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January 2008

2008 Annual Meeting

When: January 29, 6:00 pm

Where: Baxter Hall

What: Chili Supper/Annual Meeting

Come one, come all! We will have an opportunity to see all of 2007 in life-sized pictures through the lens of Woody's camera. We will make important budgeting and financial decisions. We will celebrate the great gift that the Edwards community is in our lives and in the world. Come one, come all!

Snow Date: January 31, 6:00 pm

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From Our Pastor's Desk...

Every year, as December marches forward into January, we stop for a moment to take stock of the year that has passed and reflect a bit on the year to come. We all seem to have our version of a new year's list!

As often as we individually make resolutions, rarely do we stop and reflect on the past year at church, or make resolutions for our life together in faith. That might be one way to understand what we do at our Annual Meeting (January 29th at 6:00) each year! As a community, we pause to take stock of what we did last year, and to dream for what we want the coming year to be like.

The financial results for 2007 aren't compiled yet, but that's not the only way to measure our life together. This has been a GREAT year, and as I reflect back on it, here's what I remember:

I remember Sunday after Sunday that has been filled with warm fellowship, wonderful music, children's laughter, faithful prayers, learning opportunities and worship that has glorified God's name and helped each of us to be more faithful in our daily living. I remember Wednesday evenings that have been alive with children in the Touchstones Program, youth in Confirmation, and the Choir in rehearsal.

I remember two mission trips, Habitat work days, and Community Kitchen days - serving those who need a helping hand. I'll always remember the Christmas Pageant, where the "Christmas Frog" made her debut performance at the manger! I remember saying good-bye to our long-time secretary Teresa King, and making a place on our staff for our new secretary, Kathy Bowerman.

Do you remember the Sunday when, after a baptism, we sang Jesus Loves Me acappella? And I remember teams and teams of people working together behind the scenes to make all sorts of special things happen in our church!

Are there things to do differently or better in 2008? Of course! Thoughts for all of us at Edwards in the coming year might include:

- ★ Making a concerted effort to reach out to people we don't know yet or who aren't in church on Sundays.
- ★ Giving others the benefit of the doubt before judging them or their motivations.
- ★ Communicating our needs and expectations clearly and gently to one another.
- ★ Praying for one another.

There are certainly other resolutions that would make our life together better, and perhaps we can work on those at the Annual Meeting! Until then, this is a beginning. May your 2008 be filled with blessings!

January Scriptures

January 6:

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

January 13:

Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

January 20:

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

January 27:

Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ~Acts 2:42

REHEARSALS

Friends in Faith Band: January 6, 4 pm and Tuesday, January 8, 5:30 pm - short pizza and planning session. Tuesdays, January 15th and 22nd, 6:30 pm.

Choir: Resumes January 3rd. Choir Retreat / Potluck for choir families on January 20th after church at the home of Evangline Lewis.

Cancer Awareness

Sunday, January 27, we will celebrate a Cancer Awareness Day in worship, remembering those friends and family members who have battled or are battling cancer. We will light candles and remember together the witness of strength and hope that cancer patients so often show the world. As we give thanks for their lives and their witness, we also pray for the doctors who treat the disease, and the researchers who continue to find new treatments. May God's wisdom guide their wisdom.

"The Gathering" Returns

Sunday evening worship returns with a new name on January 6 at 5:30! The Friends in Faith Band leads our singing each Sunday, lifting our spirits in praise and thanksgiving. We celebrate communion on the third Sunday of each month and share a potluck supper together on the fourth Sunday. Come! You'll find new energy for the week ahead!

Special Music in January

January 6th: Kaela Swarts, viola
January 13th: Mary Beth Dircks and Brad Miller, piano duet
January 27th: Alleluia Ringers



Christian Education

Church School will begin the New Year on January 6th, 9:00-10:00.

Wednesday TouchStones will begin again on January 9th, with supper from 5:30-6:00 and class from 6:00-7:00.

