

# Lighthouse of Iowa

October 2009

## A SECOND THANK-YOU

*In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.---Proverbs 3:6*

## *Thank You*

My sister Rebekkah and I had attended three funerals in less than a week. Each was a wonderful celebration of a life, but it bothered us that all the accolades were given *after* the person had died. "Let's tell each other what we admire about each other *now*," Rebekkah suggested.

She started. "You're the most generous person I know." A tear streamed down her cheek. "You're a great bargain hunter and, oh, what a dog lover!"

It was my turn. "You're honest, Rebekkah. And such a hard worker." I remembered the time she'd hurled herself in front of a moving truck to keep it from

hitting me. "And, of course, loyal to the very end."

I was on a roll. *Why stop with my sister?* I decided. So that week, whenever I had a few minutes with a friend, I talked about my recent funeral experiences. And before I knew it, we were sharing feelings that might otherwise have gone unexpressed.

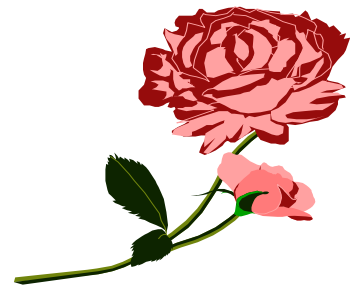
Those thank-yous felt so good that I followed them up with notes on old-fashioned stationery. I like to think of those second thank-yous being unfolded again and again on down days when a friend's heart needs the lift that, even in these days of e-mail, only handwritten correspondence can bring. They're the best ever, just for the price of a stamp. I should know; my sister said that I'm a great bargain hunter.

*Lord Jesus, thank You for the gift of a letter from a friend. And thank You again for Your Word, Your love letter to each of us.*  
ROBERTA MESSNER

## A ROSE TO THE LIVING

A rose to the living is more  
Than sumptuous wreaths to  
the dead;  
In filling of love's infinite store,  
A rose to the living is more  
If graciously given before  
The hungering spirit is  
fled—  
A rose to the living is more,  
Than sumptuous wreaths to  
the dead.

--Nixon Waterman



**TOO LATE**—There is a wealth of unexpressed love in the world. It is one of the chief causes of sorrow evoked by death: what might have been said, or might have been done that can never be said or done.

Arthur Hopkins

# 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 was scheduled for an angiogram on October 1<sup>st</sup>. An operation for a faulty valve and anything else that may be found will be scheduled. Mary Jo would appreciate your prayers. Norm and Mary Jo's great-granddaughter, Maiya Arnone, born 17 weeks premature, has had a lot of ups and downs since birth but has shown some signs of improvement lately.

Carl Bennett was scheduled to see a surgeon on September

28<sup>th</sup> for the stomach pain he has been suffering for some time. He has also had a cold.

Clarence Van Egdome had cataract surgery recently and is doing well.

Carl and Evelyn Bennett have a new great-grandson, Tollen Noah, born to Aaron and Renee BeeBout on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Clarence and Deloris Van Egdome, and Carol and John Wayne Smead attended

services at Unionville, Missouri on September 13<sup>th</sup> and then attended the Casady reunion.

Albert and Jeanette Schreck attended the Brookfield, Missouri weekend meeting.

Barb Feters' great-granddaughter, Savannah Drake, was named Queen at Pancake Day in Centerville, Iowa.

## October Birthdays

16 – Tammy 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

Margaret Warren has not been feeling very well this past month. Alna Meacham was able to worship with us on Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. We are always glad to see her be able to get out. Jean Van Egdome and Alna Meacham have both suffered with sinus infections. Lillian Bartlett has been ill. Ron Sharp had dermatology surgery on his face. Alna Meacham fell and had her foot x-rayed. It seems to be fine.

Aaron Aswegan was taken to the ER on Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, for chest pains that ended up being pleurisy, thankfully. Aaron is the son-in-law of Ron and Karma Sharp. Sara Patterson is recovering very well now from her back

surgery. Sara is the daughter of John and Donna McNeece. Sara's daughter Josie had shingles, which became infected.

Elsie LeMar is making her home permanently at Valley View Village. Her new address will be 2571 Guthrie Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50317.

Don and Cathy James traveled to Missouri for a family reunion. Dwight and Karla Feters are planning a trip to St. Louis for their anniversary.

Roberta Milinsky placed second in the 5K Governor's Cup for women in her age group. You go, girl! We are very proud of you!

