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Wednesdays in Lent

5:15 Soup Supper Begins (come when you can!)
 6:00 Worship
 6:15 Confirmation
 6:30 Bells
 7:30 Choir Rehearsal

Join us each week as we reflect on the ways that Jesus invites us to live into and toward God's kingdom every day. Come and rest awhile!

February 28	What Are You Looking For?
March 7	Fear or Peace?
March 14	What Are You So Concerned About?
March 21	Go Into All the World!
March 28	Wait for the Gift!

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From Our Pastor's Desk...

One of the books that I have been reading lately is called Practicing Peace in Times of War, by the Buddhist nun Pema Chodron. She shares this story about Jarvis Masters, a prisoner on death row.

Jarvis has his TV on in his cell but he doesn't have the sound on because he's using the light of the TV to read. And every once in a while, he looks up at the screen, then yells to people down the cell block to ask what's happening.

The first time, someone yells back, It's the Ku Klux Klan, Jarvis, and they're all yelling and complaining about how it's the blacks and the Jews who are responsible for all these problems. About half an hour later, he yells again, Hey, what's happening? And a voice calls back, That's the Greenpeace folks. They're demonstrating about the fact that the rivers are being polluted and the trees are being cut down and the animals are being hurt and our Earth is being destroyed. Some time later, he calls out again, Now what's going on? And someone says, Oh, Jarvis, that's the US Senate and that guy who's up there now talking, he's blaming the other guys, on the other side, the other political party, for all the financial difficulty this country's in.

Jarvis starts laughing and he calls down, I've learned something here tonight. Sometimes they're wearing Klan

outfits, sometimes they're wearing Greenpeace outfits, sometimes they're wearing suits and ties, but they all have the same angry faces.

That story has been rattling around in my soul, and I imagine that it will continue to work in my spirit. It points to a profound paradox, I think.

On the one hand, there is a HUGE amount of anger in our culture - people pointing fingers and blaming others for all the ways our world and our lives fall short of perfection. That's true in politics, in the church, in business, and in family life. It tears our communities apart, it turns neighbors into enemies, and it diminishes our ability to work together toward meaningful solutions.

On the other hand, we seem to have lost that prophetic, biblical anger that helps us to name injustice and to stand against it with courage and strength and dignity. We OUGHT to be angry that the earth is in danger, that women and children are abused, that racism and poverty diminish the future of all our children, that war destroys both body and soul..... We OUGHT to be angry.

But that anger ought to challenge us to speak the truth and work for a better world - not to shout our anger and point fingers of blame. There are lots of angry faces in the world, lots of ways that violence triumphs over peace. May each of us bring a witness of prophetic peace in a world filled with anger.

March Scriptures



March 4:

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalms 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

TRUST!



March 11:

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalms 63:1-8

I Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

LIVE!



March 18:

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalms 32

II Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

CELEBRATE!



March 25:

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalms 126

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

ACT!

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

Weather and More!

Cancelling worship on Sunday, February 25th may have been a first for Edwards! As ice and snow, and more snow moved through the QCA over the weekend it seemed wise for everyone to stay home. We were very concerned that our parking lot would be a skating rink!

Decisions to cancel are never made easily or by one person. The Moderator, the chair of Trustees, the Pastor and the Staff are all involved in the decision to hold worship or call it off. Every effort is made to notify the TV stations, to call people who have a leadership role in worship, and to change the message on the answering machine. If you are unsure, call Katherine or one of the lay leaders at home! Hopefully, the weather will improve - SOON - and we won't have to worry about all that!

Contemporary Worship

Join us at 5:30 every Sunday evening for an hour of singing, prayer, scripture and reflection. This is a small, coffee-house style worship service with an emphasis on fellowship and community care. It is a wonderful way to leave behind the stresses of the week-end and begin the week with God in your heart!

Music, Music, Music.....

Calling All Young Musicians

Get ready for the Youth Ensemble playing in the month of May. Please sign up in the weekly tear-off sheet for this opportunity.

March Special Music

March 18: Kaela Swarts, viola
Liturgical Dancers
March 25 Alleluia Ringers

Watch the Sunday bulletins for additional special musicians!

Pipe Organ Lessons

Pipe Organ Lessons will return in March. Ruth Tweeton of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Davenport will conduct master classes on various Saturday mornings beginning March 10th at 10:00 am. Basic keyboard knowledge helpful to begin playing, but you also are invited to just come and observe.

