

Lighthouse of Iowa

October 2013

**And there was a rainbow
round about the throne...**

--Revelation 4:9



At dawn, as I was readying my dog Shep for her morning run, there was a ranting swoosh swoosh sound as the wind rattled my windows. I could tell that the weather was bad, and stepping out the door, we were nearly blown away by the torrent. The rain, unrelenting, fought us harshly as we crossed the street to the park. I took off Shep's leash, generally a cue for a wild romp, but she stayed close to me, tail between her legs. Somehow we managed to travel our familiar route and got home, well-soaked.

At noon I could not believe the duration of the storm. It was still howling, and the rain still fell in sheets that left water ankle-deep in the streets. Then, around four, it calmed down at last and began to

clear. "Come on, Shep," I said, and we headed out and ... we stopped, and I stared. There, soaring across Manhattan, from the Hudson River to the East River, was a rainbow—no, two rainbows, shimmering their delicate colors for all, residents and visitors, to see. People on the sidewalks were looking up and pointing, amazed, exclaiming to men and women they didn't know, and cars stopped and their occupants got out to witness the wonder of the heavens.



The spectacle didn't last long, but its meaning has. I thought of the covenant God made after the flood that Noah endured, so much longer than the all-day storm we had experienced. I thought of the thousands of New Yorkers suddenly talking with one another about something they all shared with delight. Most of all, I was

grateful for the wild magnificence of nature, and for being permitted to participate in the beauty that crowned it.

**I thank You, Father, for all
Your manifestations that cause me
to think of You.**

--VAN VARNER

OCTOBER

The fields are harvested
and bare,
And Winter whistles
through the square.

October dresses in flame
and gold
Like a woman afraid of
growing old.

---ANNE MARY LAWLER

Now Indian summer arrives, a change of seasons that's more a sense memory than a date on the calendar. Finally, the heat is passing. Gradually familiar surroundings don a rustic palette of jewel tones that dazzle with their beauty. Let October seduce you with her charms. "Beguile us in the way you know," poet Robert Frost entreated this season of abundance. "Release one leaf at the break of day."

—Sarah Ban Breathnach

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

Several of our members attended the Labor Day meeting at Pleasant Hill.


Tammy and Ethan Schreck attended the weekend meeting in Brookfield, Missouri.

Brian, Tammy, and Ethan Schreck went to Maryville,

Missouri, for Family Weekend at Northwest Missouri State with their daughter Ashley, and then went on down to Kansas City and attended the weekend meeting at Gregory Boulevard.

October Birthday

16 – 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

Peter Hawthorne was able to attend two Sunday morning services this month. Everyone was so happy to see his smiling face again. He and Frances are very thankful for prayers on his behalf. His daughter, Valerie Hawthorne, from Washington D.C.; and his sister, Martha Clark, and niece, Tina Tisby, from Houston, Texas, have visited this month.

Misti and Jessica Strable were in a car accident while vacationing in Florida. Their car was rear-ended. Misti is okay, but Jessica strained her neck and has been having physical therapy.

Neal and Peg Warren spent a weekend in Kansas City visiting family.

Don and Cathy James were out of town for a reunion.

Kara Feters attended the Brookfield meeting and Gregory Boulevard meeting.

David and Marla Feters and Roberta Milinski attended

services at Tent Chapel Church of Christ in Blockton, Iowa. They were visiting Roberta and Marla's uncle.

Frank Meek's mother-in-law, Lujan Cole, passed away.

Donna Meek has been having severe headaches.


Mary Lou Allen continues to suffer with constant back and hip pain. She had a CAT scan to try to find some relief for her.

Don and Margaret Warren's son, David, visited for a few days. He had a good visit with family and was a great help to his parents. Other visitors this month were: Jasmine Arroyo and Morgan Lewis, who are friends of Emily Dobberke; and Betty Warren.


Others ill this month: David Feters, Frank Meek, and Debbie and Conner Wilkins.

October Birthday

31 – Brett Dobberke




October Anniversary



10 – Frank & Claudia Meek

Pumpkin Promenade



Everyone is invited to our 14th Annual Pumpkin Promenade on Saturday, October 12th at 5 p.m. Same location as previous years.

Bonfire, Weiner Roast, Chili, Hayride.
No Pumpkin Carving contest.

Please bring a dessert and lawn chair. For more information, call Linda Head, (515)265-8071.

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.

October Birthdays

16 – Steve Driftmier

31 – Richard 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

Pam Deckler's cousin, Kathy, was in the area visiting and attended several services with Pam.

Steven Proudfit worshiped with us on September 15th while visiting his parents, Duane and Mary Proudfit.

Tanner George attended the meeting at Brookfield, Missouri.

Al and Marlene Bown did

some traveling and made a stop in Brighton, Illinois, to visit Tom and LuAnn Woody. They also took in the Brookfield Meeting.

