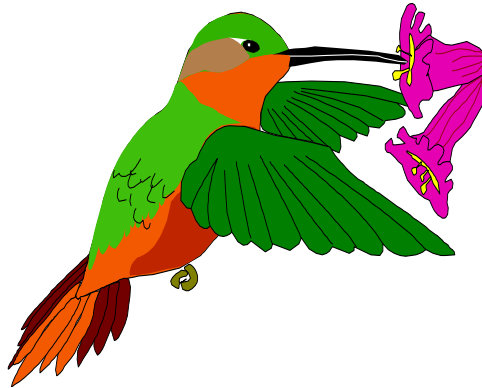


# Lighthouse of Iowa

April 2009

*Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Matthew 6:26*



Last year, I was feeling the weight of our impending move back East. Although we looked forward to being near family again, my wife Carol and I didn't like the idea of giving up the laid-back California lifestyle we'd come to enjoy.

While we prepared our house for the market, our yard became an avian nursery. Nests were everywhere: hummingbirds in the oleander, mourning doves in the giant philodendron, goldfinches in the carrot-wood tree and swallows under the eave outside one bedroom. Across the street, a pair of red-tailed hawks returned to their aerie in a eucalyptus tree to raise another brood.

I grabbed my camera and followed a hummingbird in our backyard as she gathered spider webs and other materials for a nest in the oleander. I snapped her sitting on her eggs and later as she fed the hatchlings. Sometimes she dive-bombed me, scolding, when she caught me near her young while she was off the nest. But she remained statue-still on the nest when I crept close to photograph her.

Little by little the young birds fledged and flew away. One tiny hummingbird was last to leave. The mother kept calling to it from a tree in the next yard. After a long time the hungry bird hopped to the edge of the nest, then out onto a leaf.

Finally, it set its wings in motion, lifted to a higher branch and after a moment's rest, zipped out of sight.

In that moment it was as if God said, *It's time to leave your comfort zone. Don't worry. Your future is in My hands.*

*Father, we look to You to take care of us as we move into the unknown.*

---HAROLD HOSTETLER

## 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Meeting

At Dean Avenue

*"IN STEP WITH GOD"*

**April 11 & 12, 2009**

**Saturday 3:00 & 6:30 pm**

*Planned recreation Saturday evening*

**Sunday 10:00 am & 2:30 pm**

All sessions & meals will be held  
at the church building.

Housing needs: contact Margaret Warren  
607 Kelsey Lane, Altoona, IA 50009  
(515) 967-5650

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

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On March 15<sup>th</sup> we rejoiced when Doug Fetters made correction with the congregation and we welcomed him back.

On March 8<sup>th</sup> we were blessed with approximately 25 visitors from Pleasant Hill and Martensdale. Several of the young men conducted a very edifying service for us and we are very appreciative of their

efforts. After services the young people went to Brian and Tammy Schreck's house, where they had lunch and then the monthly teen study. Sue, Tyler and Leah Schreck were also visiting that weekend.

Carl and Evelyn Bennett traveled to Norfolk, Virginia the end of February to meet their new great-granddaughter.

Their daughter and granddaughter, Carla and Courtney, accompanied them.

Several of our members have been ill with various illnesses this past month but we all seem to be improving.

### *April Birthdays*

5 – Chantelle Schreck



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## 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

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Several of our members have experienced health problems this past month. Maxine Phipps broke her arm near her shoulder on February 26<sup>th</sup> and has been recuperating at Jewish Life Center. She would love calls, cards and visits.

Dwight Fetters had a biopsy of a spot on his lung and the results showed that he had pneumonia. Please pray for him. He was doing so much better after his surgery.

Grace Wilkins is suffering from swollen legs. The doctors are putting her on different medicine.

Mary Lou Allen had cancer taken off her nose. They are pretty sure they got it all.

Neal Warren went to Veterans' Hospital on March 4<sup>th</sup>, thinking he was having a heart attack. He ended up at

Mercy Hospital and had a six-bypass surgery for seven blockages. Praise the Lord, Neal is still with us! Neal is now home and slowly recovering. Peg has had some problems of her own too. The left side of her face has been numb and she has had eye infection. Please continue to pray for Neal and Peg.

