

Lighthouse of Iowa

November 2015

*Thou preparest a table
before me...my cup
overflows. ---Psalm 23:5
(RSV)*

As I crawl out of bed before dawn on Thanksgiving morning, I feel sad about the accumulation of circumstances that would change our traditional celebration this year. Usually, we spend a leisurely day cooking and setting up a special long table in the family room near the fireplace. The weather is cold and gray, which whets the appetite and adds to the cozy warmth inside. At dusk, relatives gather to eat in the soft glow of candlelight.

But, this year, almost all those traditions crumbled. Several relatives phoned their

regrets, which means we'll eat in the dining room, just like a regular meal. Record-high temperatures are predicted, and my brother has to work in the evening so we'll eat at noon. That's why I'm getting up early to start cooking the turkey, instead of sleeping in (another traditional treat).



As I stumble into the dark kitchen, I suddenly stop in awe. Through the window, a spectacular sunrise is unfolding. I watch in silence as the pinkish-orange glow

grows brighter and slowly fills the kitchen. It casts a whole new light on the day. "Thou preparest a table before me," I repeat the words of my favorite Psalm of praise. "My cup overflows." Surely this is God's message in the gift of a brilliant sunrise I might have slept through on a traditional Thanksgiving morning. Surely many other unexpected blessings are waiting to be discovered around our smaller, untraditional table on this brighter, warmer day.

*Lord, You prepare
different tables with
different circumstances, each
day and each year. But at
every table...my cup
overflows.*

---Carol Kuykendall

Chariton

Meeting times—Sundays: 10 a.m.—11 a.m. (no evening services)

Location—15th & Roland, Chariton, Iowa

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

We have changed our Sunday morning meeting time to 10:00 -11:00 a.m.

Norm Riekens will have hernia surgery November 2nd.

Jeanette Schreck will be having a valve replaced in her heart. She will see the surgeon on November 5th to schedule surgery.

Albert Schreck is undergoing testing to determine

the reason for fluid retention in his legs.

Delores Van Egdom flew to Phoenix, Arizona to attend the wedding of her granddaughter, and also did some sightseeing while there.

Visitors this month have been: Gerry and Ashley Fenton; Chantelle Jackson; Keith and Leta Fenton; and Bruce, Sue, and Leah Schreck.

November Anniservary



27 – Norm & Mary Jo Riekens

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

Sunday, November 1st, begins our fall meeting with Wade Stanley. He will speak on Sunday morning, Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m., and Monday through Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

The Pumpkin Promenade was successful again this year. It was a beautiful evening, and over 70 people attended.

Neal Warren's eye showed a little improvement, but his eyesight has not improved.

Roberta Milinsky traveled in Croatia with her sister.

Shirley McNeece visited her daughter and family in Texas for a week.

David, Marla, and Kara Fetters attended the meeting in Nixa, Missouri. David was one of the speakers.

Maxine Phipps is now in Room 186 at Prairie Vista Village in Altoona, Iowa.

Dick and Phyllis Bown met with us for Sunday services and potluck. Dick gave us an excellent sermon on "Being Prepared."

Visitors: Bill, Bryan, and Max Charlier; Caleb Bower; Charley Caudle; Camdyn Quijano; Aiden, Colton, Preston, and Paxon Bozell; Kamryn Aswegan; and Madden Sharp.

Ill: Ron Sharp, Conner Wilkins, and Shirley McNeece.

November Birthdays



3 – Mary Dobberke
18 – Karma Sharp
27 – Dillon Dobberke

November Anniservaries



2 – Skip & Risa Schamel
13 – Earl & Mary Lou Allen



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 thoughts and prayers remain with Brian and Hannah Martin at the unexpected death of Brian's dad in a truck accident.

We were glad to have several visitors this month: Mary Smith and Aubri Parrott; Vanessa Groves; Rob Ritson; Mike and Shirley Warner; Paul, Dasha, Timber, Minka, and Race Negley; Franta and Eva Vandova; and Dasha's parents who are visiting from the Czech Republic.

The group has begun meeting for a Wednesday evening Bible study.

We wish safe travels and a healthy winter to Jack and Bobbie Swisher as they leave for their winter home in Florida next week.

November Birthdays



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

November Anniversaries



- 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

Dave Henderson's uncle passed away. Dave and some of his siblings traveled to Arizona to attend the funeral. Our condolences to his family.

