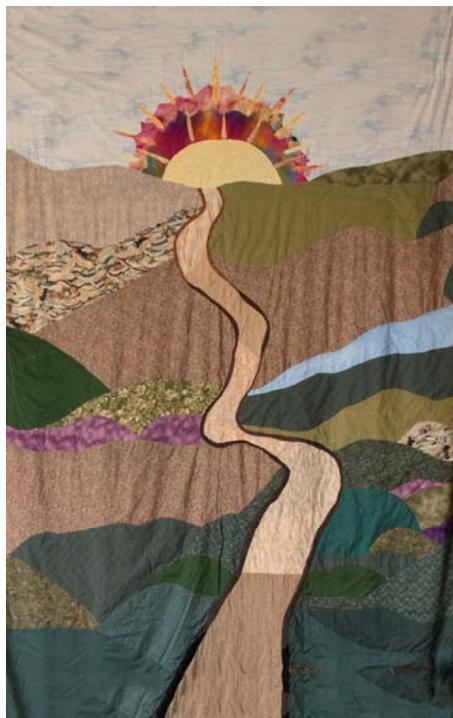


June 2013



Celebration of Ministry
for
Reverend Katherine Mulhern
Retiring after 15 years as our Minister

Sunday, June 23, 2013

10:15 to 2:30

Worship Service

10:15 Sanctuary

Lunch / Garden Party

Baxter Fellowship Hall

Please RSVP with Payment

(\$15 person / \$25 family) by June 9

Church Office: 563-359-0331

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Celebration of Ministry

1:00 Baxter Fellowship Hall

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~ Important Date Change ~

Due to VBS, the June Board & Council Meeting date will be June 18th.

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From Our Pastor's Desk...

Fifteen years is a long time! Ministry is a holy calling, and it has been a deep privilege to serve God here in this place among you all. It has been a joy to walk with you for so long. There are so many memories that it's hard to sort them all out. And maybe memories aren't supposed to be organized in proper files. Maybe they really are supposed to be jumbled up and in random order. Here are a few of the highlights as I look back on these past 15 years.

In the beginning, I remember – time after time – hearing that it was a big leap of faith for the congregation to call a woman to be the pastor here. And I remember how – very slowly – that perception changed. I remember the time when the youth dyed my hair purple. When someone from outside the congregation commented on it (negatively), one of our own said (with pride) – “Oh yeah. She's always doing SOMETHING!” I remember the day that we announced that we had raised more than \$1.25 million – when we needed \$800,000. I remember the day we broke ground for the new addition and the day that we dedicated it. I remember Boundary Waters trips and Mission Trips and Confirmation Camp. I remember the many times that you have surprised me with generosity and grace as I have celebrated ministry milestones among you.

I also remember more private moments. I remember sitting in the hospital with so many of you. I remember weddings and funerals and cups of coffee and lunches and birthday parties and Moveable Feasts. I remember both tears and laughter as milestones in your lives have been marked in the midst of the church. I will always remember the quiet hours that I have spent each week in my study – pondering Sunday's sermon and crafting words appropriate to the Biblical text and to this congregation.

I have often said that the word “remember” is really two words – “re” and “member”. In a literal way, the word “remember” means something like “to make whole again.” As people of faith, we understand how the memories that have been given to us in scripture have the power to make us whole – whether that's through music or sermon or prayer. Those ancient memories of Moses and Miriam and Isaiah and the Psalmists and Jesus and Paul... they give meaning and shape to our lives even today.

As folks who say “good-bye” all too often, we need to be careful with those memories. They are important – they teach us who we are and who we can become. But we'd better not get stuck in them! Memory makes us whole only when it leads us into the future. When our memories keep us stuck in the past, they do no one any good. I will treasure the memories of our years together as pastor and congregation – and I trust that (for the most part) you will too. But now it is time to move on. You have a newly installed Minister of Faith Formation, who is deeply gifted and who you already love. You have a new pastoral candidate to get to know. There are new horizons ahead!

That's true for me and Dick as well. We are profoundly excited about retirement. We look forward to evenings together at home and long walks and bike rides and the freedom to travel and the joy of grandchildren... and so much more. I am looking forward to mentoring young clergy... to reading more freely... to practicing yoga more regularly... to finishing the quilting projects that have languished on my sewing table for too long... to learning new quilting techniques. I'm looking forward to discovering who I am as a “human being” instead of a “human doing”!

