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## Garage Sale Wine & Cheese

### Preview Event

Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

7pm to 9pm ~ \$5



## 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Garage Sale

Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

8am to 4pm

Donations are now being accepted, as well as volunteers!! Set-up Volunteers needed daily

May 3 to May 7 from 9 am to 4 pm. Come when you can, leave when you must.

Sale Day Volunteers needed May 8 from 7 am to 5 pm.

Proceeds fund our missions.



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## *From Our Pastor's Desk...*

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Some of us remember the television advertisements of a few years ago that highlighted the United Church of Christ. Along with those ads, came the "God Is Still Speaking" campaign, reminding us that God's love speaks volumes - in the scriptures, in our history, in our lives today.

On April 16, our national offices rolled out a whole new way of advertising - on the internet! This has a number of advantages over traditional TV ads. First, it's a LOT cheaper! Second, it depends on each of us to make it a successful campaign, so this ad really belongs to all of us. We can help by sending the video via email, facebook or twitter to everyone we know. It's easy. Just go to Edwards' website - [www.edwards-ucc.org](http://www.edwards-ucc.org) - and watch the YouTube video (it's on the front page of the website). Then follow the directions to send it to everyone you know. Invite them to send it to others.

Some of you have already done this! The number of people who have gone to our website since the video was released has more than doubled! I'm hoping that it will double again over the course of this month. And while you're there... check out the "church schedule" column on the front page. It will tell you everything you ever wanted to know about what's going on at church and when - day by day. (And if it's the middle of the winter and you're wondering whether an event at church is cancelled - CHECK THE WEBSITE!) If you missed church but don't want to miss out on what's happening...click on our recorded services! Each week's service is posted to the website by mid-afternoon on Sunday. We are all indebted to Woody Perkins who keeps things up to date, and to Dave VanDerKamp who makes the service recordings available. The website is full of

great information to help you stay connected! Make use of it!

Back to the new UCC video! This advertisement is a powerful experience called "The Language of God", portrayed in music and images of love, compassion, hope, justice, joy and covenant. Watch carefully and you will see Rev. David Ruhe, Sr. Pastor of Plymouth UCC in Des Moines or Rev. Jim Forbes, Retired Pastor of Riverside Church in New York City. Watch carefully and you will see something that makes you laugh, something that brings tears to your eyes, and something that warms your heart. That's appropriate, since the "language of God" is the language of both our deepest emotions and our most engaged intellect.

I believe that the United Church of Christ is unique within the Christian tradition. We are a church that is deeply rooted in history while at the same time open to the radically new things that God is doing in the world. We are a church that is committed to the hard work and the deep blessing of partnership with other churches and other faiths. We are a church that lives our faith in ways that are intended to make a difference in the lives of people who are in our pews and people who will never see the inside of a church. We are a church that engages both the heart and the mind as we seek to live our faith in the world. I am deeply grateful to the United Church of Christ. This denomination has made me a better person than I ever would have been without it. Take a look at the video, and spend some time reflecting on your gratitude for all that God has done for you through this wonderful church of ours!

## May Scriptures

### May 2:

Revelation 21:1-6  
Acts 11:1-18  
Psalm 148  
John 13:31-35



### May 9:

Acts 16:9-15  
Psalm 67  
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5  
John 14:23-29



### May 16:

Acts 16:16-34  
Psalm 97  
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21  
John 17:20-26



### May 23:

Acts 2:1-21  
Genesis 11:1-9  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Romans 8:14-17  
John 14:8-17



### May 30:

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31  
Psalm 8  
John 16:12-15  
Romans 5:1-5



## Special Sunday Music in May:

May 23<sup>rd</sup>: Alleluia Ringers, Sandy Reinders, conductor  
May 30<sup>th</sup>: The Friends in Faith Band

## Volunteers Needed

Do you speak another language? The worship board is planning something special for Pentecost and needs your help. Please volunteer to participate by calling the church office or signing up on the weekly tear-off.

## Celebrating Confirmation

We will celebrate Confirmation this year on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. This year, four 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be joining the church, as they complete a three year program of study and preparation. Megan Beck, Susan Dircks, Sarah Dixon and Crystal Miller have worked hard, had some fun, and learned a lot! Ask them to tell you all the books of the Bible, or have a conversation with them about the importance of serving others, or ask them about their prayer lives. We at Edwards are blessed with a lively Middle School Confirmation class. Come and celebrate with Megan, Susan, Sara, Crystal and their families!

## Celebrating Graduation

Don't miss our annual celebration of our High School graduates on May 16<sup>th</sup> in 10:15 worship. Join us in celebrating our graduates, Dalton Johnson, Elizabeth Knoche, Amanda Loughhead and Emily Springer as they complete their high school years and journey forward into the world.

