

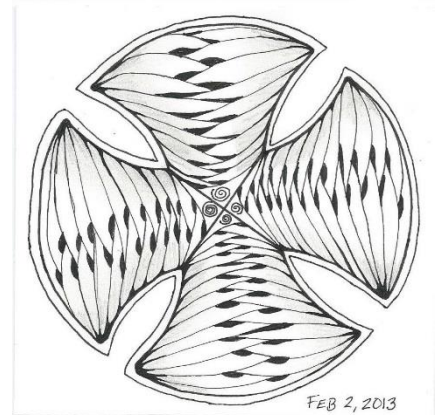
**January 2016**

## ZENTANGLE® PLAYSHOP

**Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> ~ 1 to 3pm**

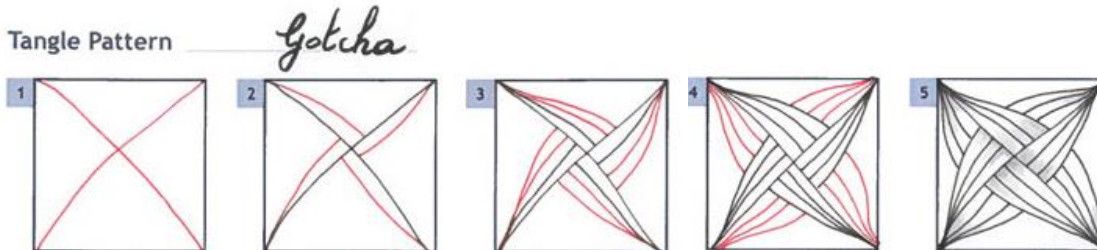
Learn the art of Zentangle in this playshop led by Pastor Christine. *Advance sign-up required along with a \$20 registration fee for Edwards UCC Members, \$30 for the general public.*

Zentangle is an easy to learn, relaxing and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Following step-by-step patterns of repeating lines amazing things happen. First is the obvious: a picture - a miniature abstract work of art. Second is a calming of the mind and a deeper sense of relaxation, perhaps even meditation. Tangles are created from a collection of patterns not meant to represent anything. Working on a 3 1/2 x 3 1/2 piece of art paper called a "tile" participants will learn several patterns, practice tangling and receive guidance as we play. You don't need to be an artist or have any prior artistic training.



~ There are no mistakes in Zentangle. ~

Join us!!



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## *Ministerial Musings...*

January has got to be the most crowded month at the gym; everyone trying to keep their New Year's resolutions to get more exercise. But by mid-February, it's much easier to find an empty treadmill or make the circuit on the weight machines. By then, folks have given up on the new effort, not seen the quick results they hoped for, allowed old habits to take over – and the opportunity of the New Year has passed. Maybe we find another occasion at the celebration of a birthday or other significant event, but as a culture we have given great power to the New Year.

I recently read a poem by Wendell Berry, called *To Hayden Carruth*, a tribute to his old friend who was in his eighties when Berry wrote this. At the end he writes, "What shall / I say? I greet you at the beginning of a great career? / No. I greet you at the beginning, for we are / either beginning or we are dead. And let us have / no careers, lest one day we be found dead in them. / I greet you at the beginning that you have made / authentically in your art, again and again."

What does he mean "we are either beginning or we are dead?" Well, I suppose that is the mark of a good poem – it gets you thinking, it awakens you, it makes sure you aren't dead! For me, I suppose being dead would mean to be on auto-pilot. It would be to be in such a rut that I stopped really being aware of the people and world around me and supposed that I had things figured out and knew what I was doing. But beginning – beginning my third year here at Edwards – there is a sense of openness, newness, possibility, a myriad of options. To be sure, an equal portion of risk, failure, and uneasiness accompanies. But think of the toddler who is couch surfing, attempting those first steps and falling. Don't we continue to encourage this little one fall after fall, to try again? This little one excels at beginning again and again. As we grow older, have we somehow grown out of the need to begin again and again? We're bigger now and have farther to fall, it hurts more, it's scarier, there are fewer people cheering us on, encouraging us to get up and try again.

