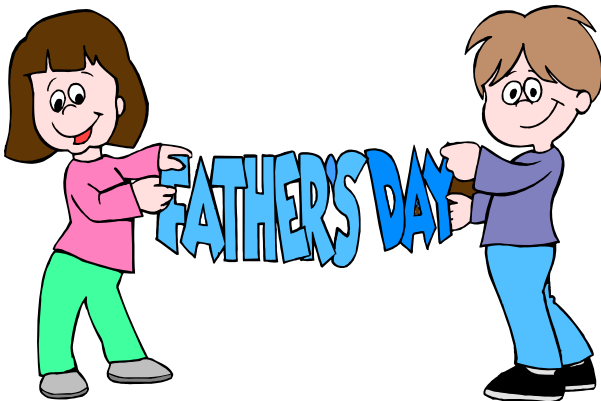


# Lighthouse of Iowa

June 2010

*...How much more shall your Father which is in heaven give...?*

*Matthew 7:11*



I've always learned things the hard way. As a child, I always seemed determined to ignore any bit of advice my dad might offer, but still he was always there for me when I messed up.

"Brock, I'm burning some leaves down by the lake," I remember Dad saying when I was six. "Don't play near the fire." Thirty minutes later, he was applying ointment to my scorched foot.

One day, Dad took me fishing to Percy Priest Lake right outside of Nashville. Before cranking up the boat motor, he said, "Brock, for goodness sake, try to be still in the boat. You might knock my rod and reel in the water and it's brand-new." Speeding over the water, I couldn't keep from squirming. *Plop!* "Uhhh...Dad..."

That dark moment wasn't mentioned again until..."You know, Brock, I really hated losing that

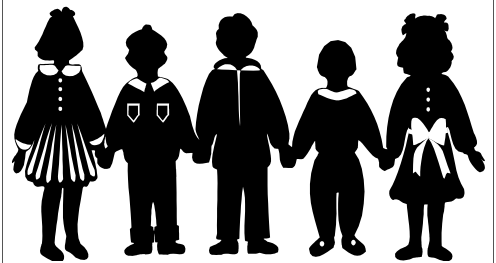
rod and reel, but it turned out for the best." Dad went on to say he had been visiting a good friend, Dot Morris, who had recently lost her husband, and had laughingly told her the story of our ill-fated fishing trip. A few days later, Mrs. Morris showed up at our house with *two* dandy fishing outfits that had belonged to her husband!

I was ten the day Dad and I were in the backyard putting up my new basketball hoop. "Now, Brock, I want you to hold the ladder very carefully while I tighten the backboard," Dad said. If a certain frog hadn't hopped by, everything would have been all right. I released my grip on the ladder and went after it. Before I even caught it, there was a tremendous crash. I turned to see Dad sprawled out on the grass, breath knocked out, but luckily unhurt.

There's a kid in the Bible who reminds me a lot of myself—determined not to follow his dad's advice. His father is a lot like mine, arms wide open when the kid messes up. He's known as the prodigal son, and his father is like another Father...our heavenly Father...always there for us, even when we stick our foot into the fire.

*Dear God, on this Father's Day, thank You for my father, for all fathers. And help me to remember that You are the greatest Father of all.* --Brock Kidd

## Vacation Bible School



### Dean Avenue

June 14-18 with John Lee  
Sunday, June 14 John will speak at 9:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Weekday classes:

9:30-11:15 a.m.

Weeknight services: 7:30 p.m.

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### Pleasant Hill

#### "Stones & Rocks"

June 28-July 2

with Wade Stanley

Classes for children & adults each weeknight: 7:00-8:30 p.m.

### Reminder:

Vandalia is not holding a meeting in June this year. We look forward to seeing you at the Two-Week Bible Study in July and August, sponsored by all Iowa congregations.

Go to [www.vandaliaoc.com](http://www.vandaliaoc.com) to register or see a schedule.

# 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

Ashley Schreck graduated from Chariton High School on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Visitors for the past month were John, Teresa, Jared, and Vanessa Groves and Tyler, Travis, and Leah Schreck.

## June Birthdays

9 – Ashley Schreck



## June Anniversaries

2 – Carl & Evelyn Bennett



# 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

Travis Head traveled to New York. Shawn Head was home for a visit the weekend of May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Karla Feters and her granddaughter, Katie Betsworth, spent a week in California visiting friends that Karla met when she visited in Hawaii.

Roberta Milinski, and Marla and Kara Feters were at Tent Chapel on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> while visiting with Roberta and Marla's brother, Dean Cobb.

David Warren of New York City, son of Don and Margaret Warren, had total knee replacement in late April. He did remarkably well with rehabilitation.

Kim Lanc worshiped with us on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> while visiting with her sister and nephew, Debbie and Conner Wilkins.

Kennady Prenosil invited a friend with her to services on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

We are honoring two

graduates in our congregation. Ashley Fitzgerald graduated from Carlisle High School, and we are very proud of her. Her parents honored her with an open house on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Shawn Head also graduated from Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois, and we are very proud of him too. His parents honored him with an open house at their home on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Shawn is busy looking at job opportunities, but hasn't yet found any in Iowa that relate to his degree. We wish both Ashley and Shawn the best as they pursue their future goals.

