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June Happenings

3 rd	Interfaith Prayer Service @ QC Pridefest
4 th - 8 th	Vacation Bible School
13 th	Allegro Handbell Concert
17 th	Tie Sunday
	Farewell to the Chesley's
17 th - 22 nd	Youth Mission Trip
19 th	Community Kitchen
24 th	"Ready to Play" Outdoor Worship Service

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From Our Pastor's Desk...

For months, now, the church has been torn up. After years of planning, we are finally moving in to our new building! There is still much to be done - now we begin the process of sorting and reorganizing. Step by step!

Meanwhile, life goes on. This month we celebrate that summer ritual - Vacation Bible School. We will also send Susan Chesley off to the next chapter of her life, as she joins Steve in Virginia. The youth will celebrate their summer ritual -the Mission Trip - this year to Church of Peace (UCC) in Rock Island. Somewhere this month will be the Iowa Conference Annual Meeting in Grinnell - this year celebrating 50 years of being the Iowa Conference.

As I reflect on our life of faith, I am grateful. I am a better person because of our church, and the denomination to which we all belong. I love that we are folks who serve the world, working with Muslims, Jews, Unitarians, Hindus, Buddhists, Native Americans, and even people of no faith. Edwards - and the whole UCC - have hope in a world filled with distrust and prejudice.

I love that we are connected in a web of covenant and ministry that spans our nation and our world. Rev. Becky David and Rev. Jean Norton and Lyle Stratton share the Peace of Christ as Chaplains at Genesis Hospital. Janie Stratton volunteers as a Befriender there. Rev. Lisa Gaston offers chaplaincy at Trinity Hospice. Crystal McCormick will spend the summer in the Middle East, studying Arabic in Jordan as part of her work in Christian-Muslim studies. Rose Marie Edgerton's grandson, John, now serves as the Associate Pastor at the historic Old South UCC (of Paul

Revere fame) in Boston. Her son, Dow, Jr, continues to serve as a professor at Chicago Theological Seminary, teaching preaching to our newest recruits. Former Edwards' member Rev. Lee Albertson retires from ministry this month at First Congregational UCC in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Former staff member Rev. Sue Harrington continues her work as Pastor and Teacher at First Congregational UCC in Canton, IL, and Rev. Timothy Sylvia does the same at Hope UCC in Naperville, IL. Merlin and Elaine Lippert's son, Todd, has just been called to be the new pastor and teacher of First United Church of Christ in Northfield, MN. Rev. Bob Hamilton continues in Interim Ministry in Wisconsin. We are a part of a wide web of ministry and service!

And then there's YOUR ministry. You, too, touch others in ways that help to heal a broken world. You, too, are ambassadors for Jesus Christ. Together, we are a part of something that is bigger than any one of us could imagine, which relies on gifts and skills from each one of us in order to be whole.

We are the church that believes that "God Is Still Speaking" - through each and every one of us. We believe, not in uniformity, but in unity. We believe that each one of us is called and commissioned to help make the world a better place. May it always be so.

June Scriptures

June 3

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

June 10

1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)
Psalm 138
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

June 17

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13
Psalm 20
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17
Mark 4:26-34

June 24

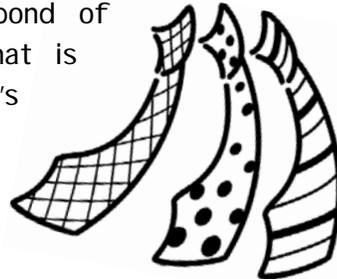
1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49
Psalm 9:9-20
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

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



Tie Sunday

Join us on June 17th for Father's Day, and wear a tie in honor of your Dad. If you don't have a tie anymore, "ties for rent" will be available at church that morning! Edwards is a congregation that is "tied together" by a bond of love and faith that is powerful. Let's have some fun and act that out!



Special Music for June

This summer we have some fabulous music:

3rd ~ Brad Miller & Mary Beth Dircks,
piano duet
10th ~ The Gaston Trio
and Norma Wren, organ
17th ~ VBS children
24th ~ Outdoor Service
with musicians directed by Becky David

We continue to look forward to more Summer Music and need you to sign up to take a Sunday for special music. Let the Spirit move you to share your talent! Sign up in the church office.

Ready to Play?

June 24th is "Ready to Play" Sunday. It will be an outdoor service. Bring bubbles, kazoos, pinwheels, anything to celebrate worship outdoors!

Youth and Christian Education . . .

