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***Homecoming***  
 Sunday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Worship 10:15  
 Children's Chapel



***Homecoming Lunch***  
 11:30 Baxter Fellowship Hall  
 Chicken with all the fixin's!  
 Space Walk for the kids!  
 Fellowship for all!

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

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This year, my summer has been filled with lots of books - from light fiction (for the days when pain medication made everything a little hazy) to spiritual meditations and biographical reflections. One of my favorites is titled, BELIEVE, and is a compilation of the words and wrings of Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

I believe that Archbishop Tutu, who is retired from ministry in South Africa, has much to teach us in the United States these days. Tutu is one of those people who lived most of his life as a black man victimized by the South African system of apartheid. But he never believed what that system had to teach (that whites were better than blacks). All his life he preached against apartheid, he marched against apartheid, he prayed for the end of apartheid. And miracle of miracles apartheid crumbled!

But what happened next was more of a miracle, I believe. Through the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (which Tutu helped to create), South Africa was able to make the huge leap from institutionalized racism to equality for all without excessive violence. Tutu's belief in the power of the whole community, united for justice and rooted in truth, is contagious - not only in this book but also when he speaks.

One of the "pithy" Tutu sayings that caught my eye as I read this book was *I am what I am because of who we all are*. Think about that. *I am what I am because of who we all are*.

That is true in our families, in our school and work communities. It is true in our

neighborhoods and our cities. And it is certainly true in the church. Each of us contributes to "who we are" as the church together. But each of us is shaped and molded by what the church is... as a whole. In the end, it is difficult to separate who we are - individually - from who we are as a member of a whole variety of communities.

I know that this is true in my own life. I am who I am because I was born into a particular family, and married a particular person, because I have particular children and grandchildren, because I am a member of a particular church in the United Church of Christ. I am who I am because of who we are together here at Edwards. That is also true for you.

Over the course of the next several months, each of you will have an opportunity to help shape the direction of Edwards' vision and programming. "Long Range Planning" is a pretty ho-hum concept, but it may be more important than anything we've done together in a long time. "God has a plan, and so should Edwards" was one of the catchy phrases that someone suggested after worship last Sunday. So was "Back to the Future - Edwards' Style". Let's jazz it up a bit!

Don't miss this opportunity to share your perspective, to listen to others' reflections, to dream and discern together. *I am who I am because of who we all are*. It is a deep and abiding truth. Help it to come to life for a new generation here at Edwards!

## September Scriptures

### September 6:

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Psalms 125

James 2:1-10, 14-17

Mark 7:24-37



### September 13:

Proverbs 1:20-33

Psalms 19

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

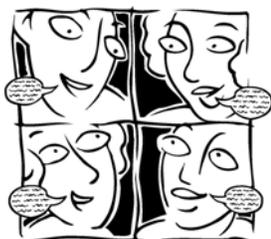
### September 20:

Proverbs 31:10-31

Psalms 1

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Mark 9:30-37



### September 27:

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Psalms 124

James 5:13-20

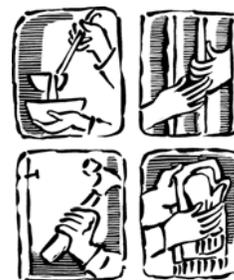
Mark 9:38-50

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



**Sunday,  
September 20<sup>th</sup>  
at 5:30pm.**

Join us for  
worship and  
communion  
followed by a  
potluck!



**Mission  
Trip**

## Special Music in September

6<sup>th</sup>: Jesse Evans, koto and  
Mona Terry, harp

13<sup>th</sup>: Chancel Choir Returns

20<sup>th</sup>: Ruth Tweeten, organist



## Dedicating Our Biloxi Team

This year's Biloxi Mission Trip will leave from Davenport on September 26<sup>th</sup> and return home after worship on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Again this year they will be helping in the reconstruction efforts as "inner city" Biloxi continues to recover from the effects of Hurricane Katrina.

