



Lighthouse of Iowa

Keeping in touch with Iowa's Churches of Christ

June 2023

Memorial Day

Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day as a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. There are many stories as to its actual beginning and many traditions that have been observed through the years. Memorial Day was designated as May 30 by Federal Law and many of us remember that day as special because of the activities local communities had in observance of the day. It was truly a day set aside for remembrance of fallen service personnel. One remembrance was the sale of red poppies made by disabled veterans.

Today, Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May by passage of the National Holiday Act of 1971, thus making it a three-day holiday. Since that time, the accent on the reason for the holiday has been reduced to the weekend for the 500 Mile Race, lowering the flag to half staff and a moment of silence at 3 p.m. For too many of us, the day passes as just another day off work to do whatever we want to.

What reason is there to take time to read about Memorial Day and how it has decreased in value to the American people? Those of us who were born in the last 60-75 years have seen the deterioration of many values formerly held by citizens of this great nation. The lack of respect shown for one another is evidenced by the lack of student control in the schools, road rage, family abuse, and robbery and vandalism. All of this is a result of a departure from the teachings of the Bible.

Failure to realize why man is even on the earth has caused most people to lose respect for God. It should be noted that during the lifetime of those born 60-75 years ago, religion has taken a back seat in too many people's lives. No longer is Sunday the Lord's Day but rather a day off work to eat, drink and be happy. In former times there were 'blue laws' that prohibited sale

of merchandise on Sunday. About the only restriction of sales on Sunday, at least in Indiana, is the sale of automobiles and liquor.

The Lord's Day — A Memorial Day

Just as the reason for Memorial Day has generally been forgotten, the reason for Sunday is ignored across the land. Jesus died for the sins of all people and gave the Lord's Supper to the church to remember him by. It was his memorial. The early church came together on the first day of the week to partake of the Lord's Supper. (Acts 20:7)

This practice still is observed in the church of Christ today. We observe the death of Jesus in the manner that he requested. It is a simple service that is solemn but without fanfare and pageantry. It is our desire to observe his death and resurrection as closely as we can to the manner in which he gave it to his disciples prior to his crucifixion.

Just as there have been changes in the observance of Memorial Day, there have been changes in the observance of the Lord's Day. If people attend a church service on Sunday, many go to churches who fail to remember the death of Jesus on the cross by partaking of the Lord's Supper. Furthermore, just as the original Memorial Day has been changed to accommodate people wanting a three-day weekend off work, some churches have decided to have the observance of the Lord's Supper on special Sundays or holidays or on other days of the week as local church leaders determine.

Remembrance is the reason for any memorial or holiday named for a person or event. When people fail in their remembrance, the reason for the memorial or holiday has been lost. Similarly, when we fail to gather around the table of the Lord each Lord's day, the

reason for the Lord's Supper has been lost. Even though the observance of the Lord's Supper may seem too simple, it must not be partaken of lightly since it is the observance of the death of our Savior for the remission of our sins that we might have an opportunity for eternal life. We may fail to keep Memorial Day as it was originally planned, but this failure has no affect on our eternal destiny as our

failure to observe the Lord's death properly and regularly does.

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Chariton

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

Location: Call for information.

For information call: Albert Schreck (641) 535-2381 or Brian Schreck (641) 203-2137

- Quiet month at Chariton.



June Birthdays

- None

June Anniversaries

- None

Dean Avenue

Meeting times: Sundays: 9:30 a.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m.

Location: 2907 Dean Ave., Des Moines, Iowa / P.O. Box 57398, Pleasant Hill, IA 50327

For information call: John McNeece (515) 263-9428

- Doug and Jill Twaddell met with us on May 21st. Doug gave us two edifying lessons.
- Candy Meek, wife of Jim Meek, has started chemo for her lung cancer. She is doing ok tolerating it.
- Sara Patterson had a second back surgery to remove bone fragments that could cause scar tissue. Scar tissue was what was causing her pain before and resulted in the first surgery.

- Carol Ann Terry, daughter of Levon and Juanita Irene Coe passed away on May 7, 2023, in Amarillo, TX. Her brother is Lynn Coe.

June Birthdays

- ☆ 23 Jan Sellers
- ☆ 29 Don James
- ☆ 29 Frank Meek 19 Peg Warren

June Anniversaries

- ☆ 05 Matt & Mary Dobberke
- ☆ 29 Ron & Karma Sharp.

Fairview

Meeting times: Sundays: 10:00 a.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.

Location: 1001 S. 22nd St, Clarinda, Iowa 51632

For information call: Richard Negley (712)542-3728 or Marvin Negley (712)542-2792

- We enjoyed having John & Donna Lee with us on May 14th.
- **Visitors:**

- Dick & Phyllis Smith - Forest, OH
- Phyllis Montross - Clarinda, IA
- Mike & Shirley Warner - Altoona, IA

- Paul Negley Family - Urbandale, IA.

