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Homecoming Sunday September 8th

Put your game face on!!

Following worship, we will kick-off the program year with a family-style feast, old-school games and a chance for fellowship with friends and family. Be sure to join in as we kickoff a new year!!



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From Our Transitional Pastor ...

Endings are really difficult for some people. They put them off, have trouble saying goodbye and pine for the past. No judgment intended, but I don't see endings that way at all. For me, endings aren't really endings at all but beginnings. Endings have me pining for what comes next. I guess I see life as an adventure and new beginnings are a new bend in the roller coaster. So, I keep my hands inside the ride, hang on and expect amazing things.

As my time as transitional minister comes to a close, I feel very much this way. This is certainly not goodbye for us. I'll be back in October to lead Emmaus Road among other things. My time with you has been better than I imagined. Writing a sermon every Sunday has been less difficult than I expected (that's not counting my shower experience!) and leading you all in worship and at meetings has been an absolute privilege.

Thank you all, for letting me minister to you in this most intimate way, for accepting my quirks, shorts under my alb, and incessant opinions. Mostly, thank you for sharing your lives with me. I have been truly blessed.

So, we won't say "goodbye" or "see ya later" or any of those things. Let's instead say, "wow, that was awesome. I wonder what's gonna happen next." Life truly is an adventure and we are about to undertake a new adventure together. Keep your hands inside the ride, but expect something awesome. It's always worked for me!

Blessings, Becky David

Edwards Worships...

September Scriptures

September 1

Job 38:1-18
Psalm 104:1-9, 24-26
Ephesians 1:3-10
Luke 5:1-11

September 8

Job 39:1-8, 26-30
Psalm 104:14-23
1 Corinthians 1:10-23
Luke 12:22-31

September 15

Job 28:20-27
Psalm 29
1 Corinthians 1:21-31
Luke 8:22-25



September 22

Proverbs 8:22-31
Psalm 148
Colossians 1:15-20
John 6:41-51

September 29

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

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

Youth and Christian Education...

Volunteer Opportunities Abound!!

Well, I am back! Summer is up, and it is time to gear up for fall programming. As I went over my “to do” list for fall, I realized there are so many things I need help with! This is a great problem to have. Our education programming continues to thrive and grow – and we need the support to match it!

One of the things I would like to do after Homecoming Sunday is split Children’s Chapel into two groups: Older Elementary and Preschool/Kindergarten. I am revamping a classroom to turn into a “centers” based learning environment for our younger group. This will also mean that our older group can focus on deeper themes and maybe even incorporate more reading into our Sunday morning activities.

We were very blessed to hire Heather Hubbard to run our nursery for Sunday morning worship. However, as attendance picks up she will need a partner-in-crime to assist her in the nursery.

September 11th is our first Wednesday back for Simple Supper, TouchStones, and Confirmation. We will need volunteers to provide dinner and help with kitchen clean up that night and going forward.

As the fall kicks off, we will also need acolytes for Sunday worship.

Following is the list of dates and volunteers we will need through the end of December. Please sign-up at church or contact Kendra Thompson 563-359-0331 ext. 205 or kendra@edwards-ucc.org if you are able to help in any of these ministry areas. Your service is deeply appreciated!

Children’s Chapel (3 volunteers needed each Sunday)

Two Volunteers for Pre-k/K and one volunteer for Older Elementary

Acolytes (We need 2 children, 7 years or older, to volunteer each Sunday)



Nursery (1 volunteer needed each Sunday)



Wednesday Night – Simple Supper (Sign-up sheet available 9/11 or call Kendra now ☺)

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|--------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| 9/11 | Provide Dinner _____ | Clean Up _____ |
| 9/18 | Provide Dinner _____ | Clean Up _____ |
| 9/25 | Provide Dinner _____ | Clean Up _____ |
| 10/2 | *****NO TOUCHSTONES***** | |
| 10/9 | Provide Dinner _____ | Clean Up _____ |
| 10/16 | Provide Dinner _____ | Clean Up _____ |
| 10/23 | Provide Dinner _____ | Clean Up _____ |
| 10/30 | *****NO TOUCHSTONES***** | |
| 11/6 | Provide Dinner _____ | Clean Up _____ |
| 11/13 | Provide Dinner _____ | Clean Up _____ |
| 11/20 | Provide Dinner _____ | Clean Up _____ |
| 11/27 | *****NO TOUCHSTONES***** | |
| 12/4 | Provide Dinner _____ | Clean Up _____ |



Children's Programs at Edwards...

