

Lighthouse of Iowa

November 2008

And Sarah said, God hath made me to laugh, so that all that hear will laugh with me.

Genesis 21:6



I distinctly heard some autumn leaves laughing at me today.

My leaves—maples and birches—and my neighbors' oaks and ashes have married in my backyard and they frolicked together while I chased them.

Methinks they think it a game of hide and seek, because every time I place them in a pile, they conspire with little wind spouts—I'm tempted to call them dust devils—to run away, undoing the work I've done.

I believe the red and orange ones taunt the most; the brown and yellow ones snicker more subtly.

At least it was the colorful ones I heard *ha-ha-ing* under my wire broom when the wind merry-go-rounded them in all directions, including the places I'd just cleaned.

Annoyed, I swung my rake at the teasing twister, a roundhouse cut of Mickey Mantle proportions, but I struck out; the invisible imp survived.

"If we had fewer trees," I call to my gardening wife, "I'd have fewer leaves to rake." She shouts back, "And less shade in summer, less warmth in winter, and less clean air! Thank God for those things too."

"Oh, hickory nuts," I retort. But she doesn't hear me.

My words are drowned out by the wind and giggling leaves.

Give me a sense of humor, Lord, when I fret; Wisdom to laugh at myself when I forget.

—Fred Bauer

God Give Me Joy

God give me joy in the common things:
*In the dawn that lures,
the eve that sings;*

*In the new grass sparkling,
fields of gold,*

*In the precious light by winter doled.
God give me joy in the love of friends,
In their dear home talk
as summer ends;*

*In the songs of children,
unrestrained;*

*In the sober wisdom age has gained.
God give me joy*

in the tasks that press,

In the memories that burn and bless;

*In the thought that life
has love to spend,*

*In the faith that God's
at journey's end.*

God give me hope

for each day that springs,

God give me joy in the common things!

Thomas Curtis Clark

◆ **FALL MEETING** with ◆
Doug Twaddell at Dean Ave.

November 2—7

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Monday-Friday 7 p.m.

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 Egdorn, (641)932-5686 or Albert Schreck, (641)535-2381

Our congregation will once again discontinue our Wednesday evening services during the months of December, January, February and March.

Carl Bennett had a CAT scan and they found some spots on his lungs. They think it may possibly be asbestos and will continue to watch them.

Clarence and Deloris Van Egdorn, and their son, Garry, went to Dodgeville, Wisconsin to visit their son and brother, Keith, and family.

Albert and Jeanette Schreck attended with their granddaughter, Grandparents' Day at school Vanessa Groves.

November Birthdays

21 – Clarence Van Egdorn



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

Margaret Warren has been able to come to services. We continue to pray that her arm is healing.

Jan Sellers has been very ill with a tooth abscess that went into her sinuses and then she had to have a root canal. She is now feeling much better.

Glenn Meacham is suffering with shingles. We continue to pray for Alna Meacham.

Grace Wilkins has been having trouble with her breathing. Please pray for her.

Elsie LeMar fell early Sunday, October 12th, and the Fire Dept. had to come and help her up. Thankfully she only ended up with a bump on her head.

Others that have been ill were Don James, Maxine Phipps, Lillian Bartlett, Don Warren, and Shirley McNeece.

Kamryn Aswegan brought her friend, Shelby to services with her Sunday, October 5th.

Also visiting that day were Denise Drake of the Vandalia congregation, and Jessica and Danielle Strable, granddaughters of Risa Schamel.

Our visitors on Sunday, October 12th included Charles Ross of Excelsior Springs, Missouri; Mike, Tracy and Courtney Penick of the Martensdale congregation, and Stephanie Reading.

Shawn Head was here to worship with us on Sunday, October 26th. Also worshipping with us were Stephanie Reading, and Duane and Mary Proudfit of the Martensdale congregation. Duane was our guest speaker. Thank you, Duane for a very good lesson on "Risk."

Marla and Kara Fetters worshiped at Tent Chapel on Sunday, October 5th

so they could visit Marla's father, Charles Cobb.

Jean Van Egdorn traveled to St. Louis, Missouri, October 10th and 11th for a Mary Kay event.

Roberta Milinsky attended worship services at Tent Chapel on Sunday, October 12th so she could take her dad to services.

Neal and Peg Warren were at Martensdale on October 19th, where Neal was the guest speaker.

