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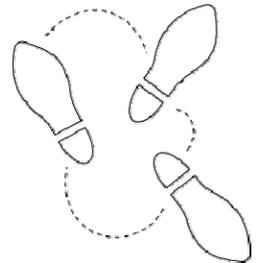
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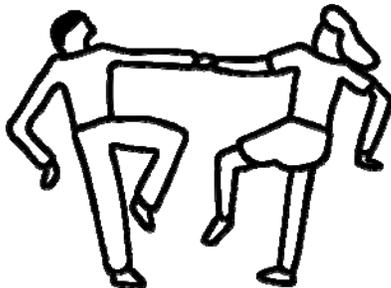


## Friday Fall Fun Fest October 28<sup>th</sup> ~ 5:30-9:00

Dinner and Dancing  
 Just for the Fun of it!



Remember Line Dancing? The Electric Slide?  
 Square Dancing and the Virginia Reel?  
 Cha Cha? Rumba?  
 Come alone or with a partner  
 or bring the whole family!



No Cover Charge  
 (but donations will be appreciated)



## November 1<sup>st</sup> ~ Driveway Traffic Flow Reverses



Watch for new signs indicating the Entrance Driveway (former exit driveway) and Exit Driveway (former entrance driveway).



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

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One of the things that I love about the ministry is that there are so many surprises. You never know what a day will hold, what interruption will call your attention away from what you had planned for the day.

On August 28<sup>th</sup>, you all "interrupted" what I had planned for the day when you surprised me with a celebration for 20 years of ordained ministry! It never occurred to me that something was going on - much less that my Preaching Professor from seminary, Rev. Dr. Marilyn Stavenger, would be in the pulpit that morning or that my son would be doing the special music!

So... Thank you! I believe that an important part of "staying fresh" in ministry has to do with staying connected to your "call" to ministry. Over the years, I have come to understand that as having to do with remembering - regularly - the God who calls and sends, the God who loves and forgives, the God who challenges us to grow to be more than we currently are, the God who is present in all that we are and all that we do. Your surprise helped me to do just that!

I do not believe that it is only ordained ministers who need to remember their "call". I think it is true for all of us in the church. If we don't remember - regularly - who has called us into the church and why we have chosen to live our lives in this particular church...well, we all too easily forget the importance of what we are doing here.

It all gets to be old hat - that cycle of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter and Pentecost. Year after year, we do pretty much the same things. Christmas Eve is always December 24<sup>th</sup>. Homecoming

Sunday is always the first Sunday after Labor Day. VBS is always sometime in June. We remember the same stories and we do many of the same mission projects. We give blood, we clean up the highway, we cook and serve the meals for Community Kitchen, we help with Habitat, we clean up the church yard, we mow, we shovel snow, we take our youth on Mission Trips, we send adults to Biloxi, we raise money for a stewardship campaign every fall.... You get the idea.

Every once in a while, we need to be reminded of why we do it all in the first place! Each one of us might say something different about WHY we have decided to live our lives in and through Edwards Congregational United Church of Christ. But all of us have been called by God to live our lives together in and through this congregation.

We are called by God to work for healing and wholeness - in the world, in our own lives, and in the life of our faith community. We are called by God to stand tall and speak out for justice and mercy - and then to bend down low to serve the least and the last. We are called by God to carry the Christ-light for and with one another, so that the light of Christ's hope will burn brightly in a world that is filled with darkness.

Spend some time this month reflecting on your "call" to the church. I pray that there are good surprises along the way. Thank you for surprising me - and for helping us all to remember God's call to ministry.

