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*In Christ we celebrate a living faith, as we worship, care for one another, and reach out to all.*

## **Church Office Hours**

**Monday - Friday**

10 am - Noon

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## **Sermon Series for September** **(Pastor Kendra Thompson):**

***Sep 3 - Bumper Stickers for Jesus (Romans 12: 9-21)***

***Sep 10 - Wake Up! Stand Up! (Romans 13: 8-14)***

***Sep 17 - Put Aside Thou Judgy-ness People of God***  
***(Romans 14: 1-12)***

***Sep 24 - Life and Death in Christ: The Struggle is Real***  
***(Phillipians 1: 21-30)***

### ***From Your Moderator - Lyle Stratton***

The Council is pleased to announce we now have an Interim Pastor, **the Reverend Becky David!** The Council had several excellent profiles to review for possible selection, and Becky rose to the top of the list with her previous interim training and experience as well as preaching, administrative and pastoral skills. Becky will be starting Sept 5, but will not begin preaching until October, to allow time for her to get (re-)acquainted with our congregation and focus on any interim transition priorities. Pastor Kendra Thompson will continue to preach through September. **Please join the Council in giving Becky an extravagant welcome as our new Interim Pastor!**

### ***From Your Acting Interim - Pastor Kendra Thompson***

Just a note to say for the month of September, I will be preaching each week and also spending more time in the church office. Come see me or make an appointment! Plan on my presence in the office Tues-Fri, 9am - 1pm. THANKS! ~Pastor Kendra

## Fellowship Opportunities

### **WOMEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP**

Join us at the Village Inn on 53<sup>rd</sup> & Elmore in Davenport at 10:00 am on the first Monday of each month for brunch/lunch and fellowship. Bring a friend! Next date is Monday September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

### **DONUTS & HAMMERS**

This group meets every other Tuesday at 8:30 am in Baxter Hall at the church for donuts, coffee, fellowship and doing what is needed around the church. No experience is needed! September groups will meet on September 12 and 26.

### **WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT**

All ladies are invited to attend this monthly night out. Bring a guest or newcomer for an evening of food, friendship and a laugh or two. The next dinner will be on Thursday Sept 21 at 6:00 pm at Governor's in Bettendorf (Devils Glen & Middle Rd).

### **MOVABLE FEASTS ARE STARTING**

There will be two 'Moveable Feasts' yet this year. Signup will start this Homecoming Sunday for September & October – the 1<sup>st</sup> Feast. The second signup will be in January for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Feast during January-March in 2018.

These '**Feasts**' are monthly, informal, social gatherings open to all friends and members of Edwards UCC. A host family chooses the weekend and provides the main course in their home. Attendees bring a dish to pass. This is a great way to get to know others in the church. You don't have to be a member, nor do you have to agree to host – just participate! You can **sign up on the Sunday tear-off sheets or in Baxter Hall**. If you have any questions, please contact either Chris Kenneke or Sandy Reinders.

## Celebrating September Birthdays – Enjoy your day!

1 – Dick Lafrenz; Carter Weyman 2 – Elisabeth Norwood 3 – Bobbi Rudiger;  
Kendra Thompson 6 – Marilyn Hamilton 9 – Amber Whitfield 11 – Bev Bergert;  
Senia Warren-Collison 15 – Neal Smith; Heather Wren 20 – Brent Lafrenz; Laura Beck  
21 – Gabe Hearn; Carter Sullivan 24 – Asher Leveridge 26 – Dan Miller 28 – Jean Clapp  
29 – Mike Bleedorn 30 – Madison Kieffer

## **Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**

- To our **Summer Worship planning and volunteers**
- To our **Edwards Staff and Volunteers** for keeping activities flowing during this time of transition
- To the **volunteers who helped on the Saturday workday before Homecoming Sunday**
- To all who **helped with Homecoming Sunday and the wonderful Potluck!**
- To the **Church Council for their extra time and dedication in choosing an Interim Pastor**

From **Sue and Cec Chapman**: We would like to thank **our Edwards Family** for all the prayers, cards, food, and general expressions of concern for Sue as she recovers from surgery. We are grateful and hope you will continue to remember us in your prayers.

## **Please Keep In Your Prayers:**

Due to privacy issues we no longer publish names on the website version. Please contact Brian Dugan with any questions or concerns.

If you are hospitalized and would like a visit from an Edwards caregiver, please let Brian Dugan, our Caregiver Coordinator know, at 563-275-8520. Due to hospital privacy rules and hospital staffing shortages, we don't always hear from the hospitals in a timely manner. Thanks.

