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HOMECOMING 2006

Becoming Butterfly People

Sunday, September 10
Church School for all ages 9:00-10:00
Worship 10:15
Luncheon following worship



**Butterfly People*: Those who live in the belief that God sees the possibility in each of us and blesses us to become more than we dreamed possible; those who move beyond fear and uncertainty to answer God's call.

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From Our Pastor's Desk...

During the past few weeks, I have been spending a lot of time getting ready to lead the youth mission trip to Emmaus Homes in Marthasville, Missouri with 16 young people. All of that has gotten me thinking about mission at Edwards.

Mission is more than something we DO - although we DO a lot of mission here. Mission is what we ARE. As the church, we ARE God's mission to the world. And that happens in more ways than anyone can count.

We help put a roof on a Habitat house, and share God's love with a family that wouldn't otherwise have a home. We clean up the highway, and we spread the word that God cares about the environment. We serve a hungry person a meal at a meal site, and we tell the world that God does not ignore poverty or hunger. We welcome a stranger into a worship service, and we remind them (and ourselves) that in the kingdom of God there are no strangers. We invite children into our weekday programs, and serve folks of many different faiths - and of no faith - remembering that Jesus invited everyone - not just the people who agreed with him. We bring orphaned children to this country through Lifelink Adoptions, and we remember that in Christ there is no east or west. We teach children and youth and adults about the stories of our faith, and we pass on a faith that has sustained us - and will sustain them - through good times and bad.

There are lots of ways to experience God in the world. I know God's presence in a beautiful sunset. I know God's presence in the love of my family, especially in the sloppy, wet kisses my younger grandchildren offer up at bedtime. I know God's presence around potluck tables and in hospital rooms and at wedding receptions and at funeral celebrations. I know God's presence on

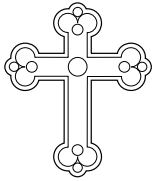
mission trips.

Without the church, I would have never learned the language to describe those experiences. Without the church, I would never have learned the values that taught me that serving others was more important than serving myself. Without the church, I would never have known that my spirit rests in God's spirit from the moment of birth through all eternity.

We used to think of mission as something we did a long way away. And it still is. But it is also who we are - right here at home. Mission is teaching - inside the church and out. Mission is preaching - inside the church and out. Mission is giving to others - inside the church and out.

On this mission trip, our youth will do some work that needs to be done in a place that needs help. They will also learn what it means to serve people who have been forgotten by the rest of the world - but not by God. And they will learn what we all know - the church IS God's mission to the world no matter whether we are here at home or a long way away. Each of us is a living testimony to God's grace and love in the world.

Scripture in August



August 6:

2 Samuel 11:15-12:13a

Psalms 51:1-12

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

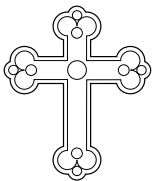
August 13:

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31:33

Psalms 130

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

John 6:35, 41-51



August 20:

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

Psalms 111

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

August 27:

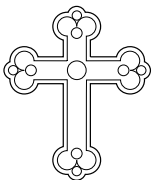
1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11),

22-30, 41-43

Psalms 84

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69



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

Hat Sunday

August 20th is Hat Sunday. Everyone is encouraged to wear a hat to church: men, women and children. It can be a baseball cap, a top hat, a sombrero, a beret, a cowboy hat, a bonnet, a bowler, a homburg, or anything that strikes your fancy. Let's have some fun with this. We hope everyone will wear a hat or some head dress on August 20th.

Contemporary Worship

Contemporary worship continues through the summer with once a month services at 5:30, and a potluck following the service. This month's contemporary service will be on August 20th! Come! Let the Friends in Faith band lift your spirits! It is a Spirit-filled time of faith and it's a great way to end your weekend and begin your week!

Newcomers Inquiry Class

Have you been visiting? Would you like to know about Edwards and the United Church of Christ? Please join us Sunday, August 6th at 11:30 a.m. in the church parlor. A light lunch will be served. Please call Geri Dulaney (323-2145) or the Church Office (359-0331) to sign-up or for information.

