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

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Monday - Friday

10 am – Noon

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From our Caregiver Coordinator Brian Dugan

Dear Pastor Becky David, Moderator Barb Bleedorn and the Congregation of Edwards Church,

Just a reminder to all that I will retire as your Caregiver Coordinator at Edwards UCC this weekend. I feel lucky in so many ways to have been called to serve you all these past few years. And I feel blessed to be able to turn over the reins to Lyle Stratton; who I know will serve you well. In a special way I want to thank the Pastors and Caregivers themselves who have really done the work of giving care to all of us: Rev. Becky, Rev. Kendra, Bev Bergert, Chuck Collins, Dee Hillyer, Mary Ostrom, Evona Petherick, Sandy Reinders, and Fran Wolfe. Blessings to All, *Brian Dugan*

From Pastor Kendra

A Typewriter, a Buzzard and a Fountain

Sounds like the set up for a strange joke, right? While it sounds odd, there's no joke here. Those are just the last three items I removed from my office at the church. (With some help and chuckles from Tom Kenneke, Lyle Stratton, and Dave Rienders.) I arrived last week with several laundry baskets, a head full of memories and a heart full of emotions. It is hard to pack up six years' worth of belongings and the memories they contain, but I managed. What I'm also tucking away is the reality that I learned and grew a lot at Edwards. You all taught me what a loving, supportive congregation can look like. You embraced my creative ideas, welcomed my family, loved my children.

Remembering is a *spiritual practice*. In remembering, we know who we are and where we've been. And these things propel us into the future; who we will *become* in the light of God's love. For you and me, our futures will take us in different directions. But our *faith* connects us – always. So thank you, Edwards Congregational United Church of Christ, for strengthening mine. ~Pastor Kendra

MESSAGE FROM NEW INTERIM CARE GIVER COORDINATOR, LYLE STRATTON

It is a great blessing and privilege for me to serve Edwards again as Caregiver Coordinator, and I look forward to connecting with deepening relationship to Edwards members and friends who may be in need of caregiving! Edwards is blessed with a caring and compassionate group of care giving volunteers who devote many hours of their own time to serve our church, and I am humbled and honored to follow Brian who dedicated so many years to this caregiving ministry. Brian and I previously completed the UCC Iowa Conference lay ministry program together many years ago, and I very much appreciate his helpful advice and his willingness in allowing me to consult with him during the transition process.

For those of you who may not know me, I would like to share some of my background information. I am currently an on-call chaplain with Genesis Hospice VNA, previously worked for the Veterans Administration for many years as a vocational rehabilitation counselor, and served Edwards as Caregiver Coordinator from 2005-2008. My love for Edwards is reflected in my 24-year membership and serving in various capacities such as Moderator, and board positions in Social Justice and Mission, and Media. I have a MS in Ed in Counseling and am a National Board Certified Counselor. Thank you Edwards for allowing me to continue to serve! With God's grace and guidance I look forward to working along with our caregiving volunteers in this important ministry! Please contact me by phone or text at 563-570-7556 if you know anyone in our church in need of caregiving services.

The Caregiver Coordinator office hours will be Mondays & Wednesdays, 10am – Noon.

APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY UPDATE

The AI Core Team is continuing to move forward with one-to-one congregational interviews. Through these interviews we are gathering information from you which will help us move towards a church profile and the search for our next pastor. We appreciate everyone who has provided the interview team the time to collect your views and opinions. We have gathered a great deal of information already and we will begin to analyze this information in September to determine common themes of the congregation.

If you haven't been contacted or interviewed yet please call the church office so we can schedule a meeting with you. We plan to wrap up the individual interview process by early September.

We want to be respectful of your time and schedule meetings where important and valuable results will be shared. Because it will take time to compile the information gathered from all the interviews, our next AI congregational conversation will be in October. If you have any questions about the process, please feel free to contact one of the AI Core team members. Geri Dulaney, Brian Foy, Mandy Harvey, Shirley Johnson, Van Lewis, Carol Ogletree, Paul Petherick, Sandy Reinders, Dave Reinders, Marilyn Riedesel, Robert Riedesel, Lyle Stratton, and Pastor Becky.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

All Generations Wednesday- evening fellowship

After getting parental input, we have decided to try a schedule with multi-generations for Simple supper and fellowship on Wednesday evenings. Simple supper would be at 5:30 and fellowship after that. The first evening we will have conversations about what you would like to do on those evenings. Do you want to just visit and enjoy the relaxation with friends, or play games and have activities. Maybe a combination. The first evening will be **September 12 at 5:30**. The first meal will be provided with a sign-up for meals after that.

Each month we will have a different mission focus shared with Sunday children's worship. Nursery care will be offered each night. As we get closer to Christmas the children up to 5th grade will begin practicing for the Christmas pageant on December 16th. We will take a winter break after the pageant until January 9, 2019.

