

Lighthouse of Iowa

APRIL 2016

*Thou art worthy, O Lord,
to receive glory and honor
and power: for thou hast
created all things....
REVELATION 4:11*

My garden needed attention. Most of all, it needed some color. So I drove to a nearby road stand where my friends Pat and Andy were setting out hundreds of plants they had started in their greenhouses during the winter.

Andy saw me coming and, remembering that I liked petunias, pointed toward a table filled with them. "Got any purple ones?" I asked.

"I think so," he said and headed toward a greenhouse behind the road stand. He came out carrying a pot of beautiful purple petunias in each hand—and suddenly froze in place.



"Is something wrong?" I said. Then I saw a bee circling one of the pots and laughed. I couldn't believe a farmer would be stopped in his tracks by a little bee.

Andy smiled and watched the bee, not moving. "No," he said, "Something's right." Then he explained that because of the cold spring, everything had been slow to bloom. "That bee is hungry, and if she doesn't get something to eat, she's not going to last." Very carefully he put the pot of

petunias on a table and left it for the bee, who landed on one of the flowers.

"Now maybe that bee and some of her friends will fly over to my fruit trees and pollinate them so we'll have a decent crop this year," he said.

"And if she doesn't?" I asked.

"No fruit. No vegetables. It's as simple as that."

Andy had stopped out of respect, not fear, and that taught me something. Never again would I kill a bee or brush one away when it settled on anything in my garden. I would simply step aside and let it do the job God created it to do.

*I praise You, Lord, for the
many miracles of Your
world.---PHYLLIS HOBE*

Chariton

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

Location—15th & Roland, Chariton, Iowa

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

Carl Bennett was hospitalized for a few days this past month. He contracted an intestinal infection due to overuse of antibiotics for an ear infection. His breathing issues have also been worse lately. He will be going to a doctor in Des Moines to determine how to treat the ongoing ear infection.

Mary Jo Riekens has been diagnosed with asthma and they have made some changes in her medications.

Brian, Tammy, and Ethan Schreck spent a weekend in Kansas City visiting family. Their daughter Chantelle and her husband, Brett, are expecting their first child in September.



I would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls, and prayers since my heart surgery. They were much appreciated.

Jeanelle 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

Thank you to everyone who attended our spring meeting and helped make it a success.

Several members of our congregation went to sing for Peter Hawthorne on his 94th birthday.

Ron and Karma Sharp vacationed in Florida.

Debbie and Conner Wilkins visited Terry and

Kim Lanc in Illinois during spring break.

Marla and Kara Feters visited in Kansas City.

Visitors: Aiden, Preston, and Colton Boozell; Madden Sharp; Kamryn Aswegan; and Jake McClung.

Ill: Marla Feters, Mary Lou Allen, Shawn Head, and Cathy James.

April Birthdays

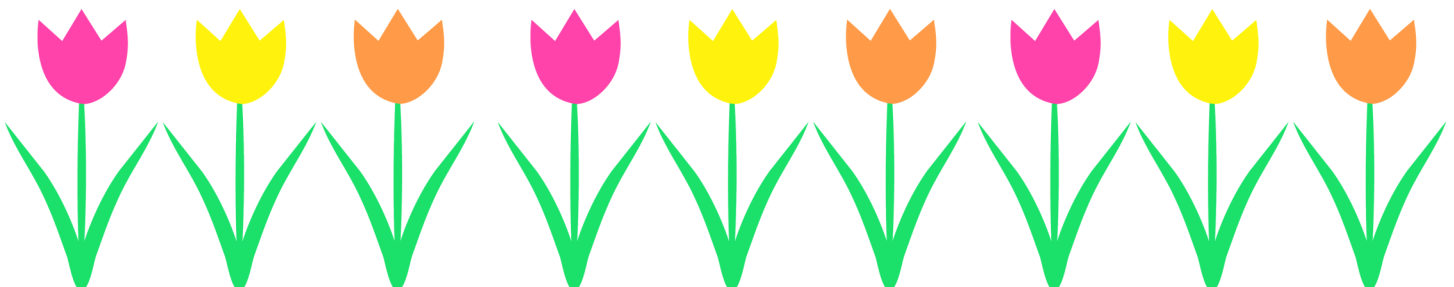
- 6 – Shawn Head
- 9 – Donna McNeece
- 11 – David Feters
- 13 – Carter Prenosil
- 18 – Pam Climpson
- 19 – Peg Warren



April Anniversary



- 27 – Bill & Shirley McNeece



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.