As we go our separate ways, I trust that we will carry our memories and our hope into the future... as we (each in our own way) “go forth to love and serve the Lord”!

Edwards Worships...

June Scriptures

June 2nd

Psalm 96
1 Kings 18:20-21,
(22-29), 30-39
Luke 7:1-10
Galatians 1:1-12



June 23rd

1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7),
8-15a
Psalms 42 and 43
Luke 8:26-39
Galatians 3:23-29



June 9th

1 Kings 17:8-16, (17-24)
Psalm 146
Luke 7:11-17
Galatians 1:11-24



June 30th

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
Luke 9:51-62
Galatians 5:1, 13-25



June 16th

1 Kings 21:1-10, (11-14),
15-21a
Psalm 5:1-8
Luke 7:36-8:3
Galatians 2:15-21



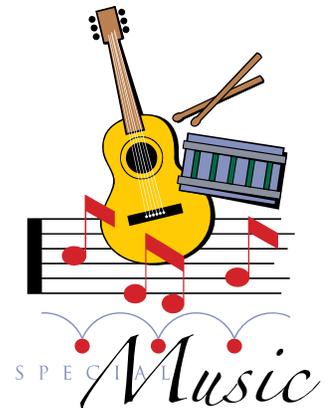
They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ~ Acts 2:42

Music at Edwards...

Special Music in June

This summer we have some fabulous music:

June 2nd: HeartSong with Mona Terry, harp; Elaine Lippert, organ
June 9th: Norma Wren and Elaine Lippert, piano/organ duet
June 16th: Promised Land and VBS children
June 23rd: Chancel Choir; Colin Young, saxophone
June 30th: Van Lewis and Brad Miller, piano duet



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 or on the weekly announcement sheet tear-off.

Music Concert in Dewitt

Music to Warm One's Soul is the title of **The Saint Louis Community Choir's** concert at the DeWitt Central Performing Arts Center, Saturday, June 22, at 7 pm, sponsored by DeWitt's UCC. All seats are \$10 and can be purchased through First Congregational UCC, DeWitt. (563) 659-3166 or www.uccdewitt.org. *This highly talented group is one of the most soul stirring and well-received gospel choirs in the St. Louis bi-state area. Formed in 1978 by Thomas Mitchell, the group has shared the stage with dozens of well-known artists, including the great Al Green. In addition to performing and touring, they have recorded several well-received singles and albums. Sharing the stage will be DeWitt's own Bella Canta. Bella Canta, Italian for "beautiful singing" is an ensemble of area women performing sacred and secular music from the Renaissance to contemporary eras.*

Youth and Christian Education...

June 2-5: Youth Mission Trip to Saint Louis, MO - CANCELLED

This year's mission trip has been CANCELLED. We did not receive enough participation. We hope to try again next year – either for an Alternative Spring Break trip or a summer mission trip. THANKS!

Shrimp Boil & Auction Success!!

Thank you to all who helped with the Shrimp Boil & Auction! There were many who cooked, cleaned, provided entertainment, donated items, and showed up to participate. Thank YOU!! It was such a fun event – and we earned almost \$5000!

Vacation Bible School: Jesus & Friends Art Café!

June 10-14, 5:30-7:30pm

Registration for this year's VBS begins Monday, June 10th at 5pm! The theme is "Jesus and Friends Art Café." We will rotate through art, food, and action centers and hear stories from the "café." We will even learn new music from the café band! Children preschool through 5th grade are welcome! Parents, feel free to join us for dinner at 5:30pm! (See below for schedule and stories)

5:30-6:00 Dinner & Prayer

6:00-6:15 Café Convos & Opening Music in the Art café (all together)

6:15-7:15 Rotations through centers (snack bar, art room, games)

7:15-7:30 Closing Worship in the Art café



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<i>"Don't Compare"</i>	<i>"Enough"</i>	<i>"Welcome Everyone!"</i>	<i>"Forgive"</i>	<i>"Give it up!"</i>
Mary & Martha	Loaves & Fishes	Zacchaeus in a Tree	The Runaway Son	Rich & Famous
Luke 10:38-42	Matt 6:34-44	Luke 19:1-10	Luke 15:11-32	Mark 10:17-27

Nursery News

In the spring, we hired a new staff person for our nursery here at Edwards, Danielle Dibbern. Danielle has been a tremendous caregiver to our young people. Danielle has accepted a full time position as a health care educator in Phoenix and will be moving soon. We will be looking for a new attendant, maybe even two, for the nursery. As we did before, we will be posting an advertisement on craigslist. However, if you know anyone who is interested and highly qualified to care for infants and toddlers, please notify Pastor Kendra Thompson.