## A Special Offering to STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH!

On Sunday, May 23 - Pentecost - we will be receiving the Strengthen the Church special mission offering of the United Church of Christ. This offering builds the UCC's future. It funds new congregations and renews existing ones. It supports programs for youth and young adults and nurtures current and future leaders. And it aids the God is Still Speaking Ministry and its message of inclusivity. Directed to local Conferences, Local Church Ministries and the Stillspeaking Ministry, Strengthen the Church gifts help to create vibrant church communities of extravagant welcome. **SPREAD THE LOVE!!**

## **Special Summer Sunday Service**

### **Sounds: Musicians Needed**

As you can feel in the air these days, summer approaches. And during the summer, the regularly scheduled rehearsals cease as the choirs take a deserved rest.

Then is when we need YOU. Special Musical Anthems are a highlight of summer worship. Create a new group, cross the generations and skills, invite your family from out of town to sing or play an instrument with you. You can pull out older solos, duets, ensembles or try new ones off the radio. Compose music! Whatever you bring, all musicians are encouraged to share your musical talents.

Please sign up on the tear-out sheet or call the church office before May 15<sup>th</sup>, indicating when you are NOT available and what you will offer. This is an excellent opportunity to praise God and share the musical gifts you have been given. Come and make a joyful noise!

### **Adult Forum**

In January, the congregation decided to adopt several long-range goals for Edwards. One of those goals was to begin conversations about becoming a designated Open and Affirming congregation. In May, the Adult Forum gatherings will continue the conversation with a series of panel discussions around this issue.

May 2<sup>nd</sup> Parents and siblings will speak on the importance of an open and affirming congregation in the lives of their gay and lesbian family members.

May 16<sup>th</sup> Youth from Edwards and parents of young children will speak about what it means to be raised in an open community.

May 23<sup>rd</sup> Mila Smith and Katherine Mulhern will address the history of Edwards and the congregation's long-standing positions on social justice.

## **Children's Chapel**

Children's Chapel will run through May but will be on hiatus during the summer, resuming in September. Nursery care for children 4 years and younger will still be available during worship.

### **TGIF: Movie and a Meal**

Join us on Friday May 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-7:30. Come for supper at 5:30 and stay for popcorn and a "big screen" viewing of *UP*.

### **Kids in Mission**

We will serve supper at the East Moline Meal Site on Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Meet at church at 4:15 to prepare supper. We will leave church by 5:20 and return by 7:00. Parents are welcome to serve with their children. For more information, contact Susan Chesley @ 332-2300.

### **Save the Date for VBS**

Making plans for the summer? Plan on coming to VBS - June 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>!! Details and registration is on page 13.



### **Youth Mission Trip**

The youth will leave Edwards after church on June 27<sup>th</sup> and head to St. Louis, where they will be working in the day camp program provided in 3 inner city neighborhoods by Neighborhood Houses, a ministry of the UCC. They will return July 3<sup>rd</sup> and lead worship July 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **High School & College Graduates**

Please email Kathy in the church office (kathy@edwards-ucc.org) with your graduation information (school, major, minor, etc.) and what your plans are for the near future. We'd like to celebrate your accomplishments in the June Editor (deadline is May 17<sup>th</sup>).

## Scholarship Applications

Due May 14<sup>th</sup>

Strohbehn Scholarship applications are due in the pastor's office by May 14<sup>th</sup>. This \$1,000 scholarship is available to any student who is a member of Edwards AND who is or will be attending an accredited two or four-year college. Application packets will include:

- 1) Official transcripts of all academic work.
- 2) An essay answering the following questions:
  - How have you been involved in the church over your life?
  - What events have shaped your life most profoundly?
  - What book or books have been most important in your life?
  - What are your educational goals?
- 3) A written statement outlining the family's financial need in general terms.
- 4) Three written references.

The Church Council will interview finalists and make the decision about who will receive the scholarship. Don't miss this opportunity! Call the church office for more information.

### Staff Spring Cleaning!

The staff will be reserving the week of May 3<sup>rd</sup> to do some much-needed cleaning up and clearing out around the church! If you need to call the church that week, please leave a message, and we will return your call as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation!

## Sabbatical Time

After eleven years as our pastor, it is again time for Katherine to take a sabbatical leave. Edwards has long been committed to three months of pastoral sabbatical every five years, as a means of keeping our pastor both fresh and refreshed. The Pastor-Parish Relations Committee and the Church Council are in the process of helping to design a plan that will offer both Katherine and Edwards a time of rest and renewal, as well as time for continuing education and professional development.