Each day, God's creation greets us with a new beginning. The sun always rises, even if it's behind the clouds; at night the stars shine. Each moment God greets us anew with a new beginning. Not a beginning that has wiped away all that has gone before, but one that builds on and gleans from our lives a richness of experiences and learning to guide us into the future. Most importantly, God has come to be among us, Emmanuel – the light of the world, has come to us to light our way. We need not wait until another New Year, another Advent or significant church event to begin again. God's Light greets us with a new beginning. Surely we are either beginning again in Christ each day of our lives or we are dead.

Let us gather together, encouraging one another to begin again and again. For surely we will fall again and again – this is life and being alive. Being in community together means being present to encourage one another as well as receiving encouragement. It's a new year, an especially good time to begin again.

Peace to you, Pastor Christine

*So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new!*

(2 Corinthians 5:17)

## Edwards Worships...

### January 3<sup>rd</sup>

Mark 1:21-45

Psalm 103:1-5

Sermon: A Year of Healing

As we begin the New Year, our readings in the Gospel of Mark contain several healing stories. Where do you need healing in your life? What a great way to begin the year – with healing.

### January 10<sup>th</sup>

Mark 2:1-22

Psalm 103:6-14

Sermon: What Have I to Offer?

Pastor Christine and Pastor Kendra will sermonize together on the question “What would I bring the Christ-Child?” Things to consider: the “magi” or “wise men” would have seemed like strange guests at the manger. They travelled from far distances, some sources say, not even the same place, to get to Bethlehem. They followed a star, an ancient prophecy, and an intuition deep within themselves that brought them to the stable. They also brought with them costly gifts, rich with symbolism: frankincense, gold, and myrrh. These may not seem like gifts for a baby, but in ancient times, they were appropriate gifts for a king.

### January 17<sup>th</sup>

Mark 4:1-34

Psalm 126

Sermon: Reaping and Sowing

Jesus speaks in parables as he teaches about the Kingdom of God. A parable is a short fictitious story that illustrates a moral attitude or a religious principle. Why not just speak plainly?

### January 24<sup>th</sup>

Mark 5:21-43

Psalm 131

Sermon: Knowing What We Need

We often read of Jesus having compassion on those in need around him. Crowds followed him asking that loved ones be healed, but in this text we read of a woman who didn’t ask for healing, but took it.

### January 31<sup>st</sup>

Mark 6:1-29

Psalm 122

Sermon: Resistance to Healing

Jesus is unable to teach and heal in his hometown. The disciples are told to shake the dust off their sandals if they are not welcomed. King Herod’s wife, Herodias, connived to have John the Baptist killed because he spoke against them.

### WEEKLY MUSIC REHEARSALS ~

#### NEWCOMERS ALWAYS WELCOME

Alleluia Ringers – Monday nights 6:30 pm

Ring in the new year by joining bells!

Chancel Choir – Wednesday nights 7:15 pm

A new year begins with choir rehearsals on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Please join us!

#### November 2015 Worship Attendance

Date	11/1	11/8	11/15	11/22	11/29
Adults	88	93	88	69	80
Youth & Children	11	16	15	15	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>94</b>

## Faith Formation ...

**A BIG FAT THANK YOU** to all who helped with the SoupFest Potluck Luncheon, our Annual Cookie Walk Fundraiser and the Advent Variety Show. We tackled a lot of festivities on December 6<sup>th</sup>, and they all came off beautifully. Thanks again to all those involved:

Social Fellowship Board

Membership Board

Faith Formation Board

Woody Perkins

Joyce Paustian

Pastor Christine

Parents

Jr. High Youth Group

Children of Edwards UCC

Keaton Connell &

Adult Chancel Choir

Miriam Prichard

Kathy Lafrenz &

Liturgical Dancers

Sandy Reinders &

Youth Ringers

Norma Wren

Cathy Wetzal

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR JANUARY**  
January 10<sup>th</sup> ~ First Children's Chapel of 2016  
January 13<sup>th</sup> ~ First TouchStones of the year/parent orientation

**YOUTH MINISTRY CHANGES** Starting in January the Jr. and Sr. High students will be meeting together on Wednesday nights at 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. in the youth room. The night will be filled with topical lessons, games and active learning. Remember a meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. in Baxter Fellowship Hall. All students 6th - 12th grade are welcome.

