

Lighthouse of Iowa

January 2016

Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

---Matthew 6:25

I'd promised my husband I would stop working this afternoon to watch the ice-skating with him. We both love these programs—the sheer magic of skilled young bodies flying and dancing across the ice, taking our problems with them. But the house was a mess, and I was hoping at least to clear a path through the storeroom. From below I could hear music and George calling up, “Come on, honey! Skating's about to start.”

I g r o a n e d , remembering. “Pretty soon!” I yelled.

But sorting does take long—what to keep, what to give away or throw out. Will I ever wear those skirts again? Do we really need all

those picture frames? What about old tax returns and greeting cards? Meanwhile, I was dimly aware of music, voices, applause. And now and then, “Oh, honey, you don't know what you're missing!”



Finally, I came to, startled perhaps by the silence. The skating must be over, or George had turned it off. Stricken, I got to my feet, recalling another time and a choice I would always regret: my teenage daughter and her brother begging me to look at a book of beautiful photographs with them. They could hardly contain their

enthusiasm; they wanted to show me its marvels. But I was too busy getting dinner. “Later,” I put them off. But later, after dishes, both of them were gone. I had missed a precious golden hour with them....

“George!” I cried out now, hoping I wasn't too late. Racing downstairs, I rejoiced to find him pouring coffee for us, one eye on the screen. He turned up the sound again and the music restored the singing in my heart.

I resolved then what I advise now: When those you love ask you to share their little hour of magic, don't put it off for mundane things.

Dear Father, never let me forget Your wonderful words that life is more than food and raiment. We must feed the spirit, too. — Marjorie Holmes

Chariton

Meeting times—Sundays: 9:30 a.m. (no evening services)

Location—15th & Roland, Chariton, Iowa

For information call—Albert Schreck, (641)535-2381

Jeanette Schreck will have open heart surgery on January 7th to replace a valve.

Albert Schreck spent a week in the hospital due to some internal bleeding. It resolved

itself and did not require any further treatment.

Mary Jo Riekens is still seeing doctors trying to find the reason for her shortness of breath.

January Birthdays

3 – Jeanette Schreck

13 – Mary Jo Riekens



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, Frances and daughter, Valerie Hawthorne, traveled to Arizona to visit another daughter for two weeks during the holidays.

Jim and Anita Burr met with us. Anita is the sister of Roberta Milinsky and Marla Fetters.

Alissa, Jude and Caden Garbi were here visiting for the holidays.

Stan and Linda Vinson from Arkansas met with us for two weeks. They were here to work

on the election.

Neal Warren is still receiving treatment for his eye. There has been a slight improvement in the eye but not in his vision.

Roberta Milinsky had a knee scoped and is doing better.

Yvonne Coe's grandson, David Chamberlain, has been diagnosed with colon cancer. He is scheduled to begin chemotherapy treatment soon.

Visitors: Kaleb Bowen, Paxon Boozell and Bill, Bryan

and Max Charlier.

Ill: Shawn Head, Bill and Shirley McNeece, Risa Schamel, Mary Lou Allen, Glenn Meacham, Travis Head, Ron and Karma Sharp, Jan Sellers, Don Warren and David Fetters.

January Birthdays

2 – Kennady Prenosil

19 – Connor Wilkins

23 – Mary Lou Allen

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

No news this month.

January Birthday

9 – Mary Rine



January Anniversary



14 – Marvin & Jean Negley

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

We will be holding a weekend meeting with John Lee the weekend of January 16th and 17th. We will meet at 7:00 on Saturday evening with fellowship and snacks after service. On Sunday, John will give the morning exhortation followed by a basket dinner. Our afternoon service will begin at 1:30 with another lesson given by John. Please plan to join us!

Marlene Soard was moved into a Hospice facility in mid December. Please continue to pray for Marlene, her husband Jerry, and their son Joshua.

Bill and Marta Week took their son, Garret, to NeuroRestorative in Illinois. It is a facility for children with frontal lobe brain injuries. Marta reports that Garret is

adjusting well.

Tanner George went to Lee's Summit, Missouri, to be with his dad, Mike George, who suffered a heart attack. Mike is home and recovering.

Visitors this month have included Leta and Grace Fenton, who were visiting Allen and Teresa Bown; and Jared Groves and Tyler Schreck, who were visiting Rodney and Alena Ingle. It's also nice to have Cassidy Phillips and Jordan Bown home!

Several of our members have been traveling this month. Zach, Jenna and Malachi Wheeler traveled to Excelsior Springs, Missouri; Mike and Tracy Penick traveled to Pleasant Hill, Missouri; Maddy Hermon has traveled to Kansas and Missouri; Drew and

Courtney Teghtmeyer traveled to Pleasant Hill, Missouri; and Pam Deckler traveled to Ohio.

Rodney and Alena Ingle and family are now members of the church at Martensdale.



The Iowa Traveling Bible Study will be held at Martensdale church building on Saturday, January 16 at 4:30 with John Lee.

See the first item in our news for more details about our weekend meeting with John.

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.

NOTE: We will be having afternoon services at 1:00 p.m. every Sunday during January and February.

The family of Don and Wanda Burkman recently enjoyed their annual holiday get together in their home.

Our visitors this past month were: Joe Duckstein, Randy Paulson and his mother, Shelly, Roger Elam, Brian McClurg and his daughter, Jill from South

Carolina, Amy Reeves and her family, Ralph and Laura Ford, and Whitney Wolfe.

Those experiencing illness were: Joyce and Brandon Ingle, Troy and Dani Brand, Doug Bown, Marc and Ginger Hermon and younger sons, Theresa Brady, and Wanda Burkman. Carroll and Betty Warren both fell and are bruised up. Ray (Dick) Stanley passed away earlier this month. Pam

Sorensen was sick and is in Methodist Hospital.

Bruce and Suzanne Harvey are in Texas. Kelly George went to Lee's Summit to visit his brother, Mike, who had a heart attack. Kelly and Allison George and family are in California on vacation. Ryan and Jamie Ingle and family are visiting in Missouri. Jason and Theresa Brady were in
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Pleasant Hill

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Kansas City. Nick Hermon and Ryan Zinnel will leave Wednesday for a trip to Colorado. Nora Lee Ingle is visiting daughter Cindy Morris and family.

January Birthdays

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



January Anniservary



- 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

Our visitors this month were: Valerie Burkman, Denise and Kevin Waits, Max and Jack Flickinger, and Roger Elam.

Richard Goode was hospitalized for a few days and is back home recuperating.

Mike and Joy Cummings, Morgan and Casady spent a weekend in Brookfield, Missouri visiting family.

The Alan Klein family worshiped at the congregation in Memphis, Missouri, where Alan spoke.

Brittney and Carson Dowdy visited family in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Briana Klein visited friends in Kansas City.

We sang with the residents at Altoona Nursing & Rehab Center on a recent Sunday evening.

Tim Burkman fell while at work and broke both bones in his right leg just above the ankle. He was due to have surgery on December 29.

January Birthdays

- 5 – Mary Ellen Goode
- 10 – Emma Ingle
- 16 – Blake Fiorentin
- 18 – Jessie Henle
- 19 – Richard Goode



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