Children's Chapel is an alternative to Sunday morning worship for our children. Kids ages 3 through 11 are welcome to participate. Chapel begins immediately following the Children's Story.

Starting September 15th we will start a new chapel program called, "Ask Pastra Kendra." This curriculum is still being written – because it is based on your children's questions! I was inspired to create a unit on children's questions when little Nora Van Howe approached me during Vacation Bible School and asked, "Um, Pastra Kendra, What's the Holy Spirit?" A very good question! And I'm sure children of all ages (maybe parents, too!) have some questions for "Pastra Kendra!" If so, please turn in ideas or questions to the church office or email me at Kendra@edwards-ucc.org



TouchStones is back!

Starting Wednesday, September 11, TouchStones programming for children preschool through fifth grade will resume for the fall. This year we will do things a little bit different, taking breaks periodically throughout the season. We will begin TouchStones with a project connecting common school supplies with stories from the Bible. We will take up a collection of these supplies for our neighborhood school, Eisenhower Elementary. *The first night will be a parent orientation.* Please attend so that you can hear about the new curriculum. Be sure to bring your calendar because during orientation you will have the opportunity to sign up to provide a meal or to volunteer in the classroom. See below for the schedule.

9/11 ~ Welcome back! Parent Orientation
9/18 ~ Mural of Our Town
9/25 ~ Blessed are the Meek, Hungry, & Poor

School supply item: Purell/hand sanitizer
School supply item: crayons
School supply item: rulers

10/2 ~ NO TOUCHSTONES

10/9 ~ Blessed are the Sad, Pure & Peaceful
10/16 ~ Blessed are the Persecuted
10/23 ~ Don't Worry!

School supply item: wet ones (wipes)
School supply item: pencils
School supply item: Kleenex/tissues

10/30 ~ NO TOUCHSTONES

11/6 ~ Christmas Program Practice
11/13 ~ Christmas Program Practice
11/20 ~ Christmas Program Practice

**Confirmation resumes
Wednesday, September 11th
6:00-7:00 PM**

11/27 ~ NO TOUCHSTONES

12/4 ~ Christmas Program Practice



Music at Edwards...

Weekly Music Rehearsals ~ Newcomers Always Welcome

Alleluia Ringers - Monday nights 6:30 pm beginning September 9th.

Contact Sandy Reinders, 332-2637, skreinders@gmail.com

Rehearse weekly, and ring most 3rd Sundays of the month and for special

Children's Choir – Wednesday nights 5 pm beginning September 11th

Contact Elaine Lipper, 388-2109, melippert@mchsi.com

Rehearse weekly and is open to children ages pre-school through 5th grade.

Chancel Choir – Wednesday nights 7:00 pm beginning September 4th

Contact Paul Renaud, 359-0331 ext. 203, paul@edwards-ucc.org

Rehearses weekly and sings weekly and during special services.

Emmaus Road – Rehearsals To Be Determined

Contact Becky David, 323-5740, therev@sacredspin.com

Emmaus Road will begin leading worship music in October. We need YOU! Voices, instruments, whatever you play, however you sing, you can hang with us! All ages and abilities welcome. All you need is a heart for providing a prayerful and meaningful environment for worship. Contact Becky for more information.



Staff Update...

Welcome to our newest musicians...

Music Director ~ Paul Renaud

I graduated from UNI with a major in music education. After college I enlisted in the US Coast guard. My first church choir job was at a UCC Church in Alameda, California. Chapter One; 2 years (short chapter). My next choir was at Faith UCC in Davenport. Chapter Two; 4 years (a little longer chapter). Then interim position at First Presbyterian in Davenport. Chapter Three (very short chapter). Was asked to be an interim at First Congregational in Moline. Ended up there 19 years. Chapter 4 (very long chapter). And now, Chapter 5 at Edwards UCC. I am very happy to be joining you on this next chapter in my life.



I am married to Marcia. We have two daughters and five grandchildren and a cat named Gracie.

Organist ~ Bret Van Nuland

Bret Van Nuland is a newcomer to the Quad City area. He was born and raised in Appleton, Wisconsin and completed a degree in music education at the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire in May of 2013. Bret recently moved to Iowa after accepting a position as the new middle school band director for Clinton Community School District. He began playing the pipe organ in high school and has had the privilege to study with distinguished instructors ever since. Throughout college, he served as a substitute organist for many congregations in the Eau Claire and Appleton, WI areas. Prior to accepting the position of organist at Edwards UCC, he was the organist and music director at Rock Creek Lutheran Church in Rock Falls, WI. In addition to his undergraduate work at UW-Eau Claire, Bret completed an internship in pipe organ building at Wahl Organbuilders of Appleton. Since that time he has acquired, and is currently restoring, a small historic pipe organ which was originally built in the 1920s.



