

May 2013

***“Mission-in-Motion” Auction
and old-fashioned Shrimp Boil
Sunday, May 19th at 11:30***

**Join in for an afternoon of
good food and good fun!!**

We will need lots of treasures to auction off!!



Please bring non-edible items to the church no later than Friday, May 17th.
Yummy edibles can be delivered to church on Saturday, May 18th by Noon.
Questions? Call the church office. For more details . . . see page 8.

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Save the Dates:

May 26th ~ Pastor Kendra’s Installation

June 2nd ~ Rev. Jean’s Farewell

June 23rd ~ Pastor Katherine’s Farewell

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From Our Pastor's Desk...

One of the most deeply held values here at Edwards is the practice of hospitality. Whether it is the welcome that you receive as you enter the building on a Sunday morning, or the invitation to be a part of Women's Night Out or a Wednesday Evening program or a Sunday morning potluck, this is the place where ***No Matter Who You are and No Matter Where You are on Life's Journey....You Are Welcome Here!*** We don't do that perfectly, but that saying is always there as a measuring stick – reminding us of who God calls us to be.

Beyond the limits of our own church life, hospitality continues to be a core value for us. From the very early years in this location, we have understood that our building is here – not only to serve us, but also to serve the broader community. Over the years, we have come to understand that our building does not belong to “us”. It belongs to God, and we are charged to use it for God's purposes.

In the early days of this building, The Handicapped Development Center began its work in the Quad Cities here– serving children and families who deal with “handicapping” issues in their lives. When they were able to purchase a building of their own, they moved. We founded Mother's Day Out and Tiny Tot Pre-School, which served our community for over 30 years. When pre-school programming moved into the public schools, the need for our program went away. That was when Head Start moved into our space, serving needy children in our area five days a week.

Currently, Head Start is here Monday through Friday during the day (although with the Sequestration, we will be losing the Head Start program in June). Additionally, on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays in the evening, Al-Anon uses our building for their meetings. This month, the Church Council will be considering a proposal from a small “new-church-start” to use our building on Sunday afternoons for their worship services and on Thursday evenings for their Bible Study time!

The bottom line is that there isn't much time in our church when the building is not being used as a tool for ministry in the world – by someone. This church is filled to overflowing with great things! As our own programming continues to expand, and we find ourselves “sharing space” with other groups throughout the week, it's worth considering how we can share that space in ways that are hospitable, welcoming and respectful of each group's needs. So here are a few tips!

1. **Please check the reservation schedule ahead of time** to make sure that the space you want to use has not been reserved by another group! Kathy Bowerman keeps the master calendar.
2. **If a group from outside the church is using an area, please respect their privacy**, and don't enter their space. This is important for the Al-Anon groups, which rely on confidentiality and privacy, and it will be important if another group is worshiping in the sanctuary.
3. **Be flexible and hospitable!** Always remember that we are the hosts, and hospitality is an important part of who we are as a church. In every encounter with people who use our building, remember that you represent the whole church. Ultimately, we represent Jesus.

Edwards is an amazing church, and one of our deepest strengths is that we don't just serve the people who call themselves “members”. We also serve the community around us in wonderful and gracious ways. May that be a core value that lives on for years and years and years.

Edwards Worships...

May Scriptures

May 5, 2013

Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
John 14:23-29 or
John 5:1-9

May 12, 2013

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



May 19, 2013

Acts 2:1-21
Genesis 11:1-9
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:14-17
John 14:8-17, (25-27)

May 26, 2013

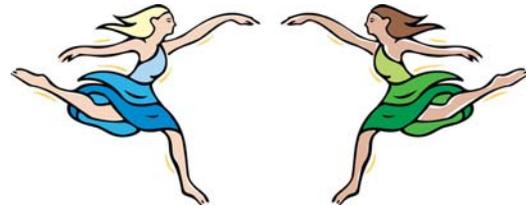
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
John 16:12-15
Romans 5:1-5



