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## August 2013

### August is "Faith in Action" Month



**August 4<sup>th</sup>** ~ Sign-up for upcoming service opportunities

**August 11<sup>th</sup>** ~ Service projects such as sewing shorts for Haiti, Blessings in a Backpack, school supply sorting... (See page 2 for details)



**August 18<sup>th</sup>** ~

**Kids Against Hunger**

Feeding families around the world...and around the corner.

**August 24<sup>th</sup>** ~ Church spruce-up and cleaning projects



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## ***From Our Pastor's Desk...***

I am constantly amazed at the Grace flowing through this church. I have so enjoyed my first month as your transitional pastor. It has provided me the opportunity to minister in ways I have not experienced in years. Of course, leading worship on Sunday mornings is a great privilege for me and home communion has been an absolutely joyous experience. Thank you all for so graciously allowing me to lead you during this transition (although truth be told, you really lead yourselves!).

So now, we move our attention to our future, knowing who will lead us there. On July 14<sup>th</sup>, we elected, overwhelmingly, Rev. Dr. Christine Isham to be our new pastor. How amazing! I know that she too has been overwhelmed by your hospitality, openness and the simple Grace that runs through this place.

In this month of August, we are challenged to keep our eye simultaneously on our mission and on our future. On Sunday August 4<sup>th</sup> immediately following the service, we will hold an informational congregational meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to provide our members with the same detailed information regarding Rev. Isham's call that the search committee has available to it. There is no real "new" news in the letter of call, but as we prepare for our lives to be changed by a new pastor, it is best if we are all on the same page when she arrives. If we have questions or need clarification, let's do that now before she begins!

And while excited about the new life we begin together on September 1<sup>st</sup> when Christine arrives, the needs in our community do not go away. So August is dedicated as Faith in Action month. On Sunday August 4<sup>th</sup>, you will have the opportunity to sign up for service projects we will conduct the remaining Sundays in August. Those Sunday services will be shorter in length to provide time for the projects. The projects will be broad in scope, with a little bit for everybody. Sign up the family and let's get our hands dirty!

I hope that you are as excited about this community of faith as I am. What an awesome place to preach and pray and play. Thank you so much for this opportunity.

Rev. Becky David

## ***Edwards Worship...***

### **August is "Faith in Action" Month**

This month we will be using our hands, feet, minds, and hearts to serve our church, our communities, and our neighbors around the world with opportunities to put our faith into action.

- **Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**, will be communion and a worship service to prepare ourselves to commit to the joyful work together during the following three Sundays. Sign up to reserve your spot during the coming weeks!
- **Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**, we have several service project opportunities including:
  - Sewing shorts for Haitian children
  - Assembling Blessings in Backpack weekend food packages for students
  - Sorting school supplies from Christmas In July donations for distribution to area school districts
  - Assembling membership packets
  - Shopping trip for small personal items for donation to the Biloxi Day Shelter
- **Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>**, we will have two assembly lines to package meals again for the "Kids Against Hunger" program. Our goal is 3100 meals!
- **Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**, dress in work clothes to help spruce up the church inside and out as we prepare for Homecoming Sunday and welcome Pastor Christine Isham. We will polish silver and brass items, police the outside, wash windows, and other exciting jobs!



## Edwards Worships...

### August Scriptures

August 4, 2013

Luke 12:13-21

Hosea 11:1-11

Psalm 107:1-9, 43

Colossians 3:1-11

August 11, 2013

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

Luke 12:32-40



August 18, 2013

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

Luke 12:49-56

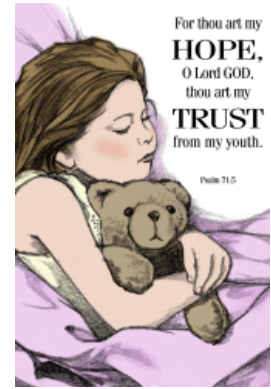
August 25, 2013

Luke 13:10-17

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalm 71:1-16

Hebrews 12:18-29



*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 August

August 4<sup>th</sup> ~ Brad Miller, piano

August 11<sup>th</sup> ~ Jay Kyte, vocal solo



## Youth and Christian Education...

Pastor Kendra returns in August!! Be on the lookout for upcoming events...

## Planning Ahead...

### Extravagant Welcome – Homecoming Sunday

Sunday, September 8, 2013 following worship

- Food to be provided
- Games to be played – rain or shine!
  - Board games
  - Races
  - Card Games
  - Frisbee Golf
  - Bean Bag Toss
  - Water balloons
- Fun to be had for young and the not so young!!