While the continuing education portion of her sabbatical is being spread out over the course of the year, the plan calls for Katherine to be away from the church from July 19 to September 7 for an extended period of rest and renewal.

Watch for further information and details relating to Edwards' ongoing life and ministry while she is away.

### Music Rehearsals

Mondays at 6:30 -  
Alleluia Ringers  
final rehearsal May 17<sup>th</sup>

Wednesdays at 7 -  
Chancel Choir  
Final rehearsal May 19<sup>th</sup>

### Special Rehearsals

Tues., May 11 - 5:30  
Friends In Faith Band

## ***Task Forces . . .***

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### **Task Forces At Work!**

Do you remember Long Range Planning? Do you remember those Cottage Meetings last fall? Do you remember the frozen Saturday in January when we gathered for a whole day to choose priorities? Well, it didn't end there! Task Forces have been hard at work, and goals are beginning to be shaped, with action steps and plans along with them. Make sure you thank all those who are working hard to make your dreams come true. Here's a quick update!

#### **Building Maintenance and Improvements**

**Task Force** has been working to discern priorities among the many possibilities. They have been in contact with several architects who specialize in church work, a landscape architect, and the Scott County Soil Conservation District. Their next step will be to meet with them, and choose one to draft a proposal. Our dreams range from special needs parking at the front of the church to a remodeled kitchen to a new sign in the front. The projects that are already underway include repairing Baxter Hall Roof and building a new storage shed at the back of the property. Watch for new developments!

**Open and Affirming Task Force** is in the process of drafting an "Open and Affirming" statement, and will be sponsoring a series of educational events that will allow for both conversation and reflection with speakers. The first of these will begin in May, during the Adult Education hour at 9:00 Sunday mornings.

**Strengthening Mission Efforts Task Force** is evaluating a number of possibilities for a new mission focus that would engage our skills and talents in new ways. Conversations are in process with both CASI and Eisenhower Elementary School.

#### **Membership and Leadership Growth Task**

**Force** is looking at new and better ways to develop leaders within our congregation, perhaps establishing a mentoring "system", as well as utilizing technology to better connect us to each other and the work of the church. They are also considering new ways to reach out into the broader community to invite people to come and experience the "essence" of Edwards!

#### **Youth and Young Adults Task Force**

is considering a range of possibilities, and have invited Rev. Nicole Havelka, Youth Minister for the Iowa Conference to come and help them consider what sorts of things might be a good match for our congregation.

**Financial Planning Task Force** has begun the conversation about financial planning for the future of our church, and their work will develop further as the Building Improvements Task Force develops a plan for future work on the church.

### **All-Church Spring Cleaning**

Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ 8:00 am - ??

Please bring work gloves  
and trimmers if you have them.

Many hands make light work!

### Keep In Our Prayers

- + Jennell Bergwall, beginning chemotherapy
- + George Gallaher, recovering from surgery
- + Lorelei Gephart, preparing to receive a kidney transplant from her father, Jason.
- + Becky Klemme, death of her father
- + Chris Medina, recovering at home
- + Don Miller, at home
- + Troy, Amy and Sam Moore, welcoming baby Sophia on April 4<sup>th</sup>
- + Jean Norton, grieving the death of her mother
- + Bob Riedesel, newly diagnosed with prostate cancer
- + Erica Schroeder, grieving the death of her step-mother
- + Pat Schroeder, continuing cancer treatment
- + Those in care facilities: Don Carroll, Rose Marie Edgerton, George Gallaher, Betty Murray and Nelda Paustian

### We Need You!!

The Social Board is looking for volunteers to host the coffee hours on Sunday mornings. . If you have been looking for a way to help serve the church, this may be your opportunity. Any Sunday that you are able to volunteer, please let us know by using the tear-off sheet in the bulletin or sign your name on the posted sheet that is in Baxter Hall back by the coffee pot. Refreshments are not always necessary, and if you need instructions, please contact Martha Jirus or Dee Hillyer.



### May Birthdays

- 2 Evona Petherick
- 4 Katherine Dircks
- 4 Shannon Crawford
- 6 Katherine Mulhern
- 6 Kathy Lafrenz
- 6 Hannah Ohlweiler
- 7 John Chesley
- 10 Michael Fessler
- 11 Carol Bachellor
- 11 Geri Dulaney
- 12 Dessah Huffman
- 13 Tim Beck
- 14 Joe Hall, Sr.
- 15 Emily Norwood
- 19 Rachel Fuller
- 20 Amanda Rind
- 25 Suzanne Hawkinson
- 26 Cathy Loughhead
- 28 Dee Hillyer
- 28 Carson Ohlweiler
- 29 Ron Rebal
- 29 Kailan Lafrenz
- 31 Sophie McCormick



Wish These Friends a  
"Happy Birthday!"