We will dedicate this important work on September 20<sup>th</sup> in worship, and WE NEED PRAYER PARTNERS for each of our workers! If you are willing and able to be a prayer partner for one of the "Edwards Missionaries", please sign up on the tear-off sheet in worship or call the church office and let Kathy know!

## Something Old, Something New!

Homecoming Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, marks the beginning of regular programming, but with a few changes. The 9 am - 10 am children's Sunday school program will be folded into **Children's Chapel**. **Children's Chapel** is held during Sunday morning worship and is offered to children ages 3 through 11 immediately following the Children's Story. Our young people need a time to experience worship in ways that engage their spirits and reflect their faith development. The lessons learned in **Children's Chapel** will follow the lectionary and use Godly Play curriculum to help open the words to those gathered. Children of all ages are still welcomed in the regular Sunday morning worship service. The **Children's Chapel** simply gives families an alternative worship experience for their children.



**Children's Chapel**

**TouchStones** will resume on **Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**. As usual, Wednesday evenings begin with a **Simple Supper** at 5:30, **TouchStones** from 6:00-7:00 and **Music and Movement** from 7:00-7:30. **TouchStones** and **Music and Movement** are faith formation programs specially designed and written for children Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Kids in Mission:** The next date for the East Moline Meal Site is Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Meet at church at 4:30 to prepare supper. We will leave church at 5:30 to travel to the meal site and be back to church by 7:00. Contact Susan Chesley for more information @ 332-2300.

## CONFIRMATION BEGINS!

September's here, and Confirmation is gathering once again! **SIXTH, SEVENTH, and EIGHTH GRADERS** will begin **Confirmation Classes on September 16<sup>th</sup>**! We will gather at 5:30 for a simple supper, and class will begin at 6:00 in the Library. Parents are invited to join their Confirmands on the 16<sup>th</sup> for an orientation and an opportunity to share in the best Confirmation curriculum ever!

**September 16<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30 Supper**

**6:00 Orientation**

**DON'T MISS IT!**



Women's Bible Study

We will begin meeting on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 10-11:30. The group meets each month on the first and third Thursdays. Please join us!!

## Tutoring Volunteers Needed!

Can you spare one Monday evening a month? Consider joining the group of volunteers who meet with children at the Central Community Circle in Davenport to read, play games, challenge each other, laugh, and make friends. No skills necessary! Contact Susan Chesley for more information @332-2300.



## Music at Edwards . . .

### Come one & all! Newcomers welcome!



#### **Come sing with us!**

The Chancel Choir sings everything from Bach to gospel, spirituals to contemporary music each week in the morning service. Many singers read music, but not all, many have sung in groups before, but not all. High school to whatever age!

**REHEARSALS:** Each Wednesday, beginning Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30 p.m. We will sing Homecoming Sunday, 9/13 at the 10:15 am service. Sunday morning 9:15 rehearsal.

The **EIGHTH ANNUAL CHOIR RETREAT** will be held after the festivities of Homecoming Sunday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, ending by 4 pm at the latest.

#### **Instrumental and Youth Ensembles or Special Musicians ~**

If you play an instrument, keep your eyes and ears open for news as the year starts. Check the weekly Announcement Sheets and **LET JEAN KNOW OF YOUR TALENT!!!!**

#### **Come dance with us!**

Does your faith come alive with music? Do you love to dance and sway when you hear that music? The Liturgical Dancers group at Edwards just might be for you! Combining faith, the love of music and the movement of our bodies can be a powerful and holy experience. Come and check us out. We rehearse after Sunday morning worship, 11:45 - 12:45, in preparation for various Sunday morning offerings throughout the year. No dance experience necessary; children and older adults, male and female are involved in this worship experience. For more information, contact choreographer/director Kathy Lafrenz, 309-441-5303.