November Birthdays

3 – Mary Dobberke

16 – Asanté Royal

18 – Karma Sharp

27 – Dillon Dobberke



November Anniversaries

2 – Skip & Risa Schamel

4 – Glenn & Alna Meacham

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

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November Birthdays

No news this month.

6 – Marvin Negley
 11 – Jack Swisher
 16 – Faye Stephens
 19 – Judy Madden



November Anniversaries

20 – Steve & Tammy Driftmier



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

Please keep Brenda Bown in your prayers as she is scheduled to have her gall bladder removed October 30th.

Neal and Peg Warren worshiped with us Sunday, October 19th. Neal presented a very good lesson on biblical memorials. They also joined us for potluck and afternoon service.

Alvin and Marlene Bown have been in the area and worshipping with us regularly. Dave Henderson, friend of Christy Phillips; and Pam Deckler of Indianola have worshiped with us several times this month. Drew Tegtmeyer from the Smart Road congregation attended services with Courtney Penick October 26th.

November Birthdays

12 – Jordan Bown
 16 – Christy Phillips
 22 – Brandon Rodriguez
 30 – Brad Wanicki



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
 For information call—Bob Flack, (515)262-7329 or Lowell Hermon, (515)989-0727

Theresa Ingle had some surgery. She is getting along fine.

Tom Brady had back surgery. He is recovering well.

Mike Warner had an Anterior Cervical Fusion and is doing well. All are back at services.

Marian Parrish had knee replacement surgery and is

doing well. She is staying with her daughter, Della in Maryland.

Keith Price had knee replacement surgery and is doing well. He hopes to go home soon.

Theresa and Ryane Brady have been sick.

Dani Brand has had sinus infection.

Carroll Warren fell, but is doing well. There were no broken bones.

Nora Lee Ingle is having trouble with her knee.

Ann Casey has been ill with strep throat.

Sharon Gustafson was back visiting with the Turnquist family and friends.

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Pleasant Hill

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Rodney Ingle and Miles Wood went to the Young Men's Meeting in Kansas City.

Doug Bown attended services at Ozark, Missouri.

Chip, Jennifer, Lily and Annabel Albright were in the Kansas City area.

Keith and Connie Price went to Bemidji, Minnesota. Keith's football team at Bemidji State University was being inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Joyce Ingle spent a few days with her parents, Roy and Ruth Whanger.

The Dave Ingle family spent the 25th of October with Roy and Ruth Whanger to celebrate their 60th anniversary.

Nora Lee Ingle will be staying with Mark and Cindy Morris for a few days.

Steve and Nancy Brady went to Colorado to visit with Mark and Susie McClurg.

Iowa Teen Study (ITBS)

The November study will be November 15 (call ahead for time) Jason & Theresa Brady's house.

Dec. study: Dec. 6 at Marc & Ginger Hermon's

Please check with hostess to see if she would like you to bring any food.

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

November Birthdays

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



Thanks to all who came to visit me and for your prayers, food, flowers, and love while I was in the hospital and back home. Also thanks for your care for Vernon. Our love to all of you.

Marilyn McClurg

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

Visitors on October 5th were Michelle Kirby, Ryan Ingle and Elijah; and Jamie Evans.

Lynnette Dowdy and Doug and Lisa Fiorentin and family were in Indianapolis over the weekend of October 12th.

Visitors on October 12th were Michelle Kirby, James Finney, and Kylie Smith.

Morgan Cummings suffered a broken bone in her hand when her horse kicked her.

Charles and Angie Ingle, Charity and Lucas enjoyed camping in northeast Iowa dur-

ing the weekend of October 19th.

Our visitors on October 26th were Dwight and Beth Duckstein and sons, Phillip and Jacob, along with Dwight's son Joseph from Alaska; and James Finney.

Lynnette Dowdy and Justin and Brittney Dowdy were in Laclede, Missouri over the weekend of October 26th, helping Sterling Dowdy celebrate his first birthday. He is the son of Jason and Autumn Dowdy.

November Birthdays

- 2 – Ellie Wiedemeier
- 3 – Tina Hinckley
- 12 – Brad Duckstein
- 14 – William Patterson
- 15 – Cheyenne Goode
- 15 – Gavin Burkman
- 16 – Morgan Cummings
- 16 – Erin Ingle
- 17 – Nancy Clark
- 24 – Angela Ingle
- 29 – Doug Fiorentin



November Anniversaries

- 13 – Richard & Mary Ellen Goode