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

Special Music in March

May 5 Lynne Stukart, flute*
May 12 Young Strings, Suzanne Benson, director
May 19 Chancel Choir's last Sunday; Liturgical Dancers, Kathy Lafrenz, director
May 26 Alleluia Ringers, Sandy Reinders, director



***Lynne Stukart** is an award winning Flutist and highly respected Teacher. She received a Masters in Music Performance from the University of Akron where she was a Graduate Teaching Assistant for George Pope. She has been a winner in several regional and national competitions and currently runs a successful flute studio. Lynne is Adjunct Faculty at Black Hawk College and President of QC Flute Association. www.LynneStukart.com



Altar Flowers ~ Sign up on the weekly announcement sheet if you would like to provide Sunday altar flowers! You can also email kathy@edwards-ucc.org to reserve your date. Flowers are sometimes offered in memory of loved ones or in celebration of a special day or event. Providing flowers is also a nice way to surprise a member of the congregation by honoring them for their commitment to church work or for their outstanding volunteer work. Order flowers from the florist of your choice and have them delivered between 9am and Noon on the Friday before church.

Missed last Sunday's worship service?

Want to hear the sermon, the children's story, or entire service again? Would you like to share any of them with a friend or distant relative? Well, recordings of the sermons, children's stories or the entire service are all available to listen to right now on our website. Just go to the Edwards website (www.edwards-ucc.org), click on the media downloads link in the left hand column and choose the worship service you want to hear.

Youth and Christian Education...

Children's Chapel is held during Sunday morning worship and is offered to children ages 3 through 11 immediately following the Children's Story. In these weeks after Easter and before summer, we have been taking some time to study the biblical book of Psalms in creative ways. The last Children's Chapel will be May 19th. We will start back in chapel on Homecoming Sunday in September.

Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School will be **June 10th – 14th**, 5:00-7:30. The theme is "Jesus and Friends Art Café" and will provide children preschool through fifth grade with opportunities to learn the stories of Jesus and his friends through art, drama, games and food.

If you would like to volunteer or donate supplies and/or food, contact Kendra. Also, check the narthex at church for a supply board that lists items needed for VBS.

CONFIRMATION LOCK IN

The Confirmation Youth will gather for a lock-in at church starting **Friday, May 17th** at 6pm and concluding Saturday, May 18th at 11am. For more information, contact Pastor Katherine or Pastor Kendra.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

This year our high school youth are traveling to Saint Louis, MO for our annual mission trip. We will be working with Neighborhood Houses to provide help with their after school programs and also do some cleaning and organizing for them. If you want to go with us, let Pastor Katherine or Pastor Kendra know by May 12th. Also, plan on participating in the "Mission in Motion" Auction and Shrimp Boil after church on **May 19th**.

Music at Edwards...

Weekly Music Rehearsals

Alleluia Ringers - Monday nights 6:30 pm
Chancel Choir – Wednesday nights 7:00 pm



Sign Up for Summer Music

SUMMER APPROACHES!! And our amazing musicians who rehearse weekly need to take a break! It's time for our Annual Special Summer Music Sign up and We Need You!

We are looking for young beginners and seasoned elders. New combinations of instruments and voices. Intergenerational ensembles. Musical and dance Solos. Family and friends who are here for a visit. You name it! Share your musical talent as you worship God through music. Especially you who have a talent you have not shared yet...don't hide it under a bushel...let it shine!

Please sign up on the weekly announcement sheet. If there are particular weekends you ARE or ARE NOT available, please indicate those. You can also call the office and leave a message. We look forward to hearing from you.

The congregation thanks you for your musical offering!

Staff News...

A Service of Installation for Pastor Kendra ~ May 26th at 3:00

You are invited! The Eastern Association of the Iowa Conference of the United Church of Christ has granted Rev. Kendra Thompson standing in the UCC! She was ordained last spring in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and now her ordination is authorized by the UCC as well. This means....we will OFFICIALLY INSTALL her to the position of Minister of Faith Formation at Edwards Congregational UCC! And we will do that on May 26th at 3:00.