### A New Baby!!

Congratulations to **Troy, Amy and Samuel Moore** on the arrival of Sophia Syens Moore on Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>!! Sophia weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20  $\frac{1}{2}$  inches long. Welcome little one!!



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

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### **Garage Sale Preview Event**

**Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 - 9:00 pm**

Come to our first garage sale preview event. To beat the Saturday Early Birds, you pay \$5 to get in on Friday night and shop, shop, shop!! There will also be wine, cheese, crackers etc.



### **Women's Night Out**

We will meet on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at Thunder Bay Grille at 6:00 pm. All of the ladies of the church are invited to join in for food and fellowship.

### **Retirement Party!!**

We would like to invite folks to Bill Anderson's retirement party on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 2-4:30 p.m. We would love to have as many of you attend to celebrate this milestone in Bill's life.

Directions: Cross the river on I74, exit Avenue of the Cities, turn left and remain on this Ave. until it forms a Y. Stay to the right. The Ave. becomes Colona Rd. At the 10th Street intersection, turn left, go to 17th Ave., turn right to 12th Street. We are the 5th house on left. 1813 12th Street, Silvis, IL  
RSVP 309-796-0151.



## ***Annual Meeting . . .***

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### **Iowa Conference UCC Annual Meeting June 11-12, 2010**

Come and gather as the Iowa Conference UCC at our Annual Meeting. Worship, learn and meet alongside all of the diverse and faith-filled people of the Iowa Conference and with special guests the Rev. Holly Whitcomb, the Rev. Elaine Blanchard, and Thom Chu.

Housing is available on campus in dorms or off-campus at local hotels. For the first time, we are offering FREE child care and children's programming (provided by Sunday School teachers from Grinnell UCC) during the meetings and workshops and after-hours gatherings at Annual Meeting! Child care will also be provided during worship times, but please know that we strongly encourage you to worship with your children! They are an important part of the Iowa Conference!

### **Youth in Ministry Gathering June 10, 11 & 12, 2010 beginning at noon June 10**

High school-aged youth will work with Thom Chu to develop their leadership skills to serve God both inside and outside the context of the local and wider church on June 10 and then use those skills during the rest of the Annual Meeting.

Online and regular registration is available NOW! Please register no later than May 25 for on-campus housing, meals and child care.

For details and online registration, visit [www.ucciaconf.org](http://www.ucciaconf.org)

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

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Thank you, my Edwards family, for your prayers, cards, calls, emails, texts, and HUGS you shared with me during my sister Camille's battle with cancer. She is doing very, very well, and has an excellent prognosis! She managed to maintain her sense of humor and positive spirit through the surgery and recovery, and I'm very proud of her! Thank you again for enfolding Camille and her family in your prayers. **Carol Ogletree**

Thank you to **George Kovacs & Sandy Reinders** for maintaining the flower beds.

Thank you to **Teresa Caligaris, Dick Dulaney, Dick Jirus, Tom Kenneke, George Kovacs, Joyce Paustian, Woody Perkins, Ann Tubbs, Rob Tubbs, Brady Weller, Steve Wildemuth and Bob Williams** for repairing and maintaining the pews.

Thanks to **Chloe Van Blair, Gillian Collins, Elyse, Molly, Madelyn and Ryan Dye, Katy Strzepek and Susan Chesley** for preparing and serving supper at the East Moline Meal Site.

Thanks to **Cathy Wetzel and Chris & Michael Fessler** for serving as faith leaders in TouchStones.

Thanks to **Michael Fessler** for preparing the soil for our children to plant sunflowers.

Thank you to **Milo Smith and Steve Wildemuth** for mowing and trimming.

Thank you to **Dick & Geri Dulaney, Dorothy & John Hammond, Ardis Kasper** for assembling the Editor.

Thanks to **Elizabeth Norwood** for her generous donation of costuming for the Liturgical Dancers.

THANK YOU to the **Chancel Choir, the Friends in Faith Band**, for extra music during Lent and Easter, and to **Alleluia Ringers, Sandy Reinders**, director for a post Easter lift. Thank you to **Brian Dugan** for arranging the Evening Service music in April, and **Norma Wren** for accompanying the choir.