Ashley Fitzgerald was in the hospital for a staph infection after an operation. We were worried that she wouldn't be well in time for her graduation and open house, but she did get better, for which we were thankful. Her mother, Tammy Fitzgerald, has also been in need of prayers as she has been learning to cope with her

diabetes. She is on insulin and is having a hard time getting it under control.

We are all very concerned about Neal Warren. He has had three light strokes and has an appointment with the heart doctor

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## June Birthdays

1 – Margaret Warren

4 – Marla Feters

13 – Jean Van Egdome

17 – Tammy Fitzgerald

21 – Myra Royal

23 – Janice Sellers

29 – Don James

29 – Frank Meek



## June Anniversaries



5 – Matt & Mary Dobberke

14 – Ron & Jean Van Egdome

25 – Don & Margaret Warren

29 – Ron & Karma Sharp

## Dean Avenue

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the first week of June to decide what to do. Please pray for Neal and Peg.

An update on Ron Van

Egdom is that he is doing pretty well. His last round of chemo is scheduled for June 11<sup>th</sup>. Then his doctor will schedule a test to see how well the chemo has 'killed' his cancer. Ron has

tolerated the chemo pretty well and is able to get out and about a little bit. He is still thankful for your thoughts and prayers on his behalf.

## 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 this month have included: Amy, Jon and son Micah Schmidt of Sioux Center; Katina Steeve of the Des Moines area; Linda Lou Taylor of Springfield, Missouri; Paul Negley of Urbandale, Iowa; and Nancy (McCoy) Clark of the Vandalia congregation.

Jack Swisher was a patient in an Omaha hospital and was being treated for a blood infection. He had surgery on May 26<sup>th</sup> and is doing well. His wife, Bobbi, has been "challenged" with an episode of vertigo. Their daughter, Anne Ritson of Burlington, Iowa, is undergoing her treatments, as her cancer has returned.

Janet Negley spent some time in the ER here in Clarinda and was admitted to the hospital for a short time. She since has had a procedure done.

Zoey Gilmore, daughter of Van and Molly Gilmore, spent two nights in the local hospital, and was treated for a contagious infection. She is well and going strong, helping to look after her twin sisters, who are one year old.

Elsie Negley is planning on

surgery on her hand to alleviate pain. She has worn braces for some time, but has opted now for more relief.

Darlene Grebert and Mary Lou Madden continue to have their health challenges. Mary Lou has fallen this month and has some fractured ribs.

John Lee was with us May 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> with good lessons, and we always have questions for him! The church family enjoyed pizza on Friday evening and a basket dinner on Sunday.

Clint Driftmier is on the school faculty at Knoxville, Iowa. He will be head basketball coach next year, so we are happy for him. Congratulations, Clint!

Spring is a lovely season and we are thankful for this awesome time of year, with all the wonderful sights and sounds.

### June Birthdays

22 – Janet Negley

27 – Neil McCoy



# 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

Tracy and Courtney Penick and Drew Tegtmeyer spent the weekend in Missouri and attended a bridal shower for Drew's sister, Amanda.

Dennis and Cindy Stanley and their boys were here over Mother's Day weekend to spend some time with Cindy's parents, Dick and Phyllis Bown.

Pam Deckler's sister spent some time with Pam, and she attended services with us while she was here.

Marlene Bown spent three days in Branson with her sister, Marcia Van Egdome.

Al and Marlene Bown spent some time with family in Illinois and attended the

Pinning Ceremony of their granddaughter, Kandace Woody.

Steve and Cerine Proudfit and their girls worshiped with us May 16<sup>th</sup> when they were in the area for the graduation and open house of their niece, Ashley Schreck. Marc Hermon also worshiped with us on May 16<sup>th</sup> and gave the morning exhortation.

We were happy to have Marta Weeks place her membership with us on Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Marta is from the St. Mary's area and has been attending services with us for some time now.

Kyle Bown qualified to compete in four events at the

state high school track meet at Drake stadium May 20<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## June Birthdays

- 4 – Kyle Bown
- 4 – Tracy Penick
- 10 – Phyllis Bown
- 12 – Fred Bown
- 21 – Al Bown
- 28 – Sarah Rodriguez



## June Anniversaries



- 12 – Fred & Marlene Bown
- 13 – Zach & Jenna Wheeler

# 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; Lowell Hermon, (515)989-0727; or Mike Warner, (515)967-4529.

There will be a graduation open house for Ryane Brady June 6<sup>th</sup> at Toad Valley Club House from 3:30-7:30 p.m.

Sharon Gustafson was back visiting with family. She also attended a quilt retreat.

Dani Brand, Theresa Ingle, Brady George, and Jason Brady were on the sick list. Larry Brady had surgery and is doing very well.

Mark and Cindy Morris were visiting with her family.

