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## February 2016

Our Lenten theme is

# R(EV♥L)UTION!

Through Jesus, God is overthrowing the established order and transforming the way we live and interact with one another.

## Feb 10 Ash Wednesday Service 7pm

Sunday mornings, we'll examine a different way each week that Jesus calls for a new way of interacting with our world.

- Feb. 14 Mark 10:17-31  
From Possessions to Possibilities
- Feb. 21 Mark 10:32-52  
From Prestige to Servanthood
- Feb. 28 Mark 12:1-12  
From Self-centered to God-centered
- March 6 Mark 12:28-44  
From Cheap Honor to Priceless Love
- March 13 Mark 13:1-8, 24-37  
From Uncertainty to Hope



## Wednesday @ 6pm

Feb 17 to March 16 from 6 to 7pm, we'll gather to further explore how God is transforming us.

We watch a short video (featuring acclaimed scholars, theologians and other experts) from the series **Living the Questions** and then engage in friendly, lively conversation. Topics include: Thinking Theologically, Lives of Jesus, Taking the Bible Seriously.

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## **Ministerial Musings...**

Creating and Renewing God.

In this Lenten season I need the opportunity  
to clear my eyes of the glaze of indifference and apathy.

Help me get my mind off my distractions, obsessions and self pity  
so that I don't feel helpless.

Help me to start over.

Re-orient my head and heart  
so that I may fill my whole self  
with life-affirming activities and thoughts.

May I be in right relationship with you and all your creation  
and join the United Church of Christ  
in over-coming violence, hunger, and injustice.

May I find courage and clarity to assist me  
in works of justice and compassion  
which make daily life bearable for many.

In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

We have a tendency, some of us, to treat Lent as a second chance at a new year's resolution. Those New Year's resolutions do fall by the wayside rather quickly. Our best intentions get side tracked quickly even by Ash Wednesday coming as early as it did this year. But that really isn't the purpose of Lent. New Year's resolutions usually have at their focus US – you, me, self-improvement. In the case of Lent, the focus is Jesus Christ, at least its intended to be. The age-old practice of giving something up for Lent gives us the opportunity, each time we crave that thing or notice the lack of that thing in our lives to share in the experience of the sacrifice of Christ. We are so used to multi-tasking we seem to bring this habit to our Lenten practice as well. So we determine to give up chocolate, soda or fast food so that at the same time that we think of Christ in the moment of remembering or sacrifice, we might also lose a couple pounds over lent so we can fit into that pretty new Easter dress or suit. The problem with multi-tasking, I am sad to say, is that research shows that we don't actually pay attention to multiple things at once, we just keep shifting our attention from one thing to another. Thus we never really give any of those things we are multi-tasking amongst our full attention and the quality of all the tasks suffers for it.

Personally I have never really been good at giving things up. Once I tell myself I can't \_\_\_ - that's all I seem to be able to think about, or that's all I want to eat. Well, in general I am trying to eat better. The other day I heard that it's better to say I can \_\_\_ than to say I can't\_\_\_. That made a lot of sense to me. Rather than focusing on what I want to stop eating, what I can't eat, I add to my grocery list the healthy things I want to eat. The idea is that if you keep adding in good foods, eventually you won't have any room for the bad foods, but you will have accomplished this in a positive way rather than through deprivation.

There is another Lenten tradition of taking something on – something that puts our focus on Jesus Christ, our faith in Jesus Christ. Taking on daily Bible reading or extending the time you spend each day reading; memorizing scripture; praying for your enemies or someone who is gossiping about you; doing random acts of kindness; buying a stranger's lunch, visiting those in the Nursing Home. If you were to take on something during Lent chances are it would push out something else, probably something less important or maybe even a bad habit (like playing bejeweled blitz on Facebook, or watching too much TV). And it might even have the additional effect of turning into a good habit by the end of the Lenten season.

Peace to you, Pastor Christine

Jesus said: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ... Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ... If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples." *John 14: 1, 4-5, 7-8*

## Edwards Worships...

### February 7 ~ Communion & Annual Meeting

Psalm 27:1-4

Mark 8:27-9:8 ~ Peter's confession, passion prediction, bearing the cross, Transfiguration.

### February 10 ~ Ash Wednesday

Psalm 32:1-5

Mark 9:30-37 ~ Passion prediction, debate about who is the greatest, call to become a servant.