**IT'S GOING TO BE A BLAST!!!**



## 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.

## August Birthdays...

1	Amanda Loughead	10	James Wetzel	22	Sarah Kenneke
2	Crystal Miller	11	Scott Gehler	23	Jay Kyte
4	Angela Elliott	12	Solon Augspurger	24	Sara Verdick
4	Robert Woods	12	Abby Weyman	24	Norma Wren
6	Darrell Hillyer	13	Don Dorrance	25	Richard Jirus
6	Kassidy Holdridge	13	Sarah Vordtriede-Patton	25	Becky Takemoto
6	Evangeline Lewis	15	Sandy Sohr	25	Bonnie Walling
7	Bill Molis	16	Ann Kovacs	26	Louis Reicks
7	Jane Simonsen	17	Kerry Scudder	27	Lisa Hixon
8	Elyse Dye	18	Sam Norwood	28	Chris Molis
8	Lucas Zippe	20	David Wymore	28	Joley Sullivan
9	Al Takemoto	21	Jessica Loughead	29	Mary Beth Dircks

## Fellowship Opportunities...

### Women's Breakfast Group

Join us at Riefe's Restaurant (1417 W. Locust St., Davenport) on **Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 am for brunch/lunch and fellowship. Join in and bring a friend!!

### Women's Night Out

Join us at Ganson's (3055 38<sup>th</sup> St., Rock Island) on **Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00pm. Bring a friend!!

### Donuts & Hammers

This group has two goals. Goal #1 is to drink coffee, eat donuts and enjoy fellowship together. Goal #2 is to make minor repairs around the church. Typically, they meet every other week, sometimes more when there are special projects or big jobs. Skill with tools is not a requirement. Kibitzing will be encouraged. If you have repair skills, want to learn repair skills or like donuts... you are welcome!! **Our next meetings are Tues., August 6<sup>th</sup> & August 20<sup>th</sup>.** See you there!!





## Music Makers Picnic

Who: All Music Makers and their significant other

When: Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

Where: Norma & Lou Wren's home  
(1123 Fenno Dr., Riverdale [near Alcoa])

What to bring: BYOB and a dish to share

What is provided: Meat, table settings and pop  
(smoked pork loin is the plan)

No matter if its bells, dance, choirs, bands, chamber groups, strings, bass, woodwinds... this is a "getting in touch" again party.

## ***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!**



**Altar Flowers** ~ Sign up on the weekly announcement sheet if you would like to provide Sunday altar flowers! You can also email [kathy@edwards-ucc.org](mailto:kathy@edwards-ucc.org) to reserve your date. Flowers are sometimes offered in memory of loved ones or in celebration of a special day or event. Providing flowers is also a nice way to surprise a member of the congregation by honoring them for their commitment to church work or for their outstanding volunteer work. Order flowers from the florist of your choice and have them delivered between 9am and Noon on the Friday before church.

## ***Thank You, Thank You, Thank You !!***

Norma Wren and Elaine Lippert would like to thank the following people for providing Special Music during the month of July: **Chuck Collins**(trombone solo), **Elyse Dye**, **Ben Hukvari** and **Suzanne Benson**(string ensemble), **Chris Zippe**, **Michelle Hukvari** and **Suzanne Benson**(instrumental ensemble), **Bonnie Walling**(piano solo) and **Bob Riedesel** and **Chuck Collins**(Brass duet).

Thank you to **Elaine Lippert** and **Norma Wren** for sharing the organ duties and coordinating the special musicians this summer.

Thanks to **Mary Beth** and **Russ Dircks** for putting up the beautiful liturgical banners in the sanctuary. These were designed and made by **Mary Beth**, and they enliven our worship experience greatly.

Thank you to our mowers, trimmers and landscape waterers this summer: **Dick Dulaney**, **John Harnung**, **Darrell Hillyer**, **Vince Holdridge**, **Richard Jirus**, **Shirley Johnson**, **Tom Kenneke**, **Bob Larew**, **Brad Miller**, **Robert Riedesel**, **Sandy Reinders**, **Milo Smith**, **Judy Stouffer**, and **Steve Wildemuth**.

