

Lighthouse of Iowa

November 2016

"Today I am reminded of my shortcomings."

Genesis 41:9 (NIV)

My son Ross was preparing for the SAT, searching the house for pencils to take to the college entrance exam. "We must make a lot of mistakes around here," he said, laughing, "because all I can find are pencils with no erasers."



He had a point. I make my share of mistakes and not just when I'm writing. Just last week, angry about a friend's criticism, I spoke too harshly to her. Now the

friendship is in trouble. I regretted my words and wondered why I couldn't control my tongue. *What does God do with mistake-makers? I asked myself.*

Turning to the Bible for some sort of answer, I was surprised to see that God puts His mistake-makers to work. For instance, the disciple Peter was devastated by his denying Jesus. But not only did he find forgiveness, he went on to be used by God to bring thousands to Christ. In another passage, the apostle Paul says he wants to do what is good but somehow can't seem to do it. Still, God used him to bring the Gospel to the entire Gentile world.

Maybe I needn't feel so bad about my house full of eraserless pencils. At least they show that we try to correct our mistakes. I need to do that with my friend: apologize for being so quick-tempered. Maybe my mistake

wouldn't mean the end of our friendship.

Mistakes are never the end of the line with You, God. Thank You for Your forgiveness, the ultimate eraser.

Gina Bridgeman

The Vandalia Church of Christ has been publishing the Lighthouse of Iowa newsletter for 20 years. We want to express our gratitude to Ruth Schell and Angela Ingle, as well as those who have submitted monthly reports, for their many years of service to the Lighthouse. We also want to say thanks to the congregations in Iowa who have supported us through the years with the Lighthouse.

However, for various reasons we have decided to stop publishing it as of the December issue. We have notified the other Iowa congregations of our decision and offered to pass it on to anyone who would like to continue it.

*Greg Ingle & Charles Ingle,
elders*

Chariton

Meeting times—Sundays: 9:30 a.m. (no evening services)

Location—15th & Roland, Chariton, Iowa

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

On October 2nd, we were blessed to have Wade Stanley ordain Brian Schreck as an elder of our congregation. We were also blessed with several visitors who were here for the occasion.

Norm Riekens spent a few days in the hospital with high blood pressure. They discovered a couple of stents had become

blocked but vessels had rerouted around them. They made some adjustments to his medications to control his blood pressure.

Albert and Jeanette Schreck spent a few days in Michigan and Wisconsin. They met with the brethren at Grand Haven while traveling.

November Anniversaries



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

Rick Sparks will be here for our fall meeting beginning Sunday, November 6th through November 11th. Sunday service times are 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday evenings, we will meet at 7:00 p.m.

A great time was had by all at the Pumpkin Promenade. Approximately 60 people attended this year.

Duane and Mary Proudfit visited, and Duane gave us a wonderful lesson on “The Lord on the mountain is still Lord in the valley.”

Greg, Linda, and Shawn Head traveled to Minnesota.

Roberta Milinsky took a trip to Portugal.

Wayne Patterson, son-in-

law of John and Donna McNeece, has improved since his motorcycle accident and has gone back to work as much as he can tolerate.

Jean Collins, mother of Greg Head, is recuperating from her fall at Parkridge Rehab Center.

Earl Allen had a cystoscopy with a resection of bladder cancer. This was successful.

David and Marla Feters, and Jan Sellers and family spent some time in Kansas City, Missouri.

Marla Feters and Alissa, Jude, and Caden Garbi vacationed in the Florida Keys.

Visitors this month: Bill, Bryan, Max, and Talia Charlier; Jacqueline Chamberlain; Valerie Hawthorne; Venita

James; Ralph and Laura Ford; Kara Feters; and Aiden, Coleton, Preston, and Paxon Bozell.

November Birthdays

3 – Mary Dobberke

18 – Karma Sharp

27 – Dillon Dobberke



November Anniversaries

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

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

Several of our ladies went to a tea room near Chariton for lunch October 1st.

Maddy Hermon attended the Ladies Day Meeting at Smart Road Church of Christ.

Dianne Collier sprained her ankle. She is doing better after some recuperation time.

Wendy Hounsom had a chemo treatment this month but is struggling with the side effects. Please keep Bill and Wendy and their family in your prayers as they make decisions regarding Wendy's health.

Randy Tegtmeyer and Bill, Amanda, and Harvey Wall worshiped with us while

visiting Drew and Courtney Tegtmeyer.

Stephanie, Ada, Allie, and Anna Stephens attended services twice this month while spending time with Mike and Tracy Penick.

David and Marla Fetters attended services October 30th, and David delivered our morning exhortation.

Other visitors this month have been Aiden Twaddell, who was visiting Maddy Hermon; Bethany Phillips; Jordan Bown; and Nick Hermon.

November Birthdays



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.

Suzanne Harvey, Ginger and Madison Hermon, and Nora Lee Ingle visited in the home of Cindy and Mark Morris. They attended the Ladies Day Meeting at Smart Road. Ginger was one of the speakers.

Joyce, Randy, Theresa, and Kinnick Ingle went to Oklahoma to attend Brandon's graduation from boot camp. He graduated with honors. Good job, Brandon!

Marissa and Sydney Schriber spent the weekend with grandparents, Mike and Shirley Warner.

Jacob Lay, a student at Simpson College, was a visitor.

Linda Flickinger is visiting with family.

Jack Conner had his tonsils removed and is doing well.

Steve Thompson fell and broke two bones in his ankle. Steve had surgery on October

19th. He is doing better each day.

On the sick list were: Don and Wanda Burkman, Tammy Brady, Suzanne Harvey, Theresa Brady, and Sophia George.

Ryan Zinnel attended the meeting at Kirksville.

Lowell Hermon was visiting in the Kansas City area with family.

Joyce, Ryan, Elijah, Taylor, and Kinnick Ingle visited with Roy Whanger to help him celebrate his 92nd birthday.

Larry and Bev Brady are vacationing in the Branson area.

Troy and Dani Brand are vacationing in the Cayman Islands.

Dan and Amy Pritchard and family were visiting with Dan's family in Fort Dodge.

Miles and Kelsey Wood were visiting family.

Marje Turnquist is visiting Amy Reeves and family in Florida. Marje will be having knee replacement on November 7th. Please keep her in your prayers.

November Birthdays

3 – Niki Hermon

8 – Tammy Brady

14 – John Mineart

14 – Kathy King

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

A baby shower-brunch was held at the church building for the upcoming birth of twins to James and Laura Dowdy.

Devon Ingle has begun his new job at the Monroe Co-op. Bruce Fiorentin is newly employed at Goodwin-Tucker, and Nathan Fiorentin is working at the Casey's in Runnells.

Our visitors were: Valerie Burkman, Mary Ann Homan, Nora Lee and Joyce Ingle, Sue and Leah Schreck, Tiffany Parker, and Paige Trunnel.

Margaret Ingle is now home from Mayo Clinic recuperating from her neck surgery and is doing well. Her lower back surgery will take place in a few months.

Bob and Sharon Cummings, Michael Cummings, and Sarah Clark enjoyed a few days visiting relatives and friends in Bolivar, Pennsylvania.

Justin and Brittney Dowdy and Carson visited family in Indiana.

Doug and Lisa Fiorentin and Nathan visited in Missouri.

Destry Klein attended ROTC camp.

Nancy Clark, Charity and Lucas Ingle, and Alan and Shonya Klein and family attended the meeting in Kirksville, Missouri.

We sang with the residents at Mitchell Village Care Center on a recent Sunday evening.

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

Happy
Thanksgiving

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