



# Lighthouse of Iowa

*Keeping in touch with Iowa's Churches of Christ*

June 2017

## *We're Back !!!*

You can once again look forward to catching up on news of the six Iowa churches.

Many of you have expressed disappointment at the closing of this long tradition, as we endeavored to share the happenings of dear brothers and sisters in Christ in the area.

It is with pleasure that I introduce you to the new editors, Tom and Dianne Collier, members of the congregation at Martensdale. They will be gathering and editing the news each month. We appreciate their willingness to volunteer their time and effort in this project, and wish them much success in the future.

Blessings from your former editor,

*Ruth Schell*

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## Monthly Message

*"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."*

Psalms 133:1

In a time when we are connected in ways like never before, we still often find something missing in our lives. As Christians, where are those who share our values? Who will strengthen me when I am weak? Who will be willing to share the burdens of life with me? Who can I share my joys with? How can I be a source of strength for others?

*"Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another."*

Romans 12:15-16a

Are we sometimes like Elijah, thinking that we are alone in our desire to serve the Lord according to His will? Even though we know we are not alone, it is still reassuring to know how our brethren are doing. It is good to be able to share our joys and sorrows, to

know who we need to pray for, and to know others are praying for us. We understand that the less we are connected with one another, the more we will be connected with the world.

**The challenge today**, as it always has been, is taking the gospel to a lost world. This is a daily challenge for each of us. The gospel is often met with much resistance. Society in general is disinterested. Open discussion of God's word is discouraged, which may lead to our own discouragement. This is when our times of fellowship together carry the day for us.

We hopefully experience this encouragement within each of our congregations daily and weekly. There are opportunities also when our brethren have special meetings and studies. By staying connected, we profit by the teaching and the fellowship. And it provides for us a wholesome social life. This certainly answers the question, "Where do we find those who share our values?"

We have willingly made our own lives hectic, though we would probably never admit it. There is only one place that we will find "the peace that passes all understanding." The more we partake of this sweet retreat the better our life will be---in our heart, in our home, and in our role in the world.

As time moves forward in this declining world, hopefully we will see and understand how much we need each other. The more we stay connected to the body of Christ, the brighter our light will shine in the world. It is with this thought in mind that we relaunch the Lighthouse. We hope to inform and be informed of the Lord's work among the congregations and to encourage one another to "be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." 1 Corinthians 15:58

*Duane Proudfit, Elder  
Martensdale Church of Christ*

## Chariton

**Meeting times:** Sundays: 9:30 a.m. (no evening services)  
**Location:** 15<sup>th</sup> & Roland, Chariton, Iowa  
**For information call:** Albert Schreck (641) 535-2381

Carl Bennett has not been feeling well lately and has missed services a few times as a result.

Albert and Jeanette Schreck and Brian and Tammy Schreck attended the graduation party for Leah Schreck on May 13 in Lees Summit. Albert and Jeanette also attended her graduation on the 15th.

Brian and Tammy Schreck attended the wedding of Kirk Ford and Bethany Phillips on May 20 in Lees Summit.

### Birthdays

- None this month.

### Anniversary

- June 2 - Carl & Evelyn Bennett
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## 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

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Roberta Milinsky traveled in the Czech Republic.

Risa and Skip Schamel traveled in Minnesota.

Linda and Greg Head traveled to the Grand Tetons, Yellowstone National Park and Rapid City, South Dakota.

Frank Meek is traveling in London, England.

**Visitors:** Tom Warren, Kamryn Aswegan, Bill, Bryan, Max and Tally Charlier, Valerie Hawthorne, Venita James, Colleen (Brady) Launsdale, and Terry and Kim Lanc.

### III:

- Pam Climpson, Jan Sellers

### Birthdays:

- May 20 - Emily Dobberke
- May 26 - Linda Head

### Anniversaries:

- 1984 - David & Marla Fetters
  - 2015 - Jon & Jessica Chapman
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## 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

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## 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

Congratulations to Zach Wheeler who graduated Cum Laude from Simpson college. He is graduating with a degree in Computer Information Systems and minors in Business Management and Computer Science.

We were happy to have Tiffany Parker place her membership with our congregation. Tiffany previously attended at Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

Amelia Rogers (from Canada) spent some time visiting with Rodney and Alena Ingle and family.

Ada, Ali and Anna Stephens spent the Memorial Day Weekend with their grandparents, Mike and Tracy Penick.

*Fred Bown has a bulged disk in his back. Please keep him in your prayers as he heals.*

### Birthdays

- June 4 - Kyle Bown

Bethany Phillips and Kirk Ford were married on May 20. After honeymooning in Colorado they will make their home in Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Al and Marlene Bown welcomed a new great grandson into their family. Amos Ward Woody arrived May 17 weighing 9 lbs 9 ozs and was 22 inches long. Amos' parents are Sam and Kelsey Woody.

- June 4 - Tracy Penick
- June 10 - Phyllis Bown
- June 12 - Fred Bown
- June 21 - Al Bown

### Anniversaries

- June 12 - Fred & Marlene Bown
- June 13 - Zach and Jenna Wheeler

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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](http://pleasanthillchurchofchrist.org)  
**For information call:** Bob Flack (515) 262-7329, Lowell Hermon (515) 989-0727, Mike Warner (515) 967-4529.