Summer Sabbath Slowdown

Several changes take place during the summer months (June-August) at Edwards. Our acolytes take a leave of absence until Homecoming Sunday in September. Also, beginning in June, **Children's Chapel** is on hiatus until September so more children will be sharing the pews during worship. Make sure to welcome the children in your midst! As always, nursery care is available for infants and children through the age of 5.

Summer Nursery Help Needed

During morning worship, nursery care is provided for infants and children through the age of 5, and volunteers are needed to care for them. We would like to have 2-person teams to serve in the nursery on a rotating basis. The more teams we have, the less often you will be needed. Please contact the **Cathy Wetzel**, Nursery Ministry Coordinator, at 355-7114 or sign-up in the nursery.

Youth Mission Trip

Prayer Partners Needed

Prayer is an important part of our faith and it is something everyone can do. As the TECT Team journeys across the river to serve the people in Rock Island, we are in need of prayer partners for each of us on the trip. You will be with us as we go off on our mission, and we ask that you continue praying for us throughout the week. If you are willing to help in this important part of our mission trip, please contact **Miriam Prichard** at miriam@edwards-ucc.org or 563-271-9858.

Fishing Camps

Calling all young fisher persons! The fish are biting at Pilgrim Heights camp and our very own **Milo and Mila Smith** are leading two special fishing camp experiences. **Father and Me** camp is for children in grades K-3rd and runs from June 17-19. **Fishing Camp II** is for older children in grades 3-7th and is held June 19-23rd. For more information or to register for either program, go to www.pilgrimheights.org.

Music at Edwards . . .

Calling All Musicians!

We are putting together music for our outdoor service on Sunday, June 24th and we need you - singers and instrumentalists of all kinds! We will rehearse on Wednesdays evenings to get ready. If you are interested or have questions call or email Becky David at 323-5740 or therev@sacredspin.com. Rehearsal is in the sanctuary on June 6 & 20 at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you there!

Conference News . . .

Annual Meeting of the Iowa Conference UCC

Come and be a part of the Iowa Conference, UCC in Grinnell, June 7-10th to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Iowa Conference, UCC. If you cannot come to the whole weekend, come and sing in the concert choir on Saturday, June 9th. Eastern Iowa Conference Minister **Jonna Jenson** and our own **Jean Norton** have planned worship and Edwards musicians will be providing music. Perhaps you can come and sing on Saturday night and then stay for closing worship on the 10th. Contact Jean at extension 13 for more details.

Sharing the Vision Pledge Info

Did you know? We have now begun to borrow against our construction loan to pay the bills.

We anticipate we will be paying \$90,000 in interest for our building loan. An early payment of your Sharing the Vision Pledge means that Edwards will pay less in interest costs over the 5 years of our loan. Each gift makes a difference!

Gifts of the Spirit!

Celebrating Pentecost and the gifts of the Spirit ~ courage and counsel, wonder and wisdom ~ we move into the new, more accessible and welcoming church building spaces. The Building Task Force has asked **Sandy Doran**, a member of Edwards' congregation and a professional landscape architect, to prepare a comprehensive church grounds landscaping plan. The landscape plan along with an implementation explanation will appear in the July newsletter ~ please stay tuned!

Staff Changes . . .

Saying Farewell to Susan

Susan Chesley has been our Director of Christian Education for 13 years. She has loved children and grown-ups alike - teaching us all new ways to understand Jesus' love. Susan has taught us to love and appreciate our children. She has led us in playful worship times, and she has touched us in serious moments of holy observance. None of us will forget her admonition, as she begins prayer with the children, "TAKE A DEEP BREATH....and let's center into prayer."

June 17th we will all TAKE A DEEP BREATH...and we will send Susan off into the next chapter of her life, as she joins Steve in Virginia. We will worship. We will remember. We will laugh. We will cry. We will look at pictures. We will give gifts. And we will give thanks to the God who brought Susan to us in the first place. Join us that morning for worship and for a reception following worship as we say - not good-bye - but farewell to a wonderful friend, leader and teacher!



Get Ready...to Welcome Kendra

The Church Council has officially called **Rev. Kendra Thompson** to join the Edwards' staff. Her title will be Minister of Faith Formation, in recognition of the fact that this position has grown to be so much more than Sunday School for children. Like Susan, she will work half-time - 20 hours a week. Kendra comes with high recommendations and a wonderful spirit. She will join us on August 1st, and you can look for more biographical information next month!

Custodian Changes

Joe Opsal has worked behind the scenes for several years as our custodian, vacuuming, picking up, emptying trash, setting up tables, tearing down tables.... Recently, as both his other job and his family life have gotten busier, this part-time job has become difficult to juggle.