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.

September Birthdays

- 1 Dick Lafrenz
- 1 Elizabeth Knoche
- 1 Carter Weyman
- 2 Rose Marie Edgerton
- 2 Elisabeth Norwood
- 3 Bobbi Rudiger
- 3 Kendra Thompson
- 5 Terry Fortman
- 6 Marilyn Hamilton
- 6 Tina Rivera
- 7 Muireann Zippe
- 9 Bruce Hubbard
- 9 Pabitra Kandel
- 9 Amber Whitfield
- 11 Bev Bergert
- 11 Senia Warren-Collison
- 12 Toshia LeShoure



- 15 Neal Smith
- 15 Heather Wren
- 16 Janet Sedgwick
- 16 Declan Nabhan-Warren
- 20 Brent Lafrenz
- 20 Laura Beck
- 21 Carter Sullivan
- 24 Madelyn Kyte
- 26 Dan Miller
- 28 Jean Clapp
- 28 Jennell Bergwall
- 29 Mike Bleedorn
- 29 Melissa Johnson
- 29 Cormac Nabhan-Warren
- 30 Madison Kieffer
- 30 Rachael Sedgwick



Fall Blood Drive is November 2nd!
(the last day to donate blood and still be able to give during our Blood Drive is September 7th)

Fellowship Opportunities...

Women's Night Out

All ladies are invited to Women's Night Out, **Thursday, September 19th** for dinner at 6 pm at Mo Brady's, 4830 N. Brady St., Davenport, IA. Bring a guest or a newcomer – this is a great way to enjoy an evening of good food with new and old friends.



Mission at Edwards

42nd Annual Quad City Area CROP HUNGER WALK Ending Hunger One Step at a Time!



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th

REGISTRATION TIME, 1:00 PM
START TIME, 2:00 PM
MODERN WOODMAN PARK

SAVE THE DATE!



The Edwards UCC team has been registered to participate and people will be asked to sign up on Sundays before the walk. **Watch and listen for more details!**

Contributions may be made and you can recruit supporters directly on the web:

www.cropwalkonline.org/quadcities. Click on the "Sign Up" button and follow directions.
For general information: www.cropwalk.org.

Caroline Evans, Mission Board (563) 424-5588 or Cell: (309) 221-2330

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You !!

Thank you **Ray and Mike Ball-Trevor** and **Anita and Annette Dietz** for the donation of 2 new large coffee pots to replace the ones that no longer worked.

We all wish to thank the hundreds of volunteers who helped with time, money, supplies, donations, planning, and effort during the Faith In Action activities of August! Special appreciation goes to **Becky David, Sandy Doran, Dick Dulaney, Geri Dulaney, Julie Henke, Jennifer Jordening, John Keraus, Dick Lafrenz, Carol Ogletree, Marilyn Riedesel, Judy Stouffer, and Rob Tubbs** for their leadership.

Thank you to everyone who has been sending me cards and best wishes for recovery from my fall. A special thanks to Brian Dugan for transferring me from the Iowa City Hospital back to Genesis West. **Ned Walling**

Thank you to **Elaine Lippert** and **Norma Wren** for being our organists this summer and coordinating the special music each Sunday.

Thank you to **Brad Miller** for providing special music in August.

Thank you to the Landscape Watering Team: **Richard Jirus, Shirley Johnson, George Kovacs, Sandy Reinders, Judy Stouffer** and **Steve Wildemuth**.