Pastor Kendra on Vacation

On June 16th, Pastor Kendra will leave on her Summer Vacation, and she will return to us in mid-August refreshed and ready to go for another program year! You will remember that Kendra's position as Minister of Faith Formation is a $\frac{3}{4}$ time call. The way we are honoring that is that she works – pretty much full time – from mid-August to mid-June, and then has the summer off. That way she can put in the hours necessary during the program year, and we hold to the $\frac{3}{4}$ time covenant that we have made with her. So... Happy Trails, Kendra! We will look forward to seeing you in August!



Calendar Items...



June Events at Edwards:

- 2nd ~ Rev. Jean Norton's last Sunday and Farewell Reception
- 9th ~ Confirmation Sunday
- 10th thru 14th ~ Vacation Bible School: Jesus & Friends Art Café!
- 16th ~ Kendra Thompson's last Sunday (until Aug. 18th) & VBS Celebration
- 18th ~ All Board Meetings at 6:30 and Council Meeting at 7:30
- 20th ~ Women's Night Out
- 23rd ~ Rev. Katherine Mulhern's last Sunday and Celebration of Ministry
- 24th ~ Rev. Becky David, our Transitional Pastor starts

Mark Your Calendar **NOW** for Our "Candidating Weekend"

The Rev. Dr. Christine Isham, the Search Committee's candidate to be the next Pastor and Teacher at Edwards Congregational UCC, will be with us for the weekend of **JULY 13-14**. There will be a variety of opportunities to meet her and get to know her before the congregation votes on Sunday, so please plan to be here! A hallmark of the United Church of Christ is that the congregation votes to call its pastor. No one (except perhaps the Holy Spirit) sends us a pastor. We call the one who seems the best fit. Your presence matters and your participation is important. Don't miss out!

With Our People...

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.

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

June Birthdays

- 1 Jewell Hixon
- 1 Rowan Scales
- 2 Christie Holdridge
- 4 Joyce Baustian
- 8 Susan Melhus-Lee
- 10 Judy Pavlak
- 14 Anita Dietz
- 14 Annette Dietz
- 14 Erica Schroeder
- 16 Angela Reier
- 17 Michaela Fessler
- 17 Kristin Vike-Steinich



- 19 Alexis Opsal
- 21 Sharon Wildemuth
- 23 Jason Beitzel
- 23 Casey Nabb
- 24 Serene McCormick
- 25 Cathie Miller
- 25 Nathaniel Augspurger
- 26 Bill Coker
- 26 Chris Fessler
- 26 Brent Peters
- 30 Cathy Wetzel



Welcome New Members...

During the past month, 7 persons united with Edwards. They are:

Jason Gephart. Jason is employed by John Deere in the Forestry Division in Moline, IL. He is the son of Edwards member, Pam Edmonds, and married to Anne-Marie. He and Anne-Marie are the proud parents of Grace and Lorelei.

The family resides at 9020 – 277th St., Donahue, IA. 52746-9640; phone 843-2770.

Sponsor: Kay Stiles

Angela & Timothy Reier. Angela was born and raised in West Chicago, IL. and Timothy is from Bettendorf. Both are lawyers: Angela with HNI (HON Industries) and Timothy with the Rock Island Arsenal. Amelia (5 yrs old) and Quinn (5 mos.) occupy a lot of their spare time. A special moment for the family will be the baptism of both children Sunday, June 9th here at Edwards.

The family resides at 24 Glenwood Ave., Davenport, IA 52803; phones 563.343-5202 (Angela) and 563 /343-6903 (Timothy); emails: angelareier@gmail.com & timothyreier@gmail.com. Sponsors:

Lou and Norma Wren

John & Kendra Thompson. John was born and raised in Salt Lake City, Utah. Kendra was born in Boonville, Missouri. They moved to Davenport in August of 2012 when John accepted a teaching position at St. Ambrose. Kendra accepted the position of Minister of Faith Formation at Edwards UCC. She was recently ordained in the Disciples of Christ Church in Lawrence, Kansas. A special day in Kendra's life will be her ordination into the United Church of Christ at Edwards on May 26. Kendra and John enjoy outdoor adventures and bike riding.

