

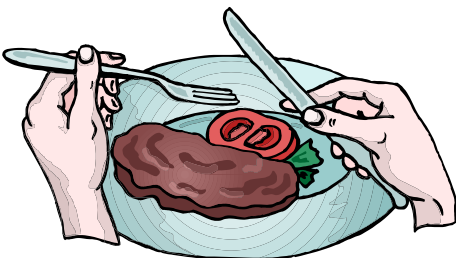
Lighthouse of Iowa

July 2012

"And the truth shall make you free." -John 8:32 (NIV)

Cooking back, I'm not sure just how it happened, although I suppose I was a little embarrassed that I was taking the remainder of my steak dinner to my homebound mother. Dining at the neighborhood steak house, I had found myself stuffed after the salad bar, so when the steak and baked potato arrived, with a little loaf of that delicious homemade bread, I asked for a "to-go" carton.

"Honey, you haven't eaten hardly anything," an elderly man dining alone hollered my way. An entire section of diners glanced at me.



"Oh, I thought I'd take this steak home to my dog," I answered quickly, almost apologizing, then chagrined that I had lied.

The next thing I knew, the man hobbled over to my table and dumped the scraps off his plate onto the pristine steak dinner in my foil carton. "More for the pooch," he explained with a grin.



Mom and I both got a laugh out of that steak dinner she didn't get, and my dog Spanky was one happy pup. And I had learned a lesson I needed to learn: Always tell the truth. It will set you free in more ways than you can imagine.

Dear Lord, thank You for Your gentle reminder of the way I should live.

-ROBERTA MESSNER



A Patriotic Wish

I'd like to be the sort of man the flag could boast about;

I'd like to be the sort of man it cannot live without;

I'd like to be the type of man That really is American:

The head-erect and shoulders-square,

Clean-minded fellow, just and fair,

That all men picture when they see

The glorious banner of the free.

I'd like to be the sort of man the flag now typifies,

The kind of man we really want the flag to symbolize:

The loyal brother to a trust,

The big, unselfish soul and just,

The friend of every man oppressed,

The strong support of all that's best—

The sturdy chap the banner's meant,

Where'er it flies, to represent.

I'd like to be the sort of man the flag's supposed to mean,

The man that all in fancy see, wherever it is seen;

The chap that's ready for a fight

Whenever there's a wrong to right,

The friend in every time of need,

The doer of the daring deed,

The clean and generous handed man

That is real American.

Edgar A. Guest

Chariton

Meeting times—Sundays: 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:30 p.m.

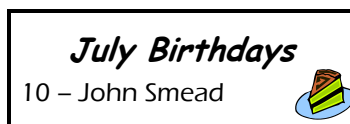
Location—15th & Roland, Chariton, Iowa

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

Carl Bennett's sister, Doris Johnson, passed away June 8th. Memorial services were held in Chicago and then a graveside service was held June 16th at the New York Cemetery in Wayne County, Iowa.

Clarence and Deloris Van Egdome attended Clarence's 65th class reunion at Montezuma, Iowa. Seventeen of his former classmates of 1947 were able to attend.

Brian and Tammy Schreck and family spent a week in Colorado with the rest of the Proudfit family. They attended services at Jay Street while out there.



We want to thank everyone for your thoughts, prayers, cards, food, phone calls and visits this past year and a half during our son, Garry's illness and death. Everything is so much appreciated. It is with the help and love of family and all our brothers and sisters in Christ that gets us through such a difficult time.

Clarence and Deloris Van Egdome



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

Marla Fetters, Alissa and Jude Garbi, and doggie arrived back in Iowa on June 1st. Alissa and Jude will be staying with Marla and David until Ian gets his next orders – sometime in the late fall. David Fetters, after 33 years of service, will retire from the State. His last day will be the 29th of June, so Jude shouldn't want for attention. Congratulations David!

Don Warren fell ill and it was determined he had a herniated bowel. This was corrected by laparoscopic surgery. He had a re-hospitalization because of dehydration, but is home now. He is weak and needs our prayers.

Donna Meek fell and has a hairline fracture in her spine.

She was hospitalized for a while, but we were happy to have her at services, Sunday, the 24th.

Pam Conn has "graduated" from radiation and tolerated it fairly well. She will now go back to some form of chemotherapy. Her desire to be at services, even VBS, is such a boost to all of us. Please pray for this dear sister.

We want to thank all those who came and/or brought children to our VBS. We had an average of 40 per day. We also appreciate those who attended the evening meetings.