Thank you to **Special Easter** musicians: Flute - **Courtney Smith**, Clarinet - **Michelle Hukvari, Marty Beck & Carol Carroll**, Alto Sax - **Chris Zippe & Ben Nabb**, Tenor Sax - **Laura Beck**, Trumpet - **Robert Riedesel**, French Horn - **Kaela Swarts**, Baritone - **Amanda Loughead**, Trombone - **Chuck Collins & Dick Werner**, Timpani - **Bobbi Rudiger**, Harp - **Mona Terry**

Thank you to The Liturgical Dancers: **Kathy Lafrenz**, director.

Thank you to **Dave VanDerKamp, Dick Dulaney and Woody Perkins** for sound, and **Woody** for photos.

Thank you to everyone who made the Youth Auction such a great success: **Crystal McCormick, Cathie Miller, Marty Beck, Katy Strzepek, Katie Van Blair, Susan & Steve Chesley, Kathy Bowerman**, all the youth, everyone who donated items, and everyone who came and shopped. The grand total was \$7354!!

Thank you to **Judy Collins, Dick Dulaney, Ryan Dye & Katy Strzepek, George & Ann Kovacs, Bonnie & Ned Walling and Dennise Weyman** for sponsoring our new members.

**THANK YOU!!**  
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## ***Welcome New Members . . .***

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Our church family continues to grow as 11 persons united with Edwards Sunday, April 25, during worship. They are:

**KATIE VAN BLAIR** comes to us from St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church. She was a Director of Social Missions there. Her daughter, Chloe, is a 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Garfield School.

They reside at: 2331 Arlington Ave., Davenport, IA 52803. Phone: 322-3354. Sponsor: Judy Collins

**TERRY & KIM FORTMAN.** *Terry* was raised on a farm near Lincoln, IL, and gained an education in a 1-room schoolhouse. He later moved to Texas, continued his education and served in the US Air Force. In his spare time, he enjoys retirement, nature, spirituality, politics, environmental issues, history, camping and jazz. *Kimberly* is a life-long resident of the Quad-cities, born and raised in East Moline. She's employed by Aero-Mark. In her spare time, she enjoys cooking, history, biking, camping and jazz.

They reside at 46 Hillcrest Ave., Davenport, IA 52803. Phone: 324-4245. Sponsors: George & Ann Kovacs.

**VINCENT HOLDRIDGE & CHRISTIE ENGELMAN** live in Bettendorf with their 3 children. *Vince* was raised in Milan. He's a salesman for a company that sells traffic signals/signs. *Christie* was raised in Plano, IL. She is employed by the QC Times in advertising. The family enjoys camping, movies, and games. Vince & Christie will be married at Edwards October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

They reside at 2751 Oak St., Bettendorf, IA 52722. Phone: 441-9219 Sponsor: Dennise Weyman

**STARR PERRY & PATRICIA HARTLEY.** *Starr* was born in Rockford, IL. After moving to the QC area, he enrolled at Kaplan University in the work study Security program. He learned of Edwards through the Head Start program at Edwards where his daughter, Eda, is student.

*Patricia* was born in Alabama and moved to the Quad Cities when she was 2 yrs old. She has served in the US Army and is currently attending Kaplan University, taking courses in Security. Patricia has a 19-yr-old son, Robert. In their time, they enjoy surfing the internet and reading.

The family resides at 3831 Bridge Ave., Apt. # 102, Davenport, IA 52803. Phone: 499-8532 (Starr); 579-2264 (Patricia) Sponsor: Dick Dulaney

**JOHN & SUSAN HARNUNG.** *John* was born in central Illinois near Peoria. He worked at Caterpillar before joining the US Navy. After leaving the Navy, he rejoined Caterpillar and was later transferred to the Quad-cities. *Susan* was born and raised in Milwaukee, WI and moved to New Mexico. There, she obtained her nursing degree. She is now retired and together they enjoy their children and getting involved in their grandchildren's sport activities. She is active in a local Zither group and both enjoy genealogy.

They reside at 1736 Skyline Dr., Bettendorf, IA 52722. Phone: 355-8232. Sponsors: Bonnie & Ned Walling.

**STEVE & KRISTY WARREN** moved to the Quad-cities in 2003 where Steve teaches American Indian history and Kristy teaches in the Religion Dep't at Augustana. The family enjoys long walks and Kristy's vegetarian meals. They and their 3 children reside at 1612 - 21<sup>st</sup> St., Rock Island, IL 61201. Phone: 781-1871. Sponsors: Ryan Dye & Katie Strzepek

Katie, Terry, Kim, Vincent, Christie, Starr, Patricia, John, Susan, Steve and Kristy - **WELCOME TO EDWARDS.** We are so blessed to have you as part of our church family.

