



Lighthouse of Iowa

Keeping in touch with Iowa's Churches of Christ

October 2019

Life as a Farm Wife

Little did I know 37 years ago when I said "I do" what it meant to be a farm wife. We were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to honeymoon in Florida for a week following the ceremony. As soon as we arrived back home, Mike started to harvest. I remember thinking, "What did I sign on for?"

To say the least, it was overwhelming for a city girl to be thrown into the role of a farm wife: the long and lonely hours during planting and harvesting season; raising our children on my own during the busy seasons; fixing meals for multiple people on short notice; and the lack of a steady income.

During the years as a farm wife, I have had to learn a lot of things: how to drive a tractor next to the combine on the go; how to sort hogs; how to bottle feed baby pigs; how to deal with the cycle of life and how to distinguish a weed from a bean plant while riding on a bean buggy.

When it came to learning the equipment, I found that my father-in-law had more patience with me and therefore saved our marriage some stress.

As one that struggles with handling stress, there has always been plenty for me to worry about. The equipment today is so large, and there is no respect for it on the road. The chemicals alone can cause you a sleepless night let alone the lack of sleep during the busy seasons.

However, I have felt very blessed with the fact that our two daughters were raised on the farm. Stephanie chose her career path because of watching a sow have a C-section. Courtney learned valuable lessons while taking care of and showing her animals.

There was always work to be done on the farm, and it helped the girls build their work ethic.

As I look over the past 37 years, I am very thankful to say that I am a farm wife. It has helped me to grow as a person, build my faith, and strengthen our marriage.



Mike and Tracy Penick

Chariton

Meeting times: Sundays: 10:00 a.m. (no evening services)

Location: 15th & Roland, Chariton, Iowa

For information call: Albert Schreck (641) 535-2381 or Brian Schreck (641) 535-2931

- Norm and Mary Jo Riekens continue to have health issues and aren't always able to make it to services.

October Birthdays

- ★ 19 Tammy Schreck

October Anniversaries

- ★ None

Dean Avenue

Meeting times: Sundays: 9:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.

Last Sunday of the month: A social after morning services meeting back at 1 pm instead of 6 pm.

Location: 2907 Dean Ave., Des Moines, Iowa / P.O. Box 57398, Pleasant Hill, IA 50327

For information call: John McNeece (515) 263-9428

The Pumpkin Promenade will be Saturday, October 19th at 5:00 p.m. at the same location. Come for the bonfire, chili, hot dogs and fellowship. Please bring a dessert and your lawn chair.

Weather permitting.

Questions: call Linda Head at 265-8071.

- Neal Warren has moved to Good Samaritan Society in Indianola, IA. Peg is still having problems with her knee.
- Victor Hawthorne, son of Frances Hawthorne, passed away. Frances is living at Luther Park if you want to send her a card.
- Yvonne Coe fell and broke her pelvis in three places. She is in Mercy Hospital, Room 591, for two weeks for physical therapy.

- Debbie Wilkins is visiting her sister, Kim Lanc, in Illinois.
- Pam Climpson has pneumonia and is slowly getting better.

Visitors: Bill, Bryan, Max and Tally Charlier, Nancy and Zoey Evans, Tom Warren, Aiden and Paxon Boozell, Valerie Hawthorne and Venita James.



October Birthdays

- ★ 31 Brett Dobberke

October Anniversaries

- ★ 10 Frank & Claudia Meek

Fairview

Meeting times: Sundays: 10:00 a.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.

Location: 1001 S. 22nd St, Clarinda, Iowa 51632

For information call: Richard Negley (712)542-3728 or Marvin Negley (712)542-2792

- **Please keep Jean Negley in your prayers** as she is critically ill in Septic Shock and pretty much on a 100% life support at Omaha, Nebraska Methodist Hospital.

- Visitors - Jody Head of Straford, IA spending the W/E with Justin & Tracy Head & Nathan



October Birthdays

- ★ 24 – Tammie Driftmier

Martensdale

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

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month: Basket dinner after morning service, meeting back at 1 pm instead of 6 pm.

Location: 10985 44th Lane, Prole, Iowa (1.5 miles east of Martensdale, IA on Hwy. 92)

For information call: Duane Proudfit (515) 961-4470 or Mike Penick (515) 681-0279

The Spring Meeting, formerly hosted by the Dean Avenue Church of Christ, will be hosted by the Martensdale Church of Christ—March 28 & 29, 2020.

Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

<http://martensdalechurchofchrist.org/index.php/about-us/spring-meeting-2020>

- Mike & Shawna Divis and Mike & Tracy Penick traveled to Kentucky to visit the **Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum**. It truly put god's word in perspective. This trip was a blessing enjoyed by all! arkencounter.com



- Tom & Dianne Collier's daughter Ciera Marshall visited from Oklahoma City for her mother's birthday. Ciera was baptized at Pleasant Hill in 2018.
- Pam Deckler has had family visiting her this month at various times.
- Brett and Chantelle Jackson and their boys Aquila and Titus attended services while in the area visiting family.