They reside at 2441 Arlington Ave., Davenport, IA 52803-2501; phones 512 / 663-3638 (Kendra) and 512 / 636-0942; emails: kendra@edwards-ucc.org and fallinahole@hotmail.com.

Sponsors: Ray and Michael Ball-Trevor

James Van Howe & Farah Marklevits. Farah was born and raised in Red Wing, Minnesota. James comes to us from Rockford, Illinois. They have accepted teaching positions at Augustana College in Rock Island, IL. Farah is a professor of English Composition and James a professor of Physics. They are the proud parents of Eloise and Nora. Spare time activities include running, gardening, and James' learning to play the violin.

The family resides at 2618 LeClaire St., Davenport, IA 52803; phone 563 / 514-6664; email: fbmarkle@yahoo.com. Sponsor: Jane Simonsen

Jason, Angela, Timothy, John, Kendra, James, and Farah – “Welcome Home to Edwards! We are very blessed to have you as members of our Edwards family.” ~ Membership Board

Fellowship Opportunities...

Women's Breakfast Group

All are welcome to join us at Riefe's Restaurant (1417 W. Locust St., Davenport) on **Monday, June 3rd** at 10:00 am for brunch/lunch and fellowship. Join in and bring a friend!!

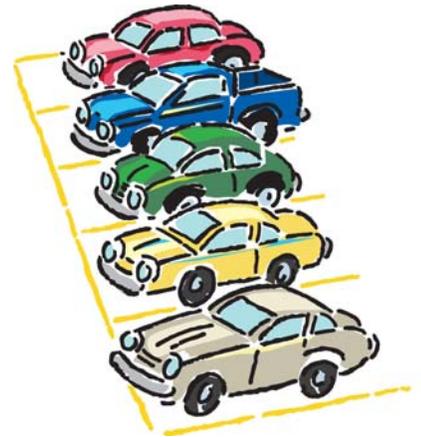
Women's Night Out

All ladies are invited to Women's Night Out, **Thursday, June 20th** 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.

This and That...

Please remember... the front parking lot is for proximity parking on Sundays and Wednesday evenings.

We have labeled two spaces "officially" handicapped, but we have left the others "unofficial." This is so that folks who need "proximity parking" but who are not "officially" handicapped can also use the lot. That might include families with small children or folks who are temporarily experiencing difficulty walking. **Please use the front parking lot during weekday office hours though, as we keep all the doors locked except the front for building security!**



Mission...

UCC gears up response to Oklahoma Tornados

The United Church of Christ joins with the people of Oklahoma as they mourn the deaths of loved ones and begin to comprehend the devastation left in the wake of tornados which struck the area on Sunday and Monday, May 19-20.

Edith Guffey, UCC Kansas/Oklahoma Conference Minister reports UCC church buildings in the Oklahoma City area appear to have escaped damage, but at least one UCC member has lost her home and another her vehicle. Dr. Guffey, Oklahoma City pastors, and UCC National Disaster Ministries' Florence Coppola are in communication and will coordinate the UCC response to these storms.

Ms. Coppola anticipates a broad ecumenical response pooling the particular disaster response competencies and resources of the UCC and our disaster response partners which include; clean up kits and personal protection equipment, pastoral counseling and support, funds to support immediate and long term recovery efforts and volunteers to help rebuild homes.

This is just the beginning of what is predicted to be an active Spring and Summer storm season. "Generosity is a hallmark of UCC members and friends," says Ms. Coppola.

If you would like to support these activities you can write a check to Edwards United Church of Christ and designate Tornados/Storms on the memo line. Your special donation will be forwarded to the UCC National Disaster Ministries.

Social Justice...

Edwards UCC and Equal Exchange: Our Two-Year Partnership

June marks the two-year anniversary of monthly sales of Equal Exchange Fair Trade products at Edwards. Over the past two years, the Congregation has supported our Fair Trade partners by purchasing:

- 365 bags of coffee
- 57 cans of cocoa
- 52 boxes of tea
- 113 bags of almonds
- 17 boxes of Geo Bars
- And a whopping 527 chocolate bars!



