

Lighthouse of Iowa

November 2013

And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish...
John 10:28

As part of my hobby of genealogical research, I visit a lot of cemeteries, seeking information to make a connection to the past. But sometimes the stone monuments and statues only accentuate the distance I feel between myself and the grandparents and great-grandparents I never knew. The solitude seems to belie the once-full lives of those now at rest.



While visiting a lovely cemetery one afternoon, I was thinking about these

things when a flash of movement caught my eye. *Did I see a jackrabbit scampering among the headstones?* Walking on, I spied a huge hawk circling above and noticed the varied musical accompaniment of birdsong and whistles. Later, when talking to a cemetery worker, I learned that several rabbits call the place home, as well as many birds who nest safely within the crypt flower vases. Even a few foxes regularly visit this urban oasis.

God's message seemed clear: Even in death, new life prevails. Filling this cemetery with life was a reassuring reminder that death was not God's final word. The distance I had felt began to melt away. And in the days that followed, I understood more that each life that came before me continued in some small way. I watched my son throw a baseball left-handed, like my grandfather Ed; I thought of my brother Steve, the only one of us tall

enough to have stood eye-to-eye with our Papa John; my husband Paul said that his grandma seemed to be right beside him and our daughter Maria when they baked Grandma's favorite snickerdoodle cookies from her recipe. A part of them or of something they loved goes on, keeping their spirits as alive as the busy animals I watched that afternoon. God makes all things new, yet thankfully never leaves the old completely behind.

On this day, I thank You, Lord for Your gifts of eternal life and love.

—GINA BRIDGEMAN

We are the children of many sires, and every drop of blood in us in its turn...betrays its ancestor.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

There is no king who has not had a slave among his ancestors, and no slave who has not had a king among his.

—Helen Keller

Chariton

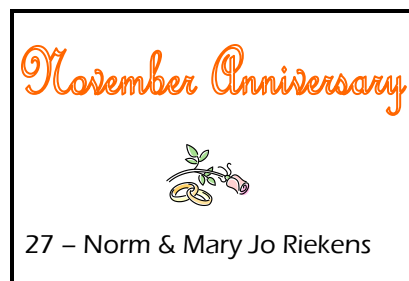
Meeting times—Sundays: 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Location—15th & Roland, Chariton, Iowa
For information call—Albert Schreck, (641)535-2381

We were greatly blessed to have around 25 young men and women with us the weekend of October 18-20. The girls stayed at Brian and Tammy Schreck's, and the boys camped out at Albert and Jeanette Schreck's in some frigid temps, but had a bonfire to help keep them warm. The young men took charge of the Sunday morning services. The whole weekend was very well organized and encouraging and edifying to us.

Carl Bennett had some tests and was diagnosed with diverticulitis, and they also removed a polyp for testing. His oxygen levels were unchanged.

Norm and Mary Jo Riekens were in the process of having their roof replaced when a rain storm came through. As a result there was extensive damage to the interior of their home. They are temporarily living in another house while theirs is being repaired. They may be reached on their cell phone.

Chantelle Schreck, daughter of Brian and Tammy, and Brett Jackson have announced their engagement. They are both members of the Lone Jack, Missouri congregation.



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

Our Fall Meeting with Doug Twaddell will begin Sunday, November 3rd, with services at 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and nightly services on Monday through Friday at 7:00 p.m.

Our 14th Annual Pumpkin Promenade was a great success again this year. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Peter Hawthorne was able to attend a Sunday morning service again this month. His daughter, Venita James, from Arizona was visiting.

Roberta Milinsky traveled to San Francisco.

Marla Feters traveled to Blue Springs, Missouri, to attend a baby shower for her daughter, Alissa Garbi.

Ercell Feters passed away,

and David Feters traveled to Texas to attend her funeral. Ercell was Keith Fetter's wife and David's step-mother.

Carlton Keary, step-son of Mike Warren, is attending a program for special needs in Sioux City, Iowa, for six to nine months.

Don James fell off his roof and sprained his ankle.

A group of us sang for Maxine Phipps at Prairie Hills Assisted Living.

Dick and Phyllis Bown and their daughter Cindy Stanley and her family attended Sunday morning services and our social. Dick gave us a good lesson on the Fruits of Righteousness.

Other visitors this month

were: Jasmine Arroyo and Morgan Lewis (friends of Emily Dobberke), Madison Done and Grayson Plummer (grandchildren of Bill and Shirley

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McNeece), Jake McClung from Excelsior Springs (friend of Kara Fetters), Dani Strable and McKenna Alsted (grand-

daughters of Risa Schamel), and Betty Warren.

Mary Lou Allen is having a little less pain and has been able to attend services.

Others ill this month: Margaret Warren, Kara Fetters, Risa Schamel, Donna Meek, and Pam Climpson.

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 enjoy having “our” college students with us, and appreciate their presence, insights and input!!

Marvin and Jean Negley have been to Colorado to see family, and Richard and Janet Negley made a trip to the southwest to see family as well.

Paul, Dasha, Timber, and Minka Negley worshiped with us this month.

Steve and Tammie Driftmier enjoyed having granddaughters Zoey, Beau, and Kemper Gilmore with them one Sunday.

Gary Fenton from the Lee’s

Summit area attended services with Ashley Schreck on October 27th.

Rick Sparks was with us the last weekend of October, and presented lessons on Death, Spiritual Stimulations, and the Search for Truth. A basket dinner was enjoyed on the 27th while Rick was here as well.

Jack and Bobbie Swisher will be leaving the first of November for their winter home in Florida and we will miss them bunches!!!

We are all thankful for a good harvest and pray that it continues to be safe for all.

