

# Lighthouse of Iowa

October 2014

*A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver. Proverbs 25:11*

When Mr. Welch, our eighth-grade English teacher, spoke, my heart dropped. "Next week each of you will give a three-minute speech. Pick your subject. You'll be timed, and I will grade you."



I worried. Speak before the class? All those honor students, and I, barely passing? I didn't want to be laughed at. I had never given a speech, and in my

heart I knew I would fail. I grew more anxious until the moment I spoke. I don't recall my subject, but I did finish within the time limit.

Mr. Welch critiqued us the next day. I held my breath as he approached and said, "I'm giving Oscar an A!" A hush fell over the room. I couldn't believe him. "I'm giving him an A because he held your attention."

"This was my first compliment concerning schoolwork. My work up until then had been so poor that I almost stopped trying. But Mr. Welch's words were a boost. I began to study—really study—not only in English, but in all my courses. Teachers took notice and were eager to help. Soon I felt I could do the work. I believed in myself. When doubt crept in, hard work chased it away. I went from failing grades to honor roll.

Mr. Welch alerted me to the magic of encouraging words. I had hungered for

reassurance, and he assured me. Even now, though those school years are far behind me, I can do the same. I can praise a neighbor's garden, a mechanic's skills, our postal carrier's durability, and a child's accomplishments.

That eighth-grade compliment has lasted my lifetime. Who knows? Maybe your thoughtful comments will do the same.

*Our Father in heaven, may I never leave words unspoken that may make others feel happy and encouraged.*

---Oscar Greene

## THE CURTAIN

It is a noble and great thing to cover the blemishes and excuse the failings of a friend; to draw a curtain before his weaknesses and to display his perfections; to bury his shortcomings in silence but to proclaim his virtues on the housetop.

ROBERT SOUTH

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# 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

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Albert and Jeanette Schreck and Tammy and Ethan Schreck attended the Brookfield weekend meeting.

Visitors this past month were Travis and Tyler Schreck, Jenika and Janel Welte, Tanner George, and Chantelle Jackson.

*October Birthday*  
16 – Tammy Schreck 

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# 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

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Donna Meek passed away on September 18, 2014. Funeral services and a dinner were held on September 20. We will miss this dear sister.

Peg Warren's sister, Marge Gonais, died on September 1, 2014.

Keith Feters, David's dad, is no longer at Regency Care Center in Norwalk. He has been moved to Southern Hills Specialty Care in Osceola, Iowa, where he is in a Memory Loss Unit.

Kara Feters met with the congregation at Excelsior Springs. She was visiting the McClung family.

Risa Schamel traveled to Florida to visit her son, Jamie Hayes.

Marla Feters spent a few days with Alissa, Jude, and Caden Garbi in Kansas City, Missouri.

Peg Warren had complications during and after an angiogram. She had to stay in the hospital for a couple days.

Visitors: John Chapman, Jasmine (friend of Emily Dobberke), Jake McClung, Kim Lanc, Megan Stevens, and Alissa, Jude, and Caden Garbi.

Ill: Don and Margaret Warren.

*October Birthday*  
31 – Brett Dobberke   
*October Anniversary*  
10 – Frank & Claudia Meek 

## Pumpkin Promenade



Everyone is invited to our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Pumpkin Promenade on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. Same location as previous years. Please bring a dessert and a lawn chair. Questions? Call Linda Head, (515)265-8071.

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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

It has been wonderful to have Elsie Negley worship with us a couple of times recently. She had her 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday in late July! Her ready smile always goes out to everyone.

John and Donna Lee of Greenwood, Missouri, were with us on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. John delivered a message on “A Forgiving God.” Everyone enjoyed a potluck dinner at

noon and John entertained a question and answer time later. There were some interesting, good questions!

Visitors have been: Minka and Timber Negley of Urbandale, Iowa; Emily Prouty; Ashley Schreck; Gerry Fenton; Rob Ritson of Burlington, Iowa; Mary Swisher Smith and grandchildren, Hannah and Alex, of Maryville, Missouri;

and Sherry Williams Lovvancog of Las Vegas, New Mexico. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Williams and was here for her father’s funeral on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

## 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 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

We welcome Bill, Wendy, Hannah, and Zechariah Hounsom to our church family! They placed their membership with us Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. They live in Indianola and had been attending at the Grandview Church of Christ.

We started out the month with lots of visitors. Jacob Amos, Leta and Grace Fenton, and Ava Anderson all traveled from Missouri to spend the Labor Day weekend. Ethan Schreck, Nathan Williamson, and Megan Stevens all joined them in worship service with us.

Jamie and Ryan Ingle and their family were in the area camping over the Labor Day holiday and attended services.