Most of the world's coffee is grown by marginalized small-scale farmers having only five to eight acres each. Outside of the fair trade system, coffee prices are highly volatile. Wide price swings make it impossible for farmers to accurately budget for the next harvest, and small-scale farmers have little to no power or resources to earn what their hard work deserves. They are regularly exploited by "middle men" who use fixed scales and pay farmers "below cost" prices for their products.

Fair Trade offers these small-scale farmers an alternative. Two main tenets of fair trade are:

- 1) A guaranteed minimum price set to cover the cost of production so farmers have enough money to keep investing in their farms each harvest. Within Equal Exchange, organic coffees are paid a higher minimum to encourage farmers to move toward environmentally sustainable farming practices, forest cover and biodiversity.
- 2) Social premiums paid to the farmer-owned cooperatives, which are used for community and environmental improvements such as infrastructure, health care, and education.

Equal Exchange is the first Fair Trade coffee company in the U.S., established in 1986, with a cooperative business model: For profit, worker-owned, mission driven and 100% Fair Trade. Their **unique Interfaith partnership program** model was initiated in 1997 with Lutheran World Relief. It has since grown to include 11 other partnerships, including the United Church of Christ. Through the Interfaith Program, all Equal Exchange products are offered at wholesale prices.

Equal Exchange's mission is to build long-term partnerships that are economically just and environmentally sound, to foster mutually beneficial relations between farmers and consumers, and to demonstrate, through our success, the viability of worker cooperatives and fair trade.

One of the Fair Trade principles requires coffee farmers to be democratically organized. Equal Exchange works only with small farmer co-ops in which each person holds one vote in determining what is best for the co-op and the community. Everyone gets a fair share of the profits and an equal voice in determining how the social premium money should be used.

Equal Exchange also provides affordable credit to the co-operatives including pre-harvest credit to help cover costs during lean months and credit for investments such as trucks, processing facilities and quality improvement programs.

The \$5,530.45 in fair trade goods purchased by Edwards' members has meant income to our Equal Exchange partners. Some of these include: CIRSA Co-operative in Chiapas, Mexico (coffee), CONACADO Co-operative in the Dominican Republic (cocoa), CACVRA Co-operative in Peru (cocoa and coffee), Fortaleza del Valle in Ecuador (cocoa), and COCABO in Panama (cocoa). The sugar in our chocolate bars comes from Paraguay and the vanilla from Madagascar. Our teas come from small farmers in India, Sri Lanka and South Africa. Our almonds come from California. Our coffees also come from growers in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Ethiopia, among others.

Thank you Edwards for supporting the Equal Exchange Fair Trade Coffee Project!

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You !!

Dear Edwards Family, We are so grateful for you! Your prayers of support were felt through the challenging move and illness. We are now settling into our new life in central Illinois and have found a beautiful home and community near Peoria. Sue has served as the minister for Canton UCC church for the past year and is developing a fondness for the rural community. Mona is setting up music lessons with harp students and making new contacts in the area. Fortunately, we are still close enough that you may see us from time to time... Sending our best to you all... **Mona Terry and Sue Harrington**

Thank you to **Kuralay Talgat, Sandy Reinders, Michael Ball-Trevor, Matthew Coomber, and Evona and Paul Petherick** for participating in our unit on "Things Old & New" in children's chapel this spring. You helped present the Psalms to our children in creative ways during children's chapel!

Thank you to **Rob Tubbs** and **Jesse Knudson** for leading children's chapel on May 12th while I was away. The Mother's Day flower craft was lovely!

Thank you to **Brian Dugan** and **Mila Smith** for your help with the Confirmation Lock-In. Mila's meal was mouth-watering and produced with love. Brian stayed up ALL night with our young people. What a trooper! Thank you to **Evan Crawford, Elyse Dye, Ben Hukvari, Lars Meseke-Wren, Kassidy Holdridge, Chloe Van Blair** and the friends they brought who attended our Confirmation Lock-In! You all amaze and inspire me with your spiritual depth, playful spirits, and willingness to serve. We are a blessed church to have you among us!

Thank you to **Danielle Dibbern** for being such a fabulous nursery attendant – you will be missed!

Blessings to **Penny Hubbard** and **Amber Whitfield** as they graduate from high school this month. Congratulations on this milestone!