~ *Edwards Membership Board*

## Mission Board News

Mission Board will be purchasing reusable shopping bags to be used for Food Pantry Sundays. These bags will be handed out the Sunday before Food Pantry Sunday. On Food Pantry Sunday the filled bags will be placed and left at the front of the Sanctuary. Mission Board will be responsible for delivering the food to the food bank. These bags will then be stored and handed out the next month one week before Food Bank Sunday.

## Birdies For Charity

Once again Edwards will participate in the Birdies for Charity drive associated with the John Deere Golf Classic. The monies received from this event in the past has helped buy the new choir robes, helped with the mission projects, and will be used to recondition the bells for the Alleluia Ringers. In the next letter there will be a registration form, and additional instructions on helping this cause.

## A Volunteer Opportunity

It's spring and time for the **Adopt-a-Highway** clean up for the Edwards UCC two-mile stretch on Utica Ridge Road, Bettendorf! We will need six to eight volunteers for **Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** (May 22, rain date); we will meet at the church @ 9:30 and carpool out to Utica Ridge Road. The site is north of I-80 and the work is divided so each individual will walk only two miles. Vests, gloves and bags will be furnished. Lunch will be provided back at the church. Please sign up on the tear-off sheet on Sunday mornings. Call Sharon Wildemuth with any questions (563/332-3761).



## All Church Garage Sale #21

This year's Garage Sale is Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. The project is a Mission project though the mission board is not directly responsible. The ACGS Group that organizes and operates the project is everybody. All income goes directly Our Church's Wider Mission Fund, supplementing the amount given by our church. In the twenty years that we have been doing this, we have raised over \$54,000, or about \$2700 per sale.

As you clean your home this spring, don't throw those items with value away. Bring them to the sale. Just about everything is wanted or needed by someone else. **Clean used clothing, items from the garage, tools, furniture, lamps, clean carpeting, pots and pans, dishes and almost everything will sell.** But please, no tires. We have to pay to dispose of those, and if you have an appliance, talk to the ACGS group before you transport them to the church. **If you need someone to pick up your donations, please call the church office. You may start bringing in your treasures now!!**

We will use the week of May 3 to May 7 getting ready for the sale. We start about 9:00 AM each morning, and finish about 4:00 PM every afternoon. But you do not need to be there the full time. Come when you can, work as long as you can, and leave when necessary. Once you are involved in the spirit of this project, you may want to linger. And, once you are involved in the project, you will always be involved.

You will not receive any money for your contribution, but if you need a receipt for tax purposes, we have those available. There are so many things contributed that we fill Baxter Fellowship Hall, using all the tables available here in the church, and sometimes other loaned tables.

It's a fellowship project. It's a mission project. And it's an outreach project - please join us!!!



### Social Justice -- Then and Now!

There has been a number of opinions in the media lately regarding biblical validation for various political views. The Social Justice Board feels that it is important for each of us to pray for discernment with the hope that as Christians we can at least agree on being lead by God's will in bringing God's kingdom about here on earth as it is in heaven. For that hope we turn to the Gospels and Christ's teachings of what God's kingdom is like. We here at Edwards are blessed to experience the fruits of that kingdom-- the fruits of the Spirit.

God's kingdom has come near. *That* kingdom is not Democratic, it is not Republican, nor is it liberal, or conservative, but it is unequivocally God's. The Social Justice Board is in the process of revising our page on the web site and while we notice that the Bible lacks those politically descriptive words, it does use the word *justice* quite frequently. Check out the Social Justice page on our web site this month for the biblical basis for Social Justice. We will see why *justice* is important to God!

### School Supplies Needed

New members **Katie** and **Chloe Van Blair** will be traveling to Cuenca, Ecuador in May, where Katie will work with the local communities as they assess needs and Chloe will attend CEDEI school. Katie and Chloe have volunteered to fill a duffel bag with books and school supplies (not scissors!) to take with them and donate to the school Chloe will be attending. The school serves children in pre-school through elementary. If you would like to donate resources, bring them to the church no later than May 14th. You may also make a monetary donation and Katie will match donations up to \$100!

### Church Women United News

May Friendship Day will be held Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at Third Missionary Baptist Church, 222 W. 14<sup>th</sup> St., Davenport, IA. Registration is at 9 am followed by a brunch and a program on "Living Division." Contact Bonnie Walling for more info. 563-386-5760.

### "No Kidding, Me Too"

Stomp the stigma of mental illness in our community! Come see acclaimed actor, producer, and best-selling author Joey Pantoliano's documentary "No Kidding, Me Too" followed by a Q & A with him on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm at the Capital Theatre.

