

Lighthouse of Iowa

August/September 2012

*Live joyfully with the wife
whom thou lovest...*

Ecclesiastes 9:9

Until recently, the fall
was a gloomy time for me.



Housecleaning—ugh! My wife
Ruby leaves no corner
untouched, and thirty-eight
windows—storms included—
get washed, inside and out.
I've always been silent and
uncooperative during all of
this; I didn't think it was
necessary. Then I received
some advice from Ed.

Ed is ninety years young.
Often we meet for early
morning chats. This morning
Ed frowned and said,
"Something's bothering you,
lad." He listened to my
housecleaning woes, his eyes

*riveted on my face. Then he
shook his finger and said,
"Let me tell you something,
lad. My wife's been gone for
six years, and I'd give
anything to hear her voice
again—even cleaning house!
You and Ruby are together.
Count your blessings and
start cleaning!"*

*I felt a bit ashamed, and
I took Ed's advice—one step
at a time. I started with one
job and asked Ruby what she
wanted. Then we cleaned
and shifted the storm
windows together. I made an
effort to talk and the work
did seem to go faster. I also*



*began to appreciate the
importance of regular
cleaning—otherwise, things
can get so grimy they'll never
get clean at all...*

*When we were all done,
my mood was as bright as
the sparkling window panes.
Seems my mental attitude
needs as much maintenance
as the house! And Ed was
right—Ruby's smile was just
as beautiful through a newly
washed storm window as it is
everywhere else.*

*Lord, there are endless ways
to express love. Teach me to
try them all.*

Oscar Greene



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—Clarence Van Egdome, (641)932-5686 or Albert Schreck, (641)535-2381

Norm Riekens fell and re-injured his knees. He may need to have physical therapy.

Clarence Van Egdome has been released by his oncologist in Ottumwa. He will go to his doctor in Pella for follow-up appointments.

Ashley Schreck is now attending Northwest Missouri State in Maryville, Missouri.

John, Carol and John Wayne Smead traveled by train to southern California. They visited family, saw the ship USS Iowa and did some other sightseeing.

Carl and Evelyn Bennett traveled to Salt Lake City, Utah with their son and daughter-in-law to visit their granddaughter and her family.

September Birthdays

29 – Carol Smead



September Anniversaries

6 – Brian & Tammy Schreck



Albert and Jeanette Schreck vacationed in Colorado and attended some of the meeting at Jay Street.

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

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Lillian Bartlett. Her funeral was held at Hamilton's on Lyon, Monday, August 6th. Don and Margaret Warren had brought her to services a couple of weeks in a row and she enjoyed being back in the assembly.

The Coe family has had several sad incidents in their lives. Yvonne's son, Gary Coe, died and there was a graveside service at Rising Sun Cemetery, the 30th of July. His two-year-old granddaughter pulled a TV over and it fell on her. She is still in a coma and on life support. They put in a feeding tube last week. Please keep Yvonne and her family in your prayers.

Pam Conn continues to fight the cancer attacking her, with chemo and radiation. She is

very weak, but manages to come to services whenever she can. Her 84-year-old brother and his wife drove from Oregon to visit her and we met them at services on the 26th. They will be here another week. They are really enjoying catching up.

Peter Hawthorne has gone home and is very pleased to be there. He enjoys visitors, even though his speech is still not good. They are so appreciative of prayers, cards, and love they have received and still need. Their daughter from Arizona is visiting this week.

Mary Lou Allen fell and has really felt badly since. She has a blood clot in one lung and just overall pain from her arthritis. Nothing seems to be of much help. Please pray for this dear sister.

We have a new little

addition. Chloe Ann Prenosil arrived to the delight of her grandmother, Janice Sellers, and great-grandparents, Don and Margaret Warren, not to mention her parents and siblings.

Heike Muehler, from Germany, came to visit her American family, the David Fetters family, Roberta Millinski, and their sister Anita. They did some traveling and just had a grand time.

