

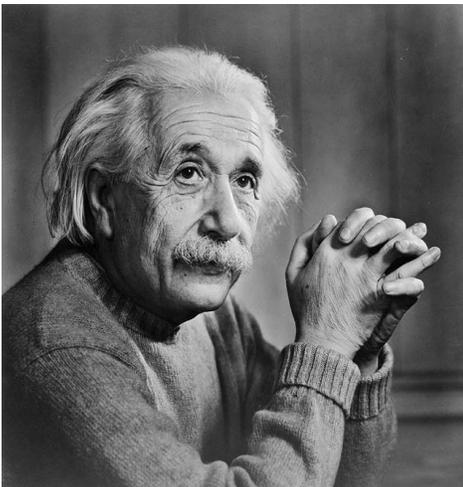
Lighthouse of Iowa

March 2010

For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.—Luke 14:11

"Oh, sure, I used to know Albert Einstein." That's something I used to say back in my grander days when I figured it might add a little spice to the conversation.

You'd think from the way I said it that the professor and I had been pals. True enough, Einstein had been a familiar figure as he strolled around our New Jersey college town and one day, propelled by freshman bravado, I did go up and introduce myself to him. Almost immediately we fell into stride together and first thing I knew I'd walked him all the way home.



So what did I actually learn from this "friendship"? In fact, I can't remember a thing Einstein said. Over the years, however, the meaning of our meeting began to sink in.

Here I'd walked alongside one of the most famous men in the world, a Nobel Prize winner, a man whose discovery, like Newton, had given a new direction to the science of physics, yet all I'd heard from him was some small talk in a German accent. But as he left me and walked up the path to his home, I felt the first glimmer of something that was to grow into significance. There went a giant who lived in a tiny wooden house in a hollow on an unpretentious residential street, a man who liked simple things like long quiet walks, who did not own an automobile or live in a mansion, and who was courteous to a presumptuous college kid.

"He is truly great that is little in himself," wrote the Christian thinker Thomas à Kempis in the fifteenth century. When I read that I couldn't help think of my encounter with one of the greatest men of the twentieth century. It made me want to try to be big enough to be as little as he was. And one way I could

start would be by not trying to impress people with tales of how I "knew" Albert Einstein.

You know how little I am, Lord. Help me to know how great that is in Your eyes.

—Van Varner

ON CITY STREETS

There have been times when on a city street

Where I had seen not any face I know,

The eyes of some met mine as if to greet

Me with a friendly word, a mute "hello."

But each is bound by laws of etiquette;

We may not speak the words our lips would say;

So we pass on with faces firmly set—

We fear to change the old, established way.

MARGARET E. BRUNER

53rd Annual Spring Meeting

at Dean Avenue

April 3 & 4

Saturday 3:00 & 6:30 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

2907 Dean Ave. in Des Moines

Planned recreation Sat. evening

Meals will be served following Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning services.

Chariton

Meeting times—Sundays: 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Location—15th & Roland, Chariton, Iowa

For information call—Clarence Van Egdome, (641)932-5686 or Albert Schreck, (641)535-2381

Carl Bennett has been to Iowa City a couple of times but still doesn't have results back on tests for his stomach pain.

March Birthdays

- 5 – Ethan Schreck
- 9 – Barbara Fetters
- 23 – Evelyn Bennett
- 25 – Norm Riekens



March Anniversaries



- 17 – Clarence & Deloris Van Egdome
- 19 – Albert & Jeanette Schreck

50th Wedding Anniversary

Open House

Albert and Jeanette Schreck



March 20th ✧ 2-4 p.m.

Chariton Freight House

1115 Auburn Ave.,

Chariton, Iowa

No Gifts Please

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 hearts are saddened to report the passing of our beloved sister, Grace Wilkins, 79, on February 17th at her home. There are so many wonderful things that could be said about Grace. She was such an "encourager." Everyone loved her and she loved everyone too! Our sympathies go to Debbie and Conner, Kim and Terry, and David and Quinn.