## **...in Other News:**

### **SHARE THE VISION LOAN IS PAID OFF!!**

On Homecoming Sunday, Shirley Johnson announced that our Share the Vision Capital Campaign loan has been paid off! A little over six years ago, we undertook a major building addition and kitchen/restroom renovation campaign, estimated at \$1.2 million. Due to your faithful and generous gifts, we have now completed that campaign!! Any additional donations received for that campaign will go toward future building maintenance needs. Thank you again to all who contributed toward this success!

Before you put your checkbook away, please remember that we still are facing challenges in this year's operating budget. We depend on your generous pledges and other offerings to keep this church's many programs going! Keep on visioning!!

### **NEW EDWARDS ROCK GARDEN**

Have you noticed our new rock garden in the triangle area out front? There is a wind pinwheel to feel the Spirit blow, along with a large "God is Still Speaking" rock, plus three smaller rocks spelling out Peace, Faith, and Love, which tie in with our favorite "Go Now in Peace" choral benediction. Purchase of the rocks, as well as the new bench out front, were made possible through donations to the Edwards Memorial Fund. Monetary donations to the Edwards UCC Memorial Fund are always welcome. You may designate them in honor of or in memory of a loved one or special friend.

## **Mission Opportunities:**

### **UNDERWEAR BECAUSE WE CARE – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

The Mission Board, in conjunction with the Quad City "**Underwear Because We Care**" program, has determined that **September 17** will be "Undie Sunday." On that date, we will collect **new** underwear for local families in need including men, women and children. We would like donations of undershirts, underpants, bras and socks. Laundry baskets are in the narthex for donations during the entire month of September.

### **CONCERT – PROMISED LAND & FRIENDS – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8**

**Promised Land & Friends**, which consists of many of Edwards own talented musicians, will once again be presenting a public concert in the Edwards sanctuary, on **Sunday, October 8, at 3:00 pm**. The theme for this year's concert is "Listening for the Call" and it will feature their special southern gospel sound. Plan to attend and bring your friends! The concert is free and open to the public, with a free-will offering going toward the **Blessings in a Backpack** mission at Eisenhower School.

### **PREPARING FOR MISSION TRIP TO BACK BAY MISSION – OCT 14-22**

**Collecting tape measures** -- Last year we learned that Back Bay Mission staff have to replace numerous tools each year, particularly tape measures. So if you have a sturdy tape measure that you no longer need, we'd be happy to donate it to Back Bay Mission on your behalf! Sturdy, retractable, locking tape measures are ideal. (They probably wouldn't complain about getting new ones, either!) - Just drop it off in the tool box in narthex!

**Collecting toiletries** -- And don't forget to donate your hotel-sized toiletries (such as soap, shampoo, lotion). Back Bay Mission staff distribute these items to guests of their day shelter, the Micah Center. There is a basket for these items in the narthex.

This year's trip to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi is **October 14-22, 2017**. Thank you for your continued support!!!

### **THE GOOD LIFE REDEFINED – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22**

Earth Keepers (a Quad-Cities coalition of faith-communities caring for creation since 2007) is hosting a fall workshop with *Iowa Interfaith Power and Light* on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 2:00. Join us as we find the Good Life underneath all the stuff we own. Learn how our faith traditions call us to reconnect with what is meaningful to live in harmony with the earth and each other. Together we will learn how our stuff contributes to climate change and make a plan to create a life that is easier on the planet. October 22, 2:00 -4:00 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1330 13th St, Moline, IL. Requested donation of only \$5 per person, thanks to generous sponsorships by Edwards UCC, , Metropolitan Community Church, Unitarian Universalists, QC; St. John's Lutheran of Rock Island, IL, Thrivent Financial, Trinity Lutheran Church and First Lutheran of Moline, IL. Registration requested. Register at <http://iowaip.org>. or contact Shirley Johnson ([uffdauffda@hughes.net](mailto:uffdauffda@hughes.net) or 309-798-2360) for more information.

## Mission Opportunities (continued):

### **CRAFT / VENDOR SHOW – NOV. 4**

This event is **Saturday, November 4, from 8:30 am – 2:00 pm** in Baxter Hall. Contact Rhonda Curl at 798-3033 if you would like more information on this upcoming November event. There are also sign up forms in the Church office. Proceeds will go toward Edwards Operating Fund shortfalls.