Music, Music, Music. . . .

Special Summer Music!

August 6	Mona Terry, organ & harp
August 13	Elizabeth Knoche, violin
August 20	Lyle Stratton and Brian Dugan guitars & vocal
August 27	Final Cut Barbershop Quartet, Harry Swartz
September 3	Van Lewis and her daughter Donna, soloists

Annual Music Bash - August 30th

At the END of August, we get our music groove back! If you are one of the OVER 70 musicians who have brought music into worship in the past 12 months, PLEASE JOIN US! We'll meet at 6 pm at Duck Creek Park at one of the shelters. Hot Dogs, buns, condiments, table service and water will be provided...bring a different meat and beverage if you wish, a dish to pass, and re-join your fellow musicians! We will ENJOY each other's company, CELEBRATE the past year and GEAR UP for the fall! See you there!

Bell Choir Ringers Needed!!

If you would like more information or have questions about joining a handbell choir please contact Sandy Reinders, 332-2637, skreinders@mchsi.com. First rehearsal - Wed. September 6th, 5:45-7:00 p.m.

Heartsong CD Party

Sunday, August 13th after worship, Mona Terry and Jean Norton will celebrate the support of the Edwards family in the creation of their new HeartSong CD. Cake and music will be offered after worship in Baxter Hall. Copies of the CD will be on sale. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Iowa Conference, UCC. Come and hear some music, dine on cake and celebrate HeartSong at Edwards!

Musicians - Save These Dates:

We are exploring new rehearsal dates and times this fall. Call Jean Norton, 359-0331, ext. 13 for more information.

Choir: Wednesday, September 6th - First Choir Rehearsal: 7:15-8:45 pm NOTE: NEW TIME!

Sunday, September 10 - Weekly Sunday morning rehearsals and singing begin; plus Choir Retreat after Homecoming Dinner through 5 pm.

The Friends in Faith Band:

Thursday, September 7th - 5:30 - Pizza and Plan. NOTE: May change to Tuesday nights...
...come and discuss!

Tuesday, September 12th OR Thursday,
September 14th - 6:30-8:00 Rehearsal
Sunday, September 17 4:30 Rehearsal, 5:30
Weekly Evening Service Resumes

Keep in Your Prayers

Donna DeMuynck, undergoing radiation therapy

Audrey Dugan, home from the hospital

Alex Slack, home from the hospital

Joy Swab, in the hospital

Dave VanDerKamp, home from the hospital

Ethan Vordtriede, recovering from a tonsillectomy

Paul Vordtriede, undergoing chemotherapy

All those who are traveling on vacation.

Our homebound members and friends:

Gen Bainter, Nancy Bolyard, Leona Davis, Betty Murray, Laurel Ogden and Lynn Warren.

From Our Moderator

Now I don't have to tell you how slow the night can go.

I know you've watched for the light.

And I bet you could tell me how slowly four follows three,

And you're most forlorn just before dawn.

And I don't need reminding how loud the phone can ring, when you're waiting for news.

And that big old moon lights every corner of the room.

You're back aches from lying and your head aches from crying.

And if these troubles should vanish like rain at midday,

Well I've no doubt there'll be more.

And we can't run and we can't cheat

Cause baby when we meet what we're afraid of,

So if you lose your faith babe,

You can have some of mine

And if you're lost I'm right behind

Cause we walk the same line.

-Tracey Thorn

from We Walk the Same Line

Women's Day & Night Out

Women's Night Out - Thursday, August 17, Annual Summer Picnic/Salad Potluck, 6:00 p.m., at Pat Cresap's, 5220 Coachman Rd., Bettendorf, IA 52722, phone: 449-8148. Bring a salad or dessert to share. Beverages provided. Dress casually.

Women's Day Out - Thursday, August 24th, 8:30 a.m. to Princeton, IL.