David and Marla Fetters' daughter, Alissa Garbi, has been having heart problems. Please pray for Alissa!

Bill McNeece has been suffering from a tooth abscess.

Tammy Fitzgerald has had swelling in her legs and feet, making them very sensitive to the touch. She went to the heart doctor and the heart tests were good; she has a disease of the legs that is incurable, but can be helped by medicine. Tammy could sure use your prayers!

Margaret Warren has not been feeling well lately. Brett Dobberke was also sick.

We were thankful that Alna Meacham was able to worship with us Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, along with Shawn Head and Stephanie Riding. Stephanie worshiped with us again on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, along with Charles Ross of the Excelsior Springs, Missouri congregation. Charles spoke for us Sunday evening. Doug and Sally Weekly of the Old Lamine, Missouri congregation were our visitors on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Jean Van Egdome traveled to Hannibal, Missouri, March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> for a Mary Kay meeting with her unit. Yvonne Coe vacationed in Florida with family. Debbie, Grace and Connor Wilkins traveled to Chicago to visit family. Ron

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# Dean Avenue

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and Karma Sharp vacationed in Florida. Kara Feters traveled to Fort Dodge to spend spring break with her aunt, Anita Patterson. Jean Van Egdome journeyed again to St. Louis, Missouri, March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> for Mary Kay's Career Conference 2009. Marla and Kara Feters, Roberta Milinsky and Anita Patterson and daughters traveled to Kansas City, Missouri to their annual Cobb girls get-away the weekend of March 21<sup>st</sup>. Roberta Milinsky was in Fort Dodge visiting her sister, Anita and her father, Charles Cobb on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Easton Van Egdome, grandson of Ron and Jean Van Egdome, had a catheterization March 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the doctors have decided to postpone his open-heart surgery for a couple of months. The whole left side of

his heart has issues. His mitral valve isn't functioning properly, and his aortic valve should be a tri-cuspid and instead is a bi-cuspid. But he still has the hole in his heart between the right and left ventricle. The good news is that the pressure inside his heart is not as great as the doctors had feared, so that is why his surgery was postponed.



*Thank you all so much for the prayers, cards, calls, flowers, food and visits.*

*We appreciated them very much.*

*Especially the prayers!*

*Sincerely, Dwight and Karla Feters*



*God bless you all for the prayers, calls, food, cards, visits and flowers.*

*Neal is slowly getting stronger every-day, and we know it is all thanks to Him above.*

*Love, Neal and Peg Warren*

Your prayers are greatly appreciated!

Our condolences go out to Shirley McNeece and her family and David Feters and his family. Shirley lost an aunt this month and David lost an uncle. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

## April Birthdays

- 2 – Karla Feters
- 4 – Tyler Aswegan
- 6 – Shawn Head
- 7 – Mike Turner
- 9 – Donna McNeece
- 11 – David Feters
- 13 – Carter Prenosil
- 19 – Peg Warren



## April

## Anniversaries

- 27 – Bill & Shirley McNeece



# 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

Clint Driftmier of Knoxville, Iowa and Jon and Amy Schmidt and son, Micah of Sioux Center, Iowa joined us for services on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Paul and Dasha Negley of Urbandale, Iowa; and David Barnes and Linda Lou Taylor of Springfield were with us.

On March 15<sup>th</sup>, Jeff Brown and daughter, Caroline, of Minooka, Illinois accompanied

Jewell Warner to church services.

Mary Lou Madden was taken to ER at the Clarinda Regional Hospital on March 18<sup>th</sup> and later admitted. She was transferred by ambulance on March 19<sup>th</sup> to University Nebraska Medical Center. Due to stomach problems, she had surgery March 23<sup>rd</sup>, and will remain for an extended time.

Molly and Van Gilmore welcomed twin girls, born March 24<sup>th</sup>. The twins join big sister, Zoey, age two. The proud grandparents are Steve and Tammie Driftmier. More details later!

## April Anniversaries

- 2 – Jim & Mary Rine
- 19 – Richard & Janet Negley
- 25 – Jack & Bobbie Swisher



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## 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

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Al and Marlene Bown and Pam Deckler have all placed their membership with us this month. Al and Marlene formerly attended the Prince Road congregation in Alton, Illinois, and are in the process of moving back to Iowa. Pam lives in Indianola with her husband Charlie. We are so very happy and thankful to have them join our family!