Come and sing and celebrate! Come and worship and give thanks that God has brought us together. Come and support Pastor Kendra and Edwards as we move forward into the future. There will be childcare and – as we like to say – it will be a “cake” event!!!

Saying Good-bye to Rev. Jean Norton

It is with deep sadness that we learned this week of Rev. Jean Norton’s resignation from her position as Minister of Music. Jean has led the choir for 14 years and has been at the organ for a good part of that time. Through the years that she has guided the musical life of our church, we have grown in amazing ways. When Jean came, there was a Chancel Choir and a Bell Choir. Today, there are over 70 people who regularly share their musical gifts in church in a wide variety of musical groups and ensembles! While we celebrate that life is taking Jean in new directions, we will deeply miss her leadership! Change is in the air at Edwards, these days.

Jean’s last day with the choir will be May 19th, and her last day on the organ will be June 2nd. After church on the 2nd, we’ll have a great big party to send her off with all our love and good wishes. There will – of course – be cake!!! Don’t miss it!

A Musical Plan

Over the course of the next few weeks, the Personnel Board will be putting together a transitional plan for summer music. At the same time, they will be forming a Search Committee to begin the search for our next musical leadership team. It may be one person – leading the choir and playing the organ, or it might be two people, the way it was before Jean arrived in our midst. Pray for the people who will be searching. Pray for the people who God might call to work in our midst. Offer your help, if you can.

Ministry in the Transition Time

As Katherine’s retirement draws closer, many are asking... what’s next? The Search Committee continues to search. They are interviewing, checking references, listening to sermons, praying and working hard. As soon as they have a candidate to present to us, they will!

Meanwhile, the Church Council is searching for a FULL TIME TRANSITIONAL PASTOR to come to Edwards in July and stay until the Search Committee has finished its work and the Installed Pastor has arrived in Davenport. That shouldn’t be too long, but – of course – we don’t yet know how long it will be. There is a small group of Council members who are working at the initial interviews, and we are hoping that there will be a candidate for the Council to interview this month. You will know as soon as the Council makes a decision! Meanwhile.... The work of the church continues.

With Our People...

Keep In Our Prayers

The Pastoral Search Committee: Kay Anthony, Chris Fessler, Ruth Hefferman, Julie Henke, Tim Huey, Richard Jirus, Shirley Johnson, Katie Kyte, Dick Lafrenz, Merlyn Lippert, Terry Schlabach, Lyle Stratton, Rob Tubbs, Katie Van Blair

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.



Long-time Member Passes

Dorys Sauer, formerly of Davenport, died March 28th. She and her husband, Gene, were prominent members of Edwards church before they retired to Sun City, Florida. Her husband, Gene, survives along with their two sons.

Prayer Shawls

The need is always there to spread love, comfort and friendship to other people and prayer shawls do just that! If you need a pattern or have any questions, please call Dorothy Hammond at 309-797-2321.



May Birthdays

2	Evona Petherick	13	Tim Beck
3	Jason Gephart	13	Elaine Lippert
4	Katherine Dircks	15	Emily Norwood
4	Shannon Crawford	19	John Keraus
6	Lily Beitzel	26	Cathy Loughead
6	Katherine Mulhern	27	Craig Lucas
6	Kathy Lafrenz	27	Colton Glessner
7	John Chesley	28	Dee Hillyer
7	Sandy Doran	29	Kailan Neff
8	Sean Glessner	29	Ron Rebal
10	Michael Fessler	31	Sophia McCormick
11	Carol Bachellor		
11	Geri Dulaney		

Fellowship Opportunities...

Women's Breakfast Group ~ Note change of restaurant for May

All are welcome to join us at The Market Deli (at the Freight House complex, 421 W. River Dr., Davenport) on **Monday, May 6th** at 10:00 am for brunch and fellowship. Join in and bring a friend!!



