

Lighthouse of Iowa

December 2013

IN HUMILITY CONSIDER OTHERS BETTER THAN YOURSELVES. EACH OF YOU SHOULD LOOK NOT ONLY TO YOUR OWN INTERESTS, BUT ALSO THE INTERESTS OF OTHERS----
Philippians 2:3-4 (NIV)

There were just two ladies ahead of me that day at the supermarket checkout aisle. The first had a shopping cart loaded top to bottom with groceries and household cleaning supplies.



Must have a family, I speculated as I watched her unload. (It's a mental game I often play in lineups.) Big box of detergent—active outdoor kids. Prepackaged puddings, small boxes of juices, crackers and cheese—kids take lunches

to school. A wide variety of salad makings—Mom diets. Choice cuts of beef—Dad barbecues. Tins of dog food—pampered pooch.

The old lady ahead of me was also watching the succession of boxes and cartons and bags passed over the scanner. The total appeared, and the well-dressed young woman reached into her leather handbag and took out her debit card. Meanwhile, the old woman was fumbling in her purse for a crumpled slip of paper, which she smoothed out on the counter. I recognized it instantly as a coupon redeemable for 10 percent off any grocery order over one hundred dollars. "Wait a minute!" she said to the woman who was about to pay. "I clipped this out of the weekly sale bill. Go ahead and use it. It could save you about fifteen dollars."

"Why, uh, thank you. Thank you for your...uh...generosity." The recipient stammered.

"You're most welcome," the old woman replied cheerfully. "I pass on those coupons to

other folks as often as I can." Then placing a head of cabbage, three potatoes, and a small bottle of cola on the checkout counter, she greeted the cashier brightly. "Hello there, sonny! I guess you better run a subtotal before you ring up that pop. I might just be a little short today."

Father in heaven, even though I may be "a little short today," help me to maintain a generous spirit.

ALMA BARKMAN

DISCIPLINE—


Thank God every morning when you get up that you have something to do which must be done, whether you like it or not. Being forced to work, and forced to do your best, will breed in you temperance, self-control, diligence, strength of will, content, and a hundred other virtues which the idle never know.—Charles Kingsley

Chariton

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

For the months of December through March we will meet Sunday morning from 9:30-12:00 and will discontinue Sunday evening services.

December Birthdays

9 – Albert Schreck 

31 – Brian Schreck

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 was very informative and edifying. Thank you to the surrounding congregations who attended.

Peter Hawthorne is slowly improving, and greatly enjoyed the small group that went to sing with him. With his doctor's permission, he and Frances are visiting in Arizona from November 19th to December 3rd. They are staying with their daughter and her family.

Karma Sharp has retired from nursing at Mercy Hospital after 38 years, and Cathy James is retiring this month from Wells Fargo after 36 years. Congratulations to both!

Neal and Peg Warren visited family in Kansas City, Missouri.

Kara Feters camped out in a cardboard "room" at Drake Stadium for Reggie's Sleep-Out,

to benefit Iowa Homeless Youth Shelters.

Visitors this month were: Becky Seivert (friend and co-worker of Travis Head), Jasmine Arroyo, and Reese Weatherman (granddaughter of Bill and Shirley McNeece).

Mary Lou Allen is feeling some better and is able to attend services.

Maxine Phipps has been ill with an infection.

Neal Warren had an episode where he didn't feel good and couldn't talk at all. Peg took him to the hospital where they ruled out a stroke. He had to wear a heart monitor for several days, and then see his doctor. He is doing better.

Donna Meek fell and broke her hip. She has had surgery and is rehabbing at Fleur Heights Rehab, Room 706, at 4911 SW 19th St., Des Moines,

IA, 50315. She is discouraged regarding her progress. Her family has asked for prayers and cards for her.

Donna McNeece had an angiogram on her heart and was pleased to find out that her arteries looked very good and that she had no blockages. She is having some pain, and will have more testing. Others ill this month: Debbie Wilkins, Pam Climpson, Margaret Warren, Karma Sharp, Amy and Chloe Prenosil.