Ensembles

Youth, String and Brass Ensembles return during Lent and Easter. Talk with Jean Norton for more details, or sign up in the weekly bulletin.

Friends in Faith Band

WELCOME to the Friends in Faith Band newest member, Amber Whitfield! Come to the Sunday Evening Service and hear her!

Organ Meditations at Noontime in Lent

Wednesdays at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, between Brady & Main at 12th St., Davenport

Noon-12:30 p.m. Organ Music
12:30-1:00 p.m. Lunch & Coffee

February 28 Ruth Tweeton
March 7 Gregory Peterson
March 14 Daniel Schwandt
March 21 Jeffrey Daehn
March 28 Robert Tewes

Bring your own brown bag lunch and join others for coffee and conversation in the Great Hall.

Rehearsals

Friends in Faith Band:

March 13 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
March 27 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir: Wednesdays
7:30-8:45 p.m. during the Lenten Season

Easter Brass Quartet Rehearsal:
March 4 & 11 11:30 a.m. in the Music Room

Liturgical Dancers:
Weekly 11:45 a.m. Sunday Mornings

Keep in Your Prayers

Arden McBride, continuing to recover from surgery

Max Molleston, recovering from a broken arm

Troy and Amy Moore, on the birth of their son, Samuel James, born on February 27th. Samuel weighed 8#14oz.

Deborah Morrison, continuing radiation treatment

Dorothy Paulson, beginning chemotherapy

Carol Stratton, as she starts a new treatment for cancer

Sarah and Ethan Vordtriede, grieving Paul's death

Marta Fioriti (our former Youth Director) and her husband, Roger Butts, on the birth of their daughter, Nina, on February 15th. Nina weighed 7#14oz. and was 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches long.

Our homebound members and friends:
Gen Bainter, Nancy Bolyard, Leona Davis, Rose Marie & Dow Edgerton, Betty Murray, Laurel Ogden

Sunday Morning Potluck March 11

Bring a main dish and either a salad, vegetable, or dessert to share.
Table service and beverages provided.

Thank You s Received

Thank you for your donation of hats and other winter supplies. Its great to have thoughtful, caring people like you in our community.

Thanks again.

Madison School

Dear Caregivers,

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. We very much appreciated the meals you provided just at the time when we needed them. Through your gifts, we certainly feel cared for.

Sarah & Ethan Vordtriede

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

February Editor Helpers: **Mila Smith, Ardis Kasper and Geri Dulaney**
Thanks to **Marilyn Riedesel** for providing kitchen clean-up on Wednesday evenings during February.
Promised Land men's quartet

Mary Beth Dircks and Brad Miller, piano duet
Brian Dugan, guitar
Children's Chimes and Alleluia Ringers, Sandy Reinders, Director
Mona Terry, harp
Everyone who has brought great special music to Sunday morning worship
Dick Dulaney, Steve Wildemuth and Woody for help setting up for Churches United's Annual Meeting

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

	March 4	March 11	March 18	March 25
Preacher	Rev. Katherine Mulhern	Rev. Katherine Mulhern	Rev. Katherine Mulhern	Rev. Katherine Mulhern
Greeters	Erica Schroeder Sally Egy Chris Medina	Olive Gallaher Sandy Sohr Gilly Gilbreath Don Miller	Nelda & Joyce Paustian Teresa & Melissa King	Bill COker Dennise Weyman Kathy Ramsey
Ushers	Margaret Wilber Sally Egy Anne-Marie Gephart Mike Fleener	Ned & Bonnie Walling Steve Wildemuth Tom Kenneke	Tim Mandell Olive Gallaher Barb Bleedorn Dave Wymore	Joe Hall Curly Curl Eric Crawford Mary Hein
Guest Guides	Membership Board			
Nursery 10:15 a.m.	WE NEED YOU!!	Emily & Chris Kenneke	Mary Hein	Kenneke Family
Coffee Hour Hosts		Crawford Family		
Caregivers on Call	Chris Fessler Sandy Reinders	Carol Bachellor Ruth Bowers	Lois Larew Jean Neavor	Rhoda Molleston Sharon Wildemuth
Scripture Reader	Jennifer Jordening	Brian Dugan	Chris Zippe	Mary Hein
Communion Servers	Kathy Lafrenz, Brian Dugan, Dick Dulaney, Margaret Wilber, Steve Wildemuth			
Chancel Set- Up	Dick Dulaney	Jennifer Jordening Dick Dulaney	Chris Zippe Pat Cresap	Dick Dulaney
Sound System	Dave VanDerKamp			
Lock-Up Trustee	Tim Mandell		Dave Wymore	Michael Fessler

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

Last Minute Additions: A big thank you to **Dick Werner** and helper **Lyle Stratton** for removing the thick ice from the church sidewalks!!!! **Next Caregivers Meeting:** March 27th, 7:00 p.m

Fellowship at Edwards.....

