

Lighthouse of Iowa

January 2011

Lift up thine eyes westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and behold it with thine eyes....--Deut. 3:27



During my one and only cruise, I saw a "Peanuts" cartoon posted on the ship bulletin board. It pictured Charlie Brown and Lucy on a cruise ship. As they stand on deck, Lucy says, "Life is like this cruise ship, Charlie Brown. Some people take their deck chairs to the front of the ship so they can see where they are going. Other people take their deck chairs to the back of the ship so they can see where they've been. Which kind of person are you, Charlie Brown?" He answers, "I'm the kind of person who can't get my deck chair open."

I smiled. For it seemed to me Lucy was right. Some folks

are future-oriented, focusing on the possibilities of tomorrow. Others are past-oriented, focusing on the experiences of yesterday. (And some, like Charlie Brown, never seem to look in either direction.)

What kind of person am I? I recalled that the first day on board I'd sat in a deck chair at the back of the ship. The next day, I'd sat in one at the front. And actually neither much suited me. One view without the other offered a limited perspective. The third day, though, I'd discovered a small deck at the top of the ship, which offered a vision of the entire horizon. I could see where I'd been *and* where I was going. It was the best view of all.

On this beginning of a new year, why not take your chair to the top of the ship for a glimpse of the whole horizon? Remember where you've been, learn from it and give thanks. Then reach for where you want to go, challenge yourself and take hope.

Lord, at the launch of this new year help me to achieve a wider perspective by looking both at the waters I have traveled and the waters I have yet to cross. —Sue Monk Kidd

POSTPONEMENT

How small a portion of our life it is that we really enjoy! In youth we are looking forward to things that are to come. In old age we are looking backward to things that have past. In manhood, although we appear to be more occupied in things that are present, yet even that is too often absorbed in vague determination to be vastly happy on some future day when we have time.

CHARLES CALEB COLTON



SMALL THINGS

Blessed is the man who can enjoy the small things, the common beauties, the little day-by-day events; sunshine on the fields, birds on the bough, breakfast, dinner, supper, the daily paper on the porch, a friend passing by. So many people who go afield for enjoyment leave it behind them at home.

DAVID GRAYSON

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

Clarence and Delores Van Egdome had all of their children, their spouses, and most of their grandchildren together the weekend of the 25th.

Norm and Mary Jo Rieken are down in southern Texas for a while.

January Birthdays

- 3 – Jeanette Schreck
- 13 – Mary Jo Rieken



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

Elsie LeMar wishes to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, visits, calls, etc. since the death of her sister, Dessie Sorensen. She appreciated it very much.

We extend our sympathy to Margaret Warren and Bev Hayes in the death of their aunt Gladys Neagle, 103 years old, who was a resident of Valley View Village in Des Moines.

Ron Van Egdome will be undergoing a stem cell replacement at Iowa City the first part of January and

expects to be there for most of the month. Please remember him in your prayers.

Joey Bauman has spent the holidays home from Afghanistan.

Our visitors during the past month included Megan Stevens, Alexandria Winslow, Alissa Garbi, and Kim Lanc.

Our sick list included Jean Van Egdome, Don Warren, and Debbie Wilkins.

Peter and Frances Hawthorne spent the holidays in Arizona visiting family.

New address: Lillian Bartlett, 4010 E. 42nd St. Apt. #104, Des Moines, Iowa 50317.

January Birthdays

- 2 – Kennady Prenosil
- 5 – Grace Wilkins
- 19 – Connor Wilkins
- 23 – Mary Lou Allen
- 23 – Alna Meacham
- 28 – Debbie Wilkins



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

Due to weather, we did not have church services on December 12th.

Bobbi Swisher had hip replacement surgery December 16th. Tammie Driftmier flew to their Florida residence to be with them for a week, returning December 23rd.

Visitors on December 19th were Nancy (McCoy) Clark, as well as John, Deb, and Madelyn Negley of Riverside, Iowa.

Neil and Becky McCoy's sister-in-law, Donna McCoy of Newton, Iowa, had a double mastectomy while she was recently at Mayo Clinic. She

was able to return home on Sunday, December 19th.

December 26th visitors were Paul Negley of Urbandale, Iowa, and Linda Lou Taylor and Darrel Barnes of Springfield, Missouri.

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Fairview

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Darlene Marsh is currently a patient at Nebraska

Methodist Hospital in Omaha, and will begin dialysis treatments every day now. Prayers are needed for Darlene

January Birthdays

9 – Mary 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

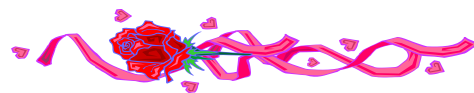
Several of us attended a baby shower for Stephanie (Penick) Stephens on December 5th. She and her husband, Kyle, are expecting their first baby in February.