We had several visitors Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. They were Kathryn Thayer, a friend of the Penicks; Drew Teghtmeyer, who was visiting Courtney Penick; Peg Warren from the Dean Avenue congregation; and Kyle and Stephanie Stephens from the Smart Road congregation in Missouri.

Cassidy Phillips, Zach Wheeler, and Jenna and Kyle Bown worshiped with the

Chariton congregation on March 8<sup>th</sup> and then attended the teen study at Brian and Tammy Schreck's house that afternoon.

Jenna Bown was honored at a dinner to recognize students who were selected to be All Iowa Scholars. Jenna was one of two students selected from the DMACC West Campus to receive this honor.

Congratulations to Dave Henderson and Christy Phillips, who were married on March 14<sup>th</sup> in Osceola!

Dennis and Cindy Stanley and boys; Steve and Cerine Proudfit and girls; and Chantelle and Ashley Schreck were in the area for Dave and Christy's wedding and worshiped with us on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Other visitors that morning were Julie and Rex

Wheeler, who are Zach Wheeler's sister and brother, and their friend, Corey. Brian, Tammy and Ethan Schreck worshiped with us that evening.

Al and Marlene Bown and Duane and Mary Proudfit, along with five other couples, enjoyed a day of fellowship at the home of Bill and Marilyn Ford in Lee's Summit, Missouri, on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Marvin and Ellen Ellwanger from Winterset and Marta Weeks from Saint Mary's have worshiped with us several times this month.

### *April Birthdays*

7 – Bethany Phillips



### *April Anniversaries*

14 – Duane & Mary Proudfit



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## 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

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Among our visitors this past month were Josh Thompson, who was visiting his aunt and uncle, Amy and Dan Pritchard. Chip Albright's parents were visiting. Cindy Morris has been here to help her mom move and get settled in her place. Dan Pritchard's parents, brother Marc and family were visiting. Jamie Evans has been visiting with the Ingle family. Lila

Fillman is visiting with her son Bud and his family. Conner Hilsenbeck was visiting his cousin Megan and Justin Stevens.

Ryan and Elijah Ingle worshiped with the Vandalia congregation. Tyler Brady also was visiting at Vandalia.

Nora Lee Ingle is now a resident of Polk County. She has moved to the home of her

son and daughter-in-law, Dave and Joyce.

Suzanne Harvey had surgery and is doing well. It will just take some time.

Betty George fell twice. No broken bones, just pride.

Paul Zinnel fell at work. No broken bones, but he hurt his shoulder.

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## Pleasant Hill

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Justin Steven had a cyst removed from his tailbone and is doing well.

Ryan Ingle is in the hospital with an infection. He is at Mercy Hospital.

Others on the sick list were Marty and Lisa Williamson, Pam Climpson, Audrey Brady, and Michele Zinnel.

Kelly and Allison George and children; Michele and Ryan Zinnel; Marc and Ginger Hermon and children; Sharon Stevens and children; Bob and Marge Flack; Rodney Ingle and Alena Brady attended services at Chariton. All the children stayed for the monthly Iowa teen study.

Nora Lee Ingle was at Cindy Morris' for a few days. While there she was a guest of Sarah and Ashten Morris at their school's Grandparents' dinner and concert.

Julene Felice and children were in Georgia visiting friends over spring break.

Steve and Nancy Brady,

Nick and Susan Conner were in the Cayman Islands.

Marc, Ginger, Niki, Maddy and Shea Hermon; and Bruce and Suzanne Harvey went to the St. Louis area to visit with Matt, Kelly, Blake and Alex Harvey. Bruce and Suzanne had to cut their visit short as Suzanne got sick and needed to be home.

Dani and Sydney Brand were in the Branson, Missouri

area with the band from Lynnville-Sully school.

Rodney Ingle and Alena Brady were visiting in the Lee's Summit area.