Ron Van Egdome celebrated 30 years with the United


States Postal Services on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. He received a Certificate of Appreciation and a gold lapel pin. Ron has made the decision to take the incentive option and retire from the USPS effective October 31<sup>st</sup>. That way he can spend more time enjoying being a husband, father, and grandfather!

On September 20<sup>th</sup>, Katie Betsworth; Karl and Carol Terri, and Karl's mother, Judy Terri worshiped with us. Carol is the  
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## October Birthdays

31 – Brett Dobberke 

## October Anniversaries

2 – Dwight & Karla Feters 

10 – Frank & Claudia Meek

## Dean Avenue

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daughter of Juanita Coe and was here for Juanita's birthday.

We enjoyed gathering with many from the Pleasant Hill congregation to enjoy good food and fellowship in God's lovely

creation of Ledge's State Park on Sunday afternoon, September 27<sup>th</sup>. We thank Pleasant Hill for the invite.

## 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

Marvin Negley was hospitalized in Clarinda from August 26<sup>th</sup> to September 7<sup>th</sup> due to an infection.

Paul Negley of Urbandale, Iowa visited on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

We are thankful that treatments for Faye Stephens are being successful.

Visitors on September 20<sup>th</sup> were Amy (Rine) Mays and chil-

dren, Austin and Mackensie of Polk City, Iowa.

John Lee spent September 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> with us. He presented very informative and interesting lessons, with good question and answer times. Friday evening we enjoyed a pizza supper. On Sunday, Jack and Bobbi Swisher, and Steve and Tammie Driftmier hosted a fish

fry for our potluck dinner.

Jacob Rine and a friend from college in Curtis, Nebraska were our visitors on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

### October Birthdays

4 – Mary Lou Madden

16 – Steve Driftmier

31 – Richard 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

Tom Woody was our guest speaker Sunday morning, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Tracy Penick had sinus surgery in early September and is still recovering.

Courtney Penick is still having stomach problems and is scheduled to see a specialist.

Cassidy Phillips was chosen by her peers to represent the freshman class as an attendant on the Martensdale-St. Marys Homecoming court. She participated in the school parade and coronation ceremony.

Several members were traveling the weekend of September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

Duane and Mary Proudfit spent a long weekend in Branson, Missouri with Steve and Cerine Proudfit and their girls. Dick and Phyllis Bown spent the weekend in the Kansas City area, and Alvin and Marlene Bown attended the meeting in Brookfield, Missouri.

Our visitors Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> were Kyle and Stephanie Stephens, and Drew Tegtmeyer, who were visiting Mike, Tracy and Courtney Penick. Dawn Bown (granddaughter of Fred and Marlene Bown) attended services while visiting family. Marc, Ginger and Shea Hermon

worshiped with us, and Marc gave an edifying exhortation.

Kermit Toms and his daughter, Cameron, have worshiped with us several times this month. Marvin and Ellen Ellwanger of Winterset worshiped with us September 13<sup>th</sup>, and Marta Weeks from St. Marys attended services the evening of September 27<sup>th</sup>.

### October Birthdays

4 – Marlene Soard

6 – Marlene Bown

6 – Apache Rodriguez

11 – Jerry Soard



# 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

Thanks to everyone for attending the Labor Day meeting. We had many good lessons.

Josh Brady left on September 6<sup>th</sup> to serve in Iraq. He is doing okay now, but please keep him in your prayers. If anyone wants to keep in touch, his address is:

SSGT. Joshua Brady  
447 E CESUCEF  
Apo, AE 09321  
or e-mail:  
JBFirefighter16@aol.com

Josh Conner had a tumor removed from his ear earlier this month. Everything went well and he was home the same day. Troy and Jaden Brand have been sick.

Suzanne Harvey has had trouble with blood clots.

Dan and Amy Pritchard, and Pat Thompson were in the Fort Dodge area attending a baby shower for Amy.

Marc, Ginger, and Shea Hermon were at Martensdale.

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

Recent visitors were: Pat Connet and son and family; Rex Phillips, Cassidy and Bethany; Chantelle Schreck; Zachary and Jenna Wheeler; and Allen and Teresa Bown, Kyle and Jordan.

Nora Lee Ingle was at Mark and Cindy Morris' visiting.

Keith and Connie Price were in Minnesota.

Please note that the name has changed for the Teen Study. It is now the Iowa Traveling Bible Study. They will be looking for people to host the study in the year 2010. Call Rodney Ingle at 515-669-0365 to let him know.

