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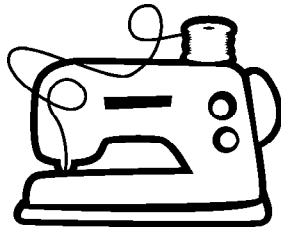
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Back by popular demand
 "Dresses for Haiti" and "Kids Against Hunger"
 (and more)

at our **Get Ready... to Work!**

"Work-ship" Service on
 Sunday, August 19th



We'll sew dresses, package food, dust, wash windows, prune bushes, polish silver and other chores. For the dresses we need new or gently used T-shirts, sewers, scissors and machines. We'll have fun socializing while we're putting our faith to work. So, wear casual, comfortable clothes and get ready to work!

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From Our Pastor's Desk...

Every year, it seems as though the summer flies by faster than ever, and this year is no exception! Here it is August, and kids are getting ready to go back to school, vacations are a thing of the past, and at the church we're gearing up for fall!

This month (the 12th to be exact), we will welcome Rev. Kendra Thompson, our new Minister of Faith Formation, into the fold at Edwards. Kendra is a graduate of Austin Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas (a classmate of Crystal McCormick!), and is an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) - a sister denomination to the UCC. Kendra and her husband, John, are moving to the Quad Cities from Kansas, where John has just completed his PhD in Social Work at the University of Kansas in Lawrence. He will be joining the faculty at St. Ambrose this month.

Welcoming someone new onto our staff is an important practice of faith for us all - hospitality has always been a core value in Christian faith. So, it's worth thinking a bit about how each one of us can be part of the welcoming committee. Here's some ideas:

Wear your nametag for the next year! Every Sunday! You may think that you've been around long enough for everyone to know your name, but Kendra doesn't know ANY names! (and neither do any of our many visitors) Help her get to know you, and don't expect that she will be able to remember everyone's names right at first.

Sign up for one of the welcoming gatherings that will be held during August! The best way to get to know someone is in a small group setting. Sign up for one of the welcoming coffees so that she can get to know you personally - and so that you can get to know her. Share your dreams and help her to craft new programs!

Don't assume that just because you don't have children in the education wing that you don't need to get to know her (or that she doesn't need to know you)! Intergenerational opportunities are an important part of faith formation at Edwards. Kendra needs to get to know us all, as she begins the work of shaping Christian Education for all ages in our church. Make it easy for her!

Volunteer to help in the education program before Kendra asks for help! One of the most difficult things to do when you are new in a community is to ASK for help. Make this easy. Offer your gifts. Tell her about the things you really like doing for Christian Education programming. Tell her what you would be willing to do...in a pinch. Ministry is a partnership - let's do our part to make it one!

Never start a sentence with "*Susan used to...*" Kendra is Kendra - not Susan. Whether we know it or not, each one of us is a part of the "official welcoming committee"! Let's make sure we show Kendra what a wonderful congregation Edwards really is - from the very beginning!

August Scriptures

August 5

2 Samuel 11:26—12:13a

Psalms 51:1-12

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35



August 12

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

Psalms 130

Ephesians 4:25—5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

August 19

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

Psalms 111

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58



August 26

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



Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children.

Ephesians 5:1

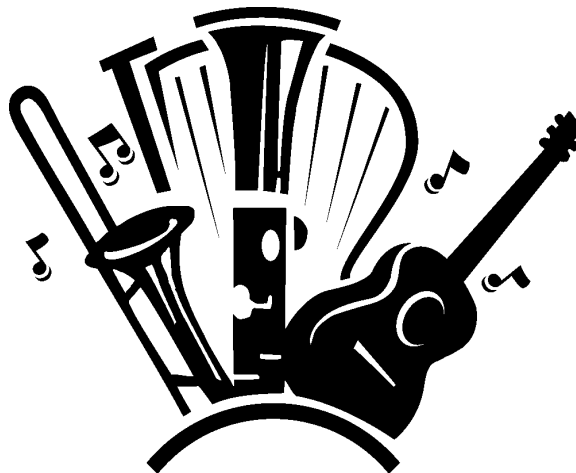
Get Ready...to WORK!