Kids-in-Mission: Our next East Moline Meal Site supper will be on Thursday, Jan. 24th. Meet at church at 4:15 to prepare supper. We will leave church at 5:20 to travel to the meal site and return to church by 7:00. Parents are welcome to come with their children. For more info call Susan Chesley @ 359-0331.

LifeStraws: Last month, we raised \$750 to purchase LifeStraws to be sent to eastern Congo. That's 250 LifeStraws! The children will be traveling to area churches, schools and organization with the LifeStraw story.

Tutoring Program: The Board of Christian Education is developing a tutoring program in downtown Davenport and needs adults willing to guide children through homework lessons and provide the additional attention and instruction kids need to succeed. We need at least four tutors, once a week. Can you help? Need more information? Contact Dorothy or John Hammond or Susan Chesley.

Youth News

Blessings for the New Year!!

The New Year is upon us and the Youth are wishing everyone many blessings for 2008. We look back at 2007 and are very grateful for all the opportunities we have been given to make a difference in the world. You, the Community of Edwards, have given us these wonderful opportunities by supporting the Youth in our efforts to follow in the ways of Jesus. We walked the streets of Washington D.C. this past summer on our Youth Mission trip to work with organization that service homeless men and women. Thank you for that life changing experience.

In 2008, the Youth are continuing to be active in events that service those in need in the United States and around the world. Some youth have already supplied backpacks filled with basic hygiene items for the homeless in the Quad Cities.

Challenge to the adults of Edwards: The Youth will participate in the "Walk in the shoes of Poverty" Simulation on January 27th. The Youth are sending out a **challenge** to all adults to join them in this experience. The **challenge** is to sponsor one of our youth and walk with them through the simulation. This is a very educational and important event for everyone involved.

Bible 101...for Adults!

Do you wish you knew more about the Bible? Do you want to study more, but don't know where to start? Do you find the Old Testament confusing? The JOIN US at 9:00 every Sunday in the Church Library! On January 13th Katherine will begin teaching a 10 week study of the Old Testament from Genesis all the way through Malachi. Come and learn!

Mission and Social Justice. . .

Walk in the Shoes of Poverty. Please mark your calendar for the January 27 as we take a walk in the shoes of poverty in Baxter Hall after 10:15 Worship Service. There is much to learn about the causes of poverty and the barriers that keep people from leaving the grip of poverty. We all need to be part of the ongoing discussion. Each of us can play a part in the long-term solution. A two-hour educational program offered through Iowa State University Extension provides participants an opportunity to "walk a mile in the shoes" of someone living in poverty. Please plan to join us. Please sign-up by completing the church worship bulletin insert tear-off sheet or by emailing the church office (kathy@edwards-ucc.org) or calling the church office at 359-0331.

World Community Institute World Affairs Council Visiting Fellow Lecture Series continues with - Mexico: What You Don't Know - Facts and Myths on Tuesday, January 22, 2008. Samantha Echevarria de Schmelzer, Professor, Augustana College.

Thank you for being the "Santa" for so many families. As the economy is getting tighter, we are seeing more families coming to the food pantry. Food stamps don't keep up with the increases in groceries. Your generous gifts of money & food are a very needed blessing to our food pantry. Thank you for sharing with us. Your gifts of love are shared in love with each family we serve. May God continue to bless you.

Pam LaRogue & all of our volunteers

Thank you so very much for all you do to help the dream come true for families in our community. You so graciously share your time and talent with HFHQ and I want you to know how much it is appreciated. Without the help of your congregation, we would not have reached our goal of 7 houses this year. Thank you!

Tony, Barb, Ron & Kristie - Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities

Beyond Our Walls. . .

