

# Lighthouse of Iowa

September 2015

*I am the rose of Sharon...SONG OF SOLOMON 2:1*

I was walking out of the shopping mall, trying to remember where I had parked my car, when a young girl with bobbed blond hair came up to me, smiling. "Here," she said, handing me a beautiful long-stemmed rose, "I want you to have this."



"How lovely," I said, and before I could thank her she had spun around and was weaving through a line of parked cars to join a couple of other girls at the entrance.

"The strangest, nicest thing happened to me, honey," I told my husband when I got home. "Look, a complete stranger

gave me this gorgeous rose."

"Why?"

"I don't know. She just gave it to me, then was gone before I could even thank her."

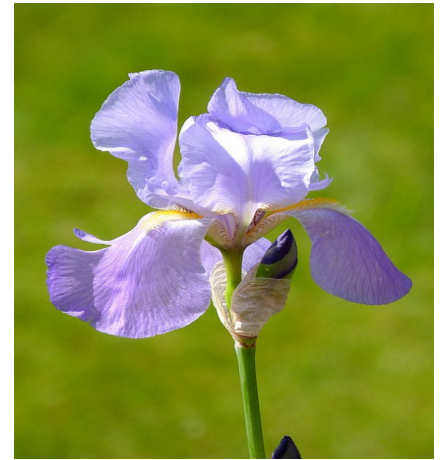
"Hmmm, well, just enjoy it."

Enjoy it I did, for several days as I watched its deep crimson leaves slowly unfurl, and I prayed for many blessings for that sweet young girl.

It was months later, when I was sharing the joy of it with a friend, that I learned the reason for the rose. She explained that the florists in our area had started a new tradition. Late in the summer they chose a special day on which to give away a dozen free roses to anyone who would care to come in and get them. One catch: The roses had to be given away. Thousands of roses were given away that day; thousands of hearts joyfully blessed. One bus driver passed his dozen out to the passengers who rode with him.

Next year, as soon as the florists choose their day, I'm running down to get a dozen of their give-away-roses to pass

along. But I don't have to wait to do something nice for someone. I don't have roses blooming, but I do have glorious purple iris. Today I'll take some to the market, and maybe a lady will go home and say, "The strangest, nicest thing happened to me, Look, a complete stranger gave me this gorgeous iris."



*There's nothing quite like flowers to remind me of Your beauty and goodness, dear Lord. I praise You as the rose of Sharon, filling my life with the fragrance of Your presence.*

---FAY ANGUS

# Chariton

Meeting times—Sundays: 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.  
Location—15th & Roland, Chariton, Iowa  
For information call—Albert Schreck, (641)535-2381

Delores Van Egdom and Carol Smead attended the funeral of their brother-in-law and uncle, Duane Ingle, in Cedar Falls. They also attended the burial in Vandalia. Delores's grandson, Jared Van Egdom, also went with them and provided transportation.

Carol Smead has been missing services some due to her husband, John, having

trouble with uncontrollable blood sugar and blood pressure.

Andrew and Stephanie Hansen and children have moved to Rochester, MN due to a job change. We will miss having them worship with us.

Brian, Tammy and Ethan Schreck spent a weekend in the Kansas City area visiting family and attending a wedding.

*September Birthday*

29 – Carol Smead 

*September Anniversary*



6 – Brian & Tammy Schreck

# 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

Maxine Phipps fell in the night. She hurt her knee and had a lot of bruising. She has moved, and is now living at Prairie Vista Village, 2785 1st Ave. S. Altoona, IA. Her residence is #170, and her phone number is 515-412-1798.

Neal Warren had a slight improvement with the blood behind his eye, but his sight has not improved. He continues to have injections. Remember him.

Earl Allen continues to improve.

Don Warren had the melanoma on his chest removed. All the cancer is gone, but he had infection at the surgery site and spent three days in the hospital receiving antibiotics. He has since fully recovered.

Earl Allen's nephew, Robby Allen, passed away in Albuquerque, NM. Earl, Mary Lou, Linda, Karma, and Risa traveled there for the funeral.

Travis Head ruptured his Achilles tendon. He will have surgery and a cast.

Visitors: John Chapman; Bill, Bryan, and Max Charlier; Jake McClung; Aiden, Colton and Preston Boozell; Kamryn Aswegan; and Terry and Kim Lanc.

Ill: David Feters, Conner Wilkins, and Jessica Chapman.

*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

August brought several special events to our Fairview family.

On Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, Tracy Robinson and Justin Head were married. They are settling in to their new home and we are all thankful that they will be staying in the area. Guests for their wedding included Brian and Hannah Martin who attended services on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Paul and Dasha Negley, Timber, Minka and Race were also present for services that morning. It was great to see them all!

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> we celebrated Bobbie Swisher's 87<sup>th</sup> birthday (which was on the 21<sup>st</sup>) with a surprise brunch. Family members able to attend were Mary Swisher Smith and Aubri;

Molly and Van Gilmore, Zoey, Beau, and Kemper; Jon and Amy Schmidt, Micah, Isaac, and Skylar. We also had two visitors from Japan, Fumihero and Yoshie Ikenaga visiting that day. It was a wonderful time in honor of a very special lady.

John and Donna Lee were here for the weekend of the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Those able, enjoyed a pizza supper before John's message on Saturday evening, and we also enjoyed a basket dinner Sunday noon. John's lesson on Sunday morning was on faith, and he made several great points including "faith is a lifestyle, not a conquest."

