

November 2014

And be ye kind one to another....Ephesians 4:32 cereal. Want me to add more hot water?"

I'm having a super day, and I think it can be traced to this positive thought: "A little kindness may breed great harmony."

Earlier in the Ι morning stirred oatmeal that looked unusually thick. I had mistakenly dumped two cups of oats into the boiling water instead of one. I tried to doctor it up, but it was obvious that it was not the right consistency. My husband Mike sampled his first spoonful, and I expected him to make a face. "Т have a confession to make," I said. "I used too many oats in the



I was still waiting for some expression of dissatisfaction from Mike, such as, "I'll get myself some bran flakes," or "Do we have any bagels?" Instead, he smiled and said, "No, it's fine."

Within minutes, seven-year-old Sean dropped his toast jamside down on a napkin and place mat. I usually overreact to spills, and normally would have shrieked at him. Instead, I handed him another napkin and wiped up the mess myself.

Why? Because I think I'm a nice person? No. Because Mike set the tone, doing for me what the Bible calls "showing mercy" and what the world calls "giving a break."

Lord, help me to start a chain reaction of kindness today.

B.J. Connor



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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

Deloris Van Egdom went to Mercy Hospital for an angiogram and they found two 95% blockages. They put a stent in one blockage and she will go back in a few weeks to have another stent put in the other blockage. It was too serious to do both at the same time.

Ashley Schreck and Gerry Fenton became engaged October  $11^{\text{th}}$ , and they are

planning an early summer wedding.

Brian, Tammy, and Ethan Schreck attended services at Lone Jack, Missouri, on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Ethan Schreck attended the young men's study held in Martinstown, Missouri.

Visitors this past month were Andrew and Stephanie Hansen and children, and Daniel Hansen.



## 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

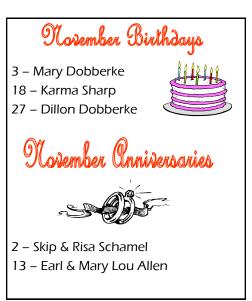
Cathy James has been ill with pneumonia, but she is feeling better now.

Kara Fetters has been having problems with a rapid heartbeat. She has had several tests that have ruled out anything else. The doctors are trying to control it with medication.

Peg Warren had additional tissue removed from the top of her head for a biopsy and has several stitches.

Others experiencing illness were Frank Meek and Don and Margaret Warren. We sang for Maxine Phipps and others who reside at Prairie Hills on Sunday afternoon. We also sang for Peter Hawthorne one evening.

Mike and Tracy Penick met with us on a Sunday morning, and Mike gave us a good lesson. Other visitors during the month were John Chapman, Jake McClung, Kim Lanc, Dave Ingle, and Alissa, Jude, and Caden Garbi.



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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

Ashley Schreck and Gerry Fenton, students at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri, have announced their engagement. Plans are in the making for a June wedding. Congratulations, Ashley and Gerry! We are very happy for you.

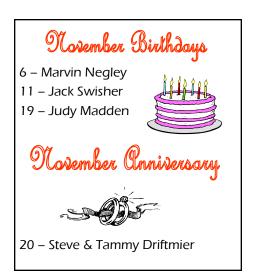
At this writing, Marvin and Jean Negley are awaiting the arrival of a new grandchild. The parents are Paul and Dasha Negley of Urbandale, Iowa, and the baby will be welcomed by sisters, Timber and Minka.

It is always good to see college students from Iowa and

Missouri when they can worship with us.

Our autumn has been so very nice; everyone has enjoyed God's artwork and the changes that are constantly taking place. Harvest is such a busy time and we are thankful for the crops being brought in from the fields. We hope everyone will be extra careful and be safe. Hope you all take the time to enjoy the sights, smells, and sounds of this wonderful season.

Jack and Bobbi Swisher will be leaving next month for their Florida home for the winter. We always miss them so much!



#### 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

Al and Marlene Bown spent some time in Branson. Missouri, and then thev traveled on to Illinois to spend some time with Tom and LuAnn Woody and their family. Tom has stopped all treatments for his colon cancer and is under Hospice care. While in Illinois, Al and Marlene were also able to meet a new greatgrandson, Owen Alfred Range, who was born to Jason and Wendy Range.

Duane and Mary Proudfit, Dick and Phyllis Bown, and Christy Henderson traveled to Missouri for the wedding of a relative.

Tanner George had his wisdom teeth out. He has recovered and is back at services. Tanner has also been switched to the day shift at work, so he is able to meet with us on Wednesday evenings again!