"Pray without ceasing"

(1 Thessalonians 5)

Sunday, January 27th at 4 pm

St. John's United Methodist Church

109 E. 14th Street, Davenport

A Christian service filled with diverse speakers and a variety of music sponsored by Churches United of the QC Area to celebrate the 2008

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Speaker: Rev. April Johnson

Asst. Dean of Students & Director of Diversity Services - Augustana College



Keep In Your Prayers

The Chapman Family in the death of Sue's mother

Sue Fear, recovering from a second knee surgery

Melissa King, finishing chemotherapy

Ellen Marie Logli, born October 30 to Kelley (Fear) and Chris Logli. Proud grandparents are Sue and Mike Fear, great-grandparents are Don and Shirley Wiele, and Tom and Anne Fear.

Carole Mahan, at Kahl Home

Laurel Ogden, who transferred to River Park Healthcare Center

Sandy Russell, recovering from surgery

Carol Stratton, beginning radiation therapy

Shirley Wiele, broken leg

Annual Congregational Meeting

The Edwards Congregational Church Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 29th following a potluck meal at 6:00 pm.

Chili Supper & Annual Meeting

Once again, the Membership Board is sponsoring a chili supper prior to the annual meeting the 29th of January. We will be looking for volunteers to make chili and other dishes. Please watch for more details after the first of the year.



Reminders About Kitchen Use

If you use the dishwasher, please follow the directions on the wall.

Please leave the kitchen cleaner than you found it. Wash all dishes and put them away. Put items back in the cupboards so the counters, even those in the storage room, are clear for the next group. Wash and return washcloths and towels to the drawers beside the sink. If you remove the plastic tablecloths, please put them away **clean** in the plastic boxes in the back storage room. Also, please take leftover food home!

Please check the kitchen for any dishes or pans that might belong to you. We plan to clean cupboards and give items not used to Good Will.



Paul & Evona Petherick's Winter Address:
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Apache Junction AZ 85219
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Thank You, Thank You, Thank You !!

To the December Newsletter assemblers **Geri Dulaney, Dorothy & John Hammond, Martha Jirus and Evona Petherick.**

To **Mona Terry** for beautiful harp music for the Blue Christmas worship.

To **Carol & Lyle Stratton** for organizing our Christmas caroling.

To all who made Christmas special:

To all the Alleluia Ringers and especially **Sandy Reinders**, director;

To all the adults who made the Christmas Pageant special - **Cathy Wetzel, Steve Chesley and Angela Elliott;**

To the liturgical dancers led by **Kathy Lafrenz;**

To the musicians in the Christmas Eve candlelight service - **Bob Riedesel, Austin Langfeldt, Brent Tunis, Brian Dugan, John Chesley, Kaela Swarts, Suzanne Benson and Paul Trapkus** and the choir with added members **Kaela Swarts and Josh Anthony;**

Thanks to all who helped present **La Posada** during the Family Christmas Eve service: **Shannon Crawford, Janet, Rachael, Kelsey and Parker Sedgwick, Sam, Emily and Robert Norwood, Russ, Susan and Katie Dircks, Steve Chesley, Norma Wren, Lars Meseke-Wren, and Charlie Miller.**

To **Kaela Swarts and Paul Trapkus** for special music December 30th.

Thanks to the December Coffee hour hosts: **Christian Ed - Cookie Exchange, Pat & Ron Baxter-Rebal, Sandy & Dave Reinders, Susan Chesley and Lisa Crawford, Edith Egli, Terry & Kay McGee.**

IN THE MAIL

This note is to let you know how much your outpouring of support, prayers and visits during my Mother's illness and death meant to myself and my family. During this difficult time, it means so much to know we have loving and supportive people surrounding us. God bless!
Ellen and Pat Ryan and family

Our sincere thank you to Edwards Church for the love and concern shown during the passing of our mother, Lois M. Pritchard. Special thank you to Reverend Katherine Mulhern for her home visits and for being there during a critical and sensitive time, to Chaplain Jean Norton for the beautiful music, and the Caregivers. The luncheon prepared and served by the church women deserves special recognition. Mom was fortunate to have such a caring Christian family. God Bless each and every one of you. In Christian fellowship and love, **Michael Pritchard, Karen & Jim Dexter and family.**

