

# Lighthouse of Iowa

July 2009

*MAKE SURE THERE IS NO ROOT AMONG YOU THAT PRODUCES SUCH BITTER POISON.---Deut. 29:18 (NIV)*

The weeds in my rock garden have been especially pesky this year, in spite of my efforts to pluck away at the problem.

"You can't do it that way," a gardener-friend told me as she watched me casually pull a couple of weeds from a bed of bright yellow marigolds.



"You've got to dig down deeper and get the whole root system, or that same weed will just keep reappearing year after year." She then rummaged through my basket of garden tools, pulled out a long weed digger, plunged it into the dirt next to a weed and dug the weed out, along with a clump of dirt. "This is how you get to the root of the problem," she said, sounding like some wise philosopher.



Her words got me to thinking about some of the pesky weeds in my life. Take procrastination, for instance. On some days, I have a bad habit of putting off the most important tasks that I must tackle. Finally, I force myself to start the project, but in a couple of days, procrastination crops up again. If I stop and dig deeper around the edges of this habit, I find that it is rooted in fear that I won't do a good job or that I won't adequately meet someone else's expectations. What if I dig out my fear of failure and surrender it to God in prayer?

Thanks to my weed philosopher, my garden is starting to look a little better—and so is my life.

*Father, help me to get to the root of my problems and surrender them to You in prayer.---CAROL KUYKENDALL*

## THE GENTLE GARDENER

I'd like to leave but daffodils to  
mark my little way,  
To leave but tulips red and  
white behind me as I stray;  
I'd like to pass away from earth  
and feel I'd left behind  
But roses and forget-me-nots  
for all who come to find.

I'd like to sow the barren spots  
with all the flowers on earth,  
To leave the path where those  
who come should find but  
gentle mirth;  
And when at last I'm called  
upon to join the heavenly  
throng  
I'd like to feel along my way I'd  
left no sign of wrong.

And yet the cares are many  
and the hours of toil are few;  
There is not time enough on  
earth for all I'd like to do;  
But, having lived and having  
toiled, I'd like the world to find  
Some little touch of beauty that  
my soul had left behind.

*Edgar A. Guest*

# 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

Mary Jo Riekens had a cancerous spot removed from her eyelid. They were able to get it all on the first try.

Norm and Mary Jo Riekens spent a couple of days at the Eminence campout.

Norm Riekens got the okay from his heart Dr. to go ahead with knee replacement surgery. He is waiting for the surgeon to get the date scheduled.

Sue and Leah Schreck were our visitors on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

## July Birthdays

10 – John Smead



# 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

We thank everyone that helped support our Vacation Bible Study and week-long meeting with John Lee. We were certainly blessed and we pray you were too.

We want to remember in prayer all those who are in pain or are healing. Bill Allen, son of Earl and Mary Lou Allen, had infection in his ear after cancer surgery on his ear. Sara Patterson, daughter of John and Donna McNeece, is suffering from pain in her neck, back and legs. Mike Warren, son of Don and Margaret Warren, continues to slowly heal from his foot amputation. Larry Sellers, husband of Jan Sellers, is doing well after his heart surgery. Neal Warren is mending but still has weak spells and tires easily after his heart surgery. Please remember also our members that would love to join us for services: Maxine Phipps, Elsie LeMar, Juanita Coe, and Alna Meacham. We miss them and their smiling faces. Alna has

made it to a couple of Sunday services. John McNeece and Jean Van Egdome were ill this month.

We had many visitors during the past month. John Lee of the Smart Road congregation in Lee's Summit, Missouri, and Stephanie Riding and Carol McConnell (Karla Feters' cousin) were visitors on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Randy and Laura Huckabee of Beeville, Texas worshiped with us on June 14<sup>th</sup>. David Warren of New York City, son of Don and Margaret Warren, and Dick and Phyllis Bown of the Martensdale congregation were visitors on June 28<sup>th</sup>, and Dick was our guest speaker. We were glad to have Shawn Head worship with us also on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Ron and Karma Sharp vacationed in California. David, Marla, and Kara Feters enjoyed their vacation and visit with Ian and Alissa Garbi in North Carolina. Peter and Frances Hawthorne had a safe trip home from their time in