**GREAT NEWS!!!** The youth ministry will be developing a partnership with "The Street Team." This ministry is on the front lines of providing services for our homeless population, they provide basic survival necessities, information on community services, and respectful human interaction. The students will be collecting items listed below, packing them in 1 gallon zip-lock bags and delivering them to The Center where The Street Team will distribute them. The director (Penny) will be visiting the youth group early in January to teach us more about what "The Street Team" does and how we can get involved. Please leave your items in the box labeled Youth Ministry

Hand warmers	Chap-stick	1 gallon zip-lock bags
Toe warmers	Small bottles of lotion	Individual size cracker packets or food items
Socks	Recyclable sacks	Mini fruit cock-tail cups or fruit cups
Bottled water	Bus tokens	

Students will also be collecting quarters for "The Street Team". They meet those who are homeless at a local laundry mat every week so they can wash their clothes.

**FEBRUARY: A LOCK-IN IS BEING PLANNED FOR FEBRUARY. MORE INFORMATION TO COME**

### ***Something for Adults too...***

#### **SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY ~ 9 - 9:50AM**

Delve deeper into the same scriptures that will be read and expounded on in worship. Ask questions, get insight, learn something new and get to know others in the class in this casual atmosphere. Coffee is always available in the kitchenette. Nursery care is available.

**Facilitator:** Lyle Stratton

**Location:** Library

#### **WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM ~ JAN. 13 - FEB 3 (4 WEEKS): FAITH AND FINANCES**

Money is an important, impactful and an ever-present concern in our lives. It is often a source of major stress and worry, and it can also provide a means for experiencing great joy and meaning. Just like other important concerns in life, our relationship with money should be a critical part of understanding of ourselves as Christians and our experience of faith. Starting January 13, we'll gather on Wednesday nights to discuss money as it relates to our Christian worldview and spiritual well-being. These conversations will be relaxed and welcoming - come and participate, even if you've never spoken openly about money and values. We'll make sure it's a safe place for everyone.

**Facilitator:** Rev. Rob Leveridge    **Location:** Library

#### **PRAYER GROUP ~ SUNDAY, JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30PM**

We meet in the lobby area to pray, reflect on our prayer lives, support each other in prayer and learn more about prayer.

## ***Fellowship Opportunities...***

### **HOT CHOCOLATE MIXER**

How well do you know your church family? For many of us without family in the area, the church becomes our surrogate family. Come join us during fellowship hour **January 24<sup>th</sup>** to learn something new about your “family” during a hot chocolate tasting complete with various toppings. More details to come.



### **WOMEN’S BREAKFAST GROUP**

Join us at Village Inn Restaurant (5239 Elmore Ave., Davenport) on **Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 am for brunch/lunch and fellowship. Join in and bring a friend!!

### **WOMEN’S NIGHT OUT**

All ladies are invited to Women’s Night Out, **Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>** for dinner at 6 pm at The Family Restaurant (902 W. Kimberly Rd., Davenport). Bring a guest or a newcomer – this is a great way to enjoy an evening of good food with new and old friends.

## ***Caring For One Another...***

Because of privacy concerns related to information available on the internet, Edwards has chosen to remove the names of those for whom we are praying from our on-line newsletter.