Those ill include Donna Meek, Jean Van Egdome, Margaret Warren, and Pam Conn.

Those visiting include Ray Wagner, Kenneth and Barb Thompson, Josh Hewitt (friend of Travis Head), Betty Warren, Kim and Terri Lanc and family,

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Dean Avenue

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Carol Smead and son, John, and Bill and Sarah Charlier and son, Carter.

John and Donna McNeece have taken a small trip to celebrate their anniversary which was August 25th.

September Birthdays

16 – Pam Conn
21 – Juanita Coe



September Anniversaries

2 – Greg & Linda Head
4 – Chad & Amy Prenosil



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

July saw several of the congregation traveling. Marvin and Jean Negley made a trip to Colorado, and brought back news that their son, Van and family, did not suffer any major damage to their properties during the wildfires. Mark Negley, Marvin and Jean's youngest son, is engaged, with a February 2013 wedding planned.

Mary Lou Madden welcomes her first great-grandchild, Chancey Jaxon. Chancey's mom is Mary Lou's granddaughter Kyra.

Our annual fish fry was held on July 29th with several visitors present: Dustin and

Hadley Miller; Paul, Dasha, Timber, and Minka Negley; Mary Smith, Alex and Aubri; Van and Molly Gilmore and girls, Linda and Darrel. We also celebrated Elsie Negley's 101st birthday, Timber Negley's 3rd birthday, and Eddie and Lowrie Crumm's anniversary was that day!

Steve and Tammie Driftmier are anticipating the arrival of two more grandchildren in early 2013; Jon and Amy Schmidt are expecting their third child in late January and Clint and Daira Driftmier will welcome their first child in mid February.

John Lee was with us August 24th–26th. Several enjoyed pizza prior to Friday evening's lesson, and a basket dinner was held after services on Sunday. It's always great to have John and hear his wonderful messages. We're not sure if he brought the rain or not, but we were all extremely thankful for a nice gentle soaking rain the last weekend of August!

September Birthdays

22 – Amy Mays
24 – Tammie Driftmier
28 – Amy Schmidt



September



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

Dick Bown had surgery June 26th to have a kidney removed. The final test came back positive for Renal Cell Carcinoma, stage 2. The cancer had started to protrude through the kidney wall. His surgeon believes all the cancer was removed with the kidney. We are so thankful that this was caught in an early stage.

Al, Marlene and Kyle Bown all attended the Midwest Bible Campout in Eminence, Missouri.

Bryan Bown worshiped with us on July 1st. He was in the area visiting his parents, Fred and Marlene Bown. Other visitors that day were Chantelle Schreck and Brett Jackson.

Stephanie and Ada Stephens came to Iowa to celebrate July 4th with family. They attended our Wednesday evening service along with Neal and Peg Warren.

Courtney Tegtmeyer spent a few days in Orlando, Florida with her FCCLA students from Clarke High School.

Thanks to everyone who attended our weekend meeting with Wade Stanley. The spiritual food and fellowship is always so uplifting for us!

Courtney and Drew Tegtmeyer spent some time vacationing in Colorado with Drew's family.

Isabelle, Emelia and Maylee Proudfit spent a few days with their grandparents, Duane and

Mary Proudfit. Steve and Cerine Proudfit worshiped with us July 28th when they came to pick up the girls. Ethan and Chantelle Schreck also worshiped with us.

Al Bown had minor surgery on August 2nd. He has recovered and returned to services.

Kyle Bown attended the second week of the two-week meeting in Nixa and Ozark.

Pam Deckler has spent a lot of July and August traveling. Her cousin spent some time visiting her at the end of August.

We were happy to hear the news that Dick and Phyllis Bowns' grandson, Joshua Stanley, was baptized! He is the son of Dennis and Cindy Stanley who attend the Murray Road congregation in Lee's Summit, Missouri.