Mardi Gras News

Baxter Hall became Bourbon Street for Mardi Gras on February 20th! Everyone who came found a place filled with Dixieland music, were festooned with necklaces of colorful beads and shown to tables filled with games, toys and prizes.

Our illustrious emcee, Bob Riedesel kept everything in motion with announcements for the winners of door prizes (20) and the count em candy-filled jar winners. Chosen as this year's reigning King and Queen were Merlin Bachellor and Nelda Paustian; and in the junior set: Prince Will Norwood and Princess Michaela Fessler, completed the court.

Thanks go to so many who made the evening successful: Sharon Wildemuth, who garnered all the door prizes; Head Chef, Michael Fessler and his helpers, Steve Wildemuth and Dick Dulaney; to the cleanup crew, Joyce Paustian, Sandy and Dave Reinders, and Susan Chesley; to Cathy Wetzal, our volunteer coordinator, and to each and every Membership Board member that chipped in time and effort for the event. If someone has been inadvertently overlooked, please accept our apologies know that we appreciate all talents! See you next year?

Pat Cresap, Chairman

Newcomers Inquiry Class

Have you been visiting? Would you like to know about Edwards and the United Church of Christ? Please join us Sunday, March 4th at 11:30 a.m. in the church parlor. Refreshments served. Please call Geri Dulaney (323-2145) or the Church Office (359-0331) to sign-up.

Men of Edwards News

Men of Edwards will meet Saturday, March 24th at 8:30 a.m. Call the church office for location.

Adult Education

Sunday Mornings at 9:00 - gather in the parlor for a cup of coffee, a chance to read the New York Times, and conversation about current events, public policy and our religious beliefs.

Edwards Book Club meets Thursday, April 12th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls.

Women's Bible Study continues to meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 12:30-2:00 p.m. at the home of Marilyn Riedesel, 5711 Belle Ave, Davenport. Bring a sack lunch. The group is currently exploring the sacred art of conversation. For more information please contact Susan Chesley, 332-2300.

Womens Night Out - March 15, 6:00 p.m.
Call the church office for location.

T.G.I.F. (Tribes Gathering in Fellowship)

Movie and a Meal, Friday, March 16th, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

March Birthdays

1- Ruth Bowers
1 - Pat Baxter-Rebal
3 - Nelda Paustian
3 - Kristin Taft
3 - Ben Hukvari
6 - Lars Meske-Wren
7 - Chuck Slack
7 - Kathy Springer
8 - Steve Chesley
9 - Jacob Revels
11 - Steve Wildemuth
11 - Dorothy Hammond
11 - Holly French
11 - Emily Kenneke
13 - Elyssa Springer
14 - Charlie Miller
15 - Danielle Nuti
15 - Tyler Azure
15 - Emily Doll
16 - Susan Dircks
19 - Timothy Sylvia
19 - Courtney Smith
20 - Sue Fear
20 - Christine Wren
22 - Kay Anthony
23 - Braden Buzzell
25 - Russ Dircks
25 - Chris Zippe
27 - Helen West
27 - John Hammond
27 - Barb Fleener
27 - Jean Norton
29 - Judy Thess
29 - Julia Kamenetzky
30 Terry Schlabach

If your birthday was inadvertently omitted or incorrect, please notify the church office with the correct information. Thank you.

Tribal Gatherings

Calling the Disciples rotation: Our children are learning about all 12 disciples and will have a Disciples Display set up in Baxter Hall during the March potluck. Even if you are not staying for lunch, stop by the Fellowship Hall after worship on March 11th and learn something new about the first followers of Christ. Thanks to Milo Smith for sharing his wisdom and love for fishing, Steve Chesley and Lyle Stratton for portraying a Pharisee and Jesus, respectively, Jennifer Jordening for her portrayal of Joanna, an earlier follower of Jesus and Carol Stratton for helping our kids understand how to fish for people.

