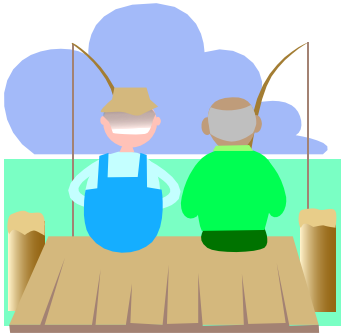


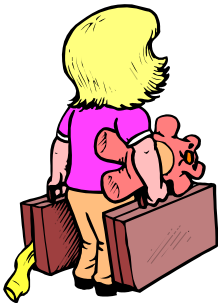
Lighthouse of Iowa

October 2010

What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee. Psalm 56:3



Our son-in-law Gaines and a friend of his decided to go on a seven-day fishing trip to Canada. Our daughter Susan, not relishing a week alone with three little girls, decided to fly to Colorado and spend a week with us.



We picked them up in Denver, 144 miles north of our little summer place in Salida, Colorado. The girls were tired and cranky by the time we got back home, and after supper Susan announced, "Come on

girls, it's time for bed." And then the crying began, like the cacophony of an orchestra warming up. "I want my daddy!" four-year-old Shelly sobbed. "I'm *afwaid*. I never *swept* in *dis* house before," three-year-old Whitney cried. "Mommy, Mommy, Mommy," one-year-old Hannah Brooke wept, clutching her security blanket in one hand and the hem of her mother's dress with the other.

"Now hush," Susan began, herding them upstairs. "Your daddy has the most wonderful surprise for you, but he told me not to give it to you until you were tucked in for the night.

She was back downstairs in less than fifteen minutes. "Whatever magic was in their surprise to get them quieted down so soon?" my husband asked.

"Gaines made a tape for me to play each night." Susan replied. "He told them how much he loved them, then he sang 'Jesus Loves Me' and then he prayed for them individually. Hannah Brooke was sound asleep by the time he got to her."

This was routine each night they were with us. Sometimes he told them a story, sometimes he asked them to say a Scripture verse with him, always he prayed for them. And never again were they afraid to go upstairs to bed.

I learned a lot from that week, too. When I am afraid, how comforting it is to read a psalm, quote a love verse from my Father and then close out the night with prayer. Sometimes I, too, go to sleep saying my prayers. But what better way to end the day than by talking to the One Who loves me most.

Dear heavenly Father, thank You for always comforting me when I am afraid.

Dorothy Shellenberger

WHAT TO FEAR

Fear not that thy life shall come to an end, but rather fear that it shall never have a beginning.

—J.H. Newman

Chariton

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

Location—15th & Roland, Chariton, Iowa

For information call—Clarence Van Egdome, (641)932-5686 or Albert Schreck, (641)535-2381

Our congregation had the privilege of having the Iowa Traveling Bible Study group with us the weekend of September 11 and 12. The group camped out and had their Bible study at Red Haw State Park on Saturday and then some of the young men conducted our service on Sunday morning. The morning ended with us rejoicing over the baptism of Justin Sharp. Justin's grandmother, Opal

Martin, who was previously a member of our congregation when we met at Bethlehem, and his mom, Gayla Sharp, were also present. Justin has taken an English teacher position at Chariton High School.

Other visitors on September 12th were Larry and Bev Brady; Bob and Marge Flack; Allen and Teresa Bown; Michelle Zinnel; Sue, Tyler, Travis and Leah Schreck, and Teresa,

Jared and Vanessa Groves.

Carl and Evelyn Bennett attended the funeral of Carl's uncle and also the wedding of Carl's niece this past month.

Albert and Jeanette have spent time in Brookfield and Lees Summit, Missouri, visiting family.

October Birthdays

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

Marla Fetters and daughter, Kara, traveled to Kansas City, Missouri over the September 12th weekend to attend a baby shower for her sister-in-law. While there they worshiped at Blue Springs Church of Christ.

Members were glad to see Alna Meacham, who was able to accompany her husband, Glenn, to church on September 12th.