Our number increased by one, when little Chloe Ann was born to Amy and Chad Prenosil, making Jan and Larry Sellers grandparents and Margaret and Don Warren great-

grandparents again!

Peter Hawthorne is walking some on his own and eating on his own. His speech is also increasing. He enjoys visits and cards. He is still at Ramsey Home, 1611 27th St., Des Moines, IA 50311. Please remember him and Frances in your prayers.

Pam Climpson had an adverse reaction to anesthetic during a procedure, but is much better now.

Those ill this month were Donna Meek, Don Warren, Jeanne Van Egdome, Pam Conn, Pam Climpson.

Visitors included Betty Warren, Brandon Masserly of Missouri, and Shirley McNeece had her grandkids from Texas

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Dean Avenue

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up here for VBS. Mike and Tracy Penick visited the 24th and Mike also gave the lesson.

He exhorted us to always cherish the “hope” we have and be able to share it with others. Excellent advice.

July Birthdays

- 2 – Kamryn Aswegan
- 13 – Amy Prenosil
- 16 – Jessica Strable
- 22 – Cathy James



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 were happy that Mary Lou Madden and Elsie Negley have been able to attend services a few times this past month.

We were all very thankful for some much needed and timely rains!

July Birthdays

- 18 - Connie Miller
- 29 – Elsie Negley



Martensdale

Meeting Times—Sundays: 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:30 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 hosting a weekend meeting with Wade Stanley July 14 and 15. The Teen Study will be held first at 4:00 at Allen and Teresa Bown’s home, led by Wade. Then Wade will speak at 7:00 p.m. Saturday evening and 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning. We will have a basket dinner and Wade will speak again at 1:30 p.m.

Al and Marlene Bown traveled to Arkansas to attend the June 2nd wedding of their grandson, Sam Woody, to Kelsey Cole.

David and Daniel Stanley each spent a couple weeks with their grandparents Dick and Phyllis Bown. They attended services with us during their visits.

Roger Bown and Dennis and

Cindy Stanley were in the area visiting their parents, Dick and Phyllis Bown. They attended services on June 10th.

Pam Deckler has been traveling.

Brian Salgado attended service while visiting Drew and Courtney Tegtmeyer.

Neal and Peg Warren worshiped with us on June 17th, and Neal gave the morning exhortation.

Duane and Mary Proudfit, Dave and Christy Henderson and Cassidy and Bethany all spent a week in Colorado with the remainder of Duane and Mary’s children and grandchildren in celebration of Duane and Mary’s 50th wedding anniversary.

Al and Marlene Bown and

Zach and Jenna Wheeler all traveled to Missouri to attend the wedding of Samantha Ford to Dane Hartman. Al and Marlene traveled on to Eminence to do some camping before the campout.

Dick Bown is scheduled to have surgery June 26 to have a kidney removed. Please keep Dick and Phyllis and their family in your prayers.

Allen Bown hurt his back at work. He is feeling better and is going to start physical therapy soon.

Drew and Courtney Tegtmeyer purchased a new home in Indianola. Their new address is 1200 W. Clinton Ave., Indianola, 50125.

July Birthdays

- 23 – Cassidy Phillips



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.

It was a glorious day when Carson George accepted Christ as his Saviour. We are very happy to have this young man in our fold.

We are sad to report that Vernon McClurg has left his earthly life. His funeral was June 9th. Please keep Marilyn and family in your prayers.

Congratulations to Josh and Ashten Brady for their daughter Eden Arabela. Eden arrived June 15th, and weighed seven pounds, seven ounces and was 20 inches long. She is welcomed home by big sister Ava. Grandparents are Jason and Theresa Brady, Mike and Cindy Brady; great-grandparents are Tom and Fred Brady, Larry and Bev Brady; and great-great grandma Audrey Brady.

Tim Brady will be getting home sometime in July from Afghanistan.

Visitors this month were: Don and Sharon Gustafson, and Steve Wood. Alex Needham and Ryane Brady were visiting with family and to meet her new niece. There were many of the Brady families visiting to attend the Brady reunion.

Many attended the Vandalia meeting. Many also attended the meeting with John Lee at Dean Ave.

Ryan and Jamie Ingle and Elijah attended Jamie's cousin's wedding in Kansas City area.

Rodney and Alena Ingle, Niki Hermon and Ryan Zinnel attended the weekend meeting at Excelsior Springs.

Nora Lee Ingle was visiting with Cindy Morris and family.

Jason Brady was sick earlier this month and is better.

Betty George fell and was sore for a few days. She is feeling better. Carroll Warren hasn't been feeling well. Lowell Hermon took a radiation pill and isn't feeling well.