Back by popular demand, we will put a little muscle into our worship service on August 19th. That's the day we will polish silver, make dresses for Haiti, assemble nutritious dried meals to be shipped around the world, wash windows, and a variety of other tasks that put the service into our worship. So come to church on August 19th, ready to worship, ready to serve, ready to work! Casual clothes are appropriate!



Special Music

- August 5: Chuck Collins, trombone
- August 12: Harry Swarts, vocal solo
Norma Wren, organ
- August 26: Strings 'R' Us
- September 2: Bonnie Walling, clarinet



Staff Changes . . .

Transition, Transition!

With the announcement that Katherine will be retiring in June of 2013, a whole new set of transitions is beginning. The first step in our journey toward calling Edwards' next pastor is to FORM A SEARCH COMMITTEE!

In our Bylaws, the Church Council is responsible for gathering the Search Committee, and they are spending this month working to put together a list of names. If you know someone you think would be a good Search Committee member, please make sure that our Moderator, Shirley Johnson, knows.

Once the Search Committee is formed, they will be officially dedicated - hopefully at our Building Dedication Service on September 9th.

Next, we will assemble a "church profile", a detailed description of Edwards Church, which will be distributed to UCC pastors who are searching for a call. When we start receiving ministerial profiles, the Search Committee will read profiles, interview candidates, and finally choose a candidate to be presented to the congregation for approval.

The process should take about a year. When it is time for Katherine to retire, we should be close to calling our next pastor. We will probably need a "transitional" minister for a few months, as we make the final shift from Katherine's 15 year pastorate to our new pastor. Stay tuned for new information as it becomes available!

More Staff Changes!

This month we will be saying good-bye to Miriam Prichard, who has been our Youth Director for the past year. Miriam will continue to sit in the pews and participate in the life and ministry of our congregation - just not as part of our staff.

We will "officially" say good-bye to her in worship this month, but (at her request) we will not be hosting a reception! Send a card, write an email, make a phone call... However you do it, make sure to extend your thanks and appreciation to Miriam for her work with our youth!

We are in the process of filling that position, and if you have ideas, please pass those on to Tom Kenneke, chair of the Personnel Board.

Getting to Know Kendra

As a part of getting to know our new Minister of Faith Formation, we are setting aside three times for small group conversations with Kendra. This is an opportunity for you to share some memories of what's been important for you in the past...and also some dreams about what you are hoping for the future.

The times for these informal gatherings are:

- ✦ August 14th at 5:00 pm (before Boards)
- ✦ August 19th after church
- ✦ August 26th after church

Please sign up for the time you prefer so that we can keep these groups small. We will provide additional times if that is needed. Look for a sign-up on the tear-off sheet, or contact the church office. Nursery will be provided!

Welcoming Kendra

The best way to provide an "extravagant welcome" for our new Minister of Faith Formation, Kendra Thompson, who joins our staff August 12th, is to present her with gifts showing our thankfulness and support that she has chosen to join with us in our faith journey!

You may ask what kind of gifts can I bring? The gift of prayer support of course, and *especially* the gift of your **time** to support Christian Education activities. There are many opportunities to present your gifts of time and commitment to her as she transitions our educational programming from what it has been to what it is to be. While she will lead us in the process and method of education, our involved "presence" in those activities is what is transforming in us. We receive God's blessing as we bless others with our time and talents as we serve our church community.

Please consider volunteering in areas needed such as Sunday Children's Chapel, Nursery, Wednesday night program classroom helpers, meal preparation and clean up, to name a few. Please sign up on the tear off sheet being provided in the worship bulletin. Thanks! -The Christian Education Board



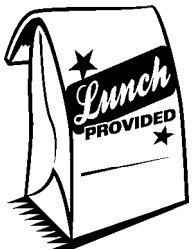
Welcome

Mark Your Calendars NOW!!!