# Edwards Worships. . .

## October Scriptures

### October 2

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20  
Psalm 19  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
Matthew 21:33-46

### October 9

Exodus 32:1-14  
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23  
Philippians 4:1-9  
Matthew 22:1-14

### October 16

Exodus 33:12-23  
Psalm 99  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Matthew 22:15-22

### October 23

Deuteronomy 34:1-12  
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8  
Matthew 22:34-46

### October 30

Joshua 3:7-17  
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37  
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13  
Matthew 23:1-12



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

## October Special Music

The Chancel Choir sings each week, but in addition, other musicians are leading music:

### October 2<sup>nd</sup> ~

The Friends in Faith Band

### October 9<sup>th</sup> ~

The Alleluia Ringers

### October 16<sup>th</sup> ~

The Friends in Faith Band

### October 23<sup>rd</sup> ~

Liturgical Dancers



## Groundbreaking Worship

We already know that the Holy Spirit brings life and new life into the midst of our worship each Sunday. But Sunday, **October 2<sup>nd</sup>** will be a VERY special day in the life of our church. It is WorldWide Communion Sunday. It is the day we receive our Neighbors in Need offering. It is CROP Walk Sunday. **AND IT IS THE DAY WE WILL OFFICIALLY "BREAK GROUND"** for our new building!

Rev. Rich Pleva, the Iowa Conference Minister will be with us to preach. Weather permitting, at the end of the service we will gather outside - so bring a warm/weather resistant coat if you feel that is needed. Come and be part of this historic moment in the life of Edwards Congregational United Church of Christ!

## A New Season

Last year the Worship Board decided that we needed an addition to the normal liturgical seasons of the year, and so we added "The Season of Thanksgiving". Marilyn Riedesel made beautiful fall banners, and this year she has made a liturgical stole for Katherine to wear throughout this new season. We will begin "Thanksgiving" on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, and we will celebrate the gifts of abundance and gratitude through November 20<sup>th</sup> (when we celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday together and with our partners at the Unitarian Church and Temple Emanuel).

## Sunday Mornings at 9:00

Throughout October there will be learning opportunities on Sunday mornings at 9:00 for adults who are interested in particular topics. They are:

October 9: Newcomer's Inquiry Class

October 16: Newcomer's Inquiry Class

October 23: Eisenhower School Mentoring Presentation

Don't miss these opportunities to learn more about how to connect to Edwards' life and ministry in our community.

## Friday Fall Fun Fest

October 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-9:00. Dinner and Dancing for Everyone! Gentle instructors will lead you through the moves from line and square dancing to the electric slide and cha cha! Come to shake, rattle and roll or simply sit and tap your feet. Come alone or with a partner or bring the whole family! No cover charge, but monetary donations will be appreciated.

## Simple Supper

Volunteers are still needed to prepare and serve simple suppers on Wednesday evenings. Supper is served from 5:30-6:00 for 40-50 people. If you can help or need more information, please contact Susan Chesley at church or home (332-2300).

## Generation to Generation

Can you share the stories of your life with our youngest generation? The Wednesday evening TouchStones program is seeking 25 folk who will share their memories with children on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00. If you are interested, please contact Susan Chesley at church or home (332-2300). Guidelines will be provided.

# Music at Edwards . . .

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## Musicians Welcome!

It's never too late to start singing or playing music for worship! If you need child care, let us know. See or call Jean (ext. 13 at church: 359-0331) for more information or with questions. Come and make a joyful noise!



**Weekly Music Rehearsals**

Friends in Faith Band  
Sunday, October 9 after worship

Alleluia Ringers  
Monday nights 6:30 -8:00 pm

Chancel Choir  
Wednesday nights 7-8:30 pm

## New Youth Director!

We are more than happy to welcome **Miriam Prichard** to the staff at Edwards as our new Youth Director! Miriam began in September, and has already cleaned out the Youth Room and is ready to roll with new programs. Miriam has been a Confirmation Mentor over the years, as well as helped with the youth programs in the past. She comes to us with a Master's Degree in Counseling as well as some seminary training. Please make time to welcome her and take an interest in what the youth are doing!

## Blessings in a Backpack

The Mission Board has adopted a new program to help fight hunger in the Quad Cities. Every Friday backpacks filled with easy-to-prepare and ready-to-eat food will be delivered to school children whose families are in need of assistance. During TouchStones programming, on the second Wednesday of every month, our children will assemble these backpacks. The program will take the full hour (6:00-7:00) and parents are invited to work alongside their children in this new ministry.