Several of us have been ill this past month. Ron Van Egdome experienced severe in his left side and abdomen on February 15th and ended up in the ER at Lutheran hospital. After running the standard

tests and a CT scan, they found a mass (tumor) on his adrenal gland of around 5 cm by 4 cm. Ron is now seeing a urologist who is doing more testing. He is also on medicine for high blood pressure. Please pray for Ron as he waits for results and makes decisions on his health.

Shawn Head has been very ill with colitis and Jean Van Egdome had an episode of food poisoning.

Marla and Kara Fetters have both been ill with flu and cold.

Maxine Phipps had cataract surgery on both of her eyes in February.

Linda Bauman, daughter of John and Donna McNeece, has spurs in her lower back and is going to need back surgery.

Worshiping with us on February 14th were: Mike Warren and his stepson, Carlton; Alexa Winslow, (friend of Kamryn Aswegan); Kennady Prenosil was with Grandma, Jan Sellers; and Travis Head. Fred and Marlene Bown from Martensdale were our visitors on February 28th along with Travis Head, Todd Sharp, and Shawn Head. Fred Bown was our guest speaker and spoke on "God is Good."

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Dean Avenue

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Risa and Skip Schamel vacationed in Mexico for a couple of weeks.

Yvonne Coe is traveling to Florida.

David Fetters is traveling to Texas to bring his father, Keith Fetters back to Iowa because of his health.

March Birthdays



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| 11 – Donna Meek | 23 – Spencer Burkman |
| 14 – Peter Hawthorne | 26 – Don Warren |
| 16 – Neal Warren | 29 – Greg Head |
| 17 – Lillian Bartlett | 30 – Roberta Milinsky |

March Anniversaries

- 11 – Larry & Janice Sellers



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

Visitors at church this month have been Pat Warner of Cedar Rapids and Molly Gilmore and children.

Steve Driftmier's father, Darrel Driftmier, formerly of Clarinda, passed away at Brighton Gardens in Omaha. He had fallen and broken a hip. Services were held in Clarinda at Trinity Presbyterian Church, on February 10th. We extend sympathy to this family. Steve and Tammie's children and grandchildren were all able to be here.

Elsie Negley was in the

Clarinda hospital two nights, and is back at Ehler House receiving physical and occupational therapy.

Marvin and Jean Negley have returned from a trip to Colorado and Arizona, celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They enjoyed sight seeing and visiting family and friends. They say they are going to celebrate ALL year!!

John Lee's plans to be here for a weekend were changed, due to the weather forecast. He did arrive home, prior to ice/freezing drizzle in

his area. We are thankful he had a safe trip home. We had a basket dinner after services.

Darlene Marsh had emergency surgery February 19th and remains a patient at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska.

March Birthdays

- 7 – Jean Negley
8 – Molly Gilmore
18 – Jacob Rine



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

Mike and Tracy Penick enjoyed a cruise to the Southern Caribbean. The islands they visited were St. Thomas, Aruba, Grenada, Dominica, Bonaire and Princess Cays.

John and Donna McNeece worshiped with us on February 21st and John gave

the morning exhortation.

Fred and Marlene Bown worshipped at Dean Avenue on February 28th.

Drew Teghtmeyer has worshiped with us several times this month.

Marta Weeks has attended evening services.

March Birthdays

7 – Courtney Penick

18-Dave Henderson

23-Charlie Deckler



March Anniversaries



14-Dave & Christy Henderson

27 – Dick & Phyllis 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

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

Quite a number of us have been on the sick list this past month, including: Ashten Brady, Suzanne Harvey, the Kelly George family, Dan Pritchard, Jennifer Albright, Lily and Annie, Dean and Bev Hayes, Denise Drake and sons, and Theresa Brady and Ryane.

Niko Felice was in Iowa City for some tests.

Marilyn McClurg was knocked over and was taken to the hospital. She is doing well.

Cassidy Phillips was visiting with Maddy Hermon.

Ryan and Jamie Ingle, and Elijah were visiting in the Kansas City area.