We lift in joy those moments of celebration in our lives – anniversaries, births, and marriages. We continue to pray for those in the hospital, those who are home-bound, and those who battle illness. We lift up those who grieve the loss of a loved one and remember those who carry heavy burdens. We trust that as we lift one another in prayer, God’s presence brings strength, hope and wholeness to us all. Amen.

## ***January Birthdays***

3 Sharon Hege  
6 Stephanie Kieffer  
7 Fay McCarrel  
8 Dao Molis  
9 Tim Reier  
10 Ashlee Sorensen  
11 Nolan Stratton  
13 Britt McCoy  
22 Robert Dean



22 Ellie Van Howe  
23 Frank Hurtt  
24 Gilly Miller  
25 Shirley Wiele  
27 Kira Beitzel  
28 Brady Weller  
29 Robert Norwood  
31 Sam Olsen



## ***Beyond Our Walls ...***

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE LEADERSHIP TRAINING!**

Gamaliel of IL/IA Leadership Retreat, Jan. 7 (1pm) to Jan. 8 (5pm) at the Holiday Inn, Rock Island. Join us at the GOI retreat to help us plan for 2016 to change the dominant narrative in our society and live into the transformational narrative! Training on Common Sense economics by the AFL-CIO and workshops on dismantling structural racism. Quad Cities Interfaith works in association with Gamaliel of IL/IA. Pastor Christine is planning to attend this event, please call or email her if you would also like to attend. Registration forms are available in Baxter Fellowship Hall. The cost is only \$50 for commuters.



## ***Church Council Highlights ~ December 8, 2015***

**Pastor Christine** reported on her recent Boundary (ethics) training; recommended that Council read *Healthy Disclosure in Communications*; and reported on future adult faith formation opportunities; community activities; and upcoming Christmas activities.

**Proposed Associate Treasurer:** Council voted to establish a temporary associate treasurer position – subject to approval by the congregation – to take some of the work load off of Elisabeth while we search for a new treasurer. Elisabeth has been treasurer for nearly 15 years and would very much like to pass the reigns to someone else.

**Operating Budget/Share the Vision (STV)** (Elisabeth & Shirley): Elisabeth reported that based on expected remaining income and expenses, the church will likely be carrying forward a loss from 2015 into 2016. The shortfall in the capital campaign is likely to be in the range of \$60,000 to \$75,000. The good news is that 2016 pledges are still coming in and so far the average pledge for 2016 is 15% higher than last year.

**“THE TABLE: A Vision and Plan for New Ministries”:** For the last several months, Council has been discussing how best to support Pastor Rob Leveridge and his plans to start a UCC planter church in somewhere in west Davenport. Council voted to support Rob in his efforts through Prayer, Mentoring, and Use of the Church for non-worship purposes.

**MEDIA** (Woody): The sanctuary projector is continuing to flicker sometimes, but Media is planning to wait for repairs due to current budget shortfalls.

**FAITH FORMATION** (Marilyn): Marilyn reported that the cookie walk went well. They will hold a planning session in January.

**WORSHIP** (Barb): They are in need of ushers for December and January, especially for Christmas Eve.

**MISSION** (Dee/Kristin): They are continuing to look at options for funding Blessings in a Backpack for next year. Dee reminded folks about the Community Kitchen opportunity on Dec 15<sup>th</sup>. Food bag donations were down last month, but monetary donations were up. It was decided that any unused monetary donations collected for this year’s Thanksgiving baskets would be put toward next year’s baskets.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE** (Dick): There is information on the Board’s Pollinator project on the bulletin board leading to Baxter Fellowship Hall.

**MEMBERSHIP** (Trisha): The Angel tree is up in the narthex. The Board is planning another cocoa mixer in January, and possibly a trivia night in April.

**PERSONNEL** (Christine, for Tim Reier): The upcoming organist vacancy has been posted on the Moody Bible Institute website, and one inquiry has already been received. The congregation will be given the opportunity to provide contributions for staff bonuses, to be distributed at the February Annual Meeting. It was decided that the distribution should include Danielle King, nursery attendant, even though she is no longer a paid staff member.