We will be having our annual Labor Day weekend meeting as usual, starting at 3 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Saturday September 1. On Sunday: 9:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. Meals served between services each day. Breakfast Monday 7:00 a.m. September 3rd. Please check our web site for other info.



Thanks to all who showed caring and concern to our family during Vernon's illness and death. We appreciate it very much.

Marilyn McClurg and family



July Birthdays

- 2 – Chad Turner
- 3 – Alena Ingle
- 3 – Jack Conner
- 4 – Clay Felice
- 5 – Michele Zinnel
- 5 – Rodney Ingle
- 8 – Julene Felice
- 9 – Tyler Brady
- 12 – Steve Thompson
- 13 – Marian Parrish
- 13 – Sydney Brand
- 13 – Mike Warner
- 16 – Cindy Brady
- 18 – Ryan Curtis
- 22 – Grace Harvey
- 23 – Tyler Curtis
- 28 – Nancy Brady
- 29 – Kelly George
- 30 – Ginger Hermon
- 31 – Dave Ingle



July Anniversaries

- 7 – Jason & Theresa Brady
- 15 – Tim & Ann Casey
- 24 – Ryan & Jamie Ingle
- 28 – Bob & Marge Flack



Iowa Traveling Bible Study (ITBS)

The August study will be August 11 at Marc & Ginger Hermon's

Please check with host family to see if they would like you to bring any food.

If you have any questions, call Rodney Ingle at 515-669-0365.

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

Thank you to everyone who attended our annual meeting in June and for the speakers who presented a series of very interesting subjects.

We offer our sympathy to Bobbi Duckstein in the loss of her husband Clifford, who passed away June 15th at the Mitchellville Care Center.

Our visitors this past month were: Jason and Staci Miller, and Dwight and Beth Duckstein and children.

It was nice to see Pam Skinner able to attend services these past two Sundays.

The population of Vandalia, Iowa increased by two when Justin and Brittney Dowdy moved into the home which they have purchased just across the road and on the southeast corner from the church building.

Casady Cummings spent a few days visiting her grandparents, D.D. and Donna Russell in Brookfield, Missouri.

Ruth Schell attended a machine knitters seminar in Hannibal, Missouri, in mid-June.

Justin and Brittney Dowdy spent a few days visiting family in Indianapolis.

Bruce Fiorentin and Kelsey Knight attended a wedding in Iowa City.

Marvin and Melda Ingle, Lynnette Dowdy, Lisa Fiorentin, and Justin Dowdy attended the wedding of Josh Riggins and Connie Evans in Kansas City.

A surprise party was held on a recent Wednesday evening when Tim Burkman's birthday ended in a big fat zero!

Editor's Note:

Since I will be attending the Two-Week Meeting, the next bulletin will be a combined August/September issue, in late August.

Thanks to all my brothers and sisters for prayers the last 2 ½ years when Clifford moved to the Mitchellville Care Center. With God's help and yours, it didn't seem so long. Thank you for just this past week for all the cards, letters, flowers, food, and more prayers. I know my family is my brothers and sisters in Christ. I love you all!
 Bobbi Duckstein

July Birthdays

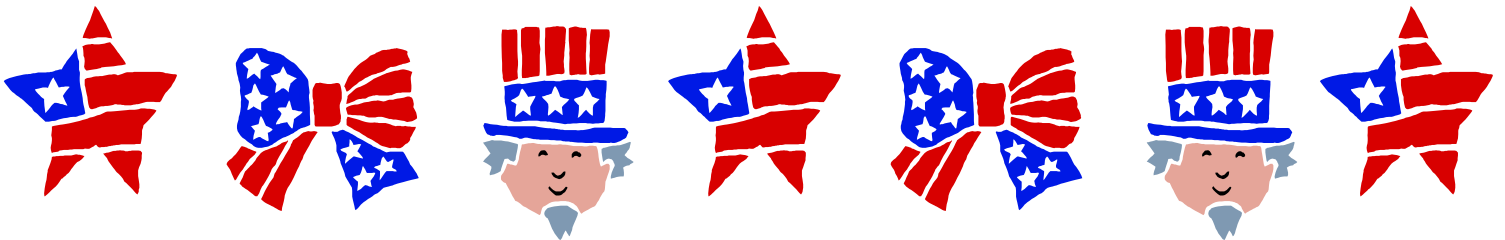
- 1 – Sarah Clark
- 1 – Tonya Guthrie
- 24 – Drew Cummings
- 25 – Tyrell Klein



July Anniversaries



- 10 – Matt & Sarah Clark



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