November Birthdays



- 6 – Marvin Negley
- 11 – Jack Swisher
- 19 – Judy Madden

November Anniversary



- 20 – Steve & Tammy Driftmier

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

The congregation began the month by having a progressive dinner. We started out with appetizers and salads at Allen and Teresa Bown’s, and we ended with our main course and desserts at Charlie and Pam Deckler’s. It was a great night

of food and fellowship!

Cassidy Phillips was home from Northwest Missouri State to visit the first weekend of October.

On October 13th, Steve and Cerine Proudfit and family attended services while in the

area visiting Steve’s parents, Duane and Mary Proudfit. They took in the Covered Bridge Festival in Winterset along with Dave and Christy Henderson. Mike George also worshiped with us while he was

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visiting his son, Tanner.

Tracy Penick traveled to Missouri to visit with Kyle, Stephanie, Ada, and Allie Stephens. Teresa and Jordan Bown and Bethany Phillips also traveled to Missouri to visit friends.

John and Donna McNeece worshiped with us, and John gave the morning exhortation on Control. We were happy to have them stay and share our potluck dinner with us.

Jenna Wheeler attended the Young Women's Study and Zach Wheeler and Tanner George attended the Young Men's Study—both hosted by the Chariton congregation.

Fred and Marlene Bown enjoyed a trip to South Carolina to visit their son Bryan, his wife Jennifer, and their kids.

Stephanie, Ada, and Allie Stephens worshiped with us October 27th. They were here to take part in the Race for the Cure activities with Steph's grandma, Peg Warren. Tracy

Penick and Courtney Tegtmeyer also participated.

November Birthdays

- 1 – Bill Weeks
- 12 – Jordan Bown
- 16 – Christy Henderson



November Anniversaries

- 13 – Charlie & Pam Deckler
- 28 – Al & Marlene Bown



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.

The angels are rejoicing for Sophia George after she gave her life to Christ.

Our visitors included: Matt Thompson; Devon, Erin, and Emma Ingle; Matt and Heather Brady; David Stanley; and the grandchildren of Bev Hayes.

Tyler Schreck was sick. He is living with Dave and Joyce Ingle. Others on the sick list were: Wanda Burkman, Rena Christian, and Rosanne VanVleet.

Linda Oldham and Kathy King were in an accident. Kathy is having problems with her neck.

Bev Brady was doing well from knee replacement, but she is now having trouble with blood clots. She was in the

hospital for a few days and is now home and doing better.

Megan Stevens, Madison Hermon, and Carly Felice were at Lone Jack visiting.

Bruce Harvey has had problems with gallstones.

Theresa Ingle had a cyst behind her kneecap and torn cartilage. She is home and doing well.

Chip and Jennifer Albright, Lily and Annie were visiting friends in the St. Louis area.

Rodney and Alena Ingle and boys, Alex and Ryane Needham, and Jamie Ingle attended the meeting for young men and women at Chariton.

Jason and Theresa Brady and Alex and Ryane Needham

were in Illinois visiting with friends.

Ryan and Jamie Ingle and family were visiting with her family in Missouri.

November Birthdays



- 3 – Niki Hermon
- 8 – Tammy Brady
- 16 – Audrey Brady
- 18 – Ryan Ingle
- 19 – Emily Harvey
- 20 – Marge Flack
- 20 – Marty Williamson
- 23 – Chip Albright
- 23 – Justin Stevens
- 26 – Larry Brady
- 29 – Jaden Brand

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 very happy to welcome Bob and Sharon Cummings to Vandalia, as they have moved back here from Bolivar, Pennsylvania, to be near family. They are currently living in an apartment in Mitchellville, until a more permanent location is found for them. Matt and Sarah Clark and Ethan; Michael and Joy Cummings; and Darrell Russell drove out to assist them in their move.

A baby shower was given in honor of Brittney Dowdy at Over the Top ice cream shop in Pleasant Hill. It was attended by several ladies from the Vandalia and Pleasant Hill congregations.

A household auction was held at the home of Walter Daugherty in Vandalia. He was born and lived his entire life in the same home. He has been a resident in the Altoona Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for some time, and is still able to attend services quite regularly.

Bonnie Harkins is undergo-

ing tests for her heart and other health issues. Pam Skinner was recently hospitalized for a short time. She is still having chemotherapy.

Morgan Cummings recently began classes at Iowa School of Beauty, and she has moved to a basement apartment at the home of Nancy Clark in Altoona.

Alan and Shonya Klein and family, and Matt and Sarah Clark and Ethan attended services in Memphis, Missouri, recently where Alan, Destry, and Matt participated in the worship service.

The Alan Klein family and Charity Ingle attended the young people's meeting at Chariton.

Justin and Brittney Dowdy and Lynnette Dowdy visited family and friends in Indiana.

Doug and Lisa Fiorentin were in Carrollton, Missouri, visiting Jason and Staci Miller and Allison.

Our recent visitors were Ryan

Zinnell; Vanessa Groves; and Jason and Autumn Dowdy, Sterling, Hunter, and Malachi.

We recently gathered on a Sunday evening to sing with the residents of the Mitchell Village Care Center.

November Birthdays



- 2 – Ellie Wiedemeier
- 3 – Tina Hinckley
- 15 – Cheyenne Goode
- 15 – Gavin Burkman
- 16 – Morgan Cummings
- 16 – Erin Ingle
- 17 – Nancy Clark
- 24 – Angela Ingle
- 29 – Doug Fiorentin
- 29 – Lynnette Dowdy
- 30 – Brett Cole

November Anniversaries



- 13 – Richard & Mary Ellen Goode



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