## ***Save the Date ...***

The **176<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting** of Edwards Congregational UCC will be  
**Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** following worship and a potluck.  
(Snowdate – Sunday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>)

**Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> ~ 9am – 12:30pm ~ 2016 Leadership and Planning Retreat**  
Who: Council, All Boards/Committees, Staff and anyone in leadership positions!

## Church Business...

### 2015 ANNUAL REPORTS DUE JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>

All Board and Committee Chairs and Edwards Staff – Please email your annual report to [kathy@edwards-ucc.org](mailto:kathy@edwards-ucc.org) by **9:00 am ~ Monday, January 4, 2016.**

### 2015 REIMBURSEMENTS

If you have any **2015 expenses** that require reimbursement, they need to be turned into the church office **no later than Monday, January 4, 2016.**

### Holiday Office Hours

To enable our staff to enjoy time with their families, the church and offices will be closed **December 24<sup>th</sup> thru January 2<sup>nd</sup>.** The staff wishes each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

## CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2015

As we prepare for the Annual Meeting, we are also looking to fill open Board and Council positions as terms come to an end on February 7<sup>th</sup> and new folks are voted in. You may be receiving a phone call or email in response to boxes checked on a Time and Talent survey. Or perhaps, folks have just observed wonderful leadership skills in you! Our church sustains its vitality and keeps moving when everyone takes their part in turn. Consider that it might be your turn.

Every board has open positions! At each Board's February meeting, a chairperson is selected from among the members.

### Open Positions:

**Moderator Elect** – 3 year term. First year serves as Moderator Elect. Attends Council meetings and steps in if Moderator is not able to perform duties. Second Year serves as Moderator. Third year serves as Past-Moderator. Chairs the nominating committee and is a member of the Pastor-Parish board.

**Treasurer** – 5 year term. Receive a record of all monies collected and deposited, sign checks, keep an accurate record of all disbursements in terms of the budget allocations, present a report for the fiscal year at the Annual Meeting.

**Clerk** – At this time, the piece of this position that we need to fill is someone to take minutes at Council meetings.

**Assistant Treasurer** – 1 year temporary. This position is new and temporary. It will be brought to a vote at the Annual Meeting. Our By-Laws state that a Treasurer must take a break after serving two consecutive 5-year terms. Elisabeth Norwood has been Treasurer for 15 consecutive years. In order to take some of the workload off the Treasurer and to provide for necessary backup, Council recommends that the position of Assistant Treasurer be established for 2016. Council will reevaluate the need for the position at the end of 2016. The bulk of the duties are to fill in for the Treasurer in case of absence, to help in making monthly financial reports and being available to boards and committees who might need assistance in financial matters. The Assistant Treasurer will not participate in budgeting decisions regarding salary and will not have access to members' pledging and giving amounts. Specific duties have been established for this position and are available upon request.

## LEADERSHIP RETREAT SUMMARY

October 10, 2015 members of the Church Council and others met to review the results of the Listening Campaign. This is a very short summary of some ideas that came out of that retreat that we can all put into practice.

- Breaking down silos – common vision and goals, so that we are working together not isolated from one another
- Talk to one another, make phone calls, encourage each other, build relationships
- Celebrate where and when we can and acknowledge our growing edges and challenges
- What is our mission – as a church? Yearly focus / theme / board?
- What are the missions we are engaged in – do they move us toward our mission? Form a task force, including as many members of the Mission Board that want to participate to receive Jonna Jensen’s training and evaluate our ministries. Make the training open to everyone and encourage all board members to attend.

## Stewardship Update

Thank you to everyone who has turned in a Pledge Card for 2016! According to our records from previous years we are “on track” in terms of how our pledges roll in. However, if you have not yet turned in a pledge card for 2016 it’s not too late! There are blank cards in the narthex, just outside the sanctuary. You can drop these in the offering plates on Sunday, turn them in to the church office during regular hours (M – F, 9am – 2pm) or mail them in.