Thank you to the many musicians, too numerous to name, who have brought wonderful music into worship in April and May. Each of these groups has rehearsed over the year and we will miss them over the summer. Please let them know of your appreciation: **Emmaus Road, Becky David**, director, **Young Strings**, with **Suzanne Benson**, director; the **Liturgical Dancers** with **Kathy Lafrenz**, director, the **Alleluia Ringers** with **Sandy Reinders** director and the **Chancel Choir**, with **Merlyn Lippert** directing. Thank you to the many people who served as **music librarians** during the Great Clean Out of the Music Room this past month: **Chuck Collins, Martha Jirus, Elaine Lippert, Judy Pavlak**, and **Norma Wren**

Dear Friends, How could anyone not heal quickly, or feel better sooner, or be ready to face challenges comforted, fed, listened to and laughed with without the amazing Caregivers of Edwards UCC?! My unexpected injury led me to the caring and compassion of this group, and I thank you wholeheartedly. Many thanks as well to those who sent cards, called and stopped by to offer any help. I'm on the mend now, and looking forward to being busy once again. Blessings, **Pat Cresap**

Thanks to All Who Shared in the Mission in Motion Auction

Thank you – all – who helped to make the Auction a success again this year. Those who donated items, those who worked in the kitchen, those who decorated tables, and those who came and bought treasures! We had a great time, and we raised almost \$5000 which will – this year only – go toward the budget deficit to make up for the loss of the balance of the Headstart income which we had expected to receive in the fall of 2013.

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

	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
	Jean & Heartsong Farewell	Confirmation Sunday	Father's Day VBS Celebration	Katherine's Celebration	
Preacher	Katherine Mulhern	Katherine Mulhern	Katherine Mulhern	Katherine Mulhern	Becky David
Chancel Set-up	Dick Dulaney John Keraus	Judy Stouffer	Sandy Doran	Michelle Hukvari John Keraus	John Keraus
Altar Flowers	The Gehlers	Pam Edmond			
Scripture Reader	Norma Wren	Katherine Mulhern			Tim Huey
Communion Servers	Dick Dulaney Pat Sterk Margaret Wilber Steve Wildemuth			Curly Curl, Becky David, Anne-Marie Gephart, Dee Hillyer, Vince Holdridge, Tom Kenneke, Pat Sterk, Fran Wolfe	
Special Music	HeartSong - Mona Terry & Jean Norton	Elaine Lippert & Norma Wren	Promised Land VBS Children	Chancel Choir Colin Young	Van Lewis & Brad Miller
Ushers	Dick Dulaney Pat Sterk Margaret Wilber Steve Wildemuth	Barb Bleedorn Bonnie Walling Ned Walling Steve Wildemuth	Angela Elliott John Harnung John Keraus Dick Vallandingham	Curly Curl, Becky David, Anne-Marie Gephart, Dee Hillyer, Vince Holdridge, Tom Kenneke, Pat Sterk, Fran Wolfe	Bev Bergert Brad Hixon Dick Lafrenz Terry Schlabach
Greeters	Terry Schlabach Erica Schroeder Mila Smith	Tina Rivera Beverly Simpson Sandy Sohr Kay Stiles	Katy Strzepek Joel Sullivan Wendy Sullivan Fran Wolfe	Bonnie Walling Ned Walling Margaret Wilber Sharon Wildemuth	Ruth Bowers Viv Boyer Angela Elliott Dick Vallandingham
Coffee Hour	Social Fellowship			Celebration Committee	
Lock-up	Craig Lucas	David Reinders	John Harnung	Darrell Hillyer	Milo Smith
CareGivers On Call	Sandy Reinders Martha Jirus	Chuck Collins Kay Stiles	Lois Larew	Fran Wolfe Elaine Lippert	Evona Petherick Suzanne Benson