Sunday Morning Children's Worship

Beginning this 2018 fall on September 2, children are invited to stay in church the first Sunday of the month that includes communion and Artspace. No children's chapel that morning but children infant through 4 or 5 years old can still attend the nursery. What is Artspace? There is a designated low table off to the right in the front of the church that children of any age (yes even adults if you want to join), can go to before scripture is read. This time can be used to express worship by drawing, coloring or writing.

September 9 is homecoming which will start the fall children's chapel. Children up to 5th grade can take part in stories from the Bible and activities. The theme for the fall is travelling with Jesus. As we get closer to Christmas we will learn more about Advent. Note that each month there will be a different mission focus that will be shared with the Wednesday evening fellowship program. The Wednesday and Sunday programs will culminate in the Christmas pageant on December 16. We will take a winter break after that until January 13, 2019.

As the year progresses, we will continue to keep in mind the preschool ages, and the junior high school ages. We will continue to work with those families as we make plans in the future. If you have any thoughts on this, new ideas, or volunteering, contact Kathy Lafrenz or Marilyn Riedesel.

QC SANCTUARY COALITION

Greetings Edwards Members & Friends:

The Edwards Church Council met on August 14, 2018, and had a very good discussion on our invitation to be part of the Sanctuary Coalition. After gathering information, asking questions and sharing concerns through our congregational meetings, the Council voted in favor of becoming a partner in the Sanctuary Coalition.

Thank you all for being a part of this decision. This reflects our beliefs and convictions in wanting to live by the Gospel and be welcoming to all people. ~ *Barb Bleedorn, Moderator*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

AUG 29 - CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN – 7 pm.

Rehearsals every Wednesday

SEPT 5 – DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER MOVEABLE FEASTS

Please sign up by **September 5th** to be included.

SEPT 7 – ANCIENT HEBREW SCROLL PROJECT – 2 – 9 PM

Christ Anglican Church, 1717 8th Ave., Moline, IL

SEPT 9 – POTLUCK & HOMECOMING SUNDAY

SEPT 10 – WOMEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP (*Please note day and location change*)

All are welcome to join us at The Family Restaurant by the Village Shopping Center on Kimberly -10 am.

SEPT 10 - ALLELUIA RINGERS - 6:30pm.

Rehearsals every Monday

SEPT 11 - BOARD & COUNCIL MEETINGS

Board meetings are 6:30 pm and the Council meets at 7:30 pm.

You may read the last Council minutes on our Edwards website www.edwards-ucc.org

SEPT 12 – SIMPLE SUPPER – 5:30 pm

SEPT 18 – CAREGIVER MEETING – 12:00 NOON

SEPT 18 - MUTUAL MINISTRY REVIEW TEAM MEETING – 6:30 pm.

SEPT 19 – STONE SOUP – 5:30 pm

SEPT 26 – SIMPLE SUPPER – 5:30 pm

SEPT 16 - AI CORE MEETING 11:45 am after worship.

SEPT 16 - UNDERWEAR BECAUSE WE CARE DRIVE

SEPT 20 - WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT – 6 pm

Lunardi's Italian Restaurant in Davenport.

SEPT 30 - PROMISED LAND CONCERT – 3:00 pm

NOV 3 - EDWARDS 3RD ANNUAL VENDOR/CRAFT SHOW

8:30 am –2:00 pm in Baxter Hall. Sign-up deadline is Oct. 20.

THANK YOU'S

- We received the following from OHF (One Human Family): Thank you for your contribution of \$150 to One Human Family. Your donation to OHF work will help make the Quad Cities a more safe and welcoming community. With so many opportunities to give to worthy causes, we appreciate your willingness to include OHF among those that support you. *Sincerely, Rev. Rich Hendricks*

- A Big Edwards Thanks to the August Community Kitchen Teams!
Many thanks to the hands that prepared and served the August meal for the Salvation Army meal site as organized by Churches United. Thanks to the team of chefs; (Ardis Kasper, Adrianna Balli, Bev Bergert, Dee Hillyer, Ed Balli, Evona Petherick, Fran Wolfe, Martha Jirus, Mary Ostrom, Anita Dietz, Annette Dietz, and Sandy Reinders) and the team of servers (Louis Reicks, Jesse Knudson, Joyce Paustian, Terry Schlabach, Marty Schlabach, and Bob Larew)! A **delish** meal of Sloppy Joes, potato salad, bean salad, bananas, milk, and juice was prepared for, and enjoyed by grateful guests of the Salvation Army! The Edwards teams will next prepare a meal in October. ~*the Mission Board*

EDWARDS - Healthcare POA (Medical Power of Attorney Information)

Edwards' members are encouraged to review and keep a current copy of their Medical Power of Attorney in a safe, secure place. Members may also keep a copy of their POA on file at the Church. Often times, the Pastor may be the one to receive a call from the hospital when a member is in extremely ill health or, has passed. Keeping a POA on file at the Church can help. Please look at your existing form and if you would like, you may keep a copy here, in the Office, at Edwards.

Celebrating September Birthdays – Enjoy your day!

