one day recently. Nora Lee and Betty were school friends.

Bud and Mary Fillman will celebrate 65 years of marriage this month.

## June Birthdays

- 6 – Alex Needham
- 15 – Bob Flack
- 15 – Eden Brady
- 17 – Ryleigh Bucher
- 20 – Whitney Wolfe
- 23 – Dan Pritchard
- 23 – Josh Conner
- 24 – Tricia Baird
- 24 – Jamie Ingle
- 27 – David Witherspoon
- 28 – Mary Gearhart
- 29 – Sophia George
- 30 – Randy Spinney



## June Anniversaries



- 2 – Don & Wanda Burkman
- 6 – Kevin & Denise Waits
- 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 131<sup>st</sup> St.  
Website: vandaliacoc.com

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



Congratulations to our three high school graduates: Destry Klein graduated from homeschool, Nick Guthrie graduated from Colfax-Mingo, and Mason Burkman graduated from Prairie City-Monroe.

Justin and Brittney Dowdy, and Carson visited family in Indiana.

Our visitors were: John and Amber Morris, Bethany, Peter, Zion, Tirzah, Liberty, Abraham, and Justice; Roger Elam; Rex and Doris Galloway; Vanessa Groves; Ryan Zinnell; Tiffany and Brittney Parker; Mary Ann Homan; and Valerie Burkman.

Shonya Klein spent a few days in Billings, Montana, helping her friend celebrate a special birthday.

Michael and Joy Cummings, and Casady visited family in Brookfield, Missouri.

It was good to see Bonnie Harkins back in services.

Doug Fiorentin underwent out-patient shoulder surgery.

The Klein family attended the weekend meeting at Lee's Summit, Missouri.

We sang with the residents at Altoona Nursing & Rehab center on a recent Sunday evening.

## June Birthday

29 – Lori Cole



## June Anniversaries



1 – Doug & Lisa Fiorentin

2 – Michael & Joy Cummings

29 – Charles & Angela Ingle

## FATHERS

Fathers are for giving a name and a heritage to their children—clean and honorable.

Fathers are for long, hard work, mostly their own kind of work;  
for not being home so much as mothers;  
for seeming to be pretty busy—and for trying to give their children things that fathers never had.

Fathers are for talking with, for encouraging, for putting arms around;  
for understanding mistakes, but not condoning them;  
for disciplining when needed, then loving all the more;  
for being strong and forceful, and for being tender and gentle.

RICHARD L. EVANS



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