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

| | September 1 | September 8 | September 15 | September 22 | September 29 |
|-----------------------|--|--|---|---|--|
| | Communion | Homecoming | Fair Trade Sale | Food Pantry | |
| Preacher | Christine Isham | Christine Isham | Christine Isham | Christine Isham | Christine Isham |
| Chancel Set-up | John Keraus | Sandy Doran John Thompson | Dick Dulaney | Judy Stouffer | Sandy Doran |
| Altar Flowers | Pastor Search Committee | | | | |
| Scripture Reader | Nikki Keraus | John Thompson | Kathy Lafrenz | Richard Jirus | Jane Simonsen |
| Communion | Anne-Marie Gephart, Brad Hixon, Pat Sterk, Steve Wildemuth | | | | |
| Special Music | Angela Elliott Jay Kyte | | | | |
| Nursery | | | | | |
| Ushers | Anne-Marie Gephart Brad Hixon Pat Sterk Steve Wildemuth | Dee Hillyer Tom Kenneke Dave Reinders Sandy Reinders | Angela Elliott Joyce Paustian Terry Schlabach Dick Vallandingham | Barb Bleedorn Dick Dulaney Mila Smith Milo Smith | Curly Curl John Harnung John McDowell Ron Schumaker |
| Greeters | Chris Kenneke Tom Kenneke Margaret Wilber Steve Wildemuth | Dorothy Hammond Ardis Kasper Sandy Sohr Evona Petherick | Curly Curl Sue Curl John Harnung Susan Harnung | Ruth Bowers Chris Medina Joyce Paustian Marilyn Riedesel | Carol Bachellor Julia Natvig Beverly Simpson Kay Stiles |
| Coffee Hour | Brad & Deena Miller | Picnic | Ann & George Kovacs | | |
| Lock-up | Steve Wildemuth | John Harnung | Steve Wildemuth | Milo Smith | Darrell Hillyer |
| Mower / Trimmer | Robert Riedesel | Bob Larew/ Dick Dulaney | Steve Wildemuth | John Harnung/ Vince Holdridge | Brad Miller |
| CareGivers On Call | Chuck Collins Evona Petherick | Martha Jirus Lois Larew | Kay Stiles Fran Wolfe | Elaine Lippert Sandy Reinders | Ruth Bowers Evona Petherick |

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 and click on the calendar link.

SEPTEMBER 2013

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|--|---|---|---|--|
| 1 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Homecoming Family Feast 11:30 AM Promised Land Rehearsal | 2 Cabor Day 10:00 AM Women's Breakfast Group - CANCELLED 6:00 PM Diversity AA Meeting | 3 8:30 AM Donuts & Hammers 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting | 4 7:00 PM Chancel Choir | 5 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting 6:30 PM Diversity AA Meeting | 6 Office Hours are 9 to Noon | 7 6:00 PM Sanctuary Reserved |
| 8 HOME COMING SUNDAY 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Coffee Hour 11:30 AM Promised Land Rehearsal | 9 Office Hours are 9 to Noon 6:00 PM Diversity AA Meeting 6:30 PM Alleluia Ringers | 10 Office Hours are 9 to Noon 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting 6:30 PM Board Meetings 7:30 PM Council Meeting | 11 Office Hours are 9 to Noon Patriot Day 5:00 PM Children's Choir 5:30 PM Simple Supper 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM TouchStones 7:00 PM Chancel Choir | 12 Office Hours are 9 to Noon 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting 6:30 PM Diversity AA Meeting | 13 Office Hours are 9 to Noon | 14 |
| 15 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Coffee Hour 11:30 AM Fair Trade Coffee Sale 11:30 AM Promised Land Rehearsal | 16 Office Hours are 9 to Noon 6:00 PM Diversity AA Meeting 6:30 PM Alleluia Ringers | 17 8:30 AM Donuts & Hammers 12:00 PM CareGivers Meeting 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting | 18 9:00 AM Newsletter Deadline 5:00 PM Children's Choir 5:30 PM Simple Supper 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM TouchStones 7:00 PM Chancel Choir | 19 6:00 PM Women's Night Out 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting 6:30 PM Diversity AA Meeting | 20 | 21 |
| 22 First Day of Autumn Food Pantry Sunday 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Coffee Hour 11:30 AM Promised Land Rehearsal | 23 6:00 PM Diversity AA Meeting 6:30 PM Alleluia Ringers | 24 5:30 PM Fellowship Hall & Kitchen Reserved 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting | 25 5:00 PM Children's Choir 5:30 PM Simple Supper 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM TouchStones 7:00 PM Chancel Choir | 26 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting 6:30 PM Diversity AA Meeting | 27 | 28 |
| 29 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Coffee Hour 11:30 AM Promised Land Rehearsal | 30 9:00 AM CareLink 6:00 PM Diversity AA Meeting 6:30 PM Alleluia Ringers | 1 8:30 AM Donuts & Hammers 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting | 2 7:00 PM Chancel Choir | 3 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting 6:30 PM Diversity AA Meeting | 4 | 5 |