Mike and Tracy Penick are going to be grandparents again. Kyle and Stephanie Stephens

are expecting their third child in March, Lord willing. Kyle, Stephanie, Ada, and Allie spent a weekend with Mike and Tracy, and later in the month Ada and Allie spent a weekend with Grandma and Grandpa all by themselves.

Rodney and Elena Ingle and their family have been worshipping with us this month. Other visitors have included Nick Hermon, Ryan Zinnel, Miles Wood, and Allen Williams.

Dick and Phyllis Bown traveled to Springfield, Missouri, for the wedding of their youngest son, Roger, to Melissa Holland.

Duane and Mary Proudfit and Tanner George attended the meeting in Brookfield, Missouri.

Pam Deckler traveled to be with her brother, who suffered a sudden heart attack.

Bethany Phillips was chosen as the Homecoming Queen at Martensdale-St. Mary’s high school. Congratulations to her!

Fred Bown suffered a mild concussion and injured his shoulder in a fall. He is doing well and is back at services.

## October Birthdays

4 – Marlene Soard  
6 – Marlene Bown  
11 – Jerry Soard  
15 – Zechariah Hounsom  
30 – Wendy Hounsom



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# 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.

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Thanks to everyone who came to listen to Jay Graham. We had a great turnout.

Mike and Cindy Brady were in Cedar Rapids visiting with family.

Nathan Williamson, Megan Stevens, and the Ryan Ingle family were at Martensdale.

Marc, Ginger, and Madison Hermon; Justin Stevens; and Brandon Ingle were in Indiana for the meeting. Shea and Gabby Hermon stayed with grandparents Bruce and Suzanne Harvey.

Laura Riggins and friends, Matt and Stephanie Roth, were visiting.

Duane, Donna, and Sam Needham were visiting with Alex, Ryane, and Audra Needham.

Sammy Pritchard was sick.

Bruce and Suzanne Harvey were visiting with son Matt and family in the St. Louis area.

Margaret Franklin is back after having surgery.

Marilyn McClurg is visiting with Mark and family in Colorado.

Brandon Ingle, Maddy Hermon, and Carson George attended the Brookfield meeting.

Rena Rae Christian was in Methodist Hospital. She is now home.

Chip, Jennifer, Lily, and Annie Albright were in Kansas visiting.

Carroll Warren has had pneumonia in one lung. He is in Mercy Hospital, room 783. Hopefully he will be home soon.

Jake Brand had his appendix out September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Will Crumm and friend visited recently.

Brandon Ingle was in Indiana visiting.

Larry and Bev Brady went on a bus tour. They will sight-see in Arizona, Utah, and Nevada.

Our outing at Jester Park was a beautiful day. There were about 35 to enjoy the afternoon.

Bev Hayes has moved. Her new address is: 5106 Cottage Dr., Unit K, Pleasant Hill, Iowa 50327.

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

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



A son was born September 12<sup>th</sup> to James and Laura Dowdy. His name is Cole Warren. He weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 21 inches long. Grandmother Lynnette Dowdy also welcomed another grandson, born to Jason and Autumn Dowdy of Linneus, Missouri, on September 25<sup>th</sup>. His name is Gatlin Blaze. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

We are happy to report the baptism of Ethan Clark, which took place September 28<sup>th</sup>. He is the son of Matt and Sarah.

Melda Ingle had knee replacement surgery August 28<sup>th</sup>, and she is doing fine.

Lynnette Dowdy, Trent and Nathan Fiorentin, and the Alan

Klein family attended the Labor Day meeting in Martinsville, Indiana.

Jason and Staci Miller and Allison vacationed in Mason City.

Bonnie Harkin's daughter, Donna, spent a few days in the hospital in Pella.

Joy Cummings, Morgan, Drew, and Casady; Doug and Lisa Fiorentin, and Nathan; Charles and Angie Ingle, Charity and Lucas; and Destry and Briana Klein all attended the weekend meeting in Brookfield, Missouri.

Our visitors were: Roger Elam; Rodney and Alena Ingle and children; Ryan Zinnel; Valerie Burkman; Rex and Doris Galloway; Jeff and Trinity Davis and children,

Sadie and Clara, and foreign student, Paulina Gomez, all of Memphis, Missouri; and Jason Henle and children, Rachel, Jessie, Abbie, and Brett.

Helen Wilson of Prairie City passed away. She was the sister of Dorothy Van Maanen and Melda Ingle and sister-in-law of Bobbi Duckstein. Her funeral was September 29<sup>th</sup>.

We sang with the residents of Mitchell Village Care Center on a recent Sunday evening.

## October Birthdays

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