Tad and JoAnne Morris of Springfield, Missouri spent the weekend with Rodney and Alena Ingle. Joel and Aubrey Morris of Liberty, Missouri spent a weekend with Grandma Nora Lee Ingle.

Joel, Tad and Rodney Ingle

and Miles Wood went “shed hunting” for antlers on the Ingle farm and enjoyed meals with the family.

Dan and Amy Pritchard and Josiah were in Minnesota. Dan’s dad was being inducted into the Hall of Fame for baking.

Bud and Mary Fillman have returned home safely.

Josh and Erica Conner from the Kansas City area were visiting with family.

Our weekend meeting continues with Steve Wright today.

Iowa Teen Study (ITBS)

The April study will be Apr. 3 at Fred & Marlene Bown’s

May 1 study: Troy & Danielle Brand

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

Questions? Call Rodney Ingle at 515-669-0365.

March Birthdays

3 – Jennifer Albright

4 – Tim Brady

5 – Erica Conner

7 – Carly Felice

10 – Susan Conner

17 – Miles Wood

19 – Mike Brady

20 – Bud Fillman

23 – Lowell Hermon

24 – Megan Stevens

25 – Karole Turner

27 – Jami Harvey

29 – Junior Barlow

30 – Teresa Brady

31 – Allison George



March Anniversaries

11 – Bruce & Suzanne Harvey

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

Noma Brunner passed away February 3rd at the age of 102 years. She was a long-time member of the church at Vandalia, and had been confined to the Mitchellville Care Center for the past several years. Richard and Jeannie Owens of Indianapolis were here to attend the funeral services. Noma was Jeannie's aunt and also a first cousin of Marvin Ingle.

Among our other visitors during the month were: Kevin Waits and Eli, Jason and Staci Miller, Kelsey Knight, Jalen Krier, Danny Cole, Kendall Brown, Randy and Theresa Ingle and family, and D.D. and Donna Russell.

Devon Ingle received an award for Exceptional Customer Service where he works at Infomax. Congratulations Devon!

It was good to see Sam Peters home from college.

Lynnette Dowdy and Justin and Brittney Dowdy spent a weekend in Indianapolis helping James Dowdy celebrate his birthday.

Several of our number have spent some recent Saturdays installing new insulation and ceiling tile in the church building, along with several

other jobs.

Greg and Margaret Ingle spent a few days at Clear Lake.

Lynnette Dowdy enjoyed a day's visit in Missouri, with her son and his wife, Jason and Autumn Dowdy and grandson, Sterling. She was accompanied by Bobbi Duckstein, who enjoyed visiting Rosa Lee Potter. Jason and Autumn and Rosa Lee all live in the Brookfield, Missouri, area.

Since we have teamed up with other Churches of Christ in Iowa, we at Vandalia will be hosting the annual two-week meeting this year. We will not be having our annual June two-day meeting. So, we look forward to seeing everyone July 25th through August 6th. We will be sharing lots more information as the time draws closer.

Marvin Ingle had two surgeries to remove skin cancer from his face.

It was with sweet sorrow when it was announced that Denise Drake decided it was best for her to change her membership to the Pleasant Hill Church of Christ. Denise and her sons, Max and Jack, live

in Des Moines, and it is closer for them. We do understand and wish her well.

Doug and Lisa Fiorentin and family spent a weekend in Carrollton, Missouri visiting Jason and Staci Miller.

Doris Galloway, grandmother of Matt Clark and Angie Ingle, was having blood pressure problems. Angie, along with other family members, went with Doris to the Mayo Clinic for testing. She's doing better with medication adjustments.

Clifford Duckstein is still in Mitchellville Care Center receiving physical therapy. We are praying that he can return home soon.

March Birthdays

- 4 – Devon Ingle
- 14 – Mary Kohlhof
- 15 – Marvin Ingle
- 19 – Mariha Goode
- 20 – Tracy Patterson
- 21 – Nick Guthrie
- 22 – Mason Burkman
- 29 – Linda Christianson
- 29 – Michael Cummings
- 30 – Katrina Cummings



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