Arizona with their family. David, Marla, and Kara Feters worshiped at Martensdale on Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> where David was the guest speaker. Kara Feters worshiped with the Pleasant Hill congregation on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

We wish to note the passing of our brother, Bob Connert. He was very dear to several of our members and we wish to express our deepest sympathy to Ruth Schell, and also Bob's family and the spiritual family at Vandalia. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

## July Birthdays

- 2 – Kamryn Aswegan
- 11 – Ashley Fitzgerald
- 13 – Amy Prenosil
- 16 – Jessica Strable
- 17 – Courtney Trotter
- 19 – Ron Van Egdome
- 20 – Rex Fitzgerald Jr.
- 22 – Cathy James



# 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 joining us on June 14<sup>th</sup> were Shirley and Dave Riggs from Atlanta, Georgia.

Faye Stephens is very weary after her treatments.

Mary Lou Madden has moved from the rehab wing at Westridge to an assisted living type arrangement and is doing well. Her address is 600 Manor Drive, Clarinda, Iowa 51632. Thanks to everyone for the prayers!

On June 18<sup>th</sup>, Richard and Janet Negley became great grandparents. Elise Ruth was born and entered the world weighing 6 pounds, 15 ounces. She is the daughter of Savannah and Eric Valencia of

Ogden, Utah, and granddaughter of Shari Negley Cowger. The Negley family has five generations. What a wonderful milestone! Congratulations to the family.

Amy and Troy Mays of Polk City, Iowa have a new daughter, Mackensie Louise, born May 31<sup>st</sup>, weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce. She joins her brother Austin who is five.

Marvin and Jean Negley have a new granddaughter. The parents are Paul and Dasha Negley of Urbandale. Timber Jeneva Negley was born June 26<sup>th</sup>, and weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces. Congratulations and God's blessings to

these new babies and their families.

Our congratulations to Shirley Warner of Altoona as she began retirement July 6<sup>th</sup>. She says she is looking forward to it.

Mike and Shirley Warner accompanied Jewell Warner to services Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. Van and Molly Gilmore and three daughters of Brookfield, Missouri worshiped with us also.

## July Birthdays

18 - Connie Miller

29 - Elsie Negley



# 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

From May 9<sup>th</sup> to May 30<sup>th</sup>, Courtney Penick traveled to Rwanda, Africa for a service learning study abroad trip through Iowa State University. While in Africa, she visited orphanages, medical centers, and schools. The group also saw wild mountain gorillas and went on a safari. Mike and Tracy Penick threw a surprise welcome home party for Courtney on her arrival back to Iowa. Several members of the Martensdale Church of Christ were in attendance.

Zach Wheeler and Jenna

Bown were married on June 13<sup>th</sup> at Pleasant Hill. They will be living in Indianola. Their new address is 701 W. Clinton Ave., Indianola, Iowa 50125.

The family of Fred and Marlene Bown hosted an informal 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary get together for them on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Fred and Marlene were married on June 12, 1959.

We had many visitors on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. Bryan and Jennifer Bown and their children worshiped with us while they were here attending

the wedding and anniversary. Steve and Cerine Proudfit and their girls and Cindy, David and Daniel Stanley also worshiped with us that day.

David Fetters from Dean Avenue spoke for us on June 21<sup>st</sup>. He spoke on the importance of having a good name. David's daughter Kara, and his parents Keith and Ercel Fetters also attended services, as well as Milford and Jean Morris from the Murray Road congregation.

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# Martensdale

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Al and Marlene Bown attended the Midwest Bible Campout in Eminence, Missouri.

Dick and Phyllis Bown and Fred and Marlene Bown took separate trips to Wisconsin.

*We thank you for your kind words, beautiful cards and other ways you added to our enjoyment of 50 years together. It's truly a beautiful life. Thanks to all.*

*Fred & Marlene Bown*

## July Birthdays

23 – Cassidy Phillips



## July Anniversaries



16 – Apache & Sarah Rodriguez

# 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

Nora Lee Ingle spent a few days with Cindy Morris and family.

Rodney and Alena Ingle were in the Kansas City area.

Tim and Ann Casey were in the Sioux City area visiting with family.

Nels Turnquist had prostate surgery. He is home and doing well.