December Birthdays

13 – Sierra Coe
18 – Yvonne Coe
18 – Kara Feters
18 – Travis Head
28 – Risa Schamel 

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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

A surprise party was held for Richard Negley's 80th birthday, November 2nd, and—it was truly a surprise! There was a magical moment as Richard's mother, Elsie Negley, 102 years old, arrived from the nursing home to attend her son's party. Richard and Janet's three children were all present, as well as three of their grandchildren.

Those attending church service with us on November 3rd were: Shari and Jerry Cowger,

from Twin Falls, Idaho; Paul, Dasha, Timber, and Minka of Urbandale, Iowa; and Van Negley and son, Luke, of Colorado Springs, Colorado. What a wonderful weekend for the Negley family—and now, a lot of memories!!!

Logan Negley and dad Van worshiped with the group on the 24th, along with Paul, Timber, and Minka Negley.

Connie Miller had knee surgery earlier this month, and is progressing well.

Jack and Bobbie Swisher send greetings to the group from Florida where they're settling in for the winter.

December Anniversaries



18—Will & Cassie Crumm

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

Dick and Phyllis Bown's youngest son, Roger, worshiped with us while visiting them.

Tracy Penick traveled to San Diego on business.

Drew and Courtney Teghtmeyer traveled to Pleasant Hill, Missouri, and Chicago, Illinois this month.

Leta and Grace Fenton attended services while visiting Teresa and Jordan Bown.

Al and Marlene Bown have traveled south to spend the winter in Texas.

Tanner George started a new job at Innovative Manufacturing & Engineering.

Allen Williams from Alabama is temporarily working in the area and has been attending services. His wife Lisa has also met with us when she has been in the area.

Other visitors this month have been Rodney and Alena Ingle and their boys, Ethan Schreck, and Megan Stevens.

December Birthdays

10 – Mary Proudfit

12 – Teresa Bown

29 – Drew Teghtmeyer



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.

Mike and Shirley Warner were in Omaha, meeting a great-grandson and visiting with other family members.

Theresa Brady and Alex and Ryane Needham attended a baby shower out of state.

Melba Tingle is visiting with son Jim and family in Arizona.

Tom and Fred Brady, Kelly and Allison George, Brady, Carson, and Sophia are in Florida on vacation.

Mackenzie Quinn Morris was born November 22nd to Joel and Aubrey Morris. Mackenzie is Nora Lee Ingle's great-grandchild and the granddaughter of Mark and Cindy Morris. Congratulations to all.

Bev Hayes had grandchildren visiting with her.

We had several on the sick list this past month. They included: Megan Stevens, Lowell Hermon, Junior Barlow, Carroll and Betty Warren, Jason Brady, Doug Bown, and Ryan Ingle. Rodney and Alena Ingle's little ones were also sick. Marjie Turnquist had corrective surgery, and Randy Spinney had cataract surgery.



December 7th
At Pleasant Hill Church
Building
Hosted by Marc & Ginger
Hermon

December Birthdays

- 4 – Steve Brady
- 18 – Jason Brady
- 18 – Paul Zinnel



December Anniversary

- 30 – Nick & Susan Conner



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 surprise open house was held in Indianola honoring the 50th wedding anniversary of Richard and Mary Ellen Goode, and 21st birthday of Cheyenne Goode.

Our visitors were Denise Drake and sons, and Kevin Waits; Jason Henle; and Jason and Staci Miller and Allison.

Doug and Lisa Fiorentin

visited in Missouri and Indiana during the past month.

Bonnie Harkins was hospitalized for several days recovering from a stomach ulcer. She lost a lot of blood and had some other complications. She's home now and still recovering. We were happy to see her back at services on Sunday, November 24th.

We sang with the residents at the Altoona nursing home one Sunday evening in November.

December Birthdays

- 2 – Bonnie Harkins
- 27 – Melody Burkman

