

Lighthouse of Iowa

March 2013

Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Mark 10:14

Charles Francis Adams was a busy man. He was born in 1807, the grandson of the second president of the United States, John Adams. Charles Adams spent his life as a successful lawyer, a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, and the U.S. ambassador to Britain. Amidst his responsibilities, he had little time to spare.

Charles Adams kept a diary. One day he wrote, "Went fishing with my son today—a day

wasted!" He closed his diary and thought nothing more of his hastily scribbled entry.



Some years later, it was discovered that Charles Adams' son, Brooks Adams, had followed his father's example and also had kept a diary from his youth. On the date that his father had written about his "wasted" day fishing, Brooks Adams had boldly printed in his diary, **"Went fishing with my father today—the most wonderful day of my life!"**

When I read this story, I felt as if I had been hit by a ton of bricks. How true it is that some of the most insignificant events that occur in the lives of adults have a tremendous import in the lives of their children and grandchildren. It made me resolve to "waste" more time with my three children. Who knows? Maybe by giving myself the permission to do so, I may rediscover the joy and wonder of life myself!

Father, help me not to waste time by being forever busy.---

Scott Walker

Chariton

Meeting times—Sundays: 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Location—15th & Roland, Chariton, Iowa
For information call—Albert Schreck, (641)535-2381

Norm Riekens had cataract surgery on February 25th, and will have another on March 4th.

Carl Bennett went through testing due to shortness of breath. They found scarring in his lungs and he is now on oxygen. He will be undergoing more testing to determine the cause of the scarring.

March Birthdays

- 5 – Ethan Schreck
- 23 – Evelyn Bennett
- 25 – Norm Riekens



March Anniversaries



- 17 – Clarence & Deloris Van Egdom
- 19 – Albert & Jeanette 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

Peter Hawthorne is still in Wesley Acres, and he continues to make small improvements. He is having his birthday on March 14th, and would enjoy receiving cards. His home address is 1223 – 10th St., Des Moines, IA 50314.

Don Warren stayed overnight in the VA Hospital for testing. He has an irregular heartbeat, which hopefully can be controlled with medication.

Donna Meek has been in the hospital with a small heart attack. She has some blockages and will be receiving medication to help her.

Mary Lou Allen continues to suffer with a compressed fracture in her back. Please remember her.

Margaret Warren is doing better with a change of medication and diet.

Visitors this month were: Bill, Sarah, and Bryan Charlier; Samantha Fitzgerald with Tyler Aswegan; Preston, grandson of Shirley McNeece; Morgan, great-granddaughter of Yvonne Coe; and Mike and Tracy Penick.

Ill this month: Jean Van Egdom, Conner Wilkins, Kara Feters, Donna Meek, Don Warren, Margaret Warren, Mary Lou Allen, Jan Sellers, Pam Climpson, and Travis Head.

Travelers this month: Skip and Risa Schamel are vacationing in Florida; Jan and Larry Sellers and Kennady and

Carter Prenosil vacationed in Orlando, Florida; and Peg and Neal Warren enjoyed a cruise with Tracy and Mike Penick, along with Mike's parents.

March Birthdays

- 11 – Donna Meek
- 14 – Peter Hawthorne
- 15 – Mike Warren
- 16 – Neal Warren
- 26 – Don Warren
- 29 – Greg Head
- 30 – Roberta Milinsky



March Anniversaries



- 11 – Larry & Janice Sellers

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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

It's been a busy month at our church building. We have had insulation, drywall, and new carpet installed; a fresh coat of paint; and lots of clean-up done at our building. What a blessing to have a church family willing to help out in whatever way they can, be it coordinating, painting, wiping walls, moving pews, hauling off trash, and numerous other chores too many to mention!

John Lee was with us February 2nd and 3rd, and a soup dinner was enjoyed following services on Sunday morning. One of John's comments was that "we should treat our Bibles like our cell phones; check it often and go get it if we forget it!" Wise words!!

We were blessed to have Bryan Russell Martin place his membership with us this month.

Marvin and Jean Negley traveled to Washington and then went on to Canada for the wedding of their son, Mark Negley, which took place in Whistler, British Columbia. Mark and Emily will make their home in Washington state.



Steve and Tammie Driftmier are pleased to announce the birth of their grandson, Kyler Clay Driftmier, born on February 11th to Clint and Daira Driftmier. All are doing well.