1 – Dick Lafrenz, Carter Weyman; 2 – Elisabeth Norwood; 3 – Bobbi Rudiger,
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. ***Happy Birthday to all!***



Please Keep In Your Prayers:

Due to privacy issues we no longer publish names on the website version. If you are hospitalized and would like a visit from a Pastor or Edwards UCC Caregiver, please let Lyle Stratton know, at 563-570-7556. Due to hospital privacy rules and hospital staffing shortages, we don't always hear from the hospitals in a timely manner. Thank you.

HERE'S MORE INFORMATION ON OUR UPCOMING EVENTS

AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE! UNDIE SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 16

It is not well known that one of the greatest needs in clothing donations is for new underwear for children, women, and men. The Mission Board, in conjunction with the Quad City **Underwear Because We Care** program, will celebrate **Undie Sunday at Edwards** on **September 16**. On that date, we will collect **new** underwear for local individuals in need. As you are able, we are asking for donations of undershirts, underpants, bras, and socks for men, women, or children. **Bring your items with you into the sanctuary for collection during the service on September 16**. If you won't be in church that day, laundry baskets will be in the narthex for donations during the entire month of September.

MOVEABLE FEASTS ARE STARTING AGAIN - in September and October of 2018.

Movable feasts (potlucks) are monthly, informal social gatherings open to all friends and members of Edwards. The host family chooses the weekend and provides the main course. They contact the list of attendees with the date, time and a request for a dish to pass. These social gatherings are a great way to get to know other people from the church in a relaxing environment.

All are welcome to participate. You do not have to be a member and you do not have to host to participate in this Social Event. A desire for fun and fellowship is the only requirement.

If you are interested in hosting, attending or both, please sign up on the tear-off sheet in the Sunday bulletin or, contact Chris Kenneke at kenneke2003@yahoo.com or call 563-355-5273. Please sign up by September 5th to be included in the September Feasts. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Kenneke or Sandy Reinders 563-940-1809.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:

Preparing for Back Bay Mission!

Share Your Collection of Toiletries! As you travel, you may take a trip and bring back more of those little soaps, bottles of shampoo, and lotion than you know what to do with! When this year's crew to Back Bay Mission heads to Biloxi in October, we'd be happy to take as many of these items with us as we can squeeze into our cars so we can donate these items to BBM's Micah Day Center. There is a container for these items in the narthex. Thank you in advance!!!

Tape measures! Back Bay Mission 'goes through' more tape measures than any other tool, so if you have an extra one that you don't need, we'd be happy to donate it to the mission on your behalf! Just add it to the container of toiletries.

Dates and Info: This year's trip is **Saturday, October 13 – Sunday, October 21**. If you have any questions about the trip, please check with the three musketeers (Carol Ogletree, Tom Kenneke, and Julie Henke) or any of the many others who have served at Back Bay Mission!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

The Edwards Media Group is looking for someone to assist in preparing the weekly PowerPoint videos. No experience needed – we'll teach you the ropes! If you are interested in learning more, please contact the secretary or any member of the media team; Woody Perkins, Lyle Stratton, Joyce Paustian, Cathy Wetzell or Terry Schlabach. Thank you!

CAREGIVER COORDINATOR:

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

Lyle Stratton, our interim Caregiver Coordinator, will be offering prayers in the chapel on Wednesdays at noon. If anyone would be interested in joining him in this prayer time in lifting up any congregational prayer concerns, please feel free to come and join him.

Caregiver Coordinator office hours will be Mondays and Wednesdays, 10am – Noon.



**The congregations of the
Eastern Iowa Association - Iowa Conference
United Church of Christ
are called to our**

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
which will include

MUSIC WORKSHOP AND WORSHIP
led by **BRYAN SIRCHIO**



Sunday, September 30, 2018

First United Church of Christ
600 Mulberry Tipton, Iowa 52772



1:30 - 2:30pm – Music Workshop with Bryan Sirchio

2:30pm – Registration and conversation

3:00pm – Business of the Association

4:15pm – Worship led by Bryan Sirchio

5:00pm – Evening Meal (\$8 per person)



Please make your reservations by contacting
Association Secretary, Tommi Boeder
319-573-4993 or TommiHayBoeder@outlook.com

(Final materials will be sent September 20.)

Precious Memories

The Southern Gospel Music
of Promised Land and Friends

Free Will Offering

Sunday, September 30, 2018 - 3:00 pm



Edwards Congregational
United Church of Christ
3420 Jersey Ridge Road
Davenport

ANCIENT HEBREW SCROLL PROJECT

Coming to the Quad Cities — One Day Only!
Once in a lifetime opportunity!

Friday, September 7th, 2018.

Exhibit is open from 2:00pm till 9:00pm.

Talks at 3:00pm and 7:00pm

No entrance charge.

All Welcome!

Christ Anglican Church
1717 8th Ave, Moline

For more information:

Call Fr Ed at 309-762-6022

or find us at www.christchurchmoline.net

The Ancient Hebrew Scroll display is the only complete set of the Tanakh (Old Testament) in the world that you can see. Come bring family, friends, and neighbors to this incredible once in a lifetime event. To know more about the scroll project or event info visit ancienthebrewscrollproject.org