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**VBS will be June 19-23 with John Lee.** John will also speak on Sunday June 18.

- Sun. am 9:30 and 10:30
- Sun pm 6:00
- Mon – Fri 7:00-8:30

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Keith Price had throat surgery and is progressing slowly.

Theresa Ingle had neck surgery and is doing well. She has also changed jobs and is working at Chick-fila on Ankeny.

Some of our members done some clean-up outside of the church and continued over to Keith and Connie's to help them.

Marc and Ginger Hermon and family attended the wedding of Bethany Phillips to Kirk Ford. Congratulations to this Christian couple.

Ryan and Jamie Ingle and family have moved to a bigger house. They live by Dave and Joyce Ingle.

Ryan Curtis has graduated from Grandview University. Congratulations!!

Bob and Marge Flack and Betty Curtis were in Ozark, Mo at the Heart of American Baseball Stadium, also attended church at Ozark.

Mike and Shirley Warner were vacationing in Branson. They also visited family in Republic, Mo. They were in Colo. Attending a funeral for an uncle and visited with family there.

Della Camp, Carol McGown and Connie Mienka were visiting. They are Mariam Parrish's daughter's.

Nick Hermon has had mono, but is better.

Mike Warner, Jason Brady and Suzanne Harvery have been sick.

Niko Felice has graduated from University of Iowa. Congratulations!!

Paul, Michele and Ryan Zinnel, Larry and Bev Brady, Bob and Marge Flack and Sharon Mineart attended the wedding of Kara Fetters to Jake McClung. Congratulations to this Christian couple.

Larry and Bev Brady spent the week-end at Lake of the Ozarks.

Jake Miller was visiting the Brand's.

Dan and Amy Pritchard and family were visiting in Oklahoma.

Kelly Sharp a friend of Julene Pappan's has been visiting.

Brian McClurg is visiting family.

Joyce Ingle visited with her dad Roy Whanger.

Sam and Maise Pritchard have been sick.

Theresa Johnson , Bud Fillman niece is visiting.

Carroll and Betty Warren will celebrate 70 years of marriage on June 8. If anyone would like to send them wishes, you may send to

2237 153rd Ave, Carlisle, Iowa 50047

### Birthdays

- 6 Alex Needham
- 15 Bob Flack
- 15 Eden Brady
- 17 Ryleigh Bucher
- 17 Joel Needham
- 20 Whitney Thorsen
- 20 Andon Trout
- 23 Dan Pritchard
- 24 Tricia Baird
- 24 Jamie Ingle
- 26 Bralon Trout
- 27 David witherspoon
- 28 Mary Gearhart
- 29 Sophia George
- 30 Randy Spinney

### Anniversary's

- 2 Don and Wanda Burkman
- 6 Kevin and Denise Waits
- 8 Carroll and Betty Warren (70 Years!)
- 9 Bud and Mary Fillman

### Marriages

- Whitney Wolfe and Eric Thorsen were married April 22. Congratulations to them.
- The wedding of Kara Fetters to Jake McClung. Congratulations to this Christian couple.

### Departed

Word was received that Reba Lee has passed away. Funeral and visitation was on Tuesday May 31 at Nixa, Mo.

# 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

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Hope you are planning to attend the annual **June 10th, and 11th meeting** with us.

**The times are:** Saturday afternoon—3.00 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. Sunday 9:30 a.m., and 2:00 p.m.

**For housing arrangements**, call or text Joy Cummings, 515-210-2397, or Brittney Dowdy, 515-729-1925. Or email Joy at: [mdmdcc@msn.com](mailto:mdmdcc@msn.com) or Brittney at [dowdybrittney@gmail.com](mailto:dowdybrittney@gmail.com)

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Leah Schreck has placed her membership from Lee's Summit, Missouri to Vandalia. We welcome her.

Doug and Lisa Fiorintin visited family in Indiana over the Memorial Day weekend.

Alan and Shonya Klein and children attended the Memorial Day weekend meeting at Murray Road.

Among our recent visitors were: Valerie Burkman, Jill Burrell, Ryan Zinnell, Micah Heartsill, and the family of Paul Green.

Morgan Cummings will soon be moving to Britt, Iowa, where she will be employed with Nails in Full Service Salon.

Bobbi Duckstein recently had a bout with pneumonia and spent several days in the hospital, followed by several days in a re-hab facility. She is now home and still recovering.

Mary Ellen Goode will have reverse total shoulder replacement surgery June 27th.

Lucas Ingle graduated from Prairie City-Monroe High School on Sunday, May 21st. His family hosted an open house at the church building the night before. Lucas plans to attend Simpson College in the Fall. Congratulations!

Nathan Fiorentin also received his diploma from Prairie city-Monroe High School. Congratulations!

The Cummings family traveled to Kansas City to attend the wedding of their niece, Shelby Russell and Shane Lee.

Michael and Joy Cummings and Casady again traveled to Kansas City where they attended the wedding of Bethany Phillips and Kirk Ford. They stayed over and visited Bruce and Sue Schreck.

## Birthdays

- June 29 - Lori Cole

## Anniversaries

- June 1 - Doug & Lisa Fiorentin
- June 2 - Michael & Joy Cummings
- June 29 - Charles & Angela Ingle

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*As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.*

~ Proverbs 25:25