Joshua and Shelby Stanley worshiped with us while visiting Joshua's grandparents, Dick and Phyllis Bown.

Stephanie, Ada, and Allie Stephens attended services while they were visiting Mike

and Tracy Penick.

Mike George was in the area visiting his son, Tanner, and he worshiped with us on September 29th.

October Birthdays

4 – Marlene Soard

6 – Marlene Bown

11 – Jerry Soard



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.

Nora Lee Ingle has been requested to bring copies of the three books she has authored to the University of Iowa Main Library where they will be archived. She has also been asked to bring radio scripts for a program she had at Knoxville, copies of the 20 years' worth of the "Aunt Clara Letters" as well as copies of any news features she wrote for the Altoona, Pleasantville, or Knoxville papers. Some of the newspaper

articles were destroyed when she moved from the farm to her apartment. *If she interviewed you, a member of your family, or a friend, we would appreciate a copy of that article. Please contact Nora Lee or Suzanne Harvey if you have any of her feature columns.* These books and articles will be scanned and at a later date be put on the University website. We will try to let you know when that is available.

It was a great evening when Max Flickinger was baptized. We rejoice.

Linda Flickinger has been visiting with family.

Matt and Heather Brady and family have attended services.

Paula Sampson has brought her father, Carroll Warren, to services.

Joyce Ingle was visiting with family in Missouri.

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Pleasant Hill

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Nels and Marje Turnquist were in St. Louis area visiting with family. Marje's sister, Pat Schriber, came home with them to spend time. They were in Minneapolis visiting family. Chris Schriber and wife came up to get Pat and take her home.

Ryan Zinnel was in Missouri visiting friends.

Clay Felice had the flu. Wanda Burkman was sick.

Tyler Schreck has been visiting.

Dale and Marilyn Koestler are here visiting family.

Joyce Ingle was in the Chicago area.

Rodney and Alena Ingle, Miles Wood, Ryan Zinnel, and

Megan Stevens attended the Brookfield Meeting.

Nels and Marje Turnquist are visiting their daughter Amy and family in Florida.

Duane and Donna Needham and Sam, Tim, and Melissa McClung were visiting with Alex and Ryane Needham.

Miles Wood and Megan Stevens attended the Gregory Boulevard Meeting.

Marc and Ginger Hermon and family traveled to Alton, Illinois, to visit with Matt and Kelly Harvey and family.

Steve and Pat Thompson are back from Minnesota.

Bev Brady and Theresa Ingle will both have knee replacement surgery on Monday, October 7th.

October Birthdays

- 1 – Don Burkman
- 1 – Pat Thompson
- 2 – Nathan Williamson
- 3 – Randy Ingle
- 4 – Bev Brady
- 4 – Matt Thompson
- 6 – Joyce Ingle
- 10 – Betty Curtis
- 17 – Linda Oldham
- 21 – B.J. Van Vleet
- 22 – Todd Brady
- 24 – Connie Price
- 27 – Nels Turnquist
- 31 – Ryan Zinnel



October Anniversaries

- 3 – Tricia & Ryan Baird
- 5 – Kelly & Allison George
- 8 – Mike & Shirley Warner
- 26 – Chip & Jennifer Albright



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

Those attending the weekend meeting in Brookfield were: Alan and Shonya Klein, Briana, Destry, Kiana, Tyrell, and Easton; Mason Burkman; Joy Cummings, Morgan, Drew, and Casady; Doug and Nathan Fiorentin; and Charles Ingle.

Visitors this month were: Ray and Bertha Klein; Paul and Cheryl Bates; Yun Sol (a foreign exchange student from South Korea); Ryan Zinnel; Rex and Doris Galloway; Brenda Hysell; Jason Henle, Jessica and Rachel; Jason and Staci Miller and Allison; and Mike and Tracy Penick.

Lynnette Dowdy, Justin and Brittney Dowdy visited family and friends in Indianapolis.

Erin Ingle has been having migraines for months, but she has recently found some relief from a specialty clinic.

Michael Cummings had an accident when a tree limb he was cutting kicked back and knocked him off the ladder. He had a concussion and a lot of bruises but is feeling okay now.

Lori Cole had surgery and recovered for a couple weeks; she feels much better. Mason Burkman had gall bladder surgery and is doing fine. Lucas

Ingle went to the emergency room after vomiting a lot of blood. Tests found a bleeding ulcer, possibly caused by a virus, and he spent a few days in the hospital; he is doing better. Bruce Fiorentin had exploratory surgery which revealed an abdominal adhesion that was causing him severe pain. They fixed the problem and he feels much better.

October Birthdays

- 3 – Joy Cummings
- 13 – Nathan Fiorentin
- 19 – Brittney Dowdy
- 28 – Matt Clark