### February 14

Psalm 19:7-10

Mark 10:17-31 ~ Rich man is called to sell all he has and follow Jesus.

### February 21

Psalm 34:11-14

Mark 10:32-52 ~ Passion prediction, Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, heals blind Bartimaeus.

### February 28 ~ Food Pantry Sunday

Psalm 86:8-13

Mark 12:1-12 ~ Parable of the wicked tenants

### WEEKLY MUSIC REHEARSALS NEWCOMERS WELCOME

Alleluia Ringers –

Monday afternoons 1:00 pm

Chancel Choir –

Wednesday nights 7:15 pm

| <i>December 2015 Worship Attendance</i> |                   |                  |                   |                      |                      |                  |
|---|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| <i>Date</i>                             | <i>12/6</i>       | <i>12/13</i>     | <i>12/20</i>      | <i>12/24<br/>5pm</i> | <i>12/24<br/>8pm</i> | <i>12/27</i>     |
| <i>Adults</i>                           | <i>89</i>         | <i>89</i>        | <i>96</i>         | <i>55</i>            |                      | <i>44</i>        |
| <i>Youth &amp;<br/>Children</i>         | <i>18</i>         | <i>10</i>        | <i>16</i>         | <i>13</i>            |                      | <i>3</i>         |
| <b><i>TOTAL</i></b>                     | <b><i>107</i></b> | <b><i>99</i></b> | <b><i>112</i></b> | <b><i>68</i></b>     | <b><i>74</i></b>     | <b><i>47</i></b> |

## LOOKING AHEAD TO HOLY WEEK...

### March 20 ~ Palm Sunday

10:15 Worship with palms.

### March 24 ~ Maundy Thursday Service 7pm

This service commemorates the Passover Meal that Jesus had with his disciples where he instituted communion. Jesus also gave his disciples a new commandment, that they love one another.

### March 25 ~ Good Friday Service 7pm

In contemplative service, we remember the day Jesus was crucified, leaving the sanctuary in silence.

### March 27 ~ Easter Sunday

8:30am Early Service (outside weather permitting)

9am Breakfast in Fellowship Hall. Prepared and served by our Back Bay Mission crew. Donations received at breakfast to support this mission.

10:15 Easter Worship

Including liturgical dancers and the Halleluiah Chorus as our benediction.

## HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

## ***Faith Formation ...***

### **FAITH FORMATION BLESSING BAGS**

Thanks to all who helped contribute to the “Blessing Bags!” This was a mission project that Faith Formation decided to take on as a kind gesture towards those who are homeless. Blessing bags have items like toothbrushes, toiletries, snacks, gift cards and socks in them. The idea is that if you see a person around town that might need a little help, instead of giving them cash, you can give “a blessing bag.” We put together 15 bags and hope to repeat this project again sometime. If you regularly encounter someone who could use one of these “Blessing Bags,” please let Pastor Kendra know. Our youth group at Edwards is also collecting items for the homeless. (See list below) Obviously, this is a concern on all our hearts at this time.

A big THANK YOU to all the parents who brought items for this mission project! THANK YOU PARENTS!

*\* Scott & Trisha Gehler \* Mike & Ray Ball-Trevor \* Wendy Shaw-Sullivan & Joel Sullivan \* Rob & Shannon Leveridge \* Katy Strzepek \* Angela & Tim Reier \* Jim van Howe & Farah Marklevits\**



### **Listed below are the Items our youth group is gathering for “The Street Team” and the homeless community**

**Hand warmers – Top Need**

**Toe warmers – Top Need**

**Bus tokens – Top Need**

**Quarters – Top Need**

Socks

Bottled water

Gloves

Small bottles of lotion

Chap-stick

Band-aids

Recyclable sacks

1 gallon zip-lock bags

Individual size food packets:

(pretzels, fish crackers, granola bars...etc.)

Mini fruit cocktail cups or fruit cups

Items can be dropped off in the church narthex (lobby). There is also a quarter jar in the lobby to collect quarters for their laundry ministry.

**Thank you so much for your help!!!!**

### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR FAITH FORMATION IN FEBRUARY:**

- ❖ **Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>** ~ “Bury the Alleluia” Field Trip  
Faith Formation and Social Justice boards will be collaborating on a “pollinators project” this spring. We are hoping to help church member Lynn Warren transform some of her property into a preserve and habitat for nearby wildlife. As a symbol of this joint project, children ages 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be going on a field trip to Lynn’s property on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Typically we have buried our Alleluia banners on church grounds the Wednesday night during TouchStones that precedes Ash Wednesday. This year, we will bury our Alleluias at Lynn’s place. If you are interested in joining Pastor Kendra, Richard Jirus and the children of Edwards UCC on this field trip, please let Kendra know.