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






	<b>August 4</b>	<b>August 11</b>	<b>August 18</b>	<b>August 25</b>
	Communion Sunday	Faith in Action	Faith in Action	Food Pantry Sunday
	Faith in Action Kickoff	Service Projects	Kids Against Hunger	Faith in Action Church Spruce-up
Preacher	Rev. Becky David	Rev. Becky David	Rev. Becky David	Rev. Becky David
Chancel Set-up	John Keraus Judy Stouffer	Sandy Doran	John Keraus	Jennifer Jordening
Altar Flowers				
Scripture Reader	Dick Dulaney	Tim Huey	Carol Ogletree	Mary Hein
Communion Servers	Angela Elliott, John Harnung, John Keraus, Dick Vallandingham			
Special Music	Brad Miller	Jay Kyte		
Ushers	Angela Elliott John Harnung John Keraus Dick Vallandingham	Barb Bleedorn Bonnie Walling Ned Walling Steve Wildemuth	Dick Dulaney Pat Sterk Margaret Wilber Steve Wildemuth	Curly Curl Vince Holdridge Dick Lafrenz Fran Wolfe
Greeters	Viv Boyer Evona Petherick Paul Petherick Sandy Sohr	Carol Bachellor Chuck Collins Beverly Simpson Sandy Sohr	Sandy Reinders Erica Schroeder Wendy Shaw-Sullivan Joel Sullivan	Gail McPike Chris Medina Jeannine Miller Julia Natvig
Coffee Hour	Elaine & Merlyn Lippert		Dee Hillyer	The Dietz/Ball-Trevor families
Lock-up	Robert Riedesel		John Harnung	Craig Lucas
Mower / Trimmer	John Harnung	Vince Holdridge	Brad Miller	Milo Smith Richard Jirus
CareGivers On Call	Brian Dugan	Chuck Collins Kay Stiles	Suzanne Benson Evona Petherick	Martha Jirus Fran Wolfe

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

## Calendar...

**For the most current up-to-date calendar information go to [www.edwards-ucc.org](http://www.edwards-ucc.org) and click on the calendar link.**

## AUGUST 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> <b>Food Pantry Sunday</b> <b>10:15 AM</b> "Gifts in Action" <b>10:15 AM</b> Worship <b>11:30 AM</b> Coffee Hour <b>11:30 AM</b> Pastor Parish Meeting <b>11:30 AM</b> Promised Land Rehearsal	<b>29</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting	<b>30</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting	<b>31</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Staff Meeting	<b>1</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Faith in Action kickoff <b>10:15 AM</b> Worship <b>11:30 AM</b> Called Pastor Congregational Information Meeting <b>11:30 AM</b> Coffee Hour <b>11:45 AM</b> Biloxi Orientation Meeting <b>11:45 AM</b> Promised Land Rehearsal <b>1:00 PM</b> Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall Reserved	<b>5</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Breakfast Group <b>6:00 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting	<b>6</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Donuts & Hammers <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <b>10:15 AM</b> Worship <b>10:45 AM</b> Faith in Action Service Projects <b>11:30 AM</b> Coffee Hour <b>11:30 AM</b> Promised Land Rehearsal <b>6:00 PM</b> Search Committee Meeting	<b>12</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>6:00 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting	<b>13</b>  <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Board Meetings <b>7:30 PM</b> Council Meeting	<b>14</b>  <b>2:00 PM</b> Church Directory Photo Sessions	<b>15</b> <b>2:00 PM</b> Church Directory Photo Sessions <b>6:00 PM</b> Women's Night Out <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting	<b>16</b> <b>2:00 PM</b> Church Directory Photo Sessions	<b>17</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Church Directory Photo Sessions
<b>18</b> <b>10:15 AM</b> Worship <b>10:45 AM</b> Faith in Action Kids Against Hunger <b>11:30 AM</b> Coffee Hour <b>11:30 AM</b> Fair Trade Coffee Sale <b>11:30 AM</b> Promised Land Rehearsal	<b>19</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting	<b>20</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Donuts & Hammers <b>12:00 PM</b> CareGivers Meeting <b>1:30 PM</b> Churches United Meal Site Food Prep <b>5:20 PM</b> Serve at Churches United Meal Site located at Salvation Army <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting	<b>21</b>  <b>9:00 AM</b> Newsletter Deadline <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting	<b>22</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <b>Food Pantry Sunday</b> <b>10:15 AM</b> Worship <b>10:45 AM</b> Faith in Action Church Projects <b>11:30 AM</b> Coffee Hour <b>11:30 AM</b> Promised Land Rehearsal	<b>26</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>6:00 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting	<b>27</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting	<b>28</b>  <b>6:00 PM</b> Music Makers Picnic	<b>29</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>