Women's Night Out

All ladies are invited to Women's Night Out, **Thursday, May 16th** for dinner at 6 pm at Iowa Machine Shed, 7250 Northwest Blvd., Davenport, IA. Bring a guest or a newcomer – this is a great way to enjoy an evening of good food with new and old friends.

Church Women United in the Iowa Quad Cities Invites you to MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY

Friday, May 3rd at Third Missionary Baptist Church
222 West 14th Street, Davenport

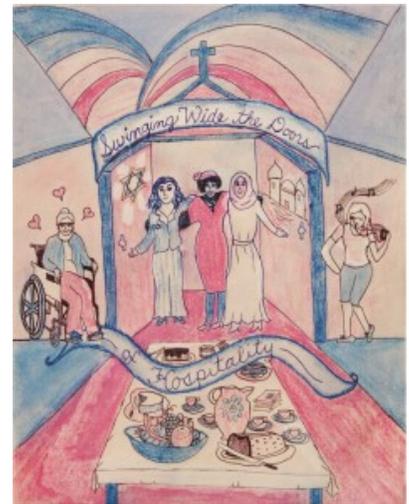
9:00 a.m. Registration

9:30 a.m. Brunch (\$6) and

Program ~ Swinging Wide the Doors of Hospitality

Questions? Call Lisa Hixon 563-343-5618 or lghixon@gmail.com

Carpooling is encouraged! Call Lisa for a ride!



Library Window Look...

The challenge is still on during this Easter Season to take care of our environment, so the recommendations from April will remain in the window. However, being this is the month to celebrate Mother's Day there is the Female Spirit section in our library to also peruse at your leisure. (LOVING THE EVERYDAY: MEDITATIONS FOR MOMS)

Church Business...

Internet Changes

Recently we discovered that our wireless internet connection has been compromised and misused. In order to protect our hardware and software at Edwards, as well as our good standing with our internet provider, we have changed the wireless passkey and will no longer be making it available for general use. We hope that this doesn't cause a hardship to anyone who has had access to our wireless in the past. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Woody Perkins at woody@edwards-ucc.org. Thank you, Media Ministry

Events, Rehearsals, Meetings, etc.

If you are scheduling a meeting or rehearsal, planning a church event or would like to use church space, it is **necessary** to call, email, or stop by the church office to check for room availability and to make a reservation. This makes for efficient room scheduling and prevents conflicts. This is particularly important because Edwards hosts Alcoholics Anonymous and their privacy needs to be respected. Please contact Kathy Bowerman (563-359-0331 or kathy@edwards-ucc.org) to reserve your meeting time and location.

Mission...

Auction! Auction! Auction!

It's that time again! **May 19th will be our ANNUAL MISSION-IN-MOTION AUCTION** – right after church! We will gather in the fellowship hall for a good old-fashioned Shrimp Boil (much like what our Biloxi Team enjoys at the end of every work trip). If you don't like shrimp... don't worry... there'll be plenty of other alternatives! If you are donating items for the auction, please deliver them to the church no later than Friday, May 17th.

Every year, the Auction brings in between \$4 and \$6,000 which funds the Youth Mission Trip, the Biloxi Trip, and other "hands-on" mission projects here at home. **FOR THIS YEAR ONLY**, the Church Council has approved a shift in the distribution of the funds that we raise.

Because we have adopted a deficit budget, and because we have lost an additional \$4,500 in income that we expected to receive from Head Start (due to the Sequestration), **AND BECAUSE** we have a solid \$5,000 balance in the Mission-in-Motion Fund... the Church Council has approved the proposal that we apply the first \$4000 in money raised at the 2013 Mission-in-Motion Auction toward the deficit in the Operating Budget. Anything over that will go toward the Mission-in-Motion Fund.