## Liturgical Dancers

Come and rehearse Sundays after church at 11:45 am. No experience necessary. Adults, youth and children, male and female are all welcome! Come and worship God through music and dance. Questions? Call Kathy Lafrenz: 309-441-5303.

## Instrumentalists Needed for Musical Ensembles

For Reformation Sunday (October 30<sup>th</sup>), Thanksgiving Sunday (November 20<sup>th</sup>), and Christmas Eve (December 24<sup>th</sup>), we are seeking brass, wind and string ensemble players. Depending on who is available and what we will play, we may need you! Sign up on the weekly sign-up sheet, or call Jean at the office, (ext. 13) for more details.

### Fall Stewardship Is Here Again

We will all remember 2011 as the year we talked a lot about money. The *Sharing the Vision* Campaign raised the money for our new building, and was a time when we all reflected deeply in our own lives about what money means, how much we can give away, and how much the church matters to us. What a success that was! Together, we raised more than \$1.25 million to build on and upgrade our current infrastructure.

Now it's time for us to do it again! Only this time we need to raise the money to fund the operations of the church through the year 2012.

It would be easy to think that we've talked enough about money this year. But it is a little-known fact that Jesus talked more about money than he ever talked about anything else. He talked more about money than he did about love, or forgiveness, or healing, or any other single topic. Money was important to him - what we do with it, what it means to us, whether we hoard it or give it away. WWJD is a favorite shorthand with our kids - **What Would Jesus Do**. It's worth thinking about as we begin to consider our giving to the 2012 Annual Pledge Drive.

Stewardship Sunday will be November 13<sup>th</sup>, but it's never too early to begin to pray about how YOU will participate.

*Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.*  
~ Luke 6:38

# SHARING



# THE VISION

### Capital Campaign Update

Are you wondering where we are in the *Sharing the Vision* Campaign? So far, we have raised \$1,275,481 in five-year pledges. To date, we have received \$149,424 in donations.

The Financial Planning Task Force has been working with our bank (Wells Fargo), and we have been approved for a construction loan of a maximum of \$800,000 at 4.5% interest. As we begin construction, don't forget that the more cash we have on hand, the less money we have to borrow from the bank!

***An Important Reminder: In January 2011, we adopted a deficit budget for the year. We continue to need your generous support if we are going to end 2011 "in the black". Please make sure your 2011 pledge is up to date! Each one makes a difference!***

# Construction, Construction!

## What's the Schedule?

Are you wondering when things are going to start to happen around the church? Well, here's the tentative schedule of events. Remember, this will change!

October 13	Construction Bids Due
October 20	Pre-Construction Meeting
October 31	Begin the New Addition
November 1	Driveway Direction Change
January 3	Begin Kitchen Remodel
February 17	Complete Kitchen Remodel
February 20	Begin Bathroom Remodel
March 30	Complete Bathrooms
July 27	Complete Construction



## What Should I Expect?

The first things will be "getting ready". Several trees (including the big pine tree in front) need to be cleared before construction equipment can be brought in. The Donuts and Hammers team has volunteered to do that work!!

**ON NOVEMBER 1 WE WILL REVERSE THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC IN OUR DRIVEWAYS! THIS WILL BE A PERMANENT CHANGE!!**

Then some temporary walls will go up in the church, separating the area that we will be continuing to use from the area under construction. Katherine's office will be temporarily relocated. And after that... we'll keep you posted!

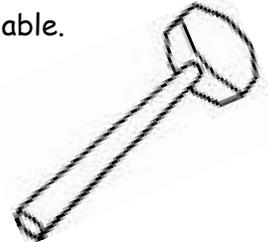
## How Can I Help?