We were blessed with many visitors on August 12th. Tanner George has moved to the Des Moines area to live while he attends DMACC and he and his dad, Mike, worshiped with us that morning. Adam and Tara Clevenger and their boys and Jeff VanDeusen were in the area visiting Drew and Courtney Tegtmeyer. Diana and Lindsey Adell, Leta and Grace Fenton, and Aubryn Twaddell came to Iowa to attend the Iowa State Fair. They stayed with Allen and

Teresa Bown and attended services that morning as well as Chantelle, Ashley and Ethan Schreck.

Zach and Jenna Wheeler have had lots of changes in their lives recently. Zach has started a new job with John Deere and Jenna was hired to teach preschool at Little Scholars. They also moved from Mitchellville to Pleasant Hill. Their new address is: 6185½ NE Rising Sun Drive, Pleasant Hill, IA 50327.



Thanks to all for the kindness shown in food, flowers, cards, visits and especially the prayers in my time of need. He does answer all prayers!

In His Love, Dick Bown



September Birthdays

- 5 – Pam Deckler
- 9 – Brenda Bown
- 17 – Zach Wheeler
- 28 – Dick Bown



September Anniversaries

- 24 – Mike & Tracy Penick



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.

Blaine and Melanie Deaton's son and Don and Wanda Burkman's grandson, Thomas Deaton, is a member of the Iowa Ambassadors of Music Band and Choir European tours. They are picked from the high school bands and choirs of the State of Iowa. There are 148 Iowa cities represented. Thomas plays the drums/percussion. They played concerts in England, France, Switzerland, Austria, Italy and Germany, a total of 10 concerts in 16 days. They did a great job of representing our great State of Iowa!

It is good to have Tim Brady back from Afghanistan. He told of some of the things that he did while there.

Ruth Grant passed from this world on August 14th. Funeral services were on the 17th.

Sydney Brand was baptized by her father, Troy, on August 15th. What an evening of rejoicing for the family.

Many of us have been traveling recently. Brady George was in Ohio with the Heartland Choir. Pam Sorensen visited John Sorensen and family in Illinois. Larry and Bev Brady enjoyed some time in Alaska. Bob and Marge Flack and Larry, Bev, Mike, Cindy, Tim, and Tyler Brady were in Branson on vacation. Marty, Lisa, and Nathan Williamson and Marilyn McClurg were visiting with the Mark McClurg family in Colorado Springs. Marc Hermon's family and Ryan Zinnel were at Martens-

dale. Marc, Niki and Madison Hermon, Bob and Marge Flack attended the last week of the two-week study in Nixa, Missouri. Keith and Connie Price, Chip and Jen Albright and girls were in Minnesota. Mike and Shirley Warner were in Nebraska attending the wedding of one of their grandsons. Niki Hermon, Miles Wood, Ryan Zinnel, and Joyce and Nora Lee Ingle were in the Kansas City area.

Karrie Best's husband had a kidney transplant the end of June and is doing well.

Steve Brady had a heart attack and they have put a stent in an artery that was 100% blocked. He is now home and doing better.

Wanda Burkman had a tooth pulled and had some problems. Miles Wood had wisdom teeth pulled.

Mary Gearhart fractured her right foot and was to be off of it for a while.

Tim Harvey broke his right ring finger and had outpatient surgery. He is doing well now.

Others who experienced illnesses were: Larry and Bev Brady, Jason Brady and Cheree Stump. Betty George has sores on her legs and would appreciate cards and phone calls.

Visitors during the past two months were: Sherry and Jenna Sorensen; Ralph and Laura Ford; Dane and Samantha Hartman; Dave and Mary Wilson and family, from Excelsior Springs; Margo Suddeth,

with many from her family, and Jean Morgan (friend of Joyce Ingle). We had many young visitors from the Kansas City area.

Our college kids have gone back to college. Cody Brady is a senior at Iowa State, and Tyler Brady is a senior at UNI. Niko Felice and Sydney Brand are also at UNI. Niki Hermon is at Simpson. Tyler Curtis is at DMACC.