Shirley Warner's mother had surgery and is doing very well. Please keep her in your prayers.

The Pleasant Hill Church of Christ will be holding an Open House on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Everyone is invited to attend.

There were 76 people that went to the Ledges State Park on September 27<sup>th</sup>. It was a beautiful day, even though it was a little windy. Thanks to Junior Barlow for taking his big grill and all the effort he put forth.

A baby shower was held for Amy Pritchard September 26<sup>th</sup>. She received many useful gifts.

Cody Brady is attending Hawkeye Community College, and Tyler Brady is attending UNI.

## October Birthdays

- 1 – Don Burkman
- 1 – Pat Thompson
- 2 – Nathan Williamson
- 3 – Randy Ingle
- 4 – Bev Brady
- 4 – Matt Thompson
- 6 – Joyce Ingle
- 10 – Betty Curtis
- 17 – Linda Oldham
- 21 – B.J. Van Vleet
- 22 – Todd Brady
- 24 – Connie Price
- 27 – Nels Turnquist
- 31 – Ryan Zinnel



## October Anniversaries

- 3 – Josh & Ashten Brady
- 5 – Kelly & Allison George
- 8 – Mike & Shirley Warner
- 26 – Chip & Jennifer Albright



## Iowa Traveling

### Bible Study

**The November study will be  
Nov. 7 at**

**Randy & Teresa Ingle's**

**Dec. study: Sharon Stevens**

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.

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# 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

Doug and Lisa Fiorentin, Bruce, Trent, and Nathan; Kelsey Knight, and Jason and Staci Miller enjoyed the Labor Day weekend in Clear Lake.

Galen and Gwen Duckstein and Clifford and Bobbi Duckstein visited the Dwight Duckstein family in Maquoketa, Iowa over the Labor Day weekend.

Linda Christianson's husband Gil suffered a hand injury at work and required surgery. He is recovering well.

We are pleased to have Brett and Lori Cole from Monroe worshipping with us regularly. Other visitors during the month were: Kelsey Knight; Ryan and Jamie Ingle and Elijah; Jason and Autumn Dowdy and Sterling from Brookfield, Missouri; Jill Graham and Travis; Earl Short from Oklahoma; James Finney; and Becky Maldonado and

daughter, Ruby from Colorado. Becky is the daughter of the late Audrey (Pulver) Murray.

Those attending the meeting in Brookfield, Missouri were: Marvin and Melda Ingle; Lynnette Dowdy; Clifford and Bobbi Duckstein; Justin and Brittney Dowdy; and Joy Cummings, Morgan, Drew and Casady.

Cheyenne Goode has been ailing with mononucleosis.

Anna Weaver attended a wedding in Omaha, Nebraska.

Those helping Miriam Ross celebrate her birthday by eating out at Ryan's Steak House with her were: Marvin and Melda Ingle; Clifford and Bobbi Duckstein; Bruce Fiorentin, Justin Dowdy, Lynnette Dowdy, and Ruth Schell.

Several of our members

attended the weekend meeting in Raytown, Missouri. They were: Charles and Angie Ingle, Charity and Lucas; Marvin and Melda Ingle; Lynnette Dowdy; Brittney Dowdy; Morgan Cummings; Mason Burkman; Nancy Clark; Doug and Lisa Fiorentin, Trent and Nathan.

Ruth Schell attended a seminar for machine knitters in Cleveland, Ohio.

## October Birthdays

- 3 – Joy Cummings
- 13 – Nathan Fiorentin
- 19 – Brittney Dowdy
- 27 – Rachel Daugherty
- 28 – Matt Clark



## October Anniversaries

- 25 – Bob & Tracy Patterson
- 27 – Walter & Rachel Daugherty



## PRAISE

A noted editor once noticed a particularly fine achievement by a friend, also an editor. He thought he would write immediately a letter of congratulations to his friend. But he didn't. There was a day or two of delay, and then he said to himself, "Oh, pshaw! He will get hundreds of other notes

about it, so I shall not bother him with mine." Then he met his friend and told him how it happened he had failed to send his letter of commendation. "How many do you think I did receive?" asked the friend. The editor guessed many scores. But the real answer was, "Not one." *John T. Faris*

## The Alabaster Box

Do not keep the alabaster box of your love and friendship sealed up until your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweetness. Speak approving, cheering words while their ears can hear them, and while their hearts can be thrilled and made happier. The kind things you mean to say when they are gone, say before they go.

*George W. Childs*