So... we are now in the process of searching for a new custodian. If you know of someone, contact **Kathy Bowerman**. Meanwhile, the Trustees are filling in the gap until we hire someone. If you would like to volunteer to help with the custodian's duties, please let either **John Harnung** or **Kathy Bowerman** know. If you see something that needs to be cleaned, either clean it or let Kathy know that it needs to be cleaned! Together, we'll get through until the next custodian arrives!

5th Annual QC Pridefest hosts
Interfaith Prayer Service
for Equality

Edwards UCC will be participating in an interfaith prayer service for unity and equality, Sunday, June 3rd at 5:00 pm, the closing event for the weekend festival "Bursting with Pride." There is no charge for attendance at the festival after 4:30 pm Sunday. Come lift your hearts and voices in community with other faiths.

A festival to celebrate the diversity of the Quad Cities, Pride Fest is a street fair, a carnival, a cavalcade of weekend entertainment, an interactive arts and sports jubilee, and an open air smorgasbord picnic, capped off with a night of fireworks on Saturday, June 2nd, and an interfaith service on Sunday, June 3rd. Events are held from noon to midnight Saturday and noon to 6 pm Sunday at Warren and Second Streets in downtown Davenport.



Community Kitchen June 19th

Will you bake a cake? We'll purchase cake mixes and frosting. You'll pick up the mix and frosting Sunday, June 17; bake and frost the cake and return it to church by 3 pm June 19th. We'll need at least 5 bakers. Please call or e-mail if you are willing to bake. **Will you help prepare sloppy Joes** around 1:30 and then stay for snacks? THANKS! Sandy, 332-2637 skreinders@gmail.com

You're Invited to
the Allegro Handbell Ensemble
Youth Handbell Choir from
Union Church of Hinsdale, Illinois
Concert at Edwards UCC
Wednesday, June 13, 7 pm

The Allegro Handbell Ensemble has been an organization of learning and growth for dozens of high school musicians, to the delight of audiences around the world. Throughout its history, the group has been a pioneering force in the world of handbells, and has commissioned and premiered several new works for the instrument.

In 1971 the Allegro Handbell Ensemble began its program of regular recording and annual summer tours. The first album was issued in 1977, and the group embarked on their first European tour in the summer of 1978. The European continent has played host to the ensemble every fourth year since. The ensemble performs regularly for civic, charitable, and community groups as well as providing music for Sunday services throughout the year. **Please join us for an evening of sacred and secular music as one stop on their 2012 tour.**

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You !!

Thank you! Thank you! Our goal of 28 units was met and surpassed by collecting 33 units for the spring blood drive. Thank you everyone who donated blood and for everyone who brought food and juice. The 99 potential people who will receive this life giving blood also thank you. Also thank you **Julie Henke** and **Cathy Wetzel** for making my job so easy. The fall blood drive will be in November. ~ **Dorothy Hammond**

Earth Keepers and **Lisa Hixon** wish to thank the following members of Edwards for helping to create a beautiful vigil on May 5, A Service of Solidarity with Earth and One Another: **Jean Norton**, for honoring us and Earth with her prayerful flute; **Rachel Sedgwick**, for gifting our vigil with lovely music on her soul-soothing guitar; **Susan Chesley**, for sharing her nature treasures and designing a meaningful sacred space, while leading the children; **Blaine Chesley**, for bringing forth the fire with grace and dignity; **Michaela Fessler**, for reverently carrying the water and other elements with such beauty and poise. Thanks also go to **Jewell Hixon**, **Brad Hixon**, **Shirley Johnson**, **Joyce Paustian**, and **Woody**. I also want to thank **Katherine Mulhern** for her much appreciated support.



I would like to thank all of the volunteers that made our *Blessings in a Backpack* program a success this year. It was great to see children, youth, and adults working together to fill 60 bags each week! The staff, students, and parents at Eisenhower school have been so appreciative. At least two students said that there were some weekends that they would have had nothing to eat if it weren't for this program. Thanks to everyone who helped shop for food, fill, and deliver bags this school year! You have helped to make such a difference in the lives of those 60 students. With much gratitude, **Abby Scales**

If you want all kinds of love and attention from our church family, just break a hip. All kinds of cards, prayers, flowers, visits, etc came my way. Thank you, Thank you !! **Ollie Gallaher**

Thank you to the May mowers and trimmers: **Dick Dulaney, Michael Fessler, John Harnung, Vince Holdridge, Richard Jirus, Brad Miller, Milo Smith** and **Steve Wildemuth**