Of those pledges that have been turned in so far, the average pledge is up by 15%. That is amazing! Thank you! Last year our big news in Stewardship was the number people who became first time pledgers. These are both big, wonderful transformations in stewardship. Thank you for financially supporting the mission and ministry of our church.

## Financial Summary – November 2015

RECEIPTS	NOVEMBER	NOVEMBER YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET YEAR TO DATE	2015 ANNUAL BUDGET
Pledge Income	12,479	176,458	189,566	206,800
Offerings <sup>1</sup>	1,142	11,750	18,334	20,000
Other Income <sup>2</sup>	550	43,431	41,233	43,608
Total RECEIPTS	14,171	231,639	249,133	270,408
TOTAL EXPENSES	18,871	234,606	245,307	270,374

\* pledge prior year, pledge current year

<sup>1</sup> regular gifts, defeat the deficit, church school/youth, loose offering

<sup>2</sup> all other, building use, etc.

Please note if you haven’t already turned in a pledge card to support our missions and ministries in 2016 – it’s not too late. You can put that in the offering plate any Sunday, drop it at the church office or mail it in.



## Sharing the Vision Update

In the first 3+ years of the Edwards "Sharing the Vision" capital campaign, many church members and friends have contributed over a million dollars! (To be precise, \$1,079,697.08) Those contributions allowed us to pay many expenses directly and to pay back most of the loan. The outstanding balance is down to \$128,000.

Due to a number of dedicated contributors moving out of town and committing to other churches, the balance of remaining pledges is about \$65,000, leaving a shortfall of \$63,000.

December is a perfect time to make a celebratory gift to the church to contribute to paying off that last part of the loan. Gifts can be made in Celebration, Honor or Memory of a special person or just to express gratitude for all our blessings. All additional contributions, no matter how small, will be appreciated and will help achieve our common goal.

To ensure proper credit, when making your gift please attach it to one of the Sharing the Vision Extra Gift forms found below and in the narthex.

### *Extra Gifts in December were received from:*

Elaine & Merlyn Lippert

In Celebration of our five happy years as part of the Edwards family.

Chris Medina

In Memory of my awesome parents, Leigh and Helen West.

**Yes, I want to make an extra gift to the Sharing the Vision campaign!**

Enclosed is cash or my check payable to "Edwards UCC" in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

(Note: Please write "STV extra gift" in the memo line)

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

This gift is in *Celebration / Honor / Memory* (circle one) of: **(Please PRINT clearly)**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

This gift is given by: **(Please PRINT clearly)**

\_\_\_\_\_

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

	January 3	January 10	January 17	January 24	January 31
	<b>Communion</b>			<b>Food Pantry</b>	
Preacher	Christine Isham	Christine Isham	Christine Isham	Christine Isham	Christine Isham
Chancel Set-up	Barb Bleedorn	Barb Bleedorn	Dick Dulaney	Barb Bleedorn	Sandy Doran
Altar Flowers	Judy & Chuck Collins				
Scripture Reader	Chuck Collins	Sara Verdick	Cec Chapman	Elissa Jones	Rob Tubbs
Special Music	Norma Wren	Alleluia Ringers	Chancel Choir	Chancel Choir	Promised Land
Audio	Lyle Stratton	Joyce Paustian	Cathy Wetzel	Lyle Stratton	Terry Schlabach
Video	Joyce Paustian	Terry Schlabach	Lyle Stratton	Terry Schlabach	Lyle Stratton
Ushers	Darrell Hillyer Dee Hillyer Steve Wildemuth	Barb Bleedorn Farah Marklevits Pat Sterk Margaret Wilber	Mike Augspurger Bev Bergert Anne-Marie Gephart Gail McPike	Barb Bleedorn Rhonda Curl Tracey Hustad Sandy Reinders	Chuck Collins Curly Curl Dick Dulaney Scott Gehler
Greeters	Rhonda Curl Fran Wolfe	Anita & Annette Dietz Ardis Kasper	Katie Van Blair Cathy Wetzel	Anne-Marie Gephart Elisabeth Norwood	Jennifer Jordening
Coffee Hour	Dee & Darrell Hillyer	Robert & Marilyn Riedesel Sara Verdick	Marklevits/Van Howe Family	Hot Cocoa Mixer	Sandy & Dave Reinders
Lock-up	Steve Wildemuth	Craig Lucas	Cec Chapman	Tracey Hustad	Robert Riedesel
Snow Removal	Steve Wildemuth	Jim Van Howe	Richard Jirus	Robert Riedesel	Dave Reinders
CareGivers On Call	Chuck Collins Dee Hillyer	Martha Jirus Sandy Reinders		Fran Wolfe	