### **Come play with us!**

The Friends in Faith Band rocks, rolls and dusts up country, gospel and spirituals. We range from high school to retired ages, with guitars, drums, percussion, bass, piano, and voices. Few of us read music and we sing lots of ad lib harmony.

**REHEARSALS:** The Tuesday before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. Tuesday, Sept 15<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 Pizza & Plan. We will sing the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday evening of the month, rehearsing at 4:00 pm for the 5:30 pm service.



### **Come ring with us!**

Would you like to prevent the early onset of Alzheimer's? Would you like to increase your eye hand coordination? Then give handbell choir a try!

**Handbells and handchimes** are unique instruments. Ringers are assigned one or more bells or chimes representing a particular note or pitch. Thus each and every participant is important!

**Alleluia Ringers** usually ring the second Sunday of the month during the morning service. We also ring for special occasions such as Christmas Eve, Palm Sunday, Pentecost and other occasions as requested. If you cannot rehearse weekly - Mondays 6:30 - 8:00 pm - consider being on the substitute list! This year we will prepare music for a handbell conference in Rochester, MN the end of June 2010.

**REHEARSALS:** Each Monday, beginning Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30 p.m. Usually ring second Sunday of the month in morning service, beginning 10/11.

#### **More information? Questions?**

**Handbell choir** - contact Sandy Reinders, 332-2637, skreinders@gmail.com

**Liturgical Dancers** - contact Kathy Lafrenz, 309-441-5303, dancekat1@aol.com or Jean Norton

**Friends in Faith Band, Chancel Choir, Instrumental & Youth Ensembles, or Special Musicians** - contact Jean Norton, 359-0331, ext. 13. or jean@edwards-ucc.org

**Keep In Our Prayers**

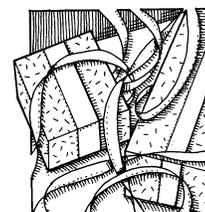
- + **Rev. Lee Albertson**, recovering from surgery
- + **Tobias Augsperger**, at home
- + **Nancy Bolyard**, at home
- + **Sacha Boon**, at home
- + **Cec Chapman**, home from the hospital
- + **Pat Cresap**, recovering from surgery
- + **Becky David**, recovering from surgery
- + **Lorelei Gephart**, at home
- + **John Hakanson**, in hospice
- + **Vonnie King**, grieving the loss of her aunt Erna Martens who passed away on July 28<sup>th</sup>. She was 101 years old.
- + **Gilly Miller**, recovering from eye surgery and experiencing back pain
- + **Jean Norton**, beginning treatment for a lung condition
- + **Ivan Paulson**, grieving the death of his son Gaylon
- + **Ron Rebal**, recovering at home
- + **Sandi Russell**, at home
- + **Chuck Slack**, being deployed in September to Iraq as a member of the Arsenal Support Services Team.
- + **Deanna Thomas**, at home with a broken ankle
- + **Bob Williams**, at home
- + In Care Facilities: **Don Carroll**, **Dow** and **Rose Marie Edgerton** and **Betty Murray**.

**From the Social Justice Board...**

Please join us **Sunday, September 20 at 9:00** for an **Adult Forum** in the church parlor/library. **Judy Collins** will highlight Iowa health care reform legislative updates and "action items" for us.

**September Birthdays**

- 1 Max Molleston
- 1 Dick Lafrenz
- 1 Elizabeth Knoche
- 1 Carter Weyman
- 2 Rose Marie Edgerton
- 2 Anne Swarts
- 2 Jeff Kranz
- 2 Elisabeth Norwood
- 3 Mike Fear
- 6 Robert Van Dyke
- 6 Marilyn Hamilton
- 6 Tina Rivera
- 7 Joel Boon
- 9 Pabitra Kandel
- 9 Becky Klemme
- 9 Amber Whitfield
- 10 Robert Baustian
- 11 Beverlie Bergert
- 11 Senia Warren-Collison
- 12 Jasmine Rankin
- 15 Neal Smith
- 15 Heather Wren
- 16 Janet Sedgwick
- 20 Brent Lafrenz
- 20 Laura Beck
- 23 Pat Rosburg
- 24 Jessica Rind
- 26 Dan Miller
- 28 Jean Clapp
- 28 Jennell Bergwall
- 28 Chloe King
- 29 Mike Bleedorn
- 30 Rachael Sedgwick



