

Lighthouse of Iowa

December 2016

This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it---
Psalms 118:24

I was at the bank, standing in line at the teller's window. As the gentleman ahead of me finished up his business, the teller said, "Have a nice day!"

*Have A
Nice Day*

The smiling gentleman, grandson in tow, answered, "I always say, 'Make it a nice day!'"

Make it a nice day! Is it truly in my power to do such a thing? I wondered for the rest of that Monday. Can I really fashion a day to my liking? Well, at least I can try.

My process of "making a nice day" began in tiny increments, starting with

jotting in my journal just what I thought a nice day would be. It would certainly begin with ample prayer time, so that evening I set my alarm clock for a half hour earlier. And that new vanilla coffee I'd spotted at the supermarket too; I added that to my shopping list. The living room cleaned up before going to bed would surely be nice come morning, so I made a new ritual of counting off ten things that I would put away before retiring. Soon I was having such a good time that I increased it to twenty things. Before a month was out, I was getting a handle on the papers that cluttered my life. And before I knew it, I'd reshaped my life, one choice at a time.

Won't you join me in making this day---this---life---a great one?

I give You my life, Lord, one day at a time.

Roberta Messner



It has been my pleasure to publish the monthly newsletter for the six Iowa churches these past ten years or so, and I want to express my appreciation to all who sent in their news, and the encouraging comments from so many of you, and I especially thank Angie Ingle (our professional journalist) for co-editing my work each month. Angie had been the editor of this paper for the previous ten years.

It is my sincere hope that someone will have the desire to carry on this long tradition in the near future.

Blessings, Ruth



Chariton

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

Location—15th & Roland, Chariton, Iowa

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

Visitors this past month were Bruce and Sue Schreck and Dave and Donna Simmons.

December Birthdays



9 – Albert Schreck

31 – Brian 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 fall meeting with Rick Sparks. He gave us many good lessons.

Frances Hawthorne's two sisters from Missouri were here visiting.

Don Warren fell and hurt his head and hip, and he cracked a rib. He was in the hospital for a few days and is now at Altoona Nursing and Rehab for physical therapy. He

is doing better and hopes to go home soon.

Our visitors this month were Bill, Bryan, Max, and Talia Charlier; Paxton Boozell; Kamryn Aswegan; Kara Feters; Jake McClung; and Jacquelyn Chamberlain.

Ill this month were Mary Lou Allen, Jan Sellers, Ron Sharp, Risa Schamel, Glenn Meacham, and Debbie Wilkins.

December Birthdays



18 – Yvonne Coe

18 – Kara Feters

18 – Travis Head



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

December Anniversary



18—Will & Cassie Crumm

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

Zach, Jenna, and Malachi Wheeler welcomed Finneas Grayson into their family November 14th. Finn weighed 9 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 20.5 inches long. Grandparents are Allen and Teresa Bown. Great-grandparents are Fred and Marlene Bown and Bob and Marge Flack.

November 5th, several of us enjoyed attending a wedding shower for Cassidy Phillips and Adam Purdy. They will be married December 23rd.

Pam Deckler's mom fell and broke her hip. Pam has been in Ohio helping care for her. Please keep Pam and her family in your prayers.

Maddy Hermon traveled to

Chicago to visit the art museum there. This was part of her course work for college.

Tom and Dianne Collier traveled to Oklahoma to spend the Thanksgiving holiday with family.

Al and Marlene Bown spent their Thanksgiving in Illinois with family.

Visitors this month have been Ryan and Jamie Ingle and their family, Cassidy and Bethany Phillips, Kirk Ford, Jordan Bown, Stephanie Stephens and her girls, Gabriel Hermon, Grace Fenton, Steve and Cerine Proudfit and their girls, Briana Klein, and Tiffany Parker.

December Birthdays



10 – Mary Proudfit
12 – Teresa Bown
29 – Drew Teghtmeyer
30 – Hannah Hounsom

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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.

During the months of December, January, and February we at Pleasant Hill will have Sunday afternoon services starting at 1:00 p.m. We will go back to regular evening services in March.

Pat Schriber and Jamie and Laura Schriber were visiting with Marje Turnquist. Marje had knee replacement, and Pat stayed for a couple of weeks to help her sister. Marje has been able to attend services since her surgery.

Theresa Brady had varicose veins removed.

Jaden Brand was sick. The Marc Hermon family has had the flu.

Kelsey Wood's mother, Kim, and sister, Meghan Hartman, were visiting and also attended a baby shower.

Tom and Fred Brady are vacationing in Florida for a couple of weeks. Kelly and Allison George and family were there for a week and returned home safely.

Nick Hermon and Kaley Zimmerman are in Colorado visiting Kaley's family.

Roy and Darrell Whanger were with Joyce Ingle and family for Thanksgiving.

Ryan Ingle and family were visiting with Jamie's family in Missouri.

Marc and Ginger Hermon and family, and Bruce and

Suzanne Harvey were in Illinois visiting with Matt Harvey and family.

Cindy and Mark Morris visited with Iowa relatives during the Thanksgiving holiday and stayed with Nora Lee Ingle.

Don and Wanda Burkman; Stephanie Burkman; Timothy, Melody, Gavin, and Cameron Burkman; and Valerie Burkman celebrated Thanksgiving day at Blaine and Melanie Deaton's home. They did some target practice, played games, and enjoyed a fun, loving, and thankful day together.

December Birthdays



- 4 – Steve Brady
- 7 – Gabriel Hermon
- 18 – Jason Brady
- 18 – Paul Zinnel
- 23 – Dominique Blackman
- 29 – William Conner

December Anniversaries



- 13 – David & Zoe Witherspoon
- 14 – Brian & Laura McClurg
- 30 – Nick & Susan Conner



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



James and Laura Dowdy and big brother Cole welcomed twins into their family on November 14th. Adaline Jean was 7 pounds 2 ounces, and Alexander Allen was 6 pounds 13 ounces. All are doing well and have arrived home. Grandma Lynnette Dowdy and great-grandparents Marvin and Melda Ingle are members at Vandalia.

Our visitors were: Roger Elam; Brittney Parker; Matt and Dawn Mikus, Cora, and Austin; Jason Dowdy, Sterling, Hunter, Malachi, and Gatlin; Valerie Burkman; Bailey Johnson and Rebekah Kruse,

friends of Briana Klein; and Miranda, friend of Mason Burkman.

Melody Burkman had surgery and was in the hospital for a few days.

A party was held honoring Lynnette Dowdy on her special birthday that ended in a ZERO!

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

December Birthdays

- 2 – Bonnie Harkins
- 3 – Kelsey Fiorentin
- 3 – Carson Dowdy
- 27 – Melody Burkman
- 27 – Jason Henle



December Anniversary



- 12 – Robert & Sharon Cummings