Katherine & the Edwards Community, Thanks so much for you wonderful welcome of Nat last Sunday at his baptism. A very busy boy remained enthralled by the whole experience! **Jane Simonsen, Mike Augsberger & Nat & Soli**

Dear Christmas Angel, What a surprise! Thank you Christmas Angel from Edwards Church. The Christmas bouquet is lovely. Sincerely, **Bob & Pat Van Dyke**

Holidays can be filled with happy surprises. In a world filled with conflicts and uncertainty, receiving a Christmas angel gift from a friend from Edwards Church bring joy to the season. **From someone who cares.**

Who. . . What. . . When. . . Where. . .

	January 6	January 13	January 20	January 27
Preacher	Katherine Mulhern	Katherine Mulhern	Katherine Mulhern	Katherine Mulhern
Greeters	Judy Collins Ruth Hefferman Jean Neavor	Pat Cresap Clyde Durrah Tracy Miller Terry Schlabach	Cathie Miller Ron & Carolyn Walters	Ryan Dye Nancy Stenger Kay Stiles Katy Strzepek
Ushers	Russ Dircks Anne-Marie Gephart Mary Hein Margaret Wilber	Eric Crawford Tom Kenneke Steve Knoche Pat Sterk	Mary Hein Judy Collins Steve Wildemuth Anne-Marie Gephart	Tim Mandell Olive Gallaher Joe Hall Eric Crawford
Visitor Guides	Membership Board	Membership Board	Membership Board	Membership Board
Nursery 10:15 a.m.	Chris Zippe Family	Mary Hein		Erica Schroeder Elisabeth Norwood
Coffee Hour Hosts	The Norwoods	Potluck Sunday Set-up: Trustees Clean-up: Moderators Past, Present & Future	Joel & Sasha Boon	
Caregivers on Call			Sandy Reinders	Sharon Wildemuth
Scripture Reader	Lyle Stratton	Dick Werner	Tracy Miller	Chris Zippe
Communion Servers	Kathy Lafrenz, Dick Dulaney, Chris Zippe			
Chancel Set-Up	Dick Dulaney Chris Zippe	Brian Dugan	Bob Hamilton	Pat Cresap
Sound System	Dave VanDerKamp			
Lock-Up				
Altar Flowers				

***Where blanks appear, we need your HELP!!
Please call the church office, 359-0331, to sign-up.***



For the most current up-to-date calendar information go to www.edwards-ucc.org and click on the calendar link

JANUARY 2008						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:15 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:15 AM Worship	31 Office Closed	1 Office Closed	2 6:00 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	3	4 Board Reports Due	5
6 9:00 AM Church School 9:15 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:15 AM Worship 11:45 AM Liturgical Dance Rehearsal 4:00 PM Friends in Faith Band Rehearsal 5:30 PM Worship 7:00 PM OWL	7 7:00 PM Alleluia Ringers	8 5:30 PM Friends in Faith Band Rehearsal 6:30 PM All-Boards 7:30 PM Council Meeting	9 5:15 PM Simple Supper 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM TouchStones 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Chime Choir	10	11	12 8:00 AM Men of Edwards
13 9:00 AM Church School 9:15 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM All-Church Potluck 11:45 AM Liturgical Dance Rehearsal 5:30 PM Worship 7:00 PM OWL	14 7:00 PM Alleluia Ringers	15 6:30 PM Friends in Faith Band Rehearsal	16 5:15 PM Simple Supper 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM TouchStones 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Chime Choir	17 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study	18 Items & Articles for the Newsletter due by Noon	19
20 Evening Worship Potluck 9:00 AM Church School 9:15 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Choir Retreat 11:45 AM Liturgical Dance Rehearsal 5:30 PM Worship 7:00 PM OWL	21 Office Closed 7:00 PM Alleluia Ringers	22 6:30 PM Friends in Faith Band Rehearsal	23 5:15 PM Simple Supper 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM TouchStones 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Chime Choir	24	25	26
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January Birthdays