***AND..... IF WE HIT \$5,000..... ONE LAST TIME.....
ONE LUCKY PERSON WILL GET TO PUT A PIE IN KATHERINE'S FACE!!!!
DON'T MISS THE FUN!***

THE PLACE 2b

The Place 2b opened August of 2010 in response to the closing of the John Lewis teen shelter. The community decided an overnight shelter was not needed and opened the drop-in center instead. The Place 2b now serves any youth ages 14-18 who walks through their doors. Referrals come from social service agencies, probation and school counselors and social workers. However, the main source of referrals is from the kids that attend. Tutoring, individual and group counseling, a meal each night, hygiene supplies, and clothes for the youth to take with them are some of the things provided. A small computer lab is available as is video games, basketball, art and music activities. The kids help prepare, serve and clean up meals each night.

The Mission Board would like to reach out to this worthwhile cause. Miriam Pritchard has provided us with a list of needs. There is a box marked Place 2b for donated items.

They are as follows;

- New underwear(sizes appropriate for teenagers)
- Individual wrapped snack items (fruit snacks, granola bars, chips)
- Poster board for projects
- Laundry detergent
- Dishwashing liquid
- Dishwasher detergent
- Winter coats
- Projector
- Sewing machine
- Shoes
- Backpacks
- Jeans and hoodies for teen males
- Baby diapers (especially newborn)
- Gift cards for grocery stores, Target, Walmart
- Water, pop, juice boxes

For more information, please contact Miriam Pritchard 563-271-9858

Sunday, May 5 ~ Mission 4/1 Earth

Sister Cathleen Real will give a presentation on Climate Change in the Library after worship. All are invited to attend.

Mission 4/1 Earth Potluck Follow-Up

We have had many requests for recipes from last month's potluck. If you brought a dish and don't mind sharing the recipe, please email it to Judy Pavlak at jjcarr66@gmail.com. You can also hand write it and put it in the social justice mail slot or hand it to Judy or Dick Pavlak. Judy will compile all the recipes into a cookbook for us!

Be on the lookout for Birdies for Charity Pledge cards!!



Social Justice...

The New Jim Crow Advocacy Group

Church members from Edwards and the Unitarian Universalist church who have been meeting to discuss Michelle Alexander's book *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Color Blindness* have evolved into an advocacy and awareness group. They have adopted a name and mission statement: MIREN (Mass Incarceration Racial Equity Drugs): A source of awareness and advocacy for the Quad Cities addressing racial injustice in criminal justice.

At their next meeting, **Tuesday, May 7th**, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm, their guest speaker will be Dr. Peter Kivisto, chair of the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Welfare at Augustana College. Peter included the reading of Alexander's book in his spring quarter curriculum. Some of his students may join him to share their reactions and thoughts regarding the societal injustices presented in the book. **You are invited to attend and become involved in this group, which will be meeting at the Unitarian Universalist Church on Eastern Avenue on Tuesday, May 7th.**

UCC Anti-bullying Scarf Project

The UCC is involved in an anti-bullying project. The synod will hold their bi-annual meeting this summer in California and the scarves will be used there. If you want to knit or crochet one, they need to be 4 to 6 inches wide and 60 inches long in bright rainbow colors. The pattern is your choice. If you are interested, please call Dorothy Hammond for more details. 309-797-2321. The scarves will be needed by June 17th.



Update Your Membership Information

We need your help keeping Edward's membership records accurate and up-to-date! It is important you let the church office know when you change your home address, email address, cell phone, or if you replace your land line with a cell phone number. Please email kathy@edwards-ucc.org or give Kathy Bowerman a call with your new information.

This and That...

Pilgrim Heights Summer Camp Wish List

Help us prepare for the 2013 Summer Camp Season! Below you will find a materials list of supplies for summer camp. Please donate what you can, when you can!