*Adult  
Forum*



## Music Picnic

### ALL ARE WELCOME

- WHO:** All musicians, their families, those interested in the music program at Edwards, AND, this year, ALSO those who LISTEN to music.
- WHAT:** A Picnic, with delicious food. Bring a dish to pass. Hot dogs, condiments, water and table service will be provided.
- WHEN:** Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6 pm.
- WHERE:** Duck Creek Park shelter, Davenport.
- WHY:** To catch up with each other and ENJOY each other's company, CELEBRATE the past year and GEAR UP for the fall!

**See you there!**

### You're Invited to a Celebration!!

Finally! After 17 years, Rev. **Becky David** and her partner **Jennell** were married on May 16th. To celebrate your support and friendship, you are invited to Party in the Park (a non-wedding reception) on **Saturday, September 26, 2009 from 1-8 pm**. This casual affair will be held at the Whispering Pines Shelter at Scott County Park. Golick's Meat Market will fire up the grill, serving food from 3-5 pm. Sides and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided. Bring your lawn chairs, lawn games and adult beverages if desired. You can even bring your kids! To RSVP and for additional information please visit [www.digiforce.net/party](http://www.digiforce.net/party). We hope you can join us! **Becky David**



### Women's Night Out

Thurs., Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm  
at the Iowa Machine Shed  
Restaurant (7250 Northwest  
Blvd., Davenport). Please  
join us!!

### Church Women United

#### Fall Fellowship

On Friday, September 11 at First Christian Church (510 E 15<sup>th</sup> St., Davenport) with a program on Human Trafficking presented by Gail Karp. Registration begins 9:30 am, Brunch is at 10 am followed by the program. Brunch reservation and payment (\$6) by September 4 to Linda Heaton (332-0746).



## HOME COMING

Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

Worship 10:15

Children's Chapel

### Homecoming Lunch

11:30 Baxter Fellowship Hall

Chicken with all the fixin's!

Space Walk for the kids!

Fellowship for all!!!

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

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Dear Katherine & Edwards community, Thanks so much for all the calls and food and support during the last few weeks of Toby's illness. It has been so kind for you and the caregivers to check in with us. We're over the rocky part and hoping to adjust to the future soon. **Jane Simonsen & family**

Dear Edwards Congregation, Randy and I have moved, but would like to thank the congregation for welcoming us so graciously into the church. All of you made us feel so comfortable immediately. We made many friends and appreciate all of your prayers and concerns whenever Randy had surgery. A special Thank you to Katherine for spending the day of surgery with me and our daughter. It has been a wonderful experience being a part of the Edwards congregation. Thanks to all, **Randy & Noreen Kuhlmann**

Dear Jean and Choir Members, Thank you so much for the choir robes. Our church has had to borrow choir robes from local churches. What a blessing these robes will be. We don't sing every Sunday yet... something we are working on. An extra thank you to **Richard and Martha Jirus** for bringing them to us. (We think the world of them!) Thanks again and God's blessing, Shelly Clark and Sister Lakes Community Church

Thank you **Tom Kenneke** for mowing the hills.

Thank you to our August mowers **Dick Dulaney, Michael Fessler, Richard Jirus, Eric Poehlein** and **Dick Werner**.

Thank you **Sandy Reinders** and **Cathy Wetzel** for watering the flowers.

Thank you **Michael Fessler** for doing the maintenance servicing on the mower.