- 1 Immanuel Huerta
- 3 George Gallaher
- 4 Gail Harrison
- 6 Aidan Kyte
- 7 Fay McCarrel
- 8 Sarah Dixon
- 11 Nolan Stratton
- 12 Pat Cresap
- 12 Sandy Bateman
- 13 Marki Sparks

- 13 Steve Knoche
- 13 Britt Hein
- 13 Molly Taft
- 22 Robert Dean
- 23 Marjorie Jirus
- 24 Gilly Miller
- 25 Shirley Wiele
- 27 Diane Anderson
- 27 Jim Heaton
- 29 Sara Godding

- 29 Fred Clapp
- 29 Christopher Simmons
- 29 Robert Norwood
- 31 Sam Olsen

office with the correct information. Thank you!

If your birthday was inadvertently omitted or is incorrect, please notify the

QCA Women and Children in Crisis . . .

Edwards continues to support local shelters for women and children who are victims of violence or homeless.

Winnie's Place, a program of Churches United, opened in Moline in November 2006. The staff anticipated serving 200 women and children in the first year. Before November 2007 they had served over 375 persons!

The Domestic Violence Shelter in Davenport is a safe haven for women and children fleeing violent relationships. Opened in 1992 by Family Resources, it has served hundreds of clients who are trying to get their lives back on track.

Both shelters need our donations for clients' care while there --- Nonperishable food, seasonal clothing, personal care items, paper and cleaning products, gift cards to Fareway, Wal-Mart, or Hy-Vee to buy perishable foods, and bus tickets for transportation to appointments or jobs. Basic household items are also needed for a fresh start in a new living situation.

Marked Collection Boxes are ready in Baxter Hall for your new or gently-used donations. Suggestions for giving are listed on the back. (Save for reference!)

The Mission Board will divide and deliver the donations on an ongoing basis.

As you consider your **“plenty”**--please remember those **“in need.”** For your **questions** regarding donations please contact **Marilyn Hamilton (563-386-1958)** or any member of the Missions Board.

Ways you can help . . .

Food Items:

Chunky soups
Cereal
Pastas
Ramen Noodles
Boxed meals
Snack foods
Juices
Tea Bags
Coffee – Reg. & Decaf.
Rice
Crackers
Cream of mushroom/celery soups
Kool-aid
Ketchup, mayo, mustard
Salad dressings
Sugar
Flour
Canned fruit
Gift cards to buy perishables at:
Fareway, Wal-Mart, Hy-Vee

Personal Care Items:

Shampoo/Conditioner
Deodorant
Ethnic beauty products
Soaps
Lotions/skin creams
Feminine products

Baby Supplies:

Diapers & Pull-Ups (all sizes)
Baby Wipes
Bath Soap/Shampoo
Lotion and Powder
Baby foods
Teething rings/ointments
Infant pain/fever reducer
Bottles/bottle brushes

Children's Program Supplies:

Children's games
Paint and brushes
Colored pencils
Craft supplies
New wrapped toys

Paper/Cleaning Products:

Paper towels
Toilet paper
Ziploc bags (Quart & Gallon)
Sanitizing wipes
Floor cleaners
Light bulbs (60 watt)
Dishwashing liquid
Garbage bags

Kitchen Equipment:

Baking sheets/Cake pans
Pots and Pans
Coffee pots
Canister sets that seal

Miscellaneous Items:

Batteries – 9 volt, AA, AAA
Ice Melt
Snow shovels
Gas gift certificates
Alarm clocks
Small dressers (new or gently used)
Small appliances (working)
Chairs, couches, beds
TVs, VCRs, DVD players

Seasonal Items:

Coats, Jackets
Hats, scarves, gloves
Boots



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Save the Date

February 15th - God is still humming - A concert for new choir robes.

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