**WHERE THERE ARE BLANKS, WE MAY NEED YOUR HELP!!**  
**PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO SIGN UP.**

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# January 2016 Calendar...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Dec 27</b> <b>Food Pantry Sunday</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Bible Study <b>10:15 AM</b> Worship <b>11:30 AM</b> Coffee Hour <b>11:45 AM</b> Promised Land Rehearsal	<b>28</b> <b>Church Offices Closed</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Alleluia Ringers	<b>29</b> <b>Church Offices Closed</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting	<b>30</b> <b>Church Offices Closed</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Church Offices Closed</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting	<b>Jan 1</b> <b>Church Offices Closed</b>  <b>New Year's Day</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Bible Study <b>10:15 AM</b> Worship <b>11:30 AM</b> Coffee Hour <b>11:45 AM</b> Promised Land Rehearsal	<b>4</b> <b>9:00 AM 2015 Expenses Due</b> <b>9:00 AM Board Reports Due</b> <b>9:00 AM Staff Reports Due</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Breakfast Group ~ Note new location! <b>4:00 PM</b> Pre-Council Meeting <b>6:00 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Alleluia Ringers	<b>5</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Prayer Shawl Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting	<b>6</b> <b>Epiphany</b> <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir <b>8:30 PM</b> Promised Land	<b>7</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Bible Study <b>10:15 AM</b> Worship <b>10:30 AM</b> Children's Chapel <b>10:30 AM</b> Sr. High Youth Group <b>11:30 AM</b> Coffee Hour <b>11:30 AM</b> Faith Formation Board Meeting <b>11:45 AM</b> Promised Land Rehearsal	<b>11</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Alleluia Ringers	<b>12</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Board Meetings <b>7:30 PM</b> Council Meeting	<b>13</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Simple Supper <b>6:00 PM</b> Adult Faith Formation <b>6:00 PM</b> Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group <b>6:00 PM</b> TouchStones <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir <b>8:30 PM</b> Promised Land	<b>14</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Zentangle Playshop
<b>17</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Bible Study <b>10:15 AM</b> Worship <b>10:30 AM</b> Children's Chapel <b>11:30 AM</b> Coffee Hour <b>11:45 AM</b> Promised Land Rehearsal <b>6:30 PM</b> Prayer Group	<b>18</b> <b>Martin L. King, Jr. Day</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Alleluia Ringers	<b>19</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> CareGivers Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting	<b>20</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Simple Supper <b>6:00 PM</b> Adult Faith Formation <b>6:00 PM</b> Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group <b>6:00 PM</b> TouchStones <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir <b>8:30 PM</b> Promised Land	<b>21</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Women's Night Out <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Endowment Board Meeting	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <b>Food Pantry Sunday</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Bible Study <b>10:15 AM</b> Worship <b>10:30 AM</b> Children's Chapel <b>11:30 AM</b> Coffee Hour ~ Hot Cocoa Mixer <b>11:45 AM</b> Promised Land Rehearsal	<b>25</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Alleluia Ringers	<b>26</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting	<b>27</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Simple Supper <b>6:00 PM</b> Adult Faith Formation <b>6:00 PM</b> Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group <b>6:00 PM</b> TouchStones <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir <b>8:30 PM</b> Promised Land	<b>28</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> AA Potluck
<b>31</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Bible Study <b>10:15 AM</b> Worship <b>10:30 AM</b> Children's Chapel <b>11:30 AM</b> Coffee Hour <b>11:45 AM</b> Promised Land Rehearsal	<b>Feb 1</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Breakfast Group ~ Note new location! <b>6:00 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Alleluia Ringers	<b>2</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Prayer Shawl Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting	<b>3</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Simple Supper <b>6:00 PM</b> Adult Faith Formation <b>6:00 PM</b> Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group <b>6:00 PM</b> TouchStones <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir <b>8:30 PM</b> Promised Land	<b>4</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> First Saturday @ Edwards