**THANK YOU** to:

*All special musicians who contributed to the beauty of worship this summer.*

and the musicians providing very special offerings in August: **Norma Wren**, serving wonderfully and capably **twice** as organist, **The Friends in Faith Band**, providing energetic music during the Morning Outdoor Service and the evening service, **Kaela Swarts**, providing a soothing piano solo, **Robert Riedesel and Brad Miller**, jazzing worship with trumpet, voice and piano, and **Keith Thess**, once again amazing us with a handbell solo. Thanks also to **Carol Mahan** for providing greatly needed music library assistance.

Thank you to **Richard Jirus, Joyce Paustian** and **Dick Werner** for helping to get Head Start's room ready for the school year.

### **HEAD START BEGINS**

Head Start will begin operations in our Education Wing on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Sixteen children will be served from 8:30 - 2:30 Monday through Friday through the school year. They have received a grant to install new (permanent) playground equipment in our backyard this fall! We will dedicate this program in Worship during September and give everyone a chance to meet the teachers. Welcome Head Start!!



## **CROP WALK** **OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup>!**

The CROP Hunger Walk is a wonderful gathering of people coming from different faiths to work for a common cause -



**fighting hunger!** Last year CROP Hunger Walks and events raised over \$17 million to support the hunger-fighting work of Church World Service around the block and around the world. CROP is the name given to the nationwide community-supported hunger education programs and events sponsored by Church World Service. The program supports sustainable self-help development, meets emergency needs, aids refugees and helps address the root causes of poverty and hunger. **The event is held on the first Sunday in October.** The Quad Cities CROP WALK-RUN is the largest such event in Iowa and downstate Illinois. In 2008, 60 faith groups in the Quad Cities raised \$49,000. The 2009 goal is \$50,000. The Mission Board encourages adults, youth, and children of Edwards to help make this a reality. We will be recruiting walkers of all ages to collect pledges, recruiting donors for those walkers, and encouraging people of Edwards to donate for us on-line.

### **WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?**

75% raised by the Quad Cities CROP WALK is used in other parts of the world where people walk for food, water, shelter, firewood, work and school. Local hunger problems are addressed by giving 25% to selected Quad Cities agencies as determined by Churches United.

### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

- Volunteer to walk or run, collecting pledges from friends & family.
- Sponsor a walker or runner.
- Donate directly to CROP WALK on the web at [www.cropwalkonline.org](http://www.cropwalkonline.org)

## **SCARVES FOR THE MILITARY**



The American Legion Auxiliary is beginning to ship scarves overseas again. Anyone who still has wool for scarves, please finish them up and get them turned in. Don't forget to include your name on them so we can mark it off.

## **Prayer Shawls**



Even though it is harder to find time in the summer to knit, the need for Prayer Shawls is still there. If you have any finished, please bring them into church with your name included on it. Prayer shawls are blessed on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday each month.

## **Café on Vine Welcomes Extra Food!**

**EXTRA Garden Produce?**

**Outdated Cans of Food?**

**Food in the Freezer to be Used?**

**Extra Food from an Event?**

**Café on Vine** (formerly the John Lewis Coffeehouse) **CAN USE IT!**

This mission, successfully run by the Sisters of Humility in Davenport, depends on donations like these to creatively serve up to 100 persons a daily meal for the hungry of the QCA.

**To donate on weekdays:**

Call Ann (cell # 563-209-0056)

**To donate on weekends:**

Call Ron (cell # 563-370-6380)

**SERVICE TO OTHERS  
IS A POSITIVE  
MISSION MESSAGE!**



## *Thoughts from the Caregiver Coordinator*

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Dr. Rhonda Montgomery and Dr. Kosloski have studied care giving and the stress that is associated with being a care giver. The authors have presented examples of caregivers who are experiencing stress.