Thank you to the many musicians who have brought wonderful music to worship in April and May: **The Friends in Faith Band: Cathy Burbank, Van Lewis, Brad Miller, Emily Norwood, Lyle Stratton, and Brady Weller**, with **Becky David**, director; **The Youth Choir: Elyse Dye, Emily Norwood, Chloe Van Blair, and Amber Whitfield**, with **Rachel Sedgwick**, guitar and **Evan Crawford**, bass; **Merlyn and Elaine Lippert**, conducting and accompanying the chancel choir in Jean's absence, and the **Alleluia Ringers: Sue Curl, Caroline Evans, Lisa Glessner, Elaine Lippert, Lynn Warren, Heather Wren**, with **Sandy Reinders** director, and **Brad Miller** accompanist.

We are so grateful to the friends and family of Edwards for braving the stormy day to attend my Installation as the new pastor of First Congregational UCC in Canton, IL. It was such a joy to see you all. Now, we ask for your prayers as we begin the process of selling our home in Davenport and looking for a new one in the Canton area. Thank you. We love you and miss you, **Sue Harrington** and **Mona Terry**

Thank you for your gift of two turkeys and a ham earlier this month to help us at Café on Vine. We certainly do appreciate this help, and are grateful you thought of us. What a wonderful spring we have had, and so many blessings have come on the Café. We finished our frozen vegetables and got through the winter with having to buy any soup fixings. Last week we learned of a grant to replace our back steps to make them safer for our volunteers and those delivering food. We are keeping our bills paid and producing great meals for our guests. And the weather keeps everyone in a good mood. We are grateful for so many blessings that you and others bestow on us. Thank you and God bless you for being a part of our ministry to those in need. **Sister Ruth E.**

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

	June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24
Preacher	Brian Dugan	Becky David	Katherine Mulhern	Katherine Mulhern
Chancel Set-up	Marilyn Riedesel Dick Lafrenz	John Keraus	Sandy Reinders	Judy Stouffer
Altar Flowers				
Scripture Reader	Angela Elliott	Mila Smith	Youth	Dick Vallandingham
Communion Servers	Bob Anderson, Ann Criswell, Mila Smith and Milo Smith			
Special Music	Mary Beth Dircks Brad Miller	The Gaston Trio Norma Wren	VBS Children	Outdoor Service
Sound System				
Nursery	Wendy Shaw-Sullivan	Terry Schlabach	Lisa Westbrooks	Chris Zippe
Ushers	Bob Anderson Ann Criswell Mila Smith Milo Smith	Becky David Dee Hillyer John Keraus Dick Vallandingham	John Harnung Bonnie Walling Ned Walling Margaret Wilber	Judy Collins Tom Kenneke Paul Petherick Marilyn Riedesel
Greeters	Bill Coker Judy Collins Ann Criswell George Kovacs	Curly Curl Sue Curl John Harnung Susan Harnung	Edith Egli Chris Fessler Ruth Hefferman Mary Hein	Martha Jirus Richard Jirus Ardis Kasper Nikki Keraus
Coffee Hour	Katie & Chloe Van Blair	Beth Penn	Susan's Farewell	Elaine & Merlyn Lippert
Lock-up	Ann Criswell	Dave Reinders	John Harnung	Milo Smith
Mower / Trimmer	Dick Werner	John Harnung/Dick Dulaney	Michael Fessler	Steve Wildemuth/Milo Smith
CareGivers On Call	Ruth Bowers Sandy Reinders	Kay Stiles Fran Wolfe	Lisa Hixon	Elaine Lippert