Marc and Ginger Hermon and their family worshiped with us on December 26th. Marc gave our morning exhortation. Also visiting that morning was Stephanie Stephens, who was

in Iowa spending the holiday with her family, Mike, Tracy and Courtney Penick.

Marlene M. Bown was able to return to services after her hip surgery on December 26th. It was good to see her out again.

Cassidy Phillips and Kyle and Jordan Bown attended the Teen Rally hosted by the Gregory Boulevard Church of Christ.



Thank you for your prayers, cards, and support during my successful hip surgery.

*Love you all!
Marlene M. 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 ♦ Website: pleasanthillchurchofchrist.org

For information call—Bob Flack, (515)262-7329; Lowell Hermon, (515)989-0727; or Mike Warner, (515)967-4529.

We are sorry to report the passing of Dessie Sorensen on December 19th. We will miss this dear sister in Christ. Funeral services were held December 23rd.

Vernon McClurg has had a set back but is doing better and is now home. Marilyn is taking care of him. Mark and Brian McClurg are coming back for a visit with their parents.

Visitors during the past month were: Kathy King, daughter of Linda Oldham; Dean and Bev Hayes' grandchildren; and Karla Fetters. Dane

Hartman, Samantha Ford, Megan Gregory and Tanner George from Missouri; Joshua Riggins from Indiana; and Alex Needham from Kansas were here visiting with Rodney and Alena Ingle and Ryane Brady. Lew and Carol McCaslin and family (friends of Ryan and Jamie Ingle) were visiting.

Carroll Warren has had bronchitis and Betty had an allergic reaction to some medicines. Both are better and back at services.

Megan Stevens, Tammy Brady, Lowell and Niki

Hermon, and Ryan Curtis have all been sick.

Bruce and Suzanne Harvey have been visiting relatives in Florida for part of December.

We had no church services on the 12th of December, due to bad weather.

Matt, Kelly, Blake, and Alexandria Harvey were back visiting with family. Mike, Cindy, Cody, Josh, Ashten, and Ava Brady were visiting family in Cedar Rapids. David and Joyce Ingle, Randy and Theresa Ingle and family were visiting

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with Roy and Ruth Whanger. Ryan and Jamie Ingle and Elijah visited family in the Kansas.

Rodney and Alena Ingle are going to Indiana for a study.

Several young people are going to the Kansas City area for the young people's meeting.

Nora Lee Ingle's cooking class will be January 16th.

Kayla Pinegar, granddaughter of Larry and Beverly Brady, was honored as one of the "Women Impacting ISU." Kayla's picture and accomplishments are on the 2011 calendar.

Kayla is a senior, majoring in accounting.

Matt Thompson surprised his parents by coming home for

a week. He will leave on New Year's Day to go back to California and then will be shipping out for a few weeks.

**Iowa Traveling
Bible Study (ITBS)**

**The next study will be
Jan. 8 at 5 p.m. at Pleasant
Hill church, hosted by
Bob & Marge Flack**

Feb 5 study: Kelly & Allison George

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

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

January Birthdays

1 – Denise Drake
2 – Ann Casey
8 – Tim Casey
15 – Erika Turner
15 – Taylor Turner
28 – Tom Brady
31 – Doug Bown



January Anniversaries

8 – Rosanne & Cliff Van Vleet

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.
Website: vandaliacoc.com

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

Nancy Clark recently enjoyed a visit with relatives in Clarinda. Katrina Cummings was in Omaha recently.

Eight ladies from our congregation enjoyed an outing to Creative Treasures in Ankeny on a Saturday where they painted pottery and made mosaic items, jewelry, etc., then enjoyed lunch together later.

Our group gathered at the Altoona Nursing Home recently on a Sunday afternoon to sing for Rachel Daugherty, who is a resident there.

Richard Goode's mother, Helen Goode of Indianola, recently fell and broke her leg. She is confined to a Nursing Home there at the present time.

Marvin Ingle had his second cataract surgery in December and is getting along fine.

Charles, Angie, Charity, and Lucas Ingle enjoyed spending a few days at Clear Lake.

Services were cancelled on December 12th due to winter weather.

Jason and Staci Miller,


Kevin Waits, and Denise Drake were visitors during December.

Justin and Brittney Dowdy spent the holidays in Indianapolis. Michael and Joy Cummings, Morgan, Drew and Casady spent the holiday weekend in Brookfield, Missouri.

Morgan Cummings attended the teen study in Kansas City.

January Birthdays

5 – Mary Ellen Goode
19 – Richard Goode



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