- ❖ **Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>** ~ NO TOUCHSTONES, Ash Wednesday

## ***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



Bring a snack/beverage to share, **Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**. It's casual conversation about faith and life. We're using the cover article from Sojourners Magazine as a conversation starter, but where it goes from there is anyone's guess. Our goal is not to find an answer but to get to know each other better and have real conversations about real topics. You can go online to [sojo.net](http://sojo.net) to read the article or pick up a copy by the bulletin board in Baxter Fellowship Hall.

### **Wednesday s During Lent – Living the Questions (See front page)**

### **PRAYER GROUP ~ SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</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...***

### **WOMEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP**

Join us at Village Inn Restaurant (5239 Elmore Ave., Davenport) on **Monday, February 1<sup>st</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, February 18<sup>th</sup>** for dinner at 6 pm at The Olive Garden (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.



**DONUTS & HAMMERS MEETS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup> AND FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>. JOIN US AT 8:30AM FOR COFFEE, FELLOWSHIP AND DOING "ODD JOBS" AROUND THE CHURCH.**

## ***Service Opportunities ...***

### **BLOOD DRIVE COMING SOON!!**

On **Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>** you will have the opportunity to help many people in the community and surrounding areas. It only takes about an hour and some of that time is spent in fellowship, eating homemade cookies and drinking coffee. Most people can donate if they are in good health, over 16 years of age, and have never had cancer concerning blood. Please sign up to donate blood. You can also sign up to donate cookies, fruit or juice. If you have any questions, please call Dorothy Hammond 309-797-2321. Thank you.



## 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.

### IN THE HOSPITAL?

Please let the church know if you are hospitalized, and want a visit from the Pastor Christine, Brian Dugan (Caregiver Coordinator) or the Caregivers. Changes at both hospital systems have meant that even though you may say what church you attend, we do not automatically get notified. **Unless you notify us, we may not know! So please, give one of us (or the office) a call!**

### February Birthdays

- 1 Judy Collins
- 1 Eleanor Sheumaker
- 2 Pat Sterk
- 3 Ardis Kasper
- 9 Lisa Glessner
- 10 Ron Walters
- 13 Judy Stouffer
- 15 Joshua Harrington
- 16 Maddox Sullivan
- 19 Caralyn Blackwell



- 19 Zachary Blackwell
- 19 Jeannine Miller
- 21 Jacque Lohmann
- 22 Elliott Knudson
- 23 Marley Harrington
- 24 Glenn Baggerly
- 25 Carole Woods
- 26 Marilyn Riedesel
- 28 Beth Liefer



### Beyond Our Walls ...

#### UCC RAGBRAI TEAM!



Iowa Conference of the United Church of Christ is sponsoring a RAGBRAI group for 2016! If you would like to ride, go to the RAGBRAI website (<http://ragbrai.com/>) and join the United Church of Christ Iowa Conference group! Registration for the entire week = \$175. Daily registration also available. Deadline for paper registrations = February 15. Online registration deadline = March 20. And even if you are not riding, you are welcome to help with logistics and support. Please contact David Sickelka, 515.720.6389 or [david.sickelka@urbucc.org](mailto:david.sickelka@urbucc.org).

#### WHAT'S UP IN THE UCC...

**April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm** ~ Installation of General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ Rev. Dr. John C. Dorhauer at Trinity UCC in Chicago – Road trip!!

#### 2016 PILGRIM HEIGHTS CAMP INFO IS NOW ONLINE!!

(<http://www.pilgrimheights.org/camps-retreats/camps/residential-camps/>)



## ***Church Council Highlights***

**Pastor Christine** updated the Council on a number of topics, including: **Listening Campaign Follow-up; Zentangle workshop; Faith and Finances adult education; Healthy Congregations** workshop.

(Please contact Pastor Christine or the Church office for more information.) **Three new members** will be welcomed on January 17, plus a baby dedication. The Reiers are planning the baptism of their baby for February 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Upcoming Dates:** Feb 7<sup>th</sup> for the Annual Meeting, following Worship; Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, 2-5 pm, 2016 Leadership Planning Retreat.