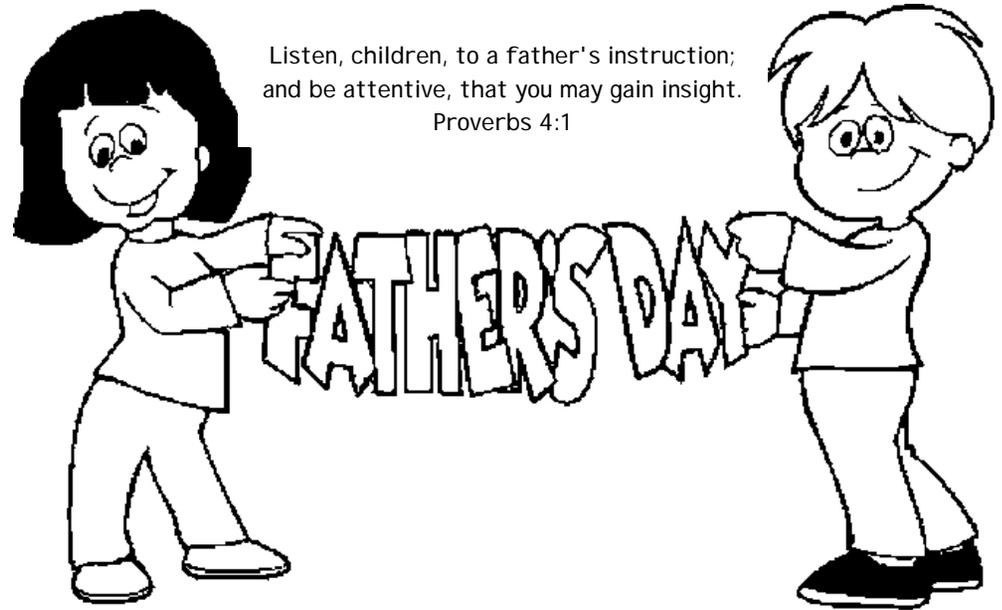
Where there are blanks, we may need your help!! Please call the church office to sign up.

JUNE 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Food Pantry Sunday Pentecost Strengthen the Church Offering 9:15 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:15 AM Worship 10:30 AM Children's Chapel 11:30 AM Liturgical Dance Rehearsal 11:30 AM Promised Land Rehearsal	28 Memorial Day Office Closed 6:30 PM Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal	29 8:30 AM Donuts & Hammers 5:15 PM Zumba	30 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	31 6:30 PM Steps to Serenity Al-Anon Meeting	1	2 9:15 AM Zumba
3 Trinity Sunday 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Promised Land Rehearsal	4 5:00 PM VBS	5 5:00 PM VBS 5:15 PM NO Zumba 6:30 PM Building Task Force Meeting	6 5:00 PM VBS 5:30 PM Building Dedication Meeting 6:30 PM Outdoor Service Rehearsal	7 5:00 PM VBS 6:30 PM Steps to Serenity Al-Anon Meeting	8 Office Hours are 9 to Noon 5:00 PM VBS	9 9:15 AM Zumba
10 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Promised Land Rehearsal	11 Office Hours are 9 to Noon	12 Office Hours are 9 to Noon 8:30 AM Donuts & Hammers 5:15 PM Zumba 6:30 PM Board Meetings 7:30 PM Council Meeting	13 Office Hours are 9 to Noon 5:30 PM Building Dedication Meeting 7:00 PM Handbell Concert	14 Flag Day Office Hours are 9 to Noon 6:30 PM Steps to Serenity Al-Anon Meeting	15 Office Hours are 9 to Noon	16 9:15 AM Zumba
17 Father's Day Susan Chesley's Farewell 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Promised Land Rehearsal 12:30 PM Youth Mission Trip departs	18 9:00 AM NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	19 12:00 PM CareGivers Meeting 2:00 PM Churches United Meal Site Food Prep 5:15 PM Zumba 5:20 PM Serve at Churches United Meal Site located at Salvation Army	20 First Day of Summer 5:30 PM Building Dedication Meeting 6:30 PM Outdoor Service Rehearsal	21 6:30 PM Steps to Serenity Al-Anon Meeting	22 Youth Mission Trip returns	23 9:15 AM Zumba
24 Food Pantry Sunday 10:15 AM Worship - Outdoors 11:30 AM Promised Land Rehearsal	25	26 8:30 AM Donuts & Hammers 5:15 PM Zumba	27 5:30 PM Building Dedication Meeting	28 6:30 PM Steps to Serenity Al-Anon Meeting	29	30 9:15 AM Zumba



Listen, children, to a father's instruction;
and be attentive, that you may gain insight.
Proverbs 4:1



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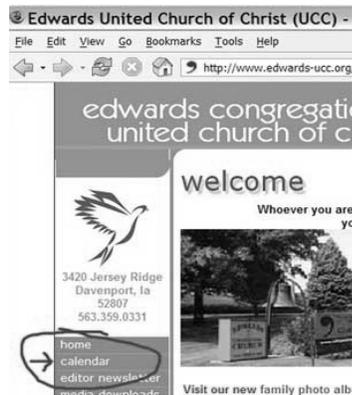


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Food Pantry Sunday

June 24th

Please bring a bag of groceries for the Food Pantry. Items needed include tuna, soups, stews, peanut butter, breakfast cereal, toiletries, diapers, etc. Whatever your cupboard needs...the Food Pantry needs, too!

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