On Mother's Day we had many visitors: Autumn Dowdy,

Sterling and Hunter were visiting with Miles Wood and the Zinnel family. Jim and Marsha Thompson were visiting with Mike and Shirley Warner. Shannon and Marissa were also visiting with Mike and Shirley Warner. Josh and Erica Conner were visiting with family. Kevin Waits has been visiting. Carl and Evelyn Bennett stopped for services on their way to visit family. Valerie Burkman was visiting with her parents.

Steve Thompson and Cliff and Rosanne VanVleet are

spending most of the summer up north.

Cheree Stump was visiting in the Kansas City area.

Marc Hermon spoke at Martensdale.

Dale and Marilyn Koestler were back to attend their granddaughter Kristin's graduation. They were visiting with the Turnquist family.

Rodney and Alena Ingle, Miles Wood, and Megan Stevens attended the Memorial Day Meeting in Lee's Summit.

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## Pleasant Hill

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Nora Lee Ingle has two new great grandchildren. Reece Olivia Morris was born in early May. She weighed 10 pounds, 9 ounces. Parents are Ben and Emily Morris; grandparents are Mark and Cindy Morris. On May 27<sup>th</sup> Kinnick Shonn was born to Randy and Theresa Ingle. He weighed 7 pounds and was 19¼ inches long. They are home and doing well. To welcome Kinnick home is sister Cheree and brother Brandon. Grandparents are Dave and Joyce Ingle; great-grandparents are Roy and Ruth Whanger. Roy and Ruth came up from Missouri to see him.

Ryane Brady was in Illinois visiting.

### Iowa Traveling Bible Study

The July study will be  
a campout at Fairview  
on July 17

Aug. 14 study: Paul & Michelle  
Zinnel

Sept. 11 study: Chariton campout

Please check with hosts to see if  
they would like you to bring any  
food.

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

### June Birthdays

2 – Beverly Hayes  
15 – Bob Flack  
21 – Dean Hayes  
23 – Dan Pritchard  
23 – Ruth Grant  
23 – Josh Conner  
24 – Tricia Brady  
24 – Jamie Ingle  
28 – Mary Gearhart  
29 – Sophia George  
30 – Randy Spinney



### June Anniversaries



2 – Don & Wanda Burkman  
8 – Carroll & Betty Warren  
9 – Bud & Mary Alice Fillman  
14 – Vernon & Marilyn McClurg  
26 – Nels & Marj Turnquist

## 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

Joy Cummings and Melody Burkman flew to Atlanta where they attended a convention of their home-based business.

Among our visitors this past month were: Glen and Darlene Miller; Dawn, Jason, and James Dowdy; Jason and Staci Miller; Rex and Doris Galloway; Eli Waits; Kelsey Knight; Roy and Ruth Whanger; Joyce Ingle; Randy and Brandon Ingle; and Nora Lee Ingle.

Clifford Duckstein, who is still a resident of Mitchellville

Care Center, spent a few days in the hospital having his medicine evaluated. Our group met at the facility two Sunday evenings this past month to sing for the residents there.

Doug Fiorentin was in Omaha for a few days helping with a training session for those in his line of work.

The younger ones in the congregation were “secret pals” to those in the “mature” category during the past couple of months. The younger group

treated the older group to a lovely banquet and revealed who their secret pal had been. They are to be commended for this very nice occasion.

Doug, Lisa, Trent, and Nathan Fiorentin and Lynnette Dowdy spent a weekend in Indianapolis. Doug, Lisa, and Nathan also spent a weekend in Carrollton, Missouri.

Derek and Amy Ingle and Brighton spent a few days in Clear Lake. Derek is now

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# Vandalia

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employed with John Deere in Ankeny.

Marvin Ingle has had his last treatment for the skin cancer on his face. He should be fine after he heals from the radiation burns.

Nancy Clark spent a few days visiting family in southern Iowa.

The population of Vandalia,

Iowa increased by one when Lynnette Dowdy recently purchased a home there. Her new address is 11087 W. 131<sup>st</sup> St. S., Prairie City, Iowa 50228.

Trent Fiorentin attended the Memorial Day meeting in Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Chris Cole, son of Brett and Lori Cole, graduated from Prairie City-Monroe

High School on May 30. They hosted an open house at their home that afternoon.

## June Birthdays

29 – Lori Cole



## June Anniversaries

1 – Doug & Lisa Fiorentin



2 – Michael & Joy Cummings

29 – Charles & Angela Ingle

## The Kindly Neighbor

I have a kindly neighbor, one who stands  
Beside my gate and chats with me awhile,  
Gives me the glory of his radiant smile  
And comes at times to help with willing hands.  
No station high or rank this man commands;  
He, too, must trudge, as I, the long day's mile;  
And yet, devoid of pomp or gaudy style,  
He has a worth exceeding stocks or lands.

To him I go when sorrow's at my door;  
On him I lean when burdens come my way;  
Together oft we talk our trials o'er,  
And there is warmth in each good-night we say.  
A kindly neighbor! Wars and strife shall end  
When man has made the man next door his friend.

Edgar A. Guest

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