**Elisabeth Norwood** reported that net income for 2015 was a negative \$1364. This deficit will carry forward into the 2016 proposed budget. For 2016, current projected expenses exceed the projected income by \$25,220. Informational sessions will be held for the Congregation, on Sunday January 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup>. Ideas from the Congregation for shrinking the expected deficit will be sought at these sessions.

**Shirley Johnson** informed Council that the Share the Vision capital campaign is still projected to be approximately \$75,000 short of goal. Approximately \$3000 was collected during the November/December 2015 additional special gift effort.

**Kristin Van Heyningen** reported that the Bettendorf Rotary has provided a \$2500 grant for Blessings in a Backpack for the 2016-2017 school year. The grant is for one year only, so the Mission Board is still looking for other grant possibilities or funding opportunities for future years. **Dee Hillyer** reported that they provided three large bags of clothing from the Edwards warming tree to area elementary schools in need.

**Bob Riedesel** informed Council that the Trustees are working to resolve some boiler issues.

**Marilyn Riedesel** reported that Faith Formation held a planning session, including the following topics: Wednesday Evening programming; nursery backup; mission projects for kids; and Kendra's maternity leave. The sub-committee met with Danielle King to discuss her proposed concept for a childcare center at Edwards. A possible name for the center would be Edwards' Learning Center. The program may start in June 2016, possibly using Vacation Bible School as the beginning. Because of regulations, they would need to use Room 4. The initial months of operation could provide \$500 a month for Edwards as rent. This could increase to \$700 per month by fall, depending on expansion. The Trustees asked that they clarify to Danielle that the center needs to be operated independently of Edwards', rather than as part of Edwards', due to liability. No costs or income from the program are currently included in the Edwards 2016 Budget.

**Annette & Anita Dietz** reported that Fellowship will provide a soup luncheon for the Annual Meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup>. The Fellowship Board will be trying out a possible merger with the Membership Board during 2016.

**Trisha Gehler** informed Council that the Membership Board is planning another cocoa mixer for January 24<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested that some accommodation be made to allow folks to participate in the mixer, and still attend the Budget session on that Sunday.

**Joyce Paustian** (Clerk) stated the final number of Active Members on the Clerk's Report will be approximately 250, down from last year's 300 Active Members, due to moves and changes to inactive status.

**Dick Jirus**, reporting for Social Justice reported there will be an opportunity to sign the online Iowa Conference Gun Violence letter from Rich Pleva. Four tables of Edwards' folks participated in the Quad City effort to provide food for Syrian Refugees in December.

**Barb Bleedorn** stated that Worship Board had received good feedback from the Christmas preparations. They will be preparing for the Lenten season soon. They are using an online tool for signing up ushers and greeters.

**Lou Wren** informed Council that due to recent losses in the stock market, the distributions for the 2016 Endowment Categories are expected to be down compared to recent years.

## Supporting Our Ministries...

### BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK RECEIVES GRANT

The Mission Board has been working diligently throughout the fall to find new funding sources for the Blessings in a Backpack program and assure that we can continue this important, community program. To that end, we are excited to have received a \$2,500 grant from the Bettendorf Rotary for the 2016-2017 school year. Several members will be attending the award luncheon on February 27 when we will receive the grant and be given the opportunity to share the importance of this ministry with those gathered.



### HOW "GREEN" IS YOUR CONGREGATION?



The 'Green Teams' of several congregations have been working to green their congregations by implementing ways to be better stewards of the Earth have formed a group called EarthKeepers <http://www.wix.com/earthkeepers/earthkeepers>. Please join us as we exchange ideas to "green" our congregations! Our next meeting is **Monday, February 22 – 7:00 p.m. – St. John's Lutheran Church**, 4501 7th Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois. **Our guest speaker** will be Mike Wilcox who will provide a comprehensive overview of how climate change is impacting our planetary home in general and the Midwest in particular. There will also be information

on the very positive trends developing with renewable sources of energy. The presentation will utilize information provided by the Climate Reality Project whose chairman and founder is former Vice President, Al Gore.