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>26 Food Pantry Sunday Trinity Sunday 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Coffee Hour 11:30 AM Liturgical Dance Rehearsal 11:30 AM Promised Land Rehearsal 3:00 PM Pastor Kendra's Installation</p>	<p>27 Memorial Day Office Closed 6:00 PM Diversity AA Meeting</p>	<p>28 8:30 AM Donuts & Hammers 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 6:00 PM Memorial Fund Committee Meeting 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting 6:30 PM Diversity AA Meeting 6:30 PM VBS Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1 Worship Board Retreat</p>
<p>2 9:45 AM Concert - Jean Norton 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Jean Norton's Farewell 11:30 AM Promised Land Rehearsal 6:00 PM Search Committee Meeting</p>	<p>3 10:00 AM Women's Breakfast Group 6:00 PM Diversity AA Meeting</p>	<p>4 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 1:30 PM Clergy-SAG 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting 6:30 PM Diversity AA Meeting 6:30 PM VBS Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 Confirmation Sunday Katherine's Farewell Luncheon RSVP due 9:00 AM Confirmation Breakfast 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Promised Land Rehearsal 6:00 PM Search Committee Meeting</p>	<p>10 4:30 PM VBS Band Rehearsal 5:30 PM Vacation Bible School 6:00 PM Diversity AA Meeting</p>	<p>11 Board Meetings and Council moved to June 18. 8:30 AM Donuts & Hammers 5:30 PM Vacation Bible School 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>12 5:30 PM Vacation Bible School</p>	<p>13 5:30 PM Vacation Bible School 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting 6:30 PM Diversity AA Meeting</p>	<p>14 Flag Day 5:30 PM Vacation Bible School</p>	<p>15 10:00 AM Promised Land Rehearsal</p>
<p>16 Father's Day 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Coffee Hour 11:30 AM Promised Land Rehearsal 6:00 PM Search Committee Meeting</p>	<p>17 6:00 PM Diversity AA Meeting</p>	<p>18 12:00 PM CareGivers Meeting 2:00 PM Churches United Meal Site Food Prep 5:20 PM Serve at Churches United Meal Site located at Salvation Army 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting 6:30 PM Board Meetings 7:30 PM Council Meeting</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 9:00 AM Newsletter Deadline 6:00 PM Women's Night Out 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting 6:30 PM Diversity AA Meeting</p>	<p>21 First Day of Summer</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 Food Pantry Sunday 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Katherine Mulhern's Farewell 11:30 AM Promised Land Rehearsal 6:00 PM Search Committee Meeting</p>	<p>24 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Diversity AA Meeting</p>	<p>25 8:30 AM Donuts & Hammers 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting 6:30 PM Diversity AA Meeting</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
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The Reverend Dr. Christine Isham

Christine's Statement on Ministry from her Ministerial Profile

The journey and calling to ministry is an amazing blessing. Certainly there are times when hitting the snooze button over and over in the morning is very tempting, but the personal satisfaction and blessing of leading worship, traveling the confirmation journey with the young and sometimes not so young, visiting the sick and homebound, building relationships that enable personal growth and awakening to the divine confirm to me my calling to ministry. A calling that is both pastoral and prophetic: the one helping to gently navigate the bumps and potholes of the path on which we travel while the other challenging to take the road less traveled.

My faith has been stretched and deepened through the years. I have endured hardship: financial, vocational and familial. Now I can look back and say that these hardships have had the effect of a refiner's fire; because I have been able to use them as opportunities for growth and spiritual maturity. I look forward to the discipline of reflecting on God's word and the world in which we live, exploring the intersections between our gifts and the world's needs, and bringing this message to life in a way that will both nurture and challenge those listening. And to put the message within the broader context of liturgy, ritual, tradition, innovation, and music can bring the presence of God alive in a wonderful and exciting way.

The church is a place of community and a place to empower and equip people for ministry. By attending to pastoral care and fostering the spiritual development and growth of a congregation, a foundation is laid for congregants to discover and nurture the gifts and skills they bring to the church. As well, keeping the church's vision in sight when planning and evaluating is another important aspect of building up the church, fostering a healthy community and empowering the church to hear and respond to God's call.

Educational Background

Drew University Graduate School, Madison, NJ: PhD in Ethics, 2005
Clinical Pastoral Education (1 credit) Barnes Jewish Hospital, Fall 2003
Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL, MTS 1990
DePauw University, Greencastle, IN, BA in French, 1988.

Denomination Activities, Ecumenical Activities, Beyond the Local Church

- Western Association Committee On Ministry, 2011 to present
- Missouri Mid-South Conference Annual Gathering Planning Committee, 2012
- Western Association Council, Member at Large, 2010-11
- Spiritual Gifts Workshop Facilitator, Northeast Area of the Christian Church (DOC), 2004-06
- Women Touched By Grace III 2012-2014: A Spiritual Renewal Program for Clergywomen at Our Lady of Grace Monastery Ministerial Alliance, 2010 to present, Missouri Interfaith Disaster Relief Organization
- Canton Council of Churches, 2003-2006, CROP Walk coordinator, Canton, Mo 2005