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# Christmas Poinsettias



## Given by:

Kay Anthony  
Pat Baxter & Ron Rebal  
Bev Bergert  
Barb & Mike Bleedorn  
  
Kathy & Dan Bowerman  
  
Jean Clapp  
Dick & Geri Dulaney  
Patrick, Staci, Ryan  
& Eric Dulaney  
Edith Egli  
Ollie Gallaher  
Mary Hein  
Darrell & Dee Hillyer  
Christine Isham  
& Kristin Van Heyningen  
Elissa & Chris Jones  
Ardis Kasper  
Ann & George Kovacs  
George & Ann Kovacs  
Bob & Lois Larew  
Farah Marklevits  
John McDowell & Ron Schumaker  
Jeannine Miller  
Ron Rebal & Pat Baxter  
Pat Sterk  
Steve & Sharon Wildemuth  
  
Fran Wolfe  
Norma & Lou Wren

## In Memory of:

My Mom and Dad  
Verle & Wilma Baxter  
Gary Bergert and David Bergert  
Our Parents – Ray & Lucille Bleedorn and Lloyd & Dorothy Pearson  
and Brother – Robert Pearson  
Kathy's Parents – Carolyn & Hal Willson  
Dan's Father – Jack Bowerman  
Husband, Fred Clapp  
Our Parents and Pat Rosburg  
Grandpa Phil & Grandma Maxine,  
and Uncle Bob  
Parents – Joe & Vinnie Egli and Siblings – Verle, Esther, Doris & Grace  
Husband, George Gallaher  
Parents – Albert L. & Helen Geiger  
Our Parents – Edna & Leonard Hauser and Florence & Harold Hillyer  
Jean Isham and Sylvia Van Heyningen  
  
Those lost this year to violence.  
Alice Balli and John Kasper  
Len & Vi Beaumont  
Clara & Sanyi Kovacs  
Our Parents – Robert & Roberta Larew and Earl & Gladys Schmidt  
David Marklevits, Sr.  
Kenneth McDowell and Lavonne & Linder Schumaker  
My Mother  
George & Leona Rebal  
Husband, George Sterk  
Steve's Dad – Kenneth Wildemuth  
Sharon's Parents – Ruth & Bus Gulick  
Sr. Germaine, my sister and best friend  
Our Parents and Aunt Grace

## Given by:

Brian & Jane Foy  
Christine Isham  
& Kristin Van Heyningen  
  
Elissa & Chris Jones  
Carol Ogletree  
  
Steve & Sharon Wildemuth

## In Honor / Celebration of:

In Celebration of Family  
Terry Van Heyningen and Allan Isham  
Shawn Walsh and Joselyn Walsh  
Edwards United Church of Christ  
Those working for peace and justice in the world.  
My "besties": Jeannine Miller and  
the other Members of the "Band of Three" –  
Julie Henke and Tom Kenneke (with Chris!)  
The person I call "Sweetie!" – my sweet Mom,  
Terrelia Young Ogletree  
Son Greg Fuller & girlfriend Benji Reyna  
Son Brian Fuller & wife Nicole Fuller