### QUAD CITIES INTERFAITH RESTORATIVE JUSTICE TASK FORCE INFORMATION, ADVOCACY, AND ACTION MEETING

Please plan to attend the Quad Cities Interfaith Restorative Justice Task Force **information, advocacy, and action meeting Thursday, February 25 (7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.) at the Adler Health Education Center, 1236 East Rusholme Street, Davenport, Iowa.** Information will be provided explaining the why America's prisons have become The New Asylums [film clips will be shown]. The Quad Cities Interfaith Restorative Justice Task Force is asking the Scott County Attorney of the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District to establish a Scott County Mental Health Court by June 2016. Mental health court advocates will discuss the advantages a county mental health court. On average, **38% of the average (89 of 261) people who reside in the Scott County Jail each day suffer from untreated Chronic Mental Illness** or Co-Occurring Disorders. Keeping these people incarcerated where they are not getting the treatment they need or the supportive services to allow them to live productively, has ongoing human costs for the entire community, for them and for their families. This population is large and merits special attention.

### SHELTER NEEDS

**Winnie's Place is in need of:** coffee filters (flat bottom), coffee creamer, coffee, canned gravy, egg noodles, hamburger, trash bags, quart and gallon baggies, and gift cards for Fareway and Menards. **Winnie's is looking for a part time person** who is able to work various hours in the shelter setting. This person needs to be able to multi task, work with a variety of personalities, be able to set boundaries and be decisive. Experience is not expected; however, if you have experience working with a Sunday school group, luncheon team, customer service, told children no or not right now, then this might be a great fit for you! **Please call Kit at 309-764-9466 to get additional information and an employment application.**



## ***Thank You, Thank You, Thank You !!***

Thank you Secret Santa / Angel for my wonderful food. I was able to share it with my family. Such a blessing. Thank you too for the secret angel delivery! **Bobbi Rudiger**

Thank you to all the people of Edwards who have supported my son, Michael, and his family with your thoughts and prayers during his recent surgery and his continued recovery and rehab following his brain surgery. And to the caregivers, we appreciate all of them and the support they provided. We are so grateful for your support. Thanks a million for caring – **Ruth Bowers**



Thank you for your past support. And especially for the lovely Thanksgiving baskets! Everyone who received them was very grateful. We truly appreciate all you have done for us here at **Central Community Circle Food Pantry**.

Dear Friends, I was sitting on the sofa counting my blessings when I realized that as moderator for the Iowa Conference I haven't thanked each and every church for their generous support of OCWM. So, thank you for sharing dollars that are needed everywhere and so very hard to get. These dollars go to the Conference and National offices for a bigger response to church-wide challenges as well as supporting your Church in times of need. All the programs we provide are known by you so I won't list them, but they all serve a very important role in keeping our churches and our ministers the best they can be. I am honored to serve with and for so many wonderful Christians and I feel we do make a difference. As we are filled with new hopes and dreams this Christmas season, let us feel the presence of the Holy Spirit. Let us feel the warmth of Christ as we pray for family, friends and neighbors, whoever they are, and let us feel the healing power of prayer said for us. Again, thank you for your support of OCWM and Merry Christmas, **Dale Olson**, Moderator, Iowa Conference of the UCC

We are so grateful that we have the support of community organizations that help us help those who may be wondering where their next meal is coming from. Because of the generous donations, the St. James Food Pantry is able to ease that worry for folks in need. As we begin our 5<sup>th</sup> year as the St. James Lutheran Church Food Pantry, we are blessed with many individuals who donate their time and generosity and volunteer. In turn, all of the volunteers are very blessed to be able to share their time and effort in giving individuals a small gift in the way of a box of food items, as well as necessary personal hygiene items, and warm winter clothing. Your donation allows us to do that. We would not be able to continue to serve others without your help. Thank you – from all of us at the St. James Food Pantry – **Caroline Hicks**, Pantry Coordinator

Thank you to all of the member churches for helping us through our ministries and service. We have ended 2015 in the Black! Thank you for all who serve at our meal sites, in our food pantries, Winnie's Place/Winnie's Resale Store and even being on call when items need to be picked up and delivered to Churches United. **Churches United of the Quad City Area**

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

### **Annual Planning Meeting & Leadership Retreat Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> (2 – 5pm)**

This meeting is for ALL board members (not just chairpersons), staff and church officers. We will review leadership responsibilities, budgets and plan the 2016 calendar.