### 2010 Series on Diversity

The Religious Concerns Committee of Quad Citizens Affirming Diversity (QCAD) invites anyone interested to come to a five part services designed to give a faithful religious perspective on the topic of faith and how we might relate to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender persons. Jesus commands us to love one another. Is the chasm separating Christianity/Judaism from gays and lesbians too wide to cross? Is the Bible an excuse to hate? Faith is struggling with the questions.

**May 17<sup>th</sup>** ~ "Misused Scripture Passages", 7pm, Davenport Police Dept. Community Room, Rev. Tim Darmour-Paul, Faith UCC.

**Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>** ~ "The Practice of Justice", 7pm, Davenport Police Dept. Community Room, Rabbi Henry Karp, Temple Emanuel

**Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>** ~ "The Ethic of Love", 7pm, Bettendorf Public Library, Rev. Stacie Fidler, St. John's Lutheran Church

**Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>** ~ "Integrating Spirituality & Sexuality", 7pm, Davenport Police Dept. Community Room, Rev. Rich Hendricks, Metropolitan Community Church

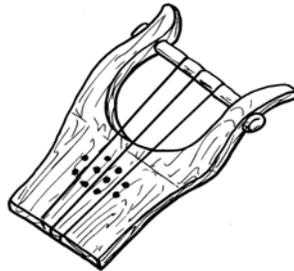
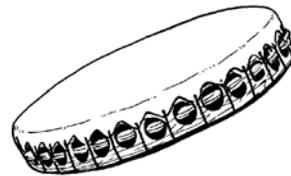
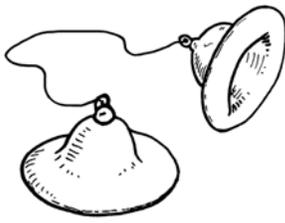
**Who . . . What . . . When . . . Where . . .**

	May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30
	Communion Sunday	Mother's Day	Graduation Sunday	Pentecost Mission Offering	
Preaching	Katherine Mulhern	Katherine Mulhern	Amanda Loughead	Katherine Mulhern	Katherine Mulhern
Chancel Set-up	Carol Hart Barb Bleedorn	Brad Miller Deena Miller	Pat Cresap	Sandy Reinders	Kay Anthony Terry Schlabach
Scripture Reader	Bill Anderson	Mila Smith	Dick Dulaney	Ryan Dye	
Communion Servers	Megan Beck, Susan Dircks, Sarah Dixon, Crystal Miller, Cathie Miller				
Sound System	David VanDerKamp	David VanDerKamp	David VanDerKamp	David VanDerKamp	David VanDerKamp
Visitor Guides	Membership Board	Membership Board	Membership Board	Membership Board	Membership Board
Greeters	Ollie Gallaher Ruth Hefferman Mary Hein Dee Hillyer	Ardis Kasper Chris Kenneke Jack King Vonnie King	George Kovacs Cathy Loughead Jeannine Miller Jean Neavor	Elisabeth Norwood Joyce Paustian Evona Petherick Sandy Reinders	Marilyn Riedesel Tina Rivera Erica Schroeder Sandy Sohr
Ushers	Bob Anderson Barb Bleedorn Judy Collins Eric Crawford	Curly Curl Becky David Dick Dulaney Pam Edmond	Sally Egy Ollie Gallaher Joe Hall Tom Kenneke	Mary Hein Dee Hillyer Steve Knoche Paul Petherick	Joyce Paustian Pat Rosburg Milo Smith Pat Sterk
Coffee Hour Hosts - AM	Dee Hillyer	Starr Perry	Pat Cresap Ardis Kasper	Ann Tubbs Teresa Caligaris	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 5:30pm Contemporary Worship Potluck			Pastor Parish Endowment		
Lock-up	Steve Wildemuth	Ann Tubbs	Woody Perkins	George Kovacs	Joyce Paustian
Mower for:	Milo Smith	Brad Miller	Michael Fessler	Steve Chesley	Teresa Caligaris
Trimmer for:		Steve Wildemuth		Dick Werner	
CareGivers On Call	Jean Neavor Martha Jirus	Joyce Swartz Evona Petherick	Sandy Reinders Kay Stiles	Lois Larew	