September Birthdays

- 2 – Pam Sorenson
- 6 – Keith Price
- 13 – Niko Felice
- 23 – Shea Hermon
- 28 – Theresa Ingle



September Anniversaries

- 1 – Tim & Tammy Brady
- 4 – Marc & Ginger Hermon
- 10 – Larry & Bev Brady
- 11 – Mike & Karole Turner
- 12 – Mike & Cindy Brady
- 15 – Marty & Lisa Williamson
- 29 – Ron & Mary Gearhart
- 29 – Steve & Pat Thompson



Iowa Traveling Bible Study (ITBS)

September 8 study:

Zach & Jenna Wheelers', 6185½ NE Rising Sun Dr., Pleasant Hill

October study: Campout at Clarinda

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

Cheyenne Goode spent two weeks in Roseville, California, with her dad and family and attended a family reunion. They also visited in Cedar City, Utah, and parts of Arizona. Cheyenne has moved back to her dorm at Grandview University for her next term.

Among those attending the campout at Eminence were: the Michael Cummings family; the Doug Fiorentin family; the Charles Ingle family; Mason Burkman; and Justin Dowdy.

An outdoor wedding of Bruce Fiorentin and Kelsey Knight took place Saturday, July 14th on the property of Marvin and Melda Ingle, followed by a reception held at Toad Valley. Our visitors at Sunday morning services were: Jason and Staci Miller; Steve and Barb Owens; Zach and Rhapsody Owens, Alex, Levi, and Seth; Andy Owens and Addison; Rachel Owens; Mike Anderson; Mike and Dawn Mikus; and James Dowdy.

Bob Guthrie underwent hip replacement surgery recently and is progressing well.

Walter Daugherty is now a resident at the Altoona Nursing Home and has been able to attend services a couple times.

He is currently in the hospital due to stomach problems.

Melda Ingle had the misfortune of falling in July and injured her back. She had a couple of procedures done and has been experiencing a lot of pain, but she is getting better.

Nancy Clark recently attended the 50th wedding anniversary of her brother and sister-in-law, Monroe and Barb McCoy, in Forest City, Iowa.

Doug and Lisa Fiorentin spent a few days in Carrollton, Missouri, visiting Jason and Staci Miller.

The Alan Klein family has purchased a home in the country outside of Reasoner. Several in the congregation assisted them in the move.

Bobbi Duckstein, Morgan Cummings, and Ruth Schell attended the two-week study in Nixa and Ozark, Missouri. Bobbi and Ruth stayed with Ruth's cousin, Sue Holmes, in Springfield; and Morgan was at the home of Larry and Valeta Hammer in Nixa. On the way home they had brunch with Bobbi's brother, Lloyd Ditto, and family in Joplin, Missouri.

Justin and Brittney Dowdy visited in St. Louis, and Lynnette Dowdy visited in Indiana.

Charles and Angie Ingle, Charity and Lucas vacationed in California. They went to Sequoia National Park and enjoyed seeing the giant trees. They also visited the battleship USS Iowa in the Los Angeles area and saw the attractions in San Diego. While traveling, they worshiped with the congregation at Long Beach.

Our recent visitors included Vanessa Groves; D.D. and Donna Russell; Kelly and Becky Hafer, Miranda, Anna, and Josie from Oregon, (friends of Derek and Amy Ingle); Brooke Matson; and Junior and Linda Buchanan from Marne, Michigan.

September Birthdays

- 2 – Casady Cummings
- 8 – Charity Ingle
- 12 – Cameron Burkman
- 14 – Lisa Fiorentin
- 28 – Brighton Ingle
- 30 – Kiana Klein



September Anniversaries

- 12 – Alan & Shonya Klein
- 20 – Bob & Tonya Guthrie
- 24 – Dale & Dorothy Van Maanen



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