There will be lots of opportunities for "sweat equity" throughout this next year! We will need help boxing up stuff to be stored during construction. We will need help relocating that stuff when construction is finished. We will need help tearing apart the kitchen so that the workers can start rebuilding right away (but not until December!). There are a number of things that the Donuts and Hammers group has already volunteered to do (like remove trees), but they could always use more helping hands.

If you want to donate some "sweat equity", please contact Kathy Bowerman in the church office. Let her know that you are interested in helping. Tell her what you would like to do and when you are available. We will keep you posted!

The more we do, the less we have to pay to have done.



## What About the Trees?

It is hard to lose beloved trees, and there are two that are especially beloved - the big pine tree in front of the sanctuary, and a dogwood on the north side of the building. Know that the Building Task Force is making plans to use the wood to make something that we will use for generations to come in the life of our church. These trees will keep on giving!



**Keep In Our Prayers**

- + **Ruth Bowers**, recovering from surgery
- + **Marjorie Jirus**, grieving the death of her partner, Mick Stenger
- + **Susan Karr**, and the Karr family, grieving Richard's death
- + **Robert Riedesel**, recovering from surgery
- + **Marty Schlabach**, recovering from surgery

**Monthly Musicians Dinner**

The first monthly musicians dinner will be held on October 5<sup>th</sup> at Kelly's Irish Pub on 53<sup>rd</sup> St., Davenport. We will gather at 5:30pm. All musicians are welcome to come and share good times and good food before we engage in some good singing!!



**Women's Night Out**

The women of Edwards are invited to our monthly Women's Night Out at 6:00pm on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at Montana Jack's located at 5400 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Moline, IL.

**Wedding Announcement**

Kathy Vance and Dan Donahue will be united in marriage in a private ceremony on Saturday, October 8, 2011 at their home in DeWitt. Kathy will be attending the First Congregational, UCC in DeWitt. After their honeymoon in Ireland, they will reside at: 2386 - 250th Avenue, DeWitt, IA 52742



**October Birthdays**

- 1 Brad Miller
- 3 Dorothy Fryer
- 3 Lorelei Gephart
- 3 Maxwell Tesch
- 5 Greg Bereskin
- 7 Matthew Kieffer
- 8 Suzanne Benson
- 8 Jeff Penn
- 9 Deena Miller
- 12 Bob Anderson
- 12 Sandy Wellman
- 13 Kathy Bowerman
- 13 Ron Schumaker
- 15 Chris Coe
- 16 Kim Fortman
- 17 Kimberly Knoche
- 17 Alyssa Salazar
- 18 Margaret Wilber
- 21 Barb Bleedorn
- 21 Susan Chapman
- 23 Starr Perry
- 24 Heather Hubbard
- 24 Chloe Van Blair
- 25 Martha Jirus
- 25 Shirley Johnson
- 26 Katie Kyte
- 28 Jesse Evans
- 29 Pat Bereskin



Wish These Friends a  
"Happy Birthday!"



**Newcomer's Inquiry Class**

The next Newcomer's Inquiry classes will be held **Sundays, October 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>**, at 9:00am in the parlor / library. If you are looking for a church home or desire more information about Edwards and the United Church of Christ, you are invited to join us. Please contact Geri Dulaney for more information (359-0331 or 323-2145).



## Welcome New Members . . .

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Our Edwards congregation is growing!!

September 9<sup>th</sup>, **KATHRYN DEAN** celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday by uniting with Edwards in a ceremony at her home. She was sponsored by the Edwards CareGivers with Sandy Reinders and Evona Petherick as their representatives and her special friends, Dorothy Hansell and Emily Billings in attendance.

Kathryn came to the area 6 yrs ago, coming from West Burlington, IA.

She was previously employed as a phone/switchboard operator, graduating to the service board where she was an assistant for 30 yrs. She has two brothers, one of whom lives in Milan, IL.

Kathryn is a home-bound resident and has a sparkling sense of humor topped with a great memory.