### April Birthdays

- 2 – Brandon Ingle
- 2 – Robert White
- 6 – Rena Christian
- 7 – Mary Alice Fillman
- 7 – Rosanne Van Vleet
- 8 – Betty George
- 10 – Ryane Brady
- 10 – Wanda Burkman
- 11 – Bruce Harvey
- 17 – Melba Tingle
- 18 – Carroll Warren
- 18 – Pam Climpson
- 20 – Cheree Stump
- 21 – Lily Albright
- 26 – Betty Warren
- 26 – Margaret Franklin
- 30 – Brady George



### Iowa Teen Study (ITBS)

The April study will be April 4  
at 5:00 p.m. at

Dave & Christy Henderson's  
house.

**May study:** May 2 at Vandalia,  
hosted by Mike & Joy Cummings

**June study:** June 6 at Dan & Amy  
Pritchard'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.

### April Anniversaries

- 5 – Randy & Teresa Ingle
- 14 – Dean & Beverly Hayes



## 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 131<sup>st</sup> St.

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

Anna Weaver was visiting friends in Chicago the weekend of March 1<sup>st</sup>. She was in Wisconsin visiting friends the weekend of March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Justin and Brittney Dowdy spent a few days in Kansas

City, and Lynnette Dowdy visited her daughter, Dawn Dowdy, in Kansas City for a weekend.

Our visitors this past month included Sam Peters, friend of Katrina Cummings; Kelsey

Knight, friend of Bruce Fiorentin; Michelle Kirby; James Finney and son Alexander, friends of Mariha Goode; Ryan Ingle and Elijah, and Ryan's fiancé, Jamie Evans;

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# Vandalia

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James Dowdy; and Tyler Brady, friend of Cheyenne Goode.

A bridal shower was held at the church building Sunday afternoon March 15<sup>th</sup> in honor of Jason Miller and Staci Fiorentin. Those of Jason's family who attended (all of Carrollton, Missouri) were David and Wanda Miller, Lana Satterlee and son Glendon, Sara Smith and son, Jared and daughter, Kaitlyn.

Matt and Sarah Clark and son, Ethan, have now moved into their new home in the Rising Sun area. Several from the church assisted on moving day.

Michelle Kirby has now moved back to her home in New Castle, Indiana. She had been based in Des Moines for more than a year with her job. We know she is happy to be back in her home with husband, Mike. We were always pleased to have her worshipping with us, and we wish her well.

We were all saddened by the death of our dear brother, Paul Weir. A memorial service was held Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> at the church in Vandalia. Burial will take place beside his first wife in Alaska some time in May.

Miriam Ross continues to improve from her recent knee surgery. Lynnette Dowdy has been staying with her while still

working at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. Ruth Schell and Bob Connett spent several days assisting her while Lynnette was at work.

Linda Christianson and husband Gil have moved into an apartment in Pella. Several from the church assisted in this project also.

Ruth Schell's brother, Wayne Bartlett of Indianola suddenly became infected with a rare "flesh eating" bacterial infection which necessitated quick action in amputating his right leg above the knee. He had a follow-up surgery on March 31<sup>st</sup> to prepare the leg for a prosthesis. He is in Mercy Hospital and coming along fairly well.

Gwen Duckstein is suffering from shingles.

Matt Clark had surgery to remove the screws from his broken ankle. After three months on crutches, he is glad to be mobile and back at work.

Walter Daugherty has been suffering with severe back pain. He had a second shot for pain, which has relieved it somewhat.

Trent Fiorentin has been sick with mononucleosis.

Lynnette Dowdy is spending the week of March 30<sup>th</sup> through April 6<sup>th</sup> in Las Vegas at a convention for Certified Legal Nurse Consultants.

## April Birthdays

6 – Margaret Ingle

24 – Amy Penick



## April Anniversaries

15 – Devon & Erin Ingle

18 – Gil & Linda Christianson



## All Things Bright And Beautiful

*All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful,  
The Lord God made them all.*

*Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colours,  
He made their tiny wings.*

*The purple-headed mountain,  
The river running by,  
The sunset, and the morning  
That brightens up the sky.*

*The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden,  
He made them every one.*

*The tall trees in the greenwood,  
The meadows where we play,  
The rushes by the water,  
We gather every day.*

*He gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty,  
Who has made all things well.*

*Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895*

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