

Lighthouse of Iowa

October 2015

For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.---John 13:15

Last fall, I spent the night with my oldest son, Patrick and his family. At supper, four-year-old Ryan asked, "Grandma, aren't you going to eat any green beans? David and I are supposed to eat two bites of everything." I hastily put a big spoonful on my plate and choked them down, just as I'd done when Ryan's dad was four.



I had to leave at five-thirty the next morning for a speaking engagement, so when my travel alarm went off I

dressed quietly and slipped out the door, hoping I wouldn't wake anyone. When I walked to my car, however, the silence was shattered by frantic barking from all three dogs. That evening I called Patrick to apologize. "I was awake anyway, Mom," he assured me. "I knew you were tired, so I set my alarm in case you didn't hear yours. Just like you used to do for me."

Just as you used to do for me. Last week, my son Michael spent an hour helping eight-year-old Melissa select the perfect pig for her 4-H project. Was it because his father had shown the same patience with him when he was eight? Did my sister Amanda's practice of sending cards and cheery notes inspire our daughter Rebecca to show the same thoughtfulness? And if I remember right, the "two bites" rule

originated with my dad.

"Many good works have I showed you from my Father," Jesus says (John 10:32). The power of example is a theme repeated over and over in the Bible. I think it's to remind me that it's never too late to pass on a family model of kindness and care.

just
another
example

Lord, help me to be a good example...even if it means eating green beans.

--Penney Schwab

Nothing is so contagious as an example. We never do great good or great evil without bringing about more of the same on the parts of others.

Chariton

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

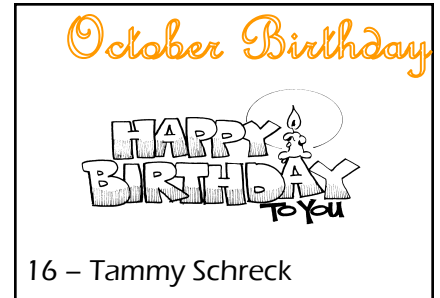
Location—15th & Roland, Chariton, Iowa

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

Due to several members with health issues, we will discontinue our Sunday evening services beginning October 11th. If you plan to attend our Sunday morning service, please check with one of our members as we may be making changes there also.

Several of our members were able to attend the Labor Day meeting and appreciated the efforts of the Pleasant Hill congregation.

Albert and Jeanette Schreck attended the weekend meeting in Brookfield, Missouri.



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 Chapman, husband of Jessica (Strable) Chapman accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized. Visitors to share in this were: Bev Hayes, Misti Alsted, Skip Schamel and Robert and Missy Chapman.

Debbie and Conner Wilkins visited her sister and brother-in-law, Kim and Terry Lanc, in Illinois.

Neal Warren's eye has not stabilized. He is getting a shot in it every four weeks now.

Travis Head had successful surgery on his ruptured Achilles tendon. He

will be going to a boot from a cast soon.

Don James' brother, George Lamb Jr., passed away.

Margaret Warren was in the hospital for several days for treatment and evaluation. She has gone back home with hospice care. Please remember Don and Margaret in your prayers

Visitors: Bill, Bryan and Max Charlier, and Paxon Boozell.

Ill: Neal and Peg Warren, Kara Feters, Shirley McNeece, and Glenn Meacham.



16th Annual Pumpkin Promenade

Saturday, October 10th 5:00 p.m.

Same location as years before.
Come for the chili, hot dogs, bonfire, hayrack ride and fun.

Bring a dessert and your lawn chairs.
Questions? Call Linda Head at 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

We had several visitors this month: Dave Crawford, Martha McNees, Kristin and Beth Stanley, and John, Teresa and Vanessa Graves. Vanessa is a student at Northwest Missouri State University and has been able to attend services with us several times.

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

Marlene Soard has been diagnosed with cancer and will begin receiving chemo treatments October 1st. Please keep this dear sister and her family in your prayers. For anyone interested in sending a card her address is: 1032 Highway 69, New Virginia, Iowa, 50210.

Several of us were able to enjoy the Labor Day Meeting at Pleasant Hill.

Marc, Ginger, Shea and Gabriel Hermon worshiped with us September 13th. Marc

gave the morning exhortation on 'Wait Training'.

Several of us have traveled this month. Pam Deckler and Duane and Mary Proudfit worshiped at Smart Road; Tanner George spent time in Unionville, Missouri; Bethany Phillips, Maddy Hermon and Teresa Bown made trips to Lone Jack, Missouri; and Mike and Tracy Penick, Maddy Hermon, and Tanner George all attended the meeting in Brookfield, Missouri.

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.

Whitney Wolfe has transferred her membership to our congregation. We welcome her. She has been meeting with us as she works at DuPont Pioneer.

Brian and Jill McClurg from North Carolina were back visiting with family.

Marilyn McClurg had back surgery September 16th and is doing very well.

Troy and Dani Brand and family were in South Carolina visiting.

We had our Fall outing at Yellow Banks Park with a good turnout.

Duane and Donna Needham were visiting with Alex Needham and family.

Betty Warren spent a few days at Mercy Hospital. She is now home and doing some

better. Carroll fell at home and is sore. Please keep these people in your prayers.

Steve Thompson is doing better. He and Pat have arrived home from Minnesota with the help of family members.

Theresa Ingle sprained her ankle. She is doing better.

Ryan Zinnel, Mike Warner, Alivia Pritchard, and Tim Brady were on our sick list. Don Burkman had pink eye.

Bob Flack had surgery on his shoulder and is getting along fine.

Denise Waits had a Lapidus bunionectomy (includes plate and screw) this month. She is recovering at home and doing well.

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



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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

Our visitors this past month were Vanessa Groves, and Matt and Dawn Mikus and Cora.

Devon and Erin Ingle and Emma vacationed in Clear Lake along with Greg and Margaret Ingle.

Lynnette Dowdy spent a couple of weekends visiting family in Missouri.

Joy and Casady Cummings; Charles, Charity and Lucas Ingle; Nathan Fiorentin, and Destry and Briana Klein attended the weekend meeting in Brookfield, Missouri.

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

October Birthdays



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



SCRIPTURES



A bright little boy once took the Bible from the center table of his father's home and turned its dusty pages and said: “Mother, is this God's Book?” “Certainly,” was the good mother's reply. “Well, I think we had better send it back to God, for we don't use it here,” said the little fellow. This is a fair picture of many a home and the way the Bible is treated. The center-table Bible is a catch-all. It is a place for relics, letters, poetry and pressed flowers. He has revealed to us words of truth and grace, and like David, we should meditate upon His word by day and by night. The Scriptures are sufficient to make us wise unto salvation. Christ says, we are sanctified by them. Paul says, we are begotten by them. Peter says, we are born again by them.

from Leaves of Gold