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

|                       | <b>February 7</b>  | <b>February 14</b>  | <b>February 21</b>  | <b>February 28</b>  |
|-----------------------|--|---|---|---|
|                       | <b>Communion<br/>Annual Meeting</b>                          |   |   | <b>Food Pantry<br/>Sunday</b>                             |
| Preacher              | Christine Isham  | Kendra Thompson   | Christine Isham   | Christine Isham   |
| Chancel<br>Set-up     | Barb Bleedorn  | Jennifer Jordening  | Dick Dulaney  | Barb Bleedorn   |
| Altar Flowers         | Isham/Van<br>Heyningen                                       |   |   | Reiers  |
| Scripture<br>Reader   | Kristin Van<br>Heyningen                                     | Rob Tubbs   | Mike Augspurger   | Asher Leveridge   |
| Special Music         |  | Alleluia Ringers  |   |   |
| Audio                 | Terry Schlabach  | Lyle Stratton   | Cathy Wetzal  | Joyce Paustian  |
| Video                 | Lyle Stratton  | Terry Schlabach   | Lyle Stratton   | Joyce Pautian   |
| Ushers                | Sandy Reinders<br>Pat Sterk<br>Steve Wildemuth<br>Fran Wolfe | Farah Marklevits<br>Pat Sterk<br>Margaret Wilber<br>Steve Wildemuth | Mike Augspurger<br>Scott Gehler<br>Tracey Hustad<br>Gail McPike | Bev Bergert<br>Barb Bleedorn<br>Curly Curl<br>Rhonda Curl |
| Greeters              | George Kovacs<br>Cathy Wetzal                                | Cathy Loughead<br>John McDowell<br>Ron Shumaker                     | Augspurger Family<br>Fran Wolfe                                 | Bev Bergert<br>Rob Tubbs                                  |
| Coffee Hour           | Soup Luncheon  | Shirley Johnson<br>Chris Medina                                     | Ann & George<br>Kovacs  | Reier Family  |
| Lock-up               | Ron Rebal  | Cec Chapman   | Tracey Hustad   | Sandy Reinders  |
| Snow Removal          | Tom Kenneke  | Richard Jirus   | Jim Van Howe  | Dick Dulaney  |
| CareGivers<br>On Call | Sandy Reinders   | Carol Hart<br>Martha Jirus  | Bev Bergert<br>Fran Wolfe                                       | Dee Hillyer   |