Many of our members attended the Vandalia meeting.

Melba Tingle had an infection in her leg and was in the hospital for a few days. She is able to be out and back to church.

Carroll and Betty Warren have both been sick.

Marc and Ginger Hermon, Niki, Maddy, and Shea, and Ryan Zinnel were at Excelsior Springs, Missouri. Marc was a speaker.

Chip and Jennifer Albright, Lilly and Annie were in the Kansas City area visiting with family.

Jason and Theresa Brady have been sick.

Joyce, Rodney, and Alena Ingle, Cheree Stump, and Brandon Ingle were at the Eminence meeting.

Dean and Bev Hayes were visiting with her brother, Ed Brady, in Colorado. Ed came back to visit for a few days.

The Federated Garden Clubs of Iowa honored Wanda Burkman for 30 years of service to the Woodland Hills Garden Club on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Wanda loves the garden club and really enjoys being a member.

Susan and Nick Conner are the proud parents of a son, Jack Stephen Conner. Jack was born on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, weighing 7 pounds 6 ounces, and was 21 inches long. Grandparents are Steve and Nancy Brady. Great-grandmother is Audrey Brady.

Tim Harvey has chemical burns on his hand from stripping his deck.

Matt Thompson has been

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## July Birthdays

2 – Chad Turner

3 – Alena Brady

4 – Clay Felice

5 – Michele Zinnel

5 – Rodney Ingle

8 – Julene Felice

9 – Tyler Brady



12 – Steve Thompson

13 – Marian Parrish

13 – Sydney Brand

13 – Mike Warner

16 – Cindy Brady

18 – Ryan Curtis

22 – Grace Harvey

23 – Tyler Curtis

28 – Nancy Brady

29 – Kelly George

30 – Ginger Hermon

31 – Dave Ingle

31 – Vernon McClurg

## July Anniversaries

7 – Jason & Theresa Brady

15 – Tim & Ann Casey



28 – Bob & Marge Flack

## Pleasant Hill

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home visiting with family. He is stationed in Charleston, South Carolina.

Marc and Ginger Hermon and Shea were at Prince Road, Illinois.

Mike and Shirley Warner were in the Bedford and Clarinda area.

Richard Steensland is visiting family.



THANK YOU to everyone for the cards, visits, and prayers after my surgery and since returning home. It was very much appreciated.

Nels Turnquist



### Iowa Teen Study (ITBS)

The July study will be  
Sunday, July 12 at 2:00 p.m.  
at Allen & Teresa Bown's

Aug. study: Mike & Tracy Penick's

Sept. study: Bob & Marge Flack'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.

## 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

Bob Connett, age 78, passed away on June 27<sup>th</sup>. He had recently been diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis and developed pneumonia. Bob was in intensive care at Mercy Hospital for several days. He was a faithful member of our group for many years and a close friend of Ruth Schell. We all loved Bob and will miss him very much.

Thank you to everyone who attended our weekend meeting in June. We had a successful series of lessons from excellent speakers.

Morgan Cummings and Trent Fiorentin graduated from Prairie City-Monroe Middle School in May. Morgan was on the Honor Roll, and Trent was recognized as Most Improved.

Gwen Duckstein's sister-in-law passed away, and the family all traveled to Tennessee to attend the funeral. Our sympathies are with them. Gwen's mother was also hospitalized with pneumonia recently.

Cheyenne Goode continues to have problems with headaches, and we pray they will be resolved soon.

Doug and Lisa Fiorentin and family were in Indiana to celebrate Father's Day and the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of Doug's father, Bruno Fiorentin.

Charles and Angie Ingle, Charity and Lucas vacationed at Mount Rushmore, Yellowstone National Park, and Grand Teton National Park for a few weeks.

Nancy Clark visited her friend, Kathy Mackey in the Kansas City area for a weekend.

Cheyenne Goode continues to have problems with headaches, and we pray they will be resolved soon.

Those who attended the camp meeting in Eminence, Missouri were: Melody Burkman and sons, Mason, Gavin, and Cameron; Michael and Joy Cummings, Morgan, Drew, and Casady; Lynnette Dowdy; Justin and Brittney Dowdy; Doug and Lisa Fiorentin, Trent and Nathan; and Erin Ingle.