Jack and Bobbie Swisher send greetings from southern Florida, where it is sunny and warm and the fishing is picking up!

Visitors this month included Ashley Schreck and the Jon Schmidt family.

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Mary Lou Madden and Elsie Negley, as they struggle with all that accompanies the aging process.

March Birthdays

- 7 – Jean Negley
- 8 – Molly Gilmore
- 18 – Jacob Rine



Martensdale

Meeting Times—Sundays: 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.

Location—10985 44th Lane, Prole, Iowa (1.5 miles east of Martensdale, Iowa on Hwy. 92)

For information call—Duane Proudfit, (515)961-4470 or Mike Penick, (515)989-4165

Our meeting with Wade Stanley is continuing Sunday, March 3rd. Wade will give the morning exhortation on Sunday followed by a basket dinner, and then he will speak again at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Drew Tegtmeyer's cousin, Brian Salgado, was in the area visiting Drew and Courtney.

Mike and Tracy Penick, along with Tracy's parents, Neal and Peg Warren, and Mike's parents, Jim and Joyce

Penick, enjoyed a cruise to the eastern Caribbean.

John McNeece from the Dean Avenue congregation gave our morning exhortation on February 17th. He spoke to us about the dangers of doubting. His wife, Donna, was also able to worship with us that morning.

Pam Deckler traveled to Ohio to be with her grandmother, who is having health problems.

Allen Bown is scheduled to have a scope done on his stomach February 26th.

March Birthdays

- 7 – Courtney Penick
- 18 – Dave Henderson
- 23 – Charlie Deckler



March Anniversaries



- 14 – Dave & Christy Henderson
- 27 – Dick & Phyllis 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.

Dan Turner, from the Kansas City area, was a visitor. He is still in our area working.

Kathy King is having back and knee problems.

Theresa Ingle's mother, Esther Janke, had a brain aneurysm. She had surgery, and a stroke, and is now recovering slowly. Please keep her in your prayers.

Bruce and Suzanne Harvey have both had the flu. Bruce also has the shingles externally and internally.

Carroll Warren has been in the hospital a couple of times, and in the nursing home, but he is now home and gaining a little of his strength back.

Ginger Hermon, Shea and Gabriel; Jason Brady; Joyce Ingle; and Linda Oldham were on the sick list also.

Karrie Best was in Arizona visiting family. Bob and Marge Flack were in Florida visiting family. Mike and Shirley Warner were in Missouri for Shirley's first father-in-law's funeral. The Albrights were in Florida visiting.

Nels and Marje Turnquist were in Minnesota taking care of their grandchildren. They also spent some time in St. Louis with family, celebrating birthdays.

Alex and Ryane Needham and Theresa Brady were in Illinois visiting with friends. Alex and Ryane also visited with Alex's family the next weekend.

Larry and Bev Brady were in Florida visiting with family.

***ITBS will meet April 6 with Doug Bown.**

March Birthdays

- 3 – Jennifer Albright
- 4 – Tim Brady
- 5 – Erica Conner
- 7 – Carly Felice
- 10 – Susan Conner
- 17 – Miles Wood
- 19 – Mike Brady
- 20 – Bud Fillman
- 23 – Lowell Hermon
- 24 – Megan Stevens
- 25 – Karole Turner
- 27 – Jami Harvey
- 29 – Junior Barlow
- 30 – Teresa Brady
- 31 – Allison George



March Anniversaries



- 11 – Bruce & Suzanne Harvey

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

Our visitors were: Denise Drake, Kevin Waits, Ryan Zinnel, and Jason and Staci Miller with new baby Allison.

Justin Dowdy spent some time in North Carolina receiving extra job training.

Charity Ingle visited friends in Missouri.

Brittney Dowdy visited family in Indianapolis.

Walter Daugherty had the

misfortune of falling and breaking his hip on February 23rd. He underwent surgery, which went well, and he is expecting to be discharged from the hospital in a few days.

We extend our sympathy to the Richard Goode family in the loss of Richard's mother, Helen Goode. Funeral services were held February 18th in Indianola, Iowa.

March Birthdays

- 4 – Devon Ingle
- 15 – Marvin Ingle
- 19 – Mariha Goode
- 21 – Nick Guthrie
- 22 – Mason Burkman
- 29 – Michael Cummings
- 29 – Alan Klein