Ron Van Egdome underwent a series of chemotherapy procedures last month. He also was readmitted to Methodist Hospital on September 15th for four days. Preliminary tests indicated the tumor had increased in size, and he was given more medical tests. A CT scan is set for Tuesday, October 5th to see if the chemo has shrunk the tumor. He was able to attend church services

Sunday, September 26th. Congregations are asked to keep prayers going for him and his wife, Jean, who has been suffering from migraine headaches.

On September 21st, 12 members from Dean Avenue went to Valley View Village to sing and visit with Elsie LeMar for her birthday.

Barry Brownsberger visited our Wednesday night services on September 22nd. He is a member of the Nixa congregation near Springfield, Missouri, where Tom and Ann Dennis worship. While in Des Moines, our visitor was a guest in the home of John and Donna McNeece.

Alissa Garbi has had problems with her heart, so a heart monitor was installed for

30 days. She will live in Kansas City, Missouri, until February 2011. Her husband, Ian Garbi, is a staff sergeant with the Marines and is in training in Okinawa. Alissa worships with the Blue Springs, Missouri, congregation.

Greg and Linda Head traveled to Chicago, Illinois, to help their son, Shawn, move to his new home in Hudsonville, Michigan. He plans to worship with the Grand Haven, Michigan, congregation.

Karla Fetters left September 26th to join a group traveling to Australia, New Zealand, and other areas. She will be gone for 21 days.

Following worship and dinner on September 26th, some

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Dean Avenue

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Dean Avenue church members traveled to Jester Park where they joined Pleasant Hill members in their annual outdoor activities. This replaced the annual Ledges State Park event.

October Birthdays

31 – Brett Dobberke



October Anniversaries

2 – Dwight & Karla Fetters



10 – Frank & Claudia Meek

Pumpkin Promenade



Everyone is invited to our 11th Annual Pumpkin Promenade on Saturday, October 23rd at 5 p.m.

Same location as previous years. Bonfire, Weiner Roast, Chili, Hayride, Pumpkin Carving Contest. Please bring a dessert, lawn chair, and carved pumpkin. Call Linda Head with questions, (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

Our recent visitors have included: Linda Lou (Negley) Taylor of Springfield, Missouri; John and Deb Negley and Madelyn of Riverside, Iowa; Gloria (Crawford) Kline and niece Holly Crawford; and Jon and Amy Schmitt and sons, Micah and Isaac Steven from Sioux Center, Iowa. Isaac was born September 7th at Orange City, Iowa. He weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 21 inches long. They are all doing well and feel very blessed with this new addition. On September 19th, there were five children all under the age of 4, all grandchildren of Steve and Tammy Driftmier. It was a fun time!

Darlene Marsh was at church on the 26th. Due to health complications, she has missed several months of being

with us. It was wonderful to see her!

Mary Lou Madden is going to celebrate her 90th birthday on October 2nd. Her address is: 600 Manor Drive, Clarinda, Iowa 51632. Her actual birthday is October 4th. It will be fun to attend this special celebration!

We are looking forward to having Rick Sparks with us the weekend of October 2-3.

John Lee of Greenwood, Missouri spent September 10-12 with us. Friday evening we had a pizza supper and the lesson was on "teaching the word of God," and Saturday evening the subject was "grace." On Sunday the lessons were on "conscience" and "conflict." A potluck dinner was held on Sunday noon.

Our congregation learned of Dorothy Linkin's death on September 11th. She was born, raised and attended school in Bedford. Dorothy was faithful in attending services with us for a number of years, when residing in Shenandoah. Ten years ago she moved to Bentonville, Arkansas to be near her daughter Luci Smith. Services for Dorothy were September 14th at Walker Merrick Funeral Home. Officiating was Richard Negley and song leader was Marvin Negley. Interment was at the Clarinda Cemetery. A luncheon was served at the church.

October Birthdays

4 – Mary Lou Madden

16 – Steve Driftmier

31 – Richard Negley



Martensdale

Meeting Times—Sundays: 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:30 p.m.

Location—439 Hwy. 92 (1.5 miles east of Martensdale, Iowa)

For information call—Duane Proudfit, (515)961-4470 or Mike Penick, (515)989-4165

We are thankful and praising God to learn that Apache Rodriguez has now been cleared to return to the United States and to his family. Lord willing he will be back in the US by the time this bulletin is printed. Sarah, Elena, and Brandon are ecstatic! Thank you to everyone who has been praying for this family!