Our visitors this month:

- Garrett Weeks
- Mark, Ginger, Gabriel, & Shea Hermon,
- Jordan Bown, Marge Flack, and Sharon Stevens.



October Birthdays

- ★ 7 Brenna Ingle
- ★ 9 Keturah Ingle
- ★ 9 Shawna Divis
- ★ 15 Zechariah Hounsom
- ★ 30 Wendy Hounsom

October Anniversaries

- None

Pleasant Hill

Meeting Times: Sundays: 9:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.
3rd Sunday of the month: Potluck after morning service, meeting back at 1 p.m.
Location: 5091 E. University, Pleasant Hill, Iowa
Website: pleasanthillchurchofchrist.org
 For information call: Mike Warner (515) 967-4529

Marc & Ginger Hermon are hosting a "Camp Hermon" Fall Family Campout at their home on October 11-12, with fellowship and fun for all ages! Soup potluck on Friday evening at 6:30 p.m., and breakfast on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m.; along with games, bonfire singing, outdoor movie theater and overnight camping for those who wish to do so. (If you have a lawn chair or two you are encouraged bring those along!) See flyer on the back page.

- **Wedding Congratulations** to Megan Stevens and Ethan Schreck... wedding is Saturday, October 5th, at Woodland Hills Church of Christ.
- Marge Flack, grandma of Megan, and Sharon Mineart, mother of Megan, have been visiting other churches this past month in preparation and celebration of the upcoming wedding—Lone Jack Church of Christ and then a bridal shower afterwards then Martensdale Church of Christ.
- Thirty family members attended the wedding of Nick Hermon and Kayley Zimmerman at Estes Park, Colorado. They attended church services the next day at Ft. Collins, Colorado.
- **We are sorry to say good-bye to Linda Oldham and Kathy King.** They have moved to Arkansas to be closer to family. We honored them at a farewell potluck on before they moved later that week. They will be deeply missed. Love and best wishes in the new chapter of their lives.
- Dave & Joyce Ingle went to Missouri to visit Joyce's dad Roy Whanger, and took him to an anniversary party for the Russells.
- Nora Lee Ingle enjoyed a visit from her sister, Frances Kirkwood, age 97, from Knoxville, Iowa. Their niece June McConeghey made it possible.

- **Many have been sick over the past month.**
 - Nick & Kayley Hermon; Ryan Zinnel; Jason Brady; Steve Thompson.
 - Tom Brady is doing well; came home from the hospital in early September and able to attend services! Praise the Lord!
 - Niko Felice got hit in the nose playing rugby; had surgery to repair it and doing great -- he says he can "now breathe again!"
 - Although he did not want the news to be spread, somehow the word got out that Dave Ingle is suffering from Bell's Palsy. Please keep him in your prayers for a quick recovery.
- Dave and Nora Lee Ingle attended funeral services for Marlene Ingle in northern Iowa at Cedarloo Church of Christ.
- **Visitors this past month** have been Tom & Diane Collier; also Michael & Shelly Allen from Nixa.



October Birthdays

- ★ 1 Don Burkman, Pat Thompson
- ★ 2 Nathan Williamson
- ★ 3 Randy Ingle
- ★ 4 Bev Brady
- ★ 6 Joyce Ingle
- ★ 10 Betty Curtis Miles
- ★ 15 Josiah Pritchard
- ★ 17 Linda Oldham
- ★ 27 Samuel Pritchard
- ★ 30 Kelsey Wood
- ★ 31 Ryan Zinnel

Anniversaries

- ★ 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

- We sang with the residents of Altoona Nursing and Rehab on a recent Sunday evening.
- Greg and Margaret Ingle vacationed at Clear Lake.
- Bob and Sharon Cummings, and Mike and Joy Cummings and Casady attended the weekend meeting in Brookfield.
- **Visitors this past month included:**
Jason and Autumn Dowdy and children; Albert and Martha Dowdy; Valerie Burkman; Denise Waits and sons Max and Jack Flickinger; Bruce and Sue Schreck; and Bobbie Jo Dilley.

October Birthdays

- ★ 3 Joy Cummings
- ★ 13 Nathan Fiorentin
- ★ 19 Brittney Dowdy
- ★ 28 Matthew Clark

October Anniversaries

- None

If you would like a current or past copy of the *Lighthouse of Iowa*, they can be found at the following two Church websites:

Vandalia Church of Christ

<https://vandaliacoc.com/lighthouse-of-iowa.html>

Pleasant Hill Church of Christ

<http://www.pleasanthillchurchofchrist.org/library.php>

(select *Iowa Lighthouse* under the Library tab)

CHURCH OF CHRIST FALL FAMILY CAMPOUT

CAMP

October
11-12

Night Campers +
Evening & Day
Visitors

HERMON

Set up anytime Friday after 4

Fellowship & Fun for All Ages!

FRIDAY, 6:30 PM
SOUP POTLUCK
SATURDAY, 9 AM
BREAKFAST

GAMES
BONFIRE SINGING
OUTDOOR MOVIE THEATER
OVERNIGHT CAMPING

No Tents? No Problem! We can supply. Just let us know.

Hermon Home: 2018-153rd Ave, Carlisle, IA 50047