Kids in Mission: Children are bringing in special offering to support one Gecko and one Wallaby at the Niabi Zoo.

East Moline Meal Site: Thursday, March 22nd. Meet at church by 4:30 to prepare supper; leave church by 5:30 to carpool to meal site. Back to church by 7:00.

Connecting with Others: Each Sunday, the children of the Tribal Gatherings Church School send letters of greeting and peace cranes to churches across the United States. We have sent letters to Spring, Texas; Ogallala, Nebraska; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Henderson, Tennessee; and Utica, New York. We received a warm letter of thanks from Plymouth United Church of Christ in Spring, Texas!

Youth News

The Souper Bowl of Caring event was a huge success for Edwards Youth and the whole nation. The youth had a goal of \$300 dollars and we exceeded that goal. We raised \$339.92. Thank you, Edwards, for all your support and contributions! This youth-led nation wide event raised over \$4 million for hunger.

At the 26th General Synod held in Hartford, CT, June 22-26, 2007, youth are invited to attend this wonderful and fun pack event. This event for the youth is called 50 4 50 Campaign. Youth participants are invited to attend a Pre-Synod event at the University of Hartford, Thursday evening, June 21st through Friday afternoon June 22nd. Pre-Synod activities will include an opening night Youth Rally with special "Synod: Nuts and Bolts", and opportunities to participate in the Amistad America festivities. If you are interested in attending please contact Katherine or Sue Harrington for more information. You can also go to the UCC website.

Breakfast for Youth: We are looking for volunteers to provide breakfast for the Breakfast Club on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in sharing a meal with the youth, there is a sign up sheet in the kitchen. If you are dropping food off, please have it delivered by 8:45 on Sunday morning. We begin breakfast at 9am. Thank you.

TECT group has returned to its normal time on Sunday evenings @ 7pm

Up Coming Events: Coming Soon, We will be announcing 2007 Youth Mission Trip information.

Mission at Edwards....

Social Justice

People are on the move! Sixty people have now signed on to make a commitment to move their bodies into healthier living. Each participant is Walking Across America by exercising 50 hours over the next 10 weeks. Want to join? Stop by Baxter Hall any Sunday after church, pick a walking route and start moving! Our goal is not to see who gets to the East Coast first; our goal is to encourage everyone to bring more movement into their lives and, by example, inspire others to do the same!

Special Offering- O.G.H.S.

One Great Hour of Sharing (O.G.H.S.) is the first of four special offerings conducted by the UCC each year. OGHS serves persons with needs resulting from natural disasters and political or economic crises. This offering supports programs of sustainable development, emergency relief, disaster response, social service, and refugee resettlement. It works by channeling resources for the self-empowerment of communities and individuals victimized by hunger, poverty, and injustice. It is also an ecumenical effort, one shared with eight Christian denominations and Church World Service. We also coordinate with our world wide mission partners and Church World Service so that, together, appropriate levels of aid are provided in more than 80 countries around the world, including our own, thus avoiding the possibility of duplicating our services. In other words, working smarter, and getting the most bang for our bucks.

The date for Edwards to observe OGHS is March 18. An envelope is included with this newsletter for your convenience.

CPR/AED Training

The Automated External Defibrillator should arrive around the end of March. Enough money was raised to put some aside for upkeep of the AED and to pay for training.

Training will be offered at Edwards on the following dates. If there is enough interest we could also add a class during the day on Friday. These are suggested times, the actual times depend on whether you are currently certified in CPR and how many are in each class. Classes will be limited to 15 people.

Friday, March 30 \$12.00 per person
5-9:30 pm Adult CPR/AED

Saturday, March 31, \$15.00 per person
8-2:30 CPR/AED Adult / Child and Infant CPR
2:30-5 First-Aid \$5.00 (as an add on class)

Sunday, April 1 (Palm Sunday) \$12.00
Noon-4:30 Adult CPR/AED
If you'd like to sign up for a class please call Teresa, 359-0331 or Sandy Reinders, 332-2637. Call Sandy if you have any questions.

Spring Blood Drive

Our next blood drive in Baxter Hall will be on Saturday, June 2. Double Red donors will not be eligible to donate for this blood drive if you donated for the Double Red program after February 10. Regular blood donors can donate blood until April 7 and still be eligible to donate on June 2. Look for more information about this blood drive in the April Editor.



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**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH - SET CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR
SATURDAY NIGHT!! DON T BE LATE TO CHURCH!!!**

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