Doug and Lisa Fiorentin, Trent and Nathan were visiting Jason and Staci Miller in Carrollton, Missouri, on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

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# Vandalia

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Greg and Margaret Ingle are vacationing in Clear Lake, Iowa. Devon Ingle joined them for a weekend.

Anna Weaver was visiting friends in Omaha on June 28<sup>th</sup>, and Erin Ingle was in Kansas City July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Bob and Tracy Patterson, William and Benjamin, were vacationing in Missouri.

Dwight and Beth Duckstein, Phillip and Jacob, of

Maquoketa, Iowa, were visitors on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Sam Peters, Kelsey Knight, and James and Alexander Finney visited our services several times in June.

## July Birthdays

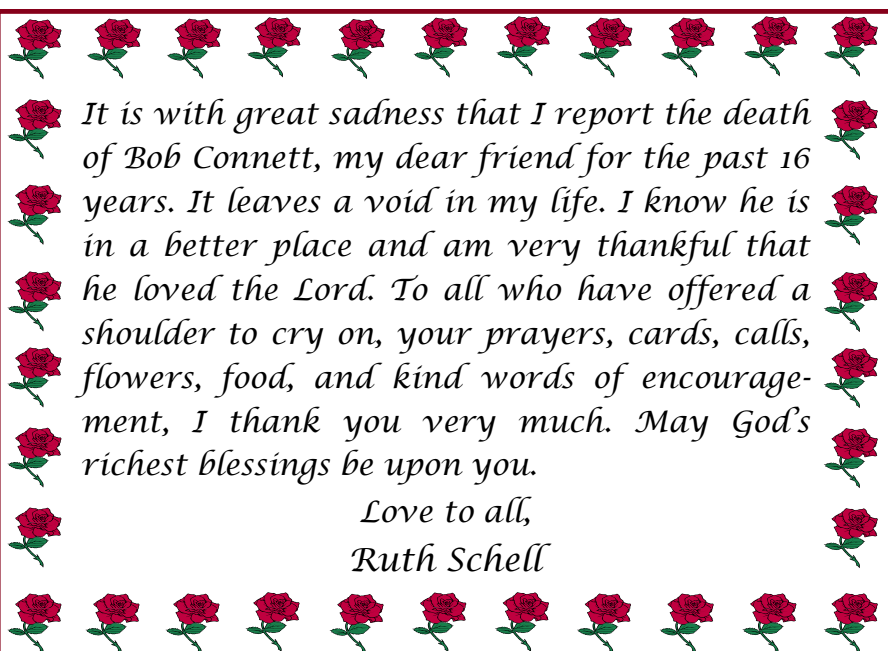
- 1 – Sarah Clark
- 1 – Tonya Guthrie
- 20 – Galen Duckstein
- 23 – Noma Brunner
- 24 – Drew Cummings



## July Anniversaries

- 10 – Matt & Sarah Clark




  
*It is with great sadness that I report the death of Bob Connett, my dear friend for the past 16 years. It leaves a void in my life. I know he is in a better place and am very thankful that he loved the Lord. To all who have offered a shoulder to cry on, your prayers, cards, calls, flowers, food, and kind words of encouragement, I thank you very much. May God's richest blessings be upon you.*
  
*Love to all,*  
*Ruth Schell*

## Look on the Sunny Side

*There are always two sides,  
 the GOOD and the BAD,  
 The DARK and the LIGHT,  
 the SAD and the GLAD—  
 But in looking back over  
 the GOOD and the BAD  
 We're aware of the number  
 of GOOD things we've had—  
 And in counting our blessings  
 we find when we're through  
 We've no reason at all*

*to complain or be blue—  
 So thank God for GOOD things  
 He has already done;  
 And be grateful to Him  
 for the battles you've won,  
 And know that the same God  
 who helped you before  
 Is ready and willing  
 to help you once more—  
 Then with faith in your heart  
 reach out for God's Hand*

*And accept what He sends,  
 though you can't understand—  
 For OUR FATHER in heaven  
 always knows what is best,  
 And if you trust in His wisdom  
 your life will be blest,  
 For always remember  
 that whatever betides you,  
 You are never alone  
 for God is beside you.*

HELEN STEINER RICE

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