September 9th will be our BIG DAY! That's the day that we will dedicate our new building to the glory of God and the service of Jesus Christ. We will welcome back all the people who have helped us along the way:

- Rev. Dr. Sue Gallagher - the consultant who led us through the Long Range Planning Process.
- Greg Gowey - the architect who listened to our needs and turned our dreams into a vision as he designed the addition.
- Steve and Mary Kay Havey - who helped us raise the pledges.
- Andy Allen - the site supervisor from Estes who turned the vision into a bricks-and-mortar reality.
- Rev. Dr. Rich Pleva, Rev. Jonna Jensen, and Rev. Nicole Havelka - Iowa Conference Staff who encouraged and advised us every step of the way.

The day will begin with worship at 10:15. Following worship we will gather out front for an all-church picture. There will be a free catered box lunch provided after church, and the Dedication Service will begin at 1:30 in the Sanctuary. There will be pictures, music, and great celebrating as we honor our past, give thanks for the present, and move into our future!



Please RSVP for your box lunch TODAY!



Please remember your pledge this summer and that we adopted a deficit.

Landscaping Plan

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 and an implementation explanation. The plan, which highlights the order of priority of the various areas to be landscaped, is posted at <http://www.edwards-ucc.org/library/> and will be on display in Baxter Hall. George Kovacs has volunteered to be the contact person for the comprehensive landscape plan implementation. If you are interested in assisting with the landscaping project, please contact George at georgekova@gmail.com or cell phone # 309-235-2349. From mid-July to mid-August/September the landscape work will center around amending the soil with compost in preparation for mid-August/September grass seeding. Additional seeding and landscape planting will continue into the fall months of September and October.

Money Matters

You probably remember that in January, we adopted a deficit budget, with the understanding that each of us would stretch a bit to make sure that we end 2012 "in the black". All has been going well - until summer! It is normal for our income to drop a bit through the summer, as people travel and are away from church on Sunday mornings. But this year, our "summer slump" has been a bit larger than usual, and it's time to turn that around!

Please check your 2nd Quarter Statement when it arrives in the mail! If at all possible, make sure that your pledge is up to date! Every gift makes a difference, and that includes yours!

MUSIC REHEARSALS BEGINS IN AUGUST

Annual Picnic on August 22nd

For Musicians, Music Lovers and Families

Each year we gather up the musicians of the year and re-acquaint ourselves with one another as the music year begins.

This year, we are starting ONE WEEK EARLIER, on August 22nd! If you are one of the MANY, MANY musicians who have shared your gifts in worship the past 12 months, are thinking of getting involved in the music program, or just want to hang out with musicians, PLEASE JOIN US! And bring your families for our potluck.

We'll meet at 6 pm at Duck Creek Park at one of the shelters. Watch for Sophie Bear! Hamburgers and condiments, table service and water will be provided...bring a different beverage and item to grill if you like, and a dish to pass. We will ENJOY each other's company, CELEBRATE the past year and GEAR UP for the fall! See you there!



MUSICIANS - SAVE THESE DATES:

CHANCEL CHOIR: *rehearses and sings weekly and during special services.*

Annual Choir Retreat: Sunday, AUGUST 26th, lunch provided, to 3 pm

First Rehearsal: Wednesday, August 29th, 7:00-8:30 pm

Weekly Sunday rehearsal/singing begins: Sunday, September 9th



ALLELUIA RINGERS: *Handbells rehearse weekly, and ring on most 2nd Sundays of the month and for special services.*

First Rehearsal: Monday, August 27th, 6:30-8 :00 pm

Monthly ringing begins: Sunday, October 14th

If you cannot rehearse weekly or ring monthly, consider being on the substitute list!