Many of us enjoyed the

Labor Day meeting at Pleasant Hill.

Allen, Teresa and Jordan Bown and Zach and Jenna Wheeler worshiped with the congregation at Chariton on September 11th.

Drew Teghtmeyer and Courtney Penick have spent a couple of weekends in Pleasant Hill, Missouri. Tracy Penick accompanied them the weekend

of September 19th.

Duane and Mary Proudfit attended the Brookfield meeting September 18-19.

October Birthdays

- 4 – Marlene Soard
- 6 – Marlene Bown
- 6 – Apache Rodriguez
- 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.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the Labor Day meeting a success. Very edifying lessons were presented. If you'd like to hear the sermons, they are in Albums 2:05 and 2:06 in Audio Archives section of our website, pleasanthillchurchofchrist.org.

A few of us were in Chariton for the ITBS Campout. Thanks to the congregation for everything.

Cliff and Rosanne Van Vleet are grandparents of a new baby girl, Adelle Marie Van Vleet. She weighed 7 pounds 1 ounce. Parents are B.J. and Jill Van Vleet, and Ruth Grant is the great-grandmother.

Vernon and Marilyn McClurg were in Colorado visiting with son Marc McClurg and family.

Steve Thompson has returned home from spending the summer in Minnesota.

Dessie Sorensen fell but had no broken bones. She is doing better.

Nels and Marje Turnquist were in the St. Louis area visiting with family.

Mike Warner and Ruth Grant have been on the sick list.

Joyce Ingle was visiting with her parents, Roy and Ruth Whanger. Her mother was in a nursing home and is expected to return home soon.

Michele and Ryan Zinnel were at the Brookfield, Missouri meeting.

Rodney and Alena Ingle and Ryane Brady attended the Gregory Boulevard meeting.

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



Pleasant Hill

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Steve and Deb Wood were visiting with son Miles and the Zinnel family.

Wanda Burkman had surgery on the 23rd and is doing well.

The cooking school will be the 17th of October at 3:00 p. m. at Nora Lee Ingle's. Please

bring a large baking potato, also your notebook and pens or pencils. She would like to know how many will be present. Her phone number is (515)967-3710.

A group of about 60 went to Jester Park Sunday, September 26th for a fun afternoon of socializing and playing games.

Iowa Traveling Bible Study (ITBS)

The November study will be
Nov. 6 at Audrey Brady's.

Dec. 4 study: at Doug Bown's

Please check with host to see if you can
bring food for the meal.

If you have any questions, call Rodney Ingle
at (515)669-0365.

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 were happy to hear the good news that Erma Lea DeMoss, who was a member years ago, expressed a desire to place her membership with our congregation again. She was a former resident of Vandalia and now resides in the Mitchellville Care Center.

Among our visitors this past month include Rex and Doris Galloway of Villisca, Iowa; Elliott DeBlick; and James Finney.

Justin and Brittney Dowdy spent a few days in Las Vegas recently.

Tim Burkman went to Texas for further training in his job during the last week of September.

Margaret Ingle reported that her aunt, Elsie Gifford,

recently passed away in Missouri.

Among those attending the weekend meeting in Brookfield, Missouri were: Justin Dowdy; Lynnette Dowdy, and Michael and Joy Cummings, Morgan, Drew, and Cassidy.

Several of our number attended the weekend meeting at Gregory Boulevard in Kansas City.

Melda Ingle recently underwent laser surgery on her eye and did very well.

Lynnette Dowdy had shoulder surgery on September 28th. She is recovering well.

Our group met recently met at the Mitchellville Care Center and sang with the residents there.

All of the sessions

presented during the recent two-week meeting hosted by Vandalia are now available as audio recordings. You can listen to or download the files on our website, vandaliacoc.com. If you don't have Internet access, call Charles Ingle at (515)966-2537 for other options.

October Birthdays

3 – Joy Cummings

13 – Nathan Fiorentin

19 – Brittney Dowdy

26 – Sam Peters

27 – Rachel Daugherty

28 – Matt Clark



October Anniversaries

25 – Bob & Tracy Patterson

27 – Walter & Rachel Daugherty



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