**Where there are blanks, we may need your help!! Please call the church office to sign up.**

## MAY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>25</b> <b>FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Adult Forum <b>9:15 AM</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>10:15 AM</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> <b>Children's Chapel</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> Youth Auction / Fundraiser <b>11:45 AM</b> Liturgical Dance Rehearsal	<b>26</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Simple Supper <b>6:00 PM</b> Confirmation Class <b>6:00 PM</b> TECT Team <b>6:00 PM</b> TouchStones <b>6:00 PM</b> TouchStones for Adults <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>7:00 PM</b> Music & Movement	<b>29</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Steps to Serenity Al-Anon Meeting	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> Confirmation Sunday <b>9:00 AM</b> Adult Forum <b>9:15 AM</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>10:15 AM</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> <b>Children's Chapel</b> <b>11:45 AM</b> Liturgical Dance Rehearsal	<b>3</b> Staff Clean-up/Clear- out Week - If you need to call, please leave a message <b>9:00 AM</b> Garage Sale Setup <b>6:30 PM</b> Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal	<b>4</b> Staff Clean-up/Clear- out Week - If you need to call, please leave a message <b>9:00 AM</b> Garage Sale Setup	<b>5</b> Staff Clean-up/Clear- out Week - If you need to call, please leave a message <b>9:00 AM</b> Garage Sale Setup	<b>6</b> <b>National Day of                      Prayer</b> Staff Clean-up/Clear- out Week - If you need to call, please leave a message <b>9:00 AM</b> Garage Sale Setup <b>6:30 PM</b> Steps to Serenity Al-Anon Meeting	<b>7</b> Staff Clean-up/Clear- out Week - If you need to call, please leave a message <b>9:00 AM</b> Church Women United May Friendship Day <b>9:00 AM</b> Garage Sale Setup <b>7:00 PM</b> Garage Sale Preview Event	<b>8</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Garage Sale <b>2:00 PM</b> Bill Anderson's Retirement Party
<b>9</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> <b>9:15 AM</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>10:15 AM</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> <b>Children's Chapel</b> <b>11:45 AM</b> Liturgical Dance Rehearsal	<b>10</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal	<b>11</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Friends in Faith Rehearsal <b>6:30 PM</b> All Board Meetings <b>7:30 PM</b> Council Meeting	<b>12</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>13</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Steps to Serenity Al-Anon Meeting	<b>14</b> Strobehn Scholarship Applications Due	<b>15</b> Worship Board Retreat <b>9:30 AM</b> Adopt-a- Highway
<b>16</b> Graduation Sunday <b>9:00 AM</b> Adult Forum <b>9:15 AM</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>10:15 AM</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> <b>Children's Chapel</b> <b>11:45 AM</b> Liturgical Dance Rehearsal <b>5:30 PM</b> Evening Worship & Potluck	<b>17</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>NEWSLETTER</b> <b>DEADLINE</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal	<b>18</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> CareGivers Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Task Force Meetings	<b>19</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>20</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Women's Night Out <b>6:30 PM</b> Steps to Serenity Al-Anon Meeting	<b>21</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> TGIF - Movie and a Meal	<b>22</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Spring Clean-up!!
<b>23</b> <b>FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY</b> <b>Pentecost</b> Strengthen the Church Offering <b>9:00 AM</b> Adult Forum <b>9:15 AM</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>10:15 AM</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> <b>Children's Chapel</b> <b>11:45 AM</b> Liturgical Dance Rehearsal	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>4:15 PM</b> Kids in Mission <b>6:30 PM</b> Steps to Serenity Al-Anon Meeting	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <b>Trinity Sunday</b> <b>9:15 AM</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>10:15 AM</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> <b>Children's Chapel</b> <b>11:45 AM</b> Liturgical Dance Rehearsal	<b>31</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> Office Closed	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Steps to Serenity Al-Anon Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>



*Spirit Song* Vacation Bible School: VBS plus a sleepover! Last year's format was such a success that we are doing it again! Vacation Bible School will be held Wednesday-Friday, June 16-18, from 5:00-8:00. Supper is included! On Friday night, children ages 5-12 are invited to spend the night for an extended evening of activities. We will share breakfast Saturday morning and end our time together at 10:00am. Younger children are invited to stay the night with a parent or they may return to church for breakfast and our closing celebration at 9:00 on Saturday morning. Join your friends at *Spirit Song* and celebrate the music, art and drama of our Faith.

### *Spirit Song* VBS Registration, June 16-19

Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs/Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Will your child be spending the night on Friday? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, then you will receive additional information concerning the overnight.

#### **CAN YOU VOLUNTEER?**

Wed    Thurs    Fri    Sat morning

\_\_\_ Kitchen    \_\_\_ Teacher in activity center    \_\_\_ Group guide/companion

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



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calendar information go to  
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## SPRING CLEANING!

The staff will be reserving the week of May 3<sup>rd</sup> to do some much-needed cleaning up and clearing out around the church! If you need to call the church that week, please leave a message, and we will return your call as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation!

## Food Pantry Sunday

May 23<sup>rd</sup>!!

Non-perishables are greatly needed by the food pantries. Fill a grocery bag to share with hungry families.

## EDWARDS CHURCH STAFF

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