### Relationship Rose: Caregivers With High Levels of Strain and Stress

Story: Rose has been caring for her husband with Alzheimer's disease for four years. He often shows signs of acute distress and embarrasses her when they are out together so she has stopped taking him with her. He is afraid to be alone and can become highly distressed before Rose returns. She feels saddened and frustrated by the loss of their earlier relationship and resents having to take on more responsibilities. Rose sometimes thinks she cannot manage much more. She was doing fairly well until her husband's temper flare-ups began to get worse. Rose has a lot of stress and feelings of anger and guilt. It surprises and worries Rose that she has these strong feelings. She does not know what to do. Rose recently saw a news item about the Alzheimer's Association. Rose found that there was a local support group for caregivers. She has joined a support group and is taking a class on understanding the behavior of people with Alzheimer's disease. She called the agency and spoke with a care consultant and late one night called the Helpline for support. The class has helped her to understand some of her husband's actions. She has learned new ideas about how to talk with her husband and ways to respond when he is upset. Rose has made some friends and can call them when she feels low or wants to talk.

Description: Some caregivers find that their relationship with the care receiver is strained.

Relationship strain can be from past experience such as conflict, abuse, neglect or something else.

Increased strain may occur when the caregiver does not have a good understanding of their partner's condition. Some stress in relationships may occur when demands of caregiving become overwhelming.

Feelings of shame or embarrassment about the care receiver's speech or actions can also strain a relationship.

Learning more about their partners' true abilities, will help you better understand the care receiver's needs and what is required in the caregiving situation. Learning about a partner's illness, strengths and limitations can help a caregiver develop new skills. In some cases, caregivers may need to address long-term relationship issues so they can learn coping strategies that enable them to continue being a caregiver.

Suggestions to lower stress:

Ask for help from your friends, family and organizations. You do not have to do it alone.

Join a support group. Take advantage of the education, and friendships that can be found in these support groups. (If you need help finding a specific support, ask me I will help you)

Remember, the behavior and personality changes of your loved one will occur and it is due to the disease process (especially in Dementia/Alzheimer). This is not something the person decides to do.

Remember God is on this journey with you. Talk with God, share your heart, your hurts, and your hopes; then listen and look for God's response.

Go be a blessing to someone this week. Blessings, Bobbi Rudiger

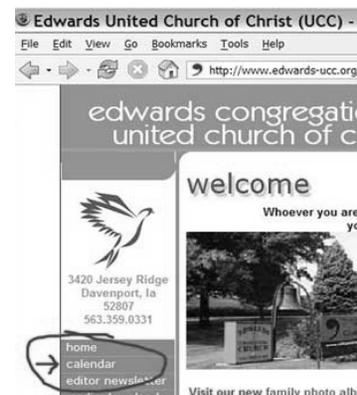
**Who. . . What. . . When. . . Where. . .**

	September 6	September 13	September 20	September 27
	Communion	Homecoming		
Preacher	Katherine Mulhern	Katherine Mulhern	Katherine Mulhern	Katherine Mulhern
Chancel Set-up	Brad & Deena Miller	Brian Dugan	Carol Hart	Terry Schlabach
Scripture Reader	Bobbi Rudiger	Carol Hart	Ryan Dye	Mary Hein
Communion Servers	Brad & Deena Miller, Paul Petherick and Erica Schroeder			
Special Music	Mona Terry Jesse Evans	Choir Returns	Ruth Tweeten, Organist	Choir
Sound System	David VanDerKamp	David VanDerKamp	David VanDerKamp	David VanDerKamp
Visitor Guides	Membership Board	Membership Board	Membership Board	Membership Board
Greeters	Bonnie Walling Ned Walling Ruth Bowers Sharon Wildemuth	Dennise Weyman Carol Carroll Bill Coker Judy Collins	Pat Cresap Curly Curl Sue Curl Pam Edmond	Edith Egli Sally Egy Angela Elliott Dick Vallandingham
Ushers	Paul Petherick Jeannine Miller Pat Rosburg Erica Schroeder	Joyce Paustian Pat Sterk Bonnie Walling Ned Walling	Margaret Wilber Steve Wildemuth Dave Wymore Lucas Zippe	Barb Bleedorn Judy Collins Eric Crawford Curly Curl
Nursery Helpers			Mary Hein	Deanna Thomas
Coffee Hour Hosts - AM	Lois & Bob Larew	Potluck Set-up: Christian Ed Clean-up: Social Board	Carol Carroll	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 5:30pm Contemporary Worship	Chancel Set-up: Brian Dugan Potluck Set-up & Clean-up: Mission Board			
Lock-up	Dick Werner	Richard Jirus	Richard Jirus	
Mower this week:	Michael Fessler	Steve Chesley	Milo Smith	Michael Fessler
CareGivers On Call	Carol Bachellor Evona Petherick	Lois Larew	Sandy Reinders Fran Wolfe	Sandy Reinders