Attention All Men!

We are going to start up a men's group this fall and are interested in having an organizational meeting to discuss purpose, activities, and possible meeting times. If you are interested please see Lyle Stratton, Brian Dugan, Dick Werner, Dick Dulaney, or Joe Hall. We hope to have multiple generations represented in the group!

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

	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27
Preacher	Rev. Katherine Mulhern	Rev. Katherine Mulhern	Becky Klemme	Pat Bereskin
Greeters	Carol & Don Carroll Bonnie & Ned Walling	Ardis Kasper Kay Stiles Ron & Carolyn Walters	Anne-Marie Gephart Erica Schroeder Jean Neavor Chris Medina	Katy Strzepek Ryan Dye Olive Gallaher Sandy Sohr
Guest Guides	Sharon Wildemuth	Membership Board		
Ushers	Steve Wildemuth Dick Dulaney Margaret Wilber Clyde Durrah	Eric Crawford Dave Wymore Ned Walling Russell Dircks	Tim Mandell Mary Hein Steve Knoche Pat Rosburg	Margaret Wilber Joe Hall Steve Hukvari Pat Rosburg
Nursery 10:15 a.m.	Mary Hein			Chris Zippe Anne Swarts Kaela Swarts
Caregivers on Call	Chris Fessler Jean Neavor	Kay Stiles Joyce Swartz	Sharon Wildemuth Barb Fleener	Lyle Stratton
Coffee Hour Hosts	Dick Dulaney	Lisa & Eric Crawford		
Scripture Reader	Anne-Marie Gephart	Mary Hein	Kathy Lafrenz	Tim Mandell
Communion Servers -	Dick Dulaney, Tracy Miller, Steve Wildemuth, Clyde Durrah			
Chancel Set-Up	Dick Dulaney Tracy Miller	Chris Zippe	Chris Zippe	Tracy Miller
Sound System	Woody Perkins substituting for Dave Van Der Kamp			
Lock-Up Trustee	Tim Mandell	Brad Miller	Clyde Durrah	Steve Hukvari

Where blanks appear, we need your HELP!!! Please call the church office, 359-0331 to sign-up. Thank you!! If you are not able to fulfill your assignment, please call a replacement or call the church office, 359-0331, ext. 10. Thank you.

August Birthdays

1 - Amanda Loughead
2 - Kathy (Vance) Ramsey
2 - Crystal Miller
4 - Robert Ostrom
4 - Amy Groenenboom
6 - Darrell Hillyer
8 - Billy Hawkinson
8 - Elyse Dye
9 - Al Takemoto
9 - Cassandra Bridges
10 - James Wetzel
12 - Amy VanHoosier
12 - Abby Weyman
13 - Sarah Vordtriede
18 - Ryan VanHoosier
19 - Tracy Miller
20 - Hilda Raap
20 - Dave W ymore
21 - Jessica Loughead
22 - Sarah Kenneke
23 - J.P. Bridges
24 - Virginia Seifert
24 - Norma Wren
24 - Sara Verdick
25 - Bonnie Walling
25 - Richard Jirus
25 - Becky Takemoto
25 - Jake Taft
26 - Gail Clingerman
29 - Mary Beth Dircks
30 - Harry Swarts

If your birthday was inadvertently omitted or incorrect, please notify the church office with the correct information. Thank you.

Thank You, Thank You. . . .

Inadvertently omitted from last month's editor - A huge Thank You to Sharon Wildemuth for filling in for Teresa King, church secretary, while she took a three week vacation during late May and June.