Our congregation held a Progressive Dinner on October 12<sup>th</sup>. We started with appetizers at Zach and Jenna Wheeler's home, walked two blocks to Drew and Courtney Teghtmeyer's for the main course, and finished the evening at Dave and Christy Henderson's.

Teresa and Jordan Bown spent a weekend in Lone Jack, Missouri, visiting friends.

David, Marla, and Kara Fetters worshiped with us on October 19<sup>th</sup>. David gave the morning exhortation.

Jenna Wheeler, Bethany Phillips, and Jordan Bown all traveled to Martinstown, Missouri, for the young women's study.

Please pray for Dave

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Henderson's sister, Jenny, who was diagnosed with colon cancer. She is just 46. She will have surgery on Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, and will know more after that.

Bruce, Sarah, and Hannah Lamb from the Winterset area attended our services October 19<sup>th</sup>. Other visitors this month

have been Nick Hermon: Stephanie, Ada, and Allie Stephens; Megan Stevens; Allen and Lisa Williams; Laura and Randv Teghtmever: Doug Bown; Cindy Stanley; Roger and Melissa Bown and Ian; David Ingle: Rodney and Alena Ingle and children; Tom and Collier: Dianne and Mike George.



# 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.

Correction: Bev Hayes' address is 5160 Cottage Dr., Unit K, Pleasant Hill, IA 50327.

Sarah Deaton sang the National Anthem at the Iowa Cubs baseball game on August  $30^{th}$  at Principal Park in Des Moines, Iowa. She is the daughter of Blaine and Melanie Deaton and the granddaughter of Don and Wanda Burkman.

Audrey Brady suffered a stroke. It was good to see her back at church. We miss her beautiful smile.

Carroll Warren was at Altoona Nursing and Rehab Center for a while. He has now gone back to his home in Carlisle.

Keith Price, Tammy Brady, and Jason Brady were sick. Suzanne Harvey is having trouble with blood clots in her leg. Steve Thompson is having back problems.

Joyce Ingle; Randy, Theresa, Brandon, and Kinnick Ingle; Ryan and Elijah Ingle; and Rodney Ingle and family went to Missouri to visit Joyce's parents and help her dad, Roy Whanger, celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Joyce Ingle's mother, Ruth Whanger, passed away October 24<sup>th</sup>. Services were held Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> at the Maupin Funeral Home in Fulton, Missouri. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Shirley Warner's brother passed away in Maryville, Missouri.

Joyce Ingle attended aquatics training for instructors

in Madison, Wisconsin.

Nora Lee Ingle and Dave Ingle attended services at Vandalia on a recent Wednesday evening.

Megan Stevens visited at Martensdale.

Clay Felice visited his brother at college. Carly Felice also visited a friend at college.

Alex, Ryane, and Audra Needham were visiting his family in Kansas.

Chip and Jennifer Albright and girls were visiting in the St. Louis area.

Randy, Brandon, and Kinnick Ingle were visiting in Indiana.

Marty and Lisa Williamson were in Missouri visiting.

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Betty Curtis and Tyler and Ryan were in the Kansas City area visiting with family.

JoAnne Wilson attended our services with her sister, Bev Hayes. Other recent visitors were Ralph and Laura Ford and Dale and Marilyn Koestler.

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

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

Ruth Schell enjoyed a nineday New England Fall Foliage Tour. Among other points of interest were the JFK Library in Boston, a tour of historic Boston, the Norman Rockwell Museum, and many highlights of New York City.

We sang with the residents of Altoona Nursing & Rehab Center on a recent Sunday evening.

Our visitors this past month were: Brooke Matson, Ryan Zinnel, Rodney and Alena Ingle and children, Nora Lee Ingle, Dave and Joyce Ingle, Jenika and Janel Welte, Travis Schreck, Valerie Burkman, and Vanessa Groves.

Shonya Klein enjoyed a few days sightseeing with a friend in New York City.

Briana and Destry Klein attended the young women's

and young men's studies in Martinstown, Missouri.

Lynnette Dowdy and Brittney and Carson Dowdy visited family in Laclede, Missouri.

Justin, Brittney, and Carson Dowdy spent a week in Vincennes, Indiana, for the camp meeting.

Doug Fiorentin was in Minnesota for a week to receive job training.

We enjoyed having breakfast served to us by various members on a recent Sunday morning before services.

We helped Nathan Fiorentin celebrate his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. We later helped Brittney Dowdy celebrate her birthday that ended in a "0"!

Joy Cummings visited family in Brookfield, Missouri.