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

## SEPTEMBER 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 10:15 AM Worship	31	1	2 6:00 PM Annual Music Picnic	3 Office Hours are 9 to Noon	4	5
6 10:15 AM Worship	7 Labor Day Office Closed	8 6:30 PM All Board Meetings 7:30 PM Council Meeting	9 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	10	11 Patriot Day 9:30 AM CWU Fall Fellowship	12
13 HOMECOMING SUNDAY 9:15 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:15 AM Worship 10:30 AM Children's Chapel 11:30 AM Potluck after Worship 12:00 PM Choir Retreat after Potluck	14 6:30 PM Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal	15 5:30 PM Friends in Faith - Pizza, Plan and Practice 7:00 PM CareGivers Meeting	16 5:30 PM Confirmation Orientation 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	17 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM Women's Night Out	18	19
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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

### "LISTEN" TO OUR YOUTH!

Our youth along with their advisors shared *time, energy, resources, faith, and love* on their mission trip to a Native American UCC church in South Dakota. If you missed the passionate report on their experiences log on to the Edwards website to *hear* the worship service on July 19<sup>th</sup> and to *see* through Woody Perkins's pictures what they *gave* and *gained* through this experience.

One of our younger youth, Emily Norwood - daughter of Sam and Elisabeth Norwood, also reached out to the local community in mission this summer. Along with her dad, she went from Edwards to *serve the community meal* at the Salvation Army. In the mornings she volunteered by *working at the Humane Society Shelter*. Later she volunteered with her Girl Scout troop to *work at a local food pantry*. With that experience, she helped to *publicize community needs* by sending this letter, which was published in the *Quad-City Times*.

#### **Bettendorf Scouts share lesson...**

We all know that America is in a recession, and there are many people that go without food for long periods of time. Right now, *food pantries need more supplies than ever, and everyone can help*. There are many areas around the Quad-Cities that collect and then donate food items and supplies to local pantries. *We volunteered at a local food pantry, and found out some of the items that they were lacking:* canned tuna, peanut butter, baked beans, nuts, mac-and-cheese, dessert mixes, and various non-perishable items. They also would like to get gelatin mixes. You might not think that gelatin is worth getting, but if someone mixes it with a can of fruit, it can last two to three meals. *Please understand the high need for food, and donate* to your local food pantry. Sarah Bubbers, **Emily Norwood**, Jill Oberhart- Girl Scout Troup 1551, Bettendorf (Letter to the Editor, Quad-City Times, Friday June 26, 2009)

**We Give PRAISE for the Attitudes and Actions of our YOUTH in MISSION!**

### NURSERY HELP STILL NEEDED

Nursery care volunteers are still needed during morning worship from 10:00 to 11:30. We would like to try forming 2-person teams to serve in the nursery on a rotating basis. The more teams we have, the less often you will be needed. Some reasons why nursery service is vital to our church:

- ✍ God is in the nursery. The Bible has specific promises about God's presence when children are welcomed and loved in Jesus' name.
- ✍ The church nursery is the first contact young families may have with our church. Your friendly greeting and exceptional care for their children can make a great first impression. If they don't feel like their children are safe, they will not return - and rightly so.
- ✍ The first (and sometimes lasting) feelings a child will have toward church is formed in the nursery.
- ✍ When you serve in the nursery, you are being entrusted with the most important (and vulnerable) members of the church family.
- ✍ Your service in the church nursery allows church goers to focus on worship, rather than worrying about their children. In a very real sense your ministry makes it possible for Pastor Katherine to fulfill her ministry.
- ✍ Your service is essential for your own spiritual growth. You may have never looked at it this way, but a *growing* Christian is always a *serving* Christian. Jesus was known for putting others first, when you serve in the church nursery you are walking in his example.