June Birthdays

- ☆ 22 Janet Negley
- ☆ 27 Neil McCoy

June Anniversary

- None

Martensdale

Meeting Times: Sundays: 10:00 a.m. & Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.
Location: 10985 44th Lane, Prole, Iowa (1.5 miles east of Martensdale, IA on Hwy. 92)
Website: martensdalechurchofchrist.com
For information call: Duane Proudfit (515) 961-4470 or Mike Penick (515) 681-0279

- Mary Proudfit is in Lutheran Hospital where they are working on getting her medicine aligned. Please keep Duane & Mary in your prayers during this difficult time.
- Ezra Jon Purdy arrived at 3:10 May 16th! He was 7 lbs. 2 oz., 18 inches. Everyone is doing great and enjoying baby snuggles and time with his big brother Judah! Grandparents are Dave and Christy Henderson. Great grandparents are Duane & Mary Proudfit.
- Wendy Hounsom has been able to attend church again due to a change in her medicine. Such a blessing!
- The Martensdale Church of Christ had a picnic at the McCord Park in Indianola on Friday, May 19th. It was a wonderful evening of fellowship!
- **Visitors:** Ethan & Megan Schreck; Steve Proudfit.



**Grandparents Dave & Christy Henderson
with grandsons Judah and newborn Ezra**



Martensdale Kids at McCord Park, Indianola
(4 Ingles, 3 Wheelers, 2 Teghtmeyers)



Beautiful day for a congregation picnic at McCord Park, Indianola

June Birthdays

- ☆ Tracy Penick
- ☆ Phyllis Bown
- ☆ Silas Wheeler
- ☆ Fred Bown

June Anniversaries

- ☆ Zach & Jenna Wheeler

Pleasant Hill

Meeting Times: Sundays: 9:30 a.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m.
Location: 5091 E. University, Pleasant Hill, Iowa
Website: pleasanthillchurchofchrist.org
Contacts: Mike Warner 515-967-4529 / Marty Williamson 515-556-2394 / Marc Hermon 515- 554-3567

- **Brothers & Sisters had a wonderful time at the Ingle Farm on Memorial Day.** Many thanks to Dave/Joyce Ingle for their gracious hospitality as well as Rodney James Ingle for grilling. Fun was had by all! Fishing, watermelon, baby chicks, farm tour rides in four wheeler, goat walks, strawberry pie, bullfrogs, crocodiles in the kybo... in a nutshell lots of laughs and sweet fellowship. We thank God for special times together and the memories everyone created. ❤️🙏❤️.



Vern & Nora Lee Ingle Farm



Rodney giving a nature lesson to a hesitant student



Dave and Joyce Ingle



Food, fishing, and fellowship

Vandalia

Meeting Times: Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

Location: 2.5 miles east of Runnells, Iowa on F70, then 1 mile north on 131st St.

For information call: Greg Ingle (515) 994-2824 or Charles Ingle (515) 238-3316

Website: <https://vandaliacoc.co>

- We celebrated Casady Cummings graduation from high school with an Open House at a friend's home on May 7. Lots of good wishes, good food and good fellowship with Casady and her family that day.
- Josie Fiorentin spent some time in the hospital but is now home and doing fine.
- Lynette Dowdy visited family in the Kansas City area. Jason and Staci Miller and children were in Missouri visiting family. Chelsie Rankin went to Kansas to attend her sister's graduation.
- Alan and Shonya Klein and family, Ethan Clark, Brittney Dowdy and children, and Chelsie Rankin attended the Murray Road week-end meeting.
- We welcome Rylee Ingle as a member at Vandalia.
- Greg and Margaret Ingle celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 25. An open house is planned for them at Coffee and Carnations in Prairie City on June 4th from 5-7 pm.
- The group had lots of food, fellowship, and laughs at a picnic/kick-ball get-together on Monday, May 29 at the Recreational Complex in Prairie City.

Bob Cummings passing

- Bob Cummings was in the hospital recovering from having 3 stints put in. Sadly, however, Bob passed on Tuesday, May 30. No service details yet.



Our youngest participant in the kick-ball game...Willem Ingle being held by his father, Lucas.



Fellowship as Alan Klein cooks smash burgers.

- Visitors this month were: Zion Morris, Ryan, Jaimie Ingle and family, and Mason Burright.



June Birthdays

☆ None

June Anniversaries

☆ 1 Doug & Lisa Fiorentin

☆ 6 Mason & Morgan Burkman

☆ 29 Charles & Angela Ingle.



When is the Summer Solstice?

The June solstice occurs on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 10:58 A.M. EDT.

This solstice marks the official beginning of summer in the Northern Hemisphere, occurring when Earth arrives at the point in its orbit where the North Pole is at its maximum tilt (about 23.5 degrees) toward the Sun, resulting in the longest day and shortest night of the calendar year. (By longest “day,” we mean the longest period of sunlight hours.) On the day of the June solstice, the Northern Hemisphere receives sunlight at the most direct angle of the year.

The word “solstice” comes from the Latin *solstitium*—from *sol* (Sun) and *stitium* (still or stopped). Due to Earth’s tilted axis, the Sun doesn’t rise and set at the same locations on the horizon each morning and evening; its rise and set positions move northward or southward in the sky as Earth travels around the Sun through the year. Also, the Sun’s track in the sky becomes higher or lower throughout the year. The June solstice is significant because the Sun reaches its northernmost point in the sky at this time, at which point the Sun’s path does not change for a brief period of time.

The timing of the June solstice is not based on a specific calendar date or time; it all depends on when the Sun reaches its northernmost point from the celestial equator. Therefore, the solstice won’t always occur on the same day. Currently, it shifts between June 20, 21, and 22.