October 4th visitors were Aiden Twaddell and Kirk Ford from the Lone Jack, Missouri, congregation. Cassidy Phillips was also home visiting.

Tanner George spent some time in Hawaii visiting his brother Dillon, who is stationed there with the military. Later in the month Dillon was back visiting and attended services with Tanner.

Stephanie, Ada, Allie, and Anna Stephens were visiting family and attended services October 11th.

On October 17th, most of the ladies met at the home of Tracy

Penick to have a Bible study and lunch.

Visitors October 18th were John and Donna McNeece (John gave the morning exhortation); Ryan and Jamie Ingle and their family who were camping in Winterset; and Jordan Bown, who was home for the weekend.

On October 25th, Bill, Amanda, and Harvey Wall attended services while in the area visiting family and friends; and Bill and Wendy Hounsom's son, Ryan, and his girlfriend, Anna, attended services while back visiting. Ryan and Anna are from Colorado.

Please continue to keep Marlene Soard in your prayers as she continues her battle with cancer.

November Birthdays



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

November Anniversaries



- 13 – Charlie & Pam Deckler
- 18 – Tom & Dianne Collier
- 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.

Thanks to Marc and Ginger Hermon for hosting an “Until we meet again” party for brother David Witherspoon. He left later that evening to go back to Liberia, West Africa. He has made it home safe.

Don Burkman is having trouble with his eyes, but was at services.

Junior Barlow is having tests run. He spent a few days at IMMC hospital. He had a pacemaker put in on October 20th.

It was good to see Steve and Pat Thompson back at church. Steve is improving some every day.

Troy, Dani, and Jaden Brand were in Sioux City for parents’ weekend where Jake is a student.

Jason Brady and Sharon Minhart were sick. Ryan Zinnell also has had strep.

Duane and Donna Needham were visiting with

Alex Needham and family.

Whitney Wolfe was in Missouri visiting.

Ryan Zinnell attended services at Vandalia.

Mike and Shirley Warner have a new great-grandson, Cohen Thornton. He has viral meningitis and was in the hospital, but is now home and doing well. Mike and Shirley went down to meet him and visit with family.

Nora Lee Ingle attended the Ladies meeting and stayed an extra day to visit with daughter Cindy Morris and family.

Keith and Leta Fenton attended services on their way to Minnesota.

Ryan and Jamie Ingle and family were camping and attended services at Martensdale.

Tom Brady had a heart procedure to fix his arrhythmia problems. It was a success.

Troy and Dani Brand were in Arizona for a cousin’s wedding.

Randy Polson, a student at Simpson, attended services with Nick Hermon.

Comfort Sailes from Altoona was visiting.

November Birthdays



- 3 – Niki Hermon
- 8 – Tammy 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



The Iowa Traveling Bible Study will meet Saturday, November 14 at 4:00 p.m. at the home of Marc and Ginger Hermon.

Wade Stanley will lead the study on “An Honorable Way to Date.” Supper will be provided. Guests may feel free to bring a dessert if they want.

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

Justin and Brittney Dowdy and Carson vacationed in Wisconsin.

The Alan Klein family worshiped in Lone Jack and Warrensburg, Missouri. They also attended the Kirksville, Missouri, weekend meeting, where Destry was among the speakers.

Our visitors were: Ryan Zinnell, Valerie Burkman, and Paul and Michele Zinnell.

Brittney and Carson Dowdy visited family in Indiana.

Doug and Lisa Fiorentin and Greg and Margaret Ingle spent some time in Branson, and they worshiped at Nixa, Missouri.

Bonnie Harkins underwent heart surgery recently.

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

Jason and Mariha Henle

spent a few days in Kansas City.

Bobbi Duckstein and Ruth Schell attended the Nixa weekend meeting and spent an extra few days with Ruth's cousin, Sue Holmes, in Springfield. Briana Klein attended the meeting also.

Shonya Klein and Briana, and Joy Cummings and Casady attended the Ladies day meeting at the Smart Road congregation.

Bob and Sharon Cummings and Bobbi Duckstein visited Rosalee Potter at Brookfield, Missouri.

Charles and Angela Ingle vacationed in Smoky Mountains National Park as a belated celebration for their 25th wedding anniversary.

Briana Klein is enrolled at DMAAC, where she is taking CNA courses.

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 Anniversary



- 13 – Richard & Mary Ellen Goode

Thankful

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