July Nursery Helpers: Emily & Sarah Kenneke, Mary Hein, Cathie Miller, Marilyn & Bob Riedesel, and Ryan Dye

July Newsletter Helpers: Sue & Curly Curl, Ardis Kasper and Evona Petherick

These people helped with Vacation Bible School and deserve a HUGE THANK YOU - Jennifer Jordening, Cathy Wetzel, Dawn Johnson, Cathy Miller, Cathie Loughead, Woody Perkins, Cindy Kuhn and Fanny, Dennise Weyman, Emily and Sarah Kenneke, Emily's friend Jessica Blaum, Anne Swarts, Lyle Stratton, Marta Fioriti, Taylor and Erica Schroeder, Blaine Chesley, Amanda Loughead, Sandy Reinders, Melissa and Danell Randall, Elizabeth Norwood, Ryan Dye, Katy Strzepeck, Chris Medina, Mary Beth Dircks, Chris Fessler, Shirley Johnson and Carol Stratton for keeping us in her prayers!

The Worship Board would like to give a special thank you to those who helped them surprise Katherine on the 15th Anniversary of her ordination - Dick Werner, Geri Dulaney, Dave VanDerKamp, Kathy & Dick Lafrenz, Marilyn Riedesel, Dee Hillyer, Joyce Swartz, Sharon Wildemuth, Woody Perkins, and everyone at Edwards for keeping the secret!

Dawn Johnson, Anne Marie Gephart, Susan Chesley, Katy Strzepek, and Elyse and Molly Dye for their help in preparing and serving supper at the East Moline Meal Site in July.

Thank you!!! To the Advisors who went with the youth to Emmaus Homes in Marthasville, Missouri: Sue Harrington, Becky Klemme, Katherine Mulhern, Carol Ogletree and Christine Wren.

Thank you to Woody Perkins for driving to Emmaus Homes to do a photo shoot of the youth at work.

Prayer Partners for the Youth Mission Trip to Marthasville, MO - Chris Zippe, Jay Kyte, Katie Kyte, Lyle Stratton, Mila Smith, Shirley Johnson, Ryan Dye, Jennifer Jordening, Katy Strzepek, Becky David, Cathy Wetzel, Michael Fessler, Carol Stratton, Steve Chesley, Lynn Warren, Cathy Loughead, Susan Chesley, Teresa King, Geri Dulaney, Judy Collins and Chris Fessler.

Norma Wren for beautifully playing the organ at the last minute, and July Special Musicians: Max Molleston and Henry McCarrel, vocal, Bonnie Walling, piano, Suzanne Benson, violin, Mary Beth Dircks and Brad Miller, piano duet, and Mona and Lesa Terry, harp and violin. Thanks also to Keith Thess and Sandy Reinders for attending the bell conference!

Summer Blood Drive

Edwards is having a blood drive at the Mississippi Blood Center from July 31-September 2. Blood that is donated there for Edwards will count toward our 30 unit goal for this special drive. Sign-up for this blood drive on the tear-off sheet in the Bulletin or call the Blood Center (359-5401) and make your own appointment. The address for the Blood Center is 5500 Lakeview Parkway, Davenport, which is just off of East 53rd Street.

Summer is vacation time for many people; but the need for blood never takes a vacation, so take the time to help someone by donating your blood. Merlin Bachellor, Coordinator

You Can Help

Ethan Vordtriede's Godfather, Chris Honnold, is planning to ride his unicycle all night at the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, in Paris, IL, August 12/13, to raise money for the fight against cancer, in honor of Paul Vordtriede, Ethan's father, currently undergoing chemotherapy treatments for esophagus cancer. If you'd like to help sponsor this ride, checks made out to the American Cancer Society, can be sent to Chris Honnold, 109 Woodberry, Danville, IN 46122.

Fair Trade Coffee

We still sell Beneficio Coffee, so if you need to stock up now is the time to do it! The proceeds benefit the coffee growers, their communities AND OCWM!

Habitat for Humanity

There are many ways to volunteer: committees, construction, lunch providers, site hosts, and office assistance. If you would like to volunteer on your own, call Erik Rogers, Volunteer Coordinator, 359-9066, 9:30-5:30 weekdays to sign up. If you would like to be involved in construction or providing lunch with a group from Edwards please give Sandy a call at 332-2637 or send her an e-mail at skreinders@mchsi.com, or sign up on the tear off sheet in the bulletin.