Please call Kathy in the office to sign up yourself or your team.



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**September 2009**

**Food Pantry Sunday**

**Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>!**

Non-perishables are greatly needed by the food pantries. Fill a grocery bag to share with hungry families.

**EDWARDS CHURCH STAFF**

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**Susan Chesley**, Minister of Christian Education  
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# September is...

## COTTAGE MEETING MONTH!!!

### **What's a Cottage Meeting?**

A Cottage Meeting is 8-10 people who will gather for conversation and brainstorming about the things that work really well at Edwards, the things that concern us, dreams for our congregation's future, and changes we would like to see emerge.

### **How Long Will It Take?**

No more than 75 minutes (that's an hour and fifteen minutes)!

### **What Will Happen To Our Ideas?**

Each Cottage Meeting will have a "recorder" who will be taking notes on all the observations and suggestions that are offered. All the notes will be given to the Long Range Planning Team, which will organize the suggestions into categories and communicate them to the Church Council. With the help of the Church Council, your suggestions will become possible "goals". All the possible goals will be given to the whole congregation at the Annual Meeting in January, and in February we all will meet to choose which of the many goals will become a part of the next five-year plan for Edwards Church. After that, the staff and the Council will begin to develop an implementation phase, and we will begin working to meet the goals that we have set for ourselves.

### **How Will Our Meeting Stay Focused?**

Each of the facilitators has been trained by our consultant, Rev. Dr. Sue Gallagher in an all-day training session. There will be one agenda for all the meetings, which will include a brief time of worship, some opportunity to "mingle", and four questions which will focus our conversations. There will also be opportunities for you to raise any questions you have and offer any other ideas that come to your mind.

### **Where Am I Going for My Meeting?**

You will be contacted by the meeting host, to let you know where your meeting is. Carpools and directions will be organized, and no one will need to stay home because of transportation!

### **Who Should Go To A Cottage Meeting?**

EVERYONE! Whether you have been at Edwards for 60 years or have been visiting for just a little while or haven't been to church in longer than you want - we need YOU! Planning like this ONLY works if EVERYONE gets involved. There are many different times available, so find one that works for you and SIGN UP! A schedule is printed on the back, as well as a tear-off sign-up sheet for you to mail to the church office! Do it NOW



**Cottage Meeting  
dates have been set!!**

Meetings will be held various dates and times so that **everyone** will have the opportunity to attend. Visit the sign-up table in the Narthex, fill in the bottom and send it to church or call Kathy in the office at 359-0331 to sign up.

Wed.	Sept. 9	10:00 am
Wed.	Sept. 9	6:30 pm
Sat.	Sept. 12	10:00 am
Mon.	Sept. 14	6:30 pm
Tues.	Sept. 15	6:30 pm
Fri.	Sept. 18	7:00 pm
Sat.	Sept. 19	10:00 am
Sun.	Sept. 20	6:30 pm
Mon.	Sept. 21	6:30 pm
Fri.	Sept. 25	7:00 pm
Sat.	Sept. 26	3:30 pm
Sun.	Sept. 27	4:00 pm
Tues.	Sept. 29	6:30 pm
Thurs.	Oct. 1	7:00 pm



**NOTE:**  
Your host will call to give you directions.

I have signed up to attend the Cottage Meeting being held on:

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Sign up below and return to Kathy in church office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_