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

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# February 2016

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday  |
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| <p><b>For the most up-to-date calendar information go to <a href="http://www.edwards-ucc.org">www.edwards-ucc.org</a> and click on the calendar link.</b></p>  | <p><b>1</b><br/> <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Breakfast Group<br/> <b>1:00 PM</b> Alleluia Ringers<br/> <b>6:00 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting</p> | <p><b>2</b><br/> <b>8:30 AM</b> Donuts &amp; Hammers<br/> <b>10:00 AM</b> Prayer Shawl Meeting<br/> <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting</p>       | <p><b>3</b><br/> <b>9:00 AM</b> Fellowship Hall Reserved<br/> <b>5:30 PM</b> Simple Supper<br/> <b>6:00 PM</b> Adult Faith Formation<br/> <b>6:00 PM</b> Jr. &amp; Sr. High Youth Group<br/> <b>6:00 PM</b> TouchStones ~ "Bury the Alleluia" Field Trip<br/> <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir<br/> <b>8:30 PM</b> Promised Land</p> | <p><b>4</b><br/> <b>3:00 PM</b> Fellowship Hall Reserved<br/> <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting<br/> <b>6:30 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting</p>  | <p><b>5</b></p>   | <p><b>6</b><br/> <b>9:00 AM</b> Sanctuary Reserved<br/> <b>7:00 PM</b> First Saturday @ Edwards</p> |
| <p><b>7</b><br/> <b>Annual Meeting</b><br/> <b>9:00 AM</b> Bible Study<br/> <b>10:15 AM</b> Worship<br/> <b>10:30 AM</b> Children's Chapel<br/> <b>11:30 AM</b> Soup Lunch followed by Annual Meeting<br/> <b>11:45 AM</b> Promised Land Rehearsal</p>   | <p><b>8</b><br/> <b>1:00 PM</b> Alleluia Ringers<br/> <b>6:00 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting</p>  | <p><b>9</b><br/> <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting<br/> <b>6:30 PM</b> Board Meetings<br/> <b>7:30 PM</b> Council Meeting</p>                   | <p><b>10</b><br/> <b>Ash Wednesday</b><br/> <b>7:00 PM</b> Ash Wednesday Service<br/> <b>8:30 PM</b> Promised Land</p>   | <p><b>11</b><br/> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting<br/> <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting<br/> <b>6:30 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting</p>   | <p><b>12</b></p>  | <p><b>13</b></p>  |
| <p><b>14</b><br/> <b>Valentine's Day</b><br/> <b>9:00 AM</b> Bible Study<br/> <b>10:15 AM</b> Worship<br/> <b>10:30 AM</b> Children's Chapel<br/> <b>10:30 AM</b> Sr. High Youth Group<br/> <b>11:30 AM</b> Coffee Hour<br/> <b>11:45 AM</b> Promised Land Rehearsal</p>                               | <p><b>15</b><br/> <b>Presidents' Day</b><br/> <b>1:00 PM</b> Alleluia Ringers<br/> <b>6:00 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting</p>                 | <p><b>16</b><br/> <b>8:30 AM</b> Donuts &amp; Hammers<br/> <b>12:00 PM</b> CareGivers Meeting<br/> <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting</p>        | <p><b>17</b><br/> <b>5:30 PM</b> Simple Supper<br/> <b>6:00 PM</b> Adult Faith Formation<br/> <b>6:00 PM</b> Jr. &amp; Sr. High Youth Group<br/> <b>6:00 PM</b> TouchStones<br/> <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir<br/> <b>8:30 PM</b> Promised Land</p>  | <p><b>18</b><br/> <b>6:00 PM</b> Women's Night Out<br/> <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting<br/> <b>6:30 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting</p>  | <p><b>19</b></p>  | <p><b>20</b><br/> <b>10:00 AM</b> Fellowship Hall Reserved</p>                                      |
| <p><b>21</b><br/> <b>9:00 AM</b> Bible Study<br/> <b>10:15 AM</b> Worship<br/> <b>10:30 AM</b> Children's Chapel<br/> <b>11:30 AM</b> Coffee Hour<br/> <b>11:45 AM</b> Promised Land Rehearsal<br/> <b>6:30 PM</b> Prayer Group</p>  | <p><b>22</b><br/> <b>1:00 PM</b> Alleluia Ringers<br/> <b>6:00 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting<br/> <b>7:00 PM</b> Earthkeepers Meeting</p>    | <p><b>23</b><br/> <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting</p>   | <p><b>24</b><br/> <b>5:30 PM</b> Simple Supper<br/> <b>6:00 PM</b> Adult Faith Formation<br/> <b>6:00 PM</b> Jr. &amp; Sr. High Youth Group<br/> <b>6:00 PM</b> TouchStones<br/> <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir<br/> <b>8:30 PM</b> Promised Land</p>  | <p><b>25</b><br/> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting<br/> <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting<br/> <b>6:30 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting<br/> <b>7:00 PM</b> Restorative Justice Meeting</p> | <p><b>26</b></p>  | <p><b>27</b><br/> <b>5:30 PM</b> AA Potluck</p>   |
| <p><b>28</b><br/> <b>Food Pantry Sunday</b><br/> <b>9:00 AM</b> Bible Study<br/> <b>10:15 AM</b> Worship<br/> <b>10:30 AM</b> Children's Chapel<br/> <b>11:30 AM</b> Coffee Hour<br/> <b>11:45 AM</b> Promised Land Rehearsal<br/> <b>2:00 PM</b> Annual Planning Meeting &amp; Leadership Retreat</p> | <p><b>29</b><br/> <b>1:00 PM</b> Alleluia Ringers<br/> <b>6:00 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting</p>   | <p><b>March 1</b><br/> <b>8:30 AM</b> Donuts &amp; Hammers<br/> <b>10:00 AM</b> Prayer Shawl Meeting<br/> <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting</p> | <p><b>2</b><br/> <b>5:30 PM</b> Simple Supper<br/> <b>6:00 PM</b> Adult Faith Formation<br/> <b>6:00 PM</b> Jr. &amp; Sr. High Youth Group<br/> <b>6:00 PM</b> TouchStones<br/> <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir<br/> <b>8:30 PM</b> Promised Land</p>   | <p><b>3</b><br/> <b>5:00 PM</b> Pastor Parish Meeting<br/> <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting<br/> <b>6:30 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting</p>   | <p><b>4</b><br/> <b>World Day of Prayer</b><br/> <b>6:00 PM</b> Baxter Fellowship Hall Reserved</p> | <p><b>5</b><br/> <b>7:00 PM</b> First Saturday @ Edwards</p>  |