April Anniversaries



2 – Jim & Mary Rine

19 – Richard & Janet Negley

25 – Jack & Bobbie Swisher

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 are sad to report that Randy Bown passed away unexpectedly on February 29th at his home in California. He is survived by his wife, Anita; his daughter, Ariel Valencia and her family; his parents, Al and Marlene Bown; his brothers, Rusty and Kurt Bown; and his sisters, LuAnn Woody and Alannah Jurgensmeyer. Please keep all the family in your prayers.

Visitors this month have included Dave, Joyce, and Nora Lee Ingle; Tad Morris; Kyle and Stephanie Stephens and their girls; Chism Spencer; and Tyler Schreck. Cassidy Phillips and

Jordan Bown also attended services while they were home.

Dick and Phyllis Bown spent some time in Springfield, Missouri, getting to know their new granddaughter, Savannah, and with Roger, Melissa, and Ian.

Brenna Ingle had surgery on her eye and Maddy Hermon had her wisdom teeth out. Both have recovered and are doing well.

Tanner George, Maddy Hermon, Bethany Phillips, Hannah Hounsom, and Fred and Marlene Bown all attended the meeting at the Section Church of Christ in Kansas.

April Birthdays

7 – Bethany Phillips

11 – Marta Weeks

26 – Bill Hounsom

29 – Marlene Bown



April Anniversary



14 – Duane & Mary Proudfit



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.

Congratulations to Jake Brand and Jack Flickinger for giving their lives to God and being immersed in baptism. We are so happy for these new brethren.

Dan and Amy Pritchard and family have been sick.

Pat Thompson had back surgery and is now home and doing well.

Dani Brand, Diamond Blackman, and Gabriel Hermon were all sick.

Carly Felice had her tonsils out during spring break.

Larry Brady had knee replacement surgery on Monday the 28th.

Karla Feters had an MRI on her leg.

Bev Hayes had four biopsies. Please keep all of those sick in your prayers.

Joyce and Nora Lee Ingle were at Martensdale.

Marc and Ginger Hermon and boys were at Smart Road.

Nathan Williamson and Megan Stevens were in the Kansas City area visiting friends.

Duane and Donna Needham were visiting with son Alex and family.

Miles and Kelsey Wood and Rylee were in Florida.

Larry and Bev Brady were at Lake of the Ozarks.

Tyler Potter was visiting.

Brad and Sarah Houseworth were visiting.

Dan and Amy Pritchard and family were visiting with Dan's family.

Bruce and Suzanne Harvey are back from traveling in the south. Bruce is sick now.

Many attended the Dean Ave. meeting.

April Birthdays

- 2 – Brandon Ingle
- 2 – Karla Feters
- 4 – Ron Gearhart
- 7 – Mary Alice Fillman
- 7 – Rosanne Van Vleet
- 8 – Taylor Ingle
- 9 – Annabel Albright
- 10 – Ryane Needham
- 10 – Wanda Burkman
- 11 – Bruce Harvey
- 17 – Melba Tingle
- 18 – Carroll Warren
- 20 – Cheree Stump
- 21 – Lilly Albright
- 26 – Betty Warren
- 26 – Margaret Franklin
- 26 – Aubrey McClurg
- 27 – Rylee Ingle
- 30 – Brady George



April Anniversary



- 5 – Randy & Teresa Ingle



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

Bonnie Harkin visited family in Illinois.

We sang with the residents at Mitchellville Care Center.

Devon Ingle has a new job as a security guard at Prairie Meadows.

Bonnie Harkin underwent surgery and has returned to her home to recuperate.

Ruth Schell is undergoing therapy to regain the use of her knee from the fall she had. She greatly appreciates the prayers, cards, food, and kindnesses she has received.



Abigail Rose Ingle was born March 22, 2016. She weighed seven pounds, three ounces and was twenty inches long. Parents are Devon & Erin Ingle and big sister is Emma. Congratulations!

April Birthdays

4 – Brett Henle
 6 – Margaret Ingle
 8 – Pam Skinner



April Anniversary



15 – Devon & Erin Ingle



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