- toilet paper rolls
- paper towel rolls
- safety pins or velcro stickers
- streamers
- sunglasses w/out lens
- water balloons
- 2 kiddie pools
- 2 inflatable pool mattresses
- coffee cans
- colored wool fleece
- blind folds
- paper bags
- color-coated candies
- balloons
- straws (various sizes)
- gingerbread kit
- ping pong balls
- clay
- legos
- chenille stems
- borax
- carabiners
- colored ink pads
- bottle caps
- large paper clips
- pipe cleaners
- index cards
- playing cards
- sidewalk chalk
- 22 gauge colored wire
- colored leather cord
- telescope/binoculars
- iron-on letters

Check out our website for more Wish List items: PilgrimHeights.org

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You !!

Dear Friends at Edwards Congregational UCC, The church of Jesus Christ is always at its best when it reaches out – and support of ministry in and through the wider church is one of the ways we reach out. Thank you for your gift to OCWM of \$25,200 during 2012. Your generosity expresses trust that God has work that can only be done as churches work together. I am profoundly grateful! God Bless You. **Rich Pleva**, Iowa Conference Minister

Thanks to all who helped with the Pageant! Especially **Elaine Lippert, Norma Wren, Rev. Jean Norton, Kathy Lafrenz, Robert Tubbs**. This was a new thing for the children of Edwards, and I am so proud of how the pageant turned out. Hopefully it will become a new tradition!

THANK YOU to **Norma Wren**, piano, and **Elaine Lippert**, Children's Choir Director and The Liturgical Dancers, **Kathy Lafrenz**, director, for music and dance during the Children's Pageant, **Merlyn Lippert** for conducting, and the Chancel Choir for offering music at the Unitarian Church Earth Day Celebration, **Promised Land**, with **Chuck Collins**, trombone, and the **Alleluia Ringers**, Sandy Reinders director, for wonderful music in April. Thanks to **Judy Pavlak** and **Martha Jirus** for filing the music week by week.

To all our beloved friends in our congregation, our heartfelt thanks for all your prayers, cards, calls, food (gosh, what a bunch of feasts), and visits but especially your prayers and love. We know that you were praying for us – we could feel it. We have been in a number of congregations, in a number of places over the years, and never have we ever felt so warmly made a part of a church family. God Bless each and every one in this wonderful group of truly Christian people. **Herb and Elinor Moore**

Thanks to all our friends at Edwards. Such wonderful memories. Thanks for all your thoughts and prayers. Love & Light, **Marti Dunn-Hall**

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

	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
	Communion	Mother's Day	Mission Auction	Food Pantry
Preacher	Katherine Mulhern	Katherine Mulhern	Katherine Mulhern	John Thompson
Chancel Set-up	Sandy Doran John Keraus	Michelle Hukvari	Dick Dulaney Judy Stouffer	Dick Lafrenz
Altar Flowers		Kay Anthony		
Scripture Reader	Emily Norwood	Caroline Evans	Kathy Lafrenz	Sharon Wildemuth
Communion Servers	Dick Dulaney, Anne-Marie Gephart, Dee Hillyer, Brad Hixon, Dick Lafrenz			
Special Music	Lynne Stukart	Young Strings	Chancel Choir's last Sunday Liturgical Dancers	Alleluia Ringers
Ushers	Dick Dulaney Anne-Marie Gephart Dee Hillyer Brad Hixon	Becky David Pam Edmond Tom Kenneke Pat Sterk	Bob Anderson Judy Collins Curly Curl Steve Wildemuth	Barb Bleedorn Dick Dulaney Mila Smith Milo Smith
Greeters	Dorothy Hammond John Harnung Susan Harnung Ruth Hefferman	Chris Kenneke Jack King Vonnie King Sandy Reinders	Gail McPike Chris Medina Jeannine Miller Julia Natvig	Ardis Kasper Joyce Paustian Evona Petherick Marilyn Riedesel
Coffee Hour	Mike Augsperger Jane Simonsen		Ann & George Kovacs	
Lock-up	Steve Wildemuth	Dick Werner	Vince Holdridge	Milo Smith
Mower / Trimmer				
CareGivers On Call	Elaine Lippert	Ruth Bowers Fran Wolfe	Evona Petherick Kay Stiles	Suzanne Benson Chuck Collins

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

Calendar...

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