John, Teresa and Vanessa Groves from Brookfield, MO, were present the morning of the

30<sup>th</sup>. Vanessa is a freshman at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, and we are looking forward to having her join us when she can during the school year.

Thoughts and prayers continue with those of our church family dealing with health issues, not only in Clarinda, but throughout Iowa.

## September Birthdays

22 – Amy Mays

24 – Tammie Driftmier

28 – Amy Schmidt



# Martensdale

Meeting Times—Sundays: 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.

Location—10985 44<sup>th</sup> 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

Please continue to keep Marlene Soard and her family in your prayers. She will be going through more tests to determine what is causing her pain and health problems.

We are very happy to have Rodney and Alena Ingle place their membership with us! They also moved into a new home in Pleasant Hill at the end of August.

Bethany Phillips and Maddy Hermon traveled to Lone Jack,

MO, to visit friends. They worshiped with the congregation there.

LuAnn Woody attended Wednesday evening service on August 12<sup>th</sup> while she was visiting her parents Al and Marlene Bown. They attended the Iowa State Fair during her visit.

After Wednesday evening service on August 12<sup>th</sup>, some of us gathered at Duane and Mary Proudfit's home to watch the

meteor showers.

We had several visitors worship with us on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Jarod Groves and Tyler Schreck were in the area helping Rodney and Alena Ingle move into their new home. Hannah Clevenger was visiting Drew and Courtney Tegtmeyer. Several young people attended the Iowa State Fair on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, and worshiped with us that Sunday.

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# Martensdale

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They were Ava Anderson, Grace Fenton, Megan Stevens, Nathan Williamson and Ethan Schreck.

Pam Deckler and Tracy Penick made a trip to the Lake of the Ozarks and worshiped with the congregation at Eldon, Missouri.

Mike and Tracy Penick spent some time on an Alaskan cruise.

Drew Cummings and Charity Ingle worshiped with

us August 30<sup>th</sup> (they are new students at Simpson college) as well as some of Pam Deckler's family--Kathy and Myrtle.

We wish all of our college students well as they begin their new school year. Bethany Phillips and Maddy Hermon will be attending Simpson college, and Cassidy Phillips and Kyle Bown have returned to Northwest Missouri State. Jordan Bown has moved to Lone Jack, Missouri, and plans to attend Longview Community College next semester.

*September Birthdays*

5 - Pam Deckler  
 7 - Dianne Collier  
 9 - Brenda Bown  
 17 - Zach Wheeler  
 28 - Dick Bown

*September Anniversary*

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](http://pleasanthillchurchofchrist.org)

For information call—Bob Flack, (515)262-7329; Lowell Hermon, (515)989-0727; or Mike Warner, (515)967-4529.

We look forward to seeing you at our annual Labor Day meeting! Our Saturday sessions are at 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., and Sunday at 9:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 5:30 p.m.

We have a new brother in Christ. Elijah Ingle was baptized by his dad, Ryan Ingle on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations Elijah!

Betty Warren had surgery on her ankle August 4<sup>th</sup>, and plastic surgery on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Suzanne Harvey is having more tests. Theresa Brady has had back problems. Dani Brand and Nora Lee Ingle have both had bronchitis. Bev Brady was in the hospital for observation. Tammy Brady is having migraines. Audra Needham was an overnight patient at

Blank Hospital with the stomach flu.

Steve Thompson had his gallbladder out August 16<sup>th</sup>. After complications with infection, etc., he is beginning to improve.

Marc and Ginger Hermon and boys vacationed in Colorado and attended the meeting.

Alex, Ryane, and Audra Needham were in Kansas City visiting his family.

Sydney, Jake, and Jaden Brand vacationed in Branson with their grandparents.

Chip and Jennifer Albright and girls were in Fort Scott, KS for Chip's grandmother's funeral.

Mark and Cindy Morris

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*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




## Pleasant Hill

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were visiting family.

Dale and Marilyn Koestler, Don and Sharon Gustafson were visiting with family. Don and Sharon were celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Alex Needham has accepted a full time fire fighters job in Marshalltown.

David and Barbara Landes were in the area visiting. Carrie Brigham and family were in the area visiting.

Charissa Thornton, grand-

daughter of Mike and Shirley Warner, is staying with them while she looks for an apartment and starts her teaching job.

Ryan Zinnel was at Vandalia visiting.

## 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 131<sup>st</sup> St.  
Website: vandaliacoc.com

For information call—Greg Ingle, (515)994-2824 or Charles Ingle, (515)966-2537

Among our visitors this past month were: Larry and Nellie Blevins from Indiana, Ryan Zinnel, Dave and Joyce Ingle, Roger Elam, Vanessa Groves, and Valerie Burkman.

Lynnette Dowdy visited family in Indiana.

Derek and Amy Ingle, Brighton and Caleb vacationed in Clear Lake.

Nancy Clark and Lynnette Dowdy enjoyed vacationing in Branson.

The Alan Klein family worshiped in Memphis, Missouri recently.

Michael and Joy Cummings and Casady visited family in Brookfield, Missouri.

Drew Cummings and Charity Ingle have begun their freshman year at Simpson College in Indianola.

We sang with the residents at Altoona Nursing and Rehab Center recently.

### September Birthdays

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



### September Anniversaries

- 20 – Bob & Tonya Guthrie
- 24 – Dale & Dorothy Van-Maanen



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