

Lighthouse of Iowa

July 2016

Make sure there is no root among you that produces such bitter poison.

Deuteronomy 29:18 (NIV)

The weeds in my rock garden have been especially pesky this year, in spite of my efforts to pluck away at the problem.



“You can’t do it that way,” a gardener-friend told me as she watched me casually pull a couple of weeds from a bed of bright yellow marigolds. “You’ve got to

dig down deeper and get the whole root system, or that same weed will just keep reappearing year after year.” She then rummaged through my basket of garden tools, pulled out a long weed digger, plunged it into the dirt next to a weed and dug the weed out, along with a clump of dirt. “This is how you get to the root of the problem,” she said, sounding like some wise weed philosopher.

Her words got me thinking about some of the pesky weeds in my life. Take procrastination, for instance. On some days, I have a bad habit of putting off the most important tasks that I must tackle. Finally, I force myself to start the project, but in

a couple of days procrastination crops up again. If I stop and dig deeper around the edges of this habit, I find that it is rooted in a fear that I won’t do a good job or that I won’t adequately meet someone else’s expectations. What if I dig out my fear of failure and surrender it to God in prayer?

Thanks to my weed philosopher, my garden is starting to look better—and so is my life.

Father, help me to get to the root of my problems and surrender them to You in prayer.

CAROL KUYKENDALL



Chariton

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

Location—15th & Roland, Chariton, Iowa

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

During an eye exam, it was discovered that Mary Jo Riekens is almost blind in her left eye. Upon further testing it was discovered that she has a blood clot in that eye. They are waiting for word from the

doctor on what the next step will be.

Ethan Schreck has moved to Lee's Summit, Missouri. He plans to attend Longview Community College this fall.

July Birthday

10 – John Smead



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 was here for a week's meeting. Thank you to the surrounding congregations for your support.

Rodney Ingle from Martensdale gave us an excellent Sunday morning sermon on "Sticking Out In The World" and not being ashamed of our faith.

Kara Fetters moved to Blue Springs, Missouri. We will miss her.

Ron and Karma Sharp vacationed in South Dakota with family.

David Fetters visited Kara Fetters and Alissa, Ian, Jude, and Caden Garbi in Blue Springs, Missouri. Marla Fetters will be spending a few

days helping Alissa and family move into a house.

Mary Lou Allen had a cat-scan on her head and stomach.

Wayne Patterson, son-in-law of John and Donna McNeece, was badly injured while riding his motorcycle when a pickup truck pulled out in front of him. He had surgery for two broken wrists and broken bones in his face. He also had a break in his back.

Skip Schamel, husband of Risa Schamel, had an angiogram and received a stint after an abnormal stress test. He is feeling better.

Debbie Wilkins had hip surgery on June 29th at Mercy West.

Visitors: Jake McClung; Bill, Bryan, and Max Charlier; Courtney Trotter; Camdyn Quijano; David Warren; and Jaclyn Chamberlain.

Ill: Mary Lou Allen, Don James, Frank Meek, Pam Climpson, and Glenn Meacham.

July Birthdays

2 – Kamryn Aswegan

13 – Amy Prenosil

16 – Jessica Strable

22 – Cathy James



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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

No news this month.

July Birthdays

18 – Connie Miller

29 – Elsie Negley



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

Wendy Hounsom had a double mastectomy on June 21st. She is home recovering and attended morning service on June 26th. Please continue to pray for her and her family. If you'd like to send Wendy a card, her address is 800 N. Kenwood Blvd., Indianola, IA 50125.

Maddy Hermon and Aiden Twaddell traveled to Kansas early in the month and were in a car accident. Thankfully both of them came away with only minor injuries.

Dick Bown is scheduled to have knee replacement surgery on July 5th. Please keep him in your prayers.

Jordan Bown has moved her membership to the Lone Jack, Missouri, congregation.

Tanner George; Rodney, Alena, Brenna, Theron, Hugh, and Keturah Ingle; Zach, Jenna, and Malachi Wheeler have all traveled to Missouri at various times this month.

John and Donna McNeece worshipped with us June 19th. We enjoyed hearing John's exhortation on Credibility.

Bethany Phillips and Maddy Hermon attended the meeting at the Excelsior Springs congregation.

Dave and Christy Henderson worshipped with the

church at Itasca while they were in Illinois visiting family.

Drew and Courtney Tegtmeyer enjoyed a cruise to celebrate their fifth wedding anniversary.

Stephanie, Ada, Allie, and Anna Stephens worshipped with us while visiting family.

July Birthdays

3 – Alena Ingle

5 – Rodney Ingle

23 – Cassidy Phillips

30 – Tanner George



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.

Thank you everyone for bringing your children to VBS. We had a good turn out.



Congratulations to Alex and Ryane Needham and big sister Audra

on the birth of their new baby boy. Joel Thomas Oliver arrived June 19th. All are doing well. Grandparents are Jason and Theresa Brady, and great-grandparents are Tom and Fred Brady.

Margaret Franklin went to Chicago to attend funerals of three family members.

Some of Kelsey Wood's family were here visiting.

Randy and Theresa Ingle and family traveled to Waterloo for a graduation.

Marian Parrish will celebrate her 100th birthday on July 13th. Her birthday

party will be July 16th from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Christian Church, 302 N. Church St., in Fayette, Missouri. If you'd like to send a card, her address is: 200 Groce St., Fayette, MO 65248.

Theresa Brady and Alex, Ryane, and Audra Needham were ill this month.

Margaret Franklin went to Chicago to take care of some children so that their mother could travel to California for a death in her family. She will return the middle of July.

Marilyn McClurg was in the hospital last week with heart trouble. She is improving at home.

Matt and Kelly Harvey and family were back visiting with family and attending a wedding.

Kaylee Zimmerman is back for a couple of weeks.

July Birthdays

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



July Anniversaries

- 7 – Jason & Theresa Brady
- 18 – Miles & Kelsey Wood
- 24 – Ryan & Jamie Ingle
- 28 – Bob & Marge Flack



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

Richard Goode was in the hospital for a few days, after what may have been a mini stroke.

Bobbi Duckstein and Melda Ingle have been ill with bronchial infections.

Lynnette Dowdy visited family in Kansas City.

Among those attending the meeting in Excelsior Springs, Missouri, were: Doug and Lisa Fiorentin and Nathan; Lucas and Charity Ingle; Briana and Destry Klein; and Mason Burkman.

Valerie Burkman and

David and Wanda Miller were visitors.

Brett and Lori Cole spent some time in Minnesota attending a wedding.

Bruce Fiorentin was in Boston for job-related training.

We are looking forward to several new births coming in the near future. James and Laura Dowdy are expecting twins in November. Bruce and Kelsey Fiorentin will welcome a new baby in January, along with Justin and Brittney Dowdy.

July Birthdays

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



July Anniversaries



- 10 – Matt & Sarah Clark
- 14 – Bruce & Kelsey Fiorentin

Happy July 4th