## Service Opportunities at Edwards: (where there are blanks below, we may need your help)

	<b>Sept 3</b>	<b>Sept 10</b>	<b>Sept 17</b>	<b>Sept 24</b>	
Preaching	Pastor Kendra Thompson	Pastor Kendra Thompson	Pastor Kendra Thompson	Pastor Kendra Thompson	
Chancel Set-up	Paul Petherick	Sue Curl	Cathy Loughead	Rhonda Curl	
Scripture Reader	Judy Pavlak	Robert Riedesel	Norma Wren	Tim Huey	
Ushers	Sandy Reinders Dave Reinders Steve Wildemuth	Paul Petherick Curly Curl Margaret Wilber	Pat Sterk Tom Kenneke Gail McPike	Rhonda Curl Tom Kenneke Judy Stouffer Dick Dulaney	
Contact Worship Board Chair, Cathie Miller about the above openings.					
Audio	Lyle Stratton	Cathy Wetzal	Lyle Stratton	Cathy Wetzal	
Video	Joyce Paustian	Lyle Stratton	Joyce Paustian	Woody Perkins	
Contact Lyle Stratton about openings for the above.					
Nursery	Danielle King	Danielle King	Danielle King	Danielle King	
Children's Story	Pastor Kendra	Pastor Kendra	Pastor Kendra	Pastor Kendra	
Contact Faith Formation Chair, Kathy Lafrenz about above openings.					
Greeters	John McDowell & Ron Schumaker	Joyce Paustian, Marcie Phillis	Angela & Tim Reier & family	Sandy Reinders, Marilyn Riedesel	
Contact Membership Chair Sandy Reinders about the above openings.					
Coffee Hour	Mary & Wayne Coker		Sara Verdick, Marilyn Riedesel		
Contact Fellowship Chairs Mandy & Rosie Harvey about the above openings.					
Lock-up					
Snow /Mow	Scott Gehler	Brian Foy, Dave Reinders	Dick Dulaney	Dave Reinders, Dick Dulaney	
Contact Trustee Chair, Tom Kenneke about above openings.					
CareGivers On Call	Martha Jirus	Dee Hillyer	Evona Petherick	Fran Wolfe, Bev Bergert	
Contact Caregiver Coordinator, Brian Dugan about above openings.					

Also, we are always looking for **clerical and office volunteers**. If you are interested in helping in the office during secretarial absences or helping with **weekly bulletins or the monthly newsletter**, please contact the office, 563-359-0331.

## September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> <b>Food Pantry Sunday</b> 9:00 AM Bible Study <b>10:15 AM Homecoming Sunday!</b> 11:30 AM Potluck 11:45 AM Promised Land Rehearsal	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting	<b>30</b> 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>31</b> 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting 6:30 PM Diversity AA Meeting	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9:30 AM ACAC Meeting
<b>3</b> 9:00 AM Bible Study <b>10:15 AM</b> Worship 11:30 AM Coffee Hour 11:45 AM Promised Land Rehearsal	<b>4</b> Labor Day - Office is closed	<b>5</b> 5:30 PM Pre-Council Meeting 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting	<b>6</b> 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b> 1:00 PM REM Iowa 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting 6:30 PM Diversity AA Meeting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:30 AM ACAC Meeting
<b>10</b> 9:00 AM Bible Study <b>10:15 AM</b> Worship 11:30 AM Coffee Hour 11:45 AM Promised Land Rehearsal	<b>11</b> 10:00 AM Women's Breakfast Group	<b>12</b> 10:30 AM Baxter Hall Reserved 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting 6:30 PM Board Meetings 7:30 PM Council Meeting	<b>13</b> 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>14</b> 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting 6:30 PM Diversity AA Meeting	<b>15</b> 11:45 AM Memorial Funds Mtg	<b>16</b> 9:30 AM ACAC Meeting
<b>17</b> 9:00 AM Bible Study <b>10:15 AM</b> Worship 11:30 AM Coffee Hour 11:45 AM Promised Land Rehearsal	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 8:30 AM REM Iowa 12:00 PM CareGivers Meeting 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting	<b>20</b> 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>21</b> 1:00 PM REM Iowa 6:00 PM Women's Night Out 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting 6:30 PM Diversity AA Meeting	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9:30 AM ACAC Meeting
<b>24</b> <b>Food Pantry Sunday</b> 9:00 AM Bible Study <b>10:15 AM</b> Worship 11:30 AM Coffee Hour 11:45 AM Promised Land Rehearsal	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting	<b>27</b> 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>28</b> 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting 6:30 PM Diversity AA Meeting	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:00 AM Promised Land 9:30 AM ACAC Meeting

**For the most up-to-date Edwards UCC calendar information, please check the Edwards website:  
[www.edwards-ucc.org](http://www.edwards-ucc.org)**