For more information about the Alleluia Ringers, contact Sandy Reinders, 332-2637, skreinders2@msn.com. For more information about the Chancel Choir or other music programming, contact Jean Norton, 359-0331, ext. 203, or jean@edwards-ucc.org. *Looking forward to seeing you in the fall!*

Join the Musicians and Singers for Homecoming Sunday/Building Dedication

We're looking for additional singers for a Celebration Choir on September 9th, musicians who would enjoy playing brass in the morning service, and contemporary music in the afternoon. The choir will rehearse Wednesdays, August 29th and September 5th from 7-8:30 pm. The Wind Ensemble and Contemporary Musicians will meet separately at a yet to be determined time. Please contact Jean at church, 359-0331, ext. 203, jean@edwards-ucc.org or sign up on the tear off sheet on Sundays. We'll get you connected to the right group and director. And come to the Music Picnic 8/22 and our Choir Retreat, 8/26 if you can!

Newcomers Inquiry Class

Are you looking for a church home? Are you interested in learning more about Edwards Church and the United Church of Christ? Newcomer Inquiry Class will be forming soon. Contact our Membership Coordinator, Geri Dulaney (geri@edwards-ucc.org), if you would like more information.

Save the Date

Membership Board will be sponsoring a Community Open House on Sunday, October 14th.

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, birthdays, 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.

**UCC Economic Justice
Covenant Workshop**

"As Christians we sing the hymns of justice, equality, and unity; we pray for the well being of all God's children; and we continue our activities to feed the hungry and house the homeless. But all the while we watch the gap between rich and poor in our own nation and in the world become ever wider, with many millions left in poverty... the United Church of Christ and its predecessor church bodies, along with many Christians around the world, have received Christ's summons to call our churches and our societies toward the blessed vision of God's Realm, including justice in our economic life." From the General Synod resolution, *An Economic Justice Covenant*.

You are invited to participate in a workshop on the Economic Justice Covenant Program of the United Church of Christ. The workshop will be led by Dr. Edith (Edie) Rasell, Minister of Economic Justice, Justice and Witness Ministries of the United Church of Christ. This workshop will offer an opportunity to learn about what is happening with the economy, how we advocate of justice in our economic system, how we get involved in our community and how we might live as faithful followers of Jesus in the midst of difficult economic times.

The workshop will take place on Saturday, August 25th from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at Faith United Church of Christ, 1609 DeForest Avenue, Iowa City, Iowa. A light lunch will be served as well as morning and afternoon snacks.

Registration is required! The registration **deadline** is **Tuesday, August 21, 2012** by 5:00 p.m. by either phone, 319-338-5238, e-mail faithucc@q.com or U.S. Mail at 1609 DeForest Avenue, Iowa City, Iowa 52240. A \$7.00 per person charge is requested to cover the cost of snacks and lunch.

To all our beloved brothers and sisters at Edwards, Thank you for all your prayers, cards, calls and food. But more than these, thank you for showing just how warm, loving, wonderful a family you all are. Both of us are grateful beyond any words that we can say. May God bless you and reward you tenfold for all you've done for us. Elinor and Herb Moore



Thank you to the mowers, trimmers and landscape waterers this summer: Teresa Caligaris, Dick Dulaney, Michael Fessler, John Harnung, Vince Holdridge, Richard Jirus,

Shirley Johnson, Tom Kenneke, Brad Miller, Sandy Reinders, Milo Smith, Judy Stouffer, Dick Werner and Steve Wildemuth.

THANK YOU!!! June and July Special Musicians: The Outdoor/Indoor Service Musicians with Chuck Collins, Brian Dugan, Evangeline Lewis, Brad Miller, Miriam Pritchard, Robert Riedesel and Becky David, director, Martha Jirus, vocal solo, Kaela Swarts, viola, Miriam Pritchard, ukulele, Elaine Lippert, organ, and Promised Land Quartet with Michelle Hukvari, Robert Riedesel, Dick Werner, and Cec Chapman, director/arranger.

