



**JULY 2017**

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*In Christ we celebrate a living faith, as we worship, care for one another, and reach out to all.*

## **Church Office Hours**

**Monday - Friday**

10 am – Noon

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## ***Message from your Moderator:***

A very happy July to you all! As your moderator, I have learned a great deal about the amount of work that goes into running our church, day to day. We are blessed with a talented staff who have been very willing to step up and help during this time of transition. I have also been heartened by the number of folks in the congregation who have volunteered to put forth extra effort lately, to ensure that our church services and missions continue. It has been a delight to hear the variety of talents and voices that we have in our congregation. We truly appreciate and need all of your voices and input, especially during this transition time.

On Wednesday, June 28, the Council and congregation came together to hear from our Iowa UCC Associate Conference Minister, Jonna Jensen. We had good attendance and we learned much about the pastoral search process through a great Q&A session. As a result, the Council will be preparing what's necessary to begin our Interim Search. We have faith that we will find the right Interim Pastor for Edwards through this process.

I know that summer is a busy time for everyone, and many folks will be away from time to time, relaxing with family. I encourage you to participate in our summer church activities, and to keep up with the progress we are making in our pastoral transition and search decisions. My prayer is that God's blessings will continue to be upon us through the summer.

***Lyle Stratton, Moderator***

## **Join us for Worship – Sundays at 10:15 a.m.**

*Scripture choices for future Sundays will be at the Preacher's discretion during this summer of transition.*

## **Next Steps – Interim Minister Selection**

- 1) July 9<sup>th</sup> a special Council meeting will be held to discuss and establish the following:
  - a) Skills needed for Interim Pastor
  - b) An Edwards "resume" for prospective Interim Pastors to review.
  - c) A compensation 'range' package for an Interim Pastor.
- 2) Iowa Conference will then post the Interim Pastor opening on the UCC website.
- 3) Iowa Conference will then forward the prospective 'Interim Minister profiles' to Edwards for consideration.

If you have any question and/or comments, please contact Lyle Stratton at 563-570-7556.

## **Edwards Announcements**

### **PREPARING FOR BACK BAY MISSION**

Share your small, unused toiletries! We are looking for donations of the little soaps, shampoo bottles and lotions that you may have collect from hotels on your trips. This year's Back Bay Mission crew will take these items with them to Biloxi, MS in October to donate to the BBM Micah Day Center to help those in need. There is a basket for these items in the narthex.

Join the crew in traveling to Back Bay Mission:

- Trip dates – October 14 – 22, 2017
- Fees of \$300 is due – July 30, 2017 (Sunday), to Julie Henke

If you need more information, please visit the Edwards website at: <http://edwards-ucc.org/biloxi/>

## **Fellowship Opportunities**

### **WOMEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP**

Join us at the Village Inn on 53<sup>rd</sup> & Elmore in Davenport at 10:00 am on the first Monday of each month for brunch/lunch and fellowship. Bring a friend! Next date is 7/3.

### **DONUTS & HAMMERS - (no D & H on 7/4).**

This group meets every other Tuesday at 8:30 am in Baxter Hall at the church for donuts, coffee, fellowship and doing what is needed around the church. No experience is needed! Next meeting - 7/18.

### **WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT**

All ladies are invited to attend this monthly night out. Bring a guest or newcomer for an evening of food, friendship and a laugh or two. The next dinner will be on Thursday July 20 at 6:00 pm at Barb Bleedorn's house, 2507 E. 40<sup>th</sup> St, Davenport, IA. Drinks and tableware will be provided; please bring a dish to share.

### **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Summer is a great time for ice cream! The Membership Board is planning to have an Ice Cream Social right after worship on Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Bring your appetites for Whitey's Ice Cream plus a variety of toppings! Celebrate summertime fun and conversation with a cool dip of Ice Cream!



## **Oops! We inadvertently left out June Birthdays in our last Newsletter! Happy Belated Birthday to the following...we hope your day was happy!**

2 Christie Engelman, 8 Susan Melhus-Lee, 14 Anita Dietz, 14 Annette Dietz, 14 Erica Schroeder, 16 Marcie Phillis, 16 Angela Reier, 17 Kristin Vike-Steinich, 21 Sharon Wildemuth, 23 Jason Beitzel, 24 Macy Revels, 25 Cathie Miller, 25 Nathaniel Augspurger, 26 Bill Coker, 30 Cathy Wetzel.