Orientation sessions are held the first Saturday, August 5, 10-11 am and third Tuesday, August 15, 7-8 pm. at First Congregational 2201 7th Ave, Moline. Please let Sandy know if you plan to attend an orientation session so Erik can be notified.

Our next workdays at 714 22nd Street in East Moline will be Saturday, August 12 and September 9. Thanks to Michael Fessler, Sandy Reinders, Dick Werner and Lisa Whitfield who worked in the hot sun at the East Moline House July 22. Dick and Michael worked on the roof with tar paper and shingles. Sandy and Lisa put up F channel and soffit.

Biloxi Trip

October 29-November 4, 2006. We have a DVD from Back Bay Mission which shows the enormous task our UCC mission is facing to rebuild themselves as well as the Mississippi gulf coast. This DVD will be shown in the orange rug room after worship on August 6th. Come join us.

Parent Orientation Lunch

Parents, children, and youth are invited to an orientation lunch after worship on Sunday, August 27th. This will be an opportunity to register your children for church school, learn about programming, volunteer for specific events and kick-off another year of faith-filled learning. No need to bring a thing except your enthusiasm!

Library Clean-up

Several members of the Board of Christian Education will be working through the stacks of our library in an attempt to better organize a wonderful collection of resources. Anyone wishing to help in this project can join the fun on Tuesday, August 8th at 9:00.

Edwards Book Club

Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer, Tuesday, August 22, 6:00 p.m. Light supper will be provided.

Wanted: Youth Director

Would you be interested in a half-time position, working with great youth, as part of a great staff? Do you know someone who might be interested? Contact Katherine or the church office with any questions or to apply for the job!

Youth Mission Trip

On July 23rd, sixteen youth and five advisors traveled to Emmaus Homes in Marthasville, Missouri for a week of hard work in the Missouri heat. Emmaus Homes is a UCC residential facility for developmentally disabled people. They live there, they work in the sheltered workshop if they are able, they have their own church community (with a pastor, a choir and a bell choir). They have a bowling team and a softball team and much more.

Our youth worked during the day on work projects - yard work and power-washing, building a wall in the shower area of the pool, digging a trench to pour concrete into in order to anchor a fishing dock, painting (both inside and outside), sorting molds into categories so that they could be sold on e-bay, and cleaning out a very hot attic. In the evenings they switched gears, and worked with the residents. They played kickball together, they made ice cream, they helped lead a sing-along. And on the last night, the residents invited them to come over to their house for watermelon!

Through the week, the youth learned how to show God's love to a people who are forgotten by the rest of the world. They learned how to work together and live together (without air conditioning or TV!). It was a GREAT success. Thank you Edwards for sending them out to be a part of our ministry to the world.

They're Here!!

The new church photo directories have arrived! Thank you for your patience and understanding; it's been a long year. If you had your picture taken here or submitted a photo, your FREE directory is available. It can be picked up at any time.

A Note from Jean Norton and Dave VanDerKamp

Many thanks for your prayers, cards, goodies, playing music and even the care of Sherlock Dog during Dave's recent surgery and hospitalization. We could feel your love and strength, making it possible to endure the difficulties. The recovery road will be long, but we are confident it will be sure. Thank you for all your care.

Handbell Happenings

Keith Thess and Sandy Reinders attended a regional AGEHR handbell festival in June where they practiced and performed with 600 ringers under the direction of two nationally known and respected directors. They also attended classes to increase their knowledge and skills relating to handbells. Some of the classes they participated in were: Advanced Bell Techniques, Advanced Conducting, Becoming a Team Player through Critical Listening, De-Stressing, Handbells in Worship, Hand Jives, Put Some Oomph in Your Ringing, Solo Ringing and Stopped Sounds. Sandy & Keith thank the Edwards Endowment Board for paying for some of their expenses.