Dear Edwards UCC, Our thanks to your staff and your congregation for opening your church to our youth mission trippers. Special thanks to Miriam for being there to welcome us and show us around. You have a lovely church building and we were very comfortable. It's such a wonderful feeling for all of us to have the support of the wider church on this mission. This is the seventeenth year we've gone to do the Bible School at Ponca Creek, South Dakota. It's quite an undertaking to take a youth group on such a trip. Thanks for sharing Christ's love with us so that we could once again share that same love with the children at Ponca Creek. With Gratitude, Steve Gehlert, Senior Pastor, Bethany UCC, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

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

	August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26
Preacher	Katherine Mulhern	Katherine Mulhern	Katherine Mulhern	Katherine Mulhern
Chancel Set-up	Sandy Reinders Sandy Doran	Judy Stouffer	John Keraus	Dick Lafrenz
Altar Flowers		Jane Simonsen	Pat Baxter-Rebal	
Scripture Reader	Dick Werner	Cec Chapman	Brian Dugan	Ann Criswell
Communion Servers	Kay Anthony, John Harnung, Joyce Paustian, Steve Wildemuth			
Special Music	Chuck Collins	Harry Swartz Norma Wren	Strings 'R' Us	Bonnie Walling
Nursery	Judy Thess	Lisa Hixon Jewell Hixon	Sabrina Huntoon Elyse Dye	
Ushers	Kay Anthony John Harnung Joyce Paustian Steve Wildemuth	Ryan Dye Dick Lafrenz Mila Smith Milo Smith	Bob Anderson Tom Kenneke Paul Petherick Fran Wolfe	Vince Holdridge Martha Jirus Richard Jirus Marilyn Riedesel
Greeters	Angela Elliott Pat Sterk Kay Stiles Dick Vallandingham	Curly Curl Sue Curl John Harnung Susan Harnung	Martha Jirus Richard Jirus Margaret Wilber Steve Wildemuth	Carol Bachellor Bev Bergert Ruth Bowers Fran Wolfe
Coffee Hour	Cathy Wetzel Pat Cresap	Brad & Deena Miller	Lisa Hixon	Beth Penn & Judy Stouffer
Lock-up	Brad Hixon	John Harnung	David Reinders	Vince Holdridge
Mower / Trimmer	John Harnung	Michael Fessler Vince Holdridge	Brad Miller	Milo Smith Richard Jirus
CareGivers On Call	Martha Jirus	Evona Petherick Sandy Reinders	Fran Wolfe Ruth Bowers	Suzanne Benson Kay Stiles

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

AUGUST 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 10:15 AM Worship	30	31	1	2 6:30 PM Steps to Serenity Al-Anon Meeting	3	4
5 10:15 AM Worship	6	7 8:30 AM Donuts & Hammers	8	9 6:30 PM Building Task Force Meeting 6:30 PM Steps to Serenity Al-Anon Meeting	10	11
12 10:15 AM Worship	13	14 5:00 PM Getting to Know Kendra 6:30 PM Board Meetings 7:30 PM Council Meeting	15 5:30 PM Building Dedication Meeting	16 6:30 PM Steps to Serenity Al-Anon Meeting	17	18
19 10:15 AM Get Ready... to Work 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Getting to Know Kendra	20 9:00 AM NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 8:30 AM Donuts & Hammers 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	22 6:00 PM Annual Music Picnic	23 6:30 PM Steps to Serenity Al-Anon Meeting	24	25
26 Food Pantry Sunday 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Getting to Know Kendra 12:00 PM Annual Choir Retreat	27 6:30 PM Alleluia Ringers	28	29 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	30 6:30 PM Steps to Serenity Al-Anon Meeting	31	

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

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Welcomes You
Building Dedication and Celebration

Sunday, September 9, 2012
3420 Jersey Ridge Road, Davenport, Iowa
(10:15 to 2:30)

Worship Service
Sanctuary
Followed by an all-church photo.

Box Lunch
Baxter Hall
Please RSVP by August 20
Kathy@edwards-ucc.org
563-359-0331

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Food Pantry Sunday

August 26th

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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