## **Celebrating July Birthdays – Enjoy your day!**

1 Rob Tubbs, 2 Joyce Paustian, 5 Chris Kenneke, 5 Ian Beck, 5 Madeline Tesch, 6 Evan Crawford, 6 Grace Gephart, 8 Mandy Harvey, 8 Dick Werner, 9 Rosie Harvey, 9 Katrina Vike, 11 David Lohmann, 11 Torri Vande Zande, 13 Mary Hein, 14 Lou Wren, 15 Vonnie King, 15 D. Slack, 16 Frances Sanders, 17 Jean Lucas, 17 Katie Van Blair, 18 Paul Petherick, 19 Linda Dorrance, 20 Jack King, 21 Nikki Keraus, 21 James Stuhler, 22 Tracey Hustad, 24 Carolyn Walters, 24 Dick Dulaney, 24 Gail McPike, 25 Curly Curl, 26 Marty Schlabach, 28 Brian Dugan, 28 Lisa Westbrooks, 29 George Kovacs.

## **Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**

- **Summer Worship planning and volunteers** – Thank you to **all of our participants**.
- **Vacation Bible School** – Thank you to **all who attended and all who helped with the activities**.
- **Our Edward Staff and Volunteers** – Thank you to those **who keep our church activities flowing**. We appreciate your extra efforts and patience during this time of transition.

## **Please Keep In Your Prayers**

Due to privacy issues we no longer publish names on the website version. Please contact Brian Dugan with any questions or concerns.

## **Edwards Summer Bills...Not Taking a Break!**

As you may remember from our Annual Meeting, the congregation passed a significant deficit budget for 2017. Our treasurer, Woody Perkins, is doing his best to time the paying of bills with available cash flow. As a church we are also trying to keep spending to a minimum during this time of transition, but many bills continue throughout the summer. Please keep your pledges and donations as current as possible. Any assistance you can provide in paying ahead, or through additional donations will be a great help. If you have questions or concerns on your pledge/donations, please contact Julie Henke, 563-508-4220, email: [juliehenke@aol.com](mailto:juliehenke@aol.com)

## WHERE THERE ARE BLANKS, WE MAY NEED YOUR HELP!!

	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
Preaching	Bob Hamilton	Joyce Paustian			
Chancel Set-up	Bob Riedesel	Sue Curl	Jerri Revels	Paul Petherick	Rhonda Curl
Scripture Reader		Brian Dugan	Norma Wren	Chuck Collins	Joyce Paustian
Ushers	Gail McPike Rosie Harvey Mandy Harvey Paul Petherick	Sandy Reinders Bob Riedesel Jeri Revels	Chuck Collins Paul Petherick Pat Sterk	Bob Larew Cathy Loughead Cathie Miller Paul Petherick	Chuck Collins Rhonda Curl Cathie Miller
Contact Worship Board Chair, <b>Cathie Miller</b> about the above openings.					
Audio	Lyle Stratton	Cathy Wetzal	Joyce P.		Lyle
Video		Lyle	Woody P.	Lyle	Joyce
Contact, <b>Lyle Stratton</b> about openings for the above.					
Greeters	Bev Bergert Marty Beck	Gehler Family	Judy Collins Dorothy Hammond	Anita & Annette Dietz	Mary Hein Jesse Knudson
Coffee Hour	Mandy & Rosie Harvey	Evona & Paul Petherick	Joyce Paustian	Ice Cream Social	Danielle King
Contact Fellowship Chairs <b>Mandy &amp; Rosie Harvey</b> about the above openings.					
Lock-up	Ron Rebal	Dave Reinders	Norma Wren	Tom Kenneke	Cec Chapman
Snow /Mow	Brian Foy Brad Miller	Dick Delaney	James Van Howe Bob Riedesel	Bob Larew	James Van Howe Trent Sorensen
Contact Trustee Chair, <b>Tom Kenneke</b> about above openings.					
CareGivers On Call	Fran Wolfe	Evona Petherick Mary Ostrom	Bev Bergert	Dee Hillyer	Martha Jirus Sandy Reinders
Contact Caregiver Coordinator, <b>Brian Dugan</b> about above openings.					

### JULY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>25</b> Food Pantry Sunday 9:00 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Coffee Hour 11:45 AM Promised Land Rehearsal	<b>26</b> 6:00 PM Diversity AA Meeting	<b>27</b> 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting	<b>28</b> 9:00 AM staff meeting 6:30 PM Special Council Meeting	<b>29</b> 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting 6:30 PM Diversity AA Meeting	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> 9:30 AM ACAC Meeting
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