Please send cards & notes to:

Kathryn Dean

1903 W. Garfield St., Davenport, IA 52804

Phone #: 563-391-0795

Sponsors: Sandy Reinders & Evona Petherick

On September 18, the following families united with Edwards:

**JEREMY & ABBY SCALES** came to the Quad-cities from Georgia. Jeremy is employed by John Deere & Co. Abby is a stay-at-home mom, which is a full-time job by itself. They are the proud parents of two active little girls, Ella and Merritt. The family has been actively involved in the Edwards programming since coming to our church.

The family resides at:

6631 Summerfield Dr., Bettendorf, IA 52722

Phone #: 563-332-0772

Sponsors: Jay & Katie Kyte

**SUSAN MELHUS-LEE** was born in Clarion, IA, raised in Savanna, IL and has spent her adult life in the Quad-City area. She resides on an acreage near Geneseo, IL where she stables horses. Susan is a medical technologist for Metropolitan Medical Labs. In her spare time, she enjoys her dogs, movies, and camping.

Susan resides at:

7560 N. 2200<sup>th</sup> St., Geneseo, IL 61254

Phone #: 309-949-3827, Cell: 309-314-2636

Sponsor: Sharon Wildemuth

Kathryn, Jeremy, Abby and Susan. . . .  
Welcome to our Edwards church family; we are so blessed to have you join us.

*~Membership Board*



Stop by the UCC Coffee Project table during potluck on October 9<sup>th</sup>, to purchase Equal Exchange fair trade gourmet coffee. Through the UCC Coffee Project, our congregation is joining hands with communities in the developing world by purchasing coffee and other products that are fairly traded and sustainably grown. Reach out to small farmers in developing countries and support fair trade and ecologically sustainable farming practices while enjoying your morning cup of coffee. Coffee sales are held on the second Sunday of each month during coffee hour (and potlucks) following worship. For more information, go to: [www.ucc.org/justice/coffee-project/](http://www.ucc.org/justice/coffee-project/)

### Adopt-a-Highway

It's Fall and time for the **Adopt-a-Highway** clean up for the Edwards UCC two-mile stretch on Utica Ridge Road, Bettendorf. We will need six to eight volunteers for **Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>** (October 22<sup>nd</sup>, rain date). We will meet at the church at 9:30am and carpool out to Utica Ridge Road. The site is north of I-80 and the work is divided so each individual will walk only two miles. Vests, gloves and bags will be furnished. Lunch will be provided back at the church. Call Sharon Wildemuth to sign up or with any questions (563/332-3761).

### Salvation Army Meal Site

Every other month Edwards sponsors an evening meal at the Churches United community meal site in the Salvation Army building on the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and Harrison Streets in Davenport. Approximately 60-70 persons are served a nourishing meal prepared in our church kitchen. Food preparation begins at 2:00 pm and takes about 2 hours. Volunteers arrive at Edwards by 5:30pm to load, transport, and setup at the meal site. Our next opportunity to prepare and serve a meal is **Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**. Contact the church office if you interested in volunteering.

### Edwards-Eisenhower Partnership

Come join us on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> as we have conversations with Steve Mielenhausen, principal and Dona Rushford, school counselor from Eisenhower School. Last year 8 church mentors made a big impact on the lives of 8 students at Eisenhower. More students would like mentors this year. The school would also like volunteers to work with a classroom, listening to students read, practicing math facts and other things to help the teacher. Come learn more about this exciting partnership on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00am in the Library.

### Blessings in a Backpack

Blessings in a Backpack outreach started September 23<sup>rd</sup> in partnership with Eisenhower School. This unique program is designed to feed elementary school children whose families qualify for federally free/reduced price meal programs, and have little or no food on the weekends.

Every Friday afternoon during the 2011-12 school year, backpacks will go home with 60 students so that they have food for the weekends. The Mission Board is getting the program started; but in October it will be *your* chance to volunteer: **to shop for food at Wal-Mart, help fill the backpacks and/or deliver filled bags to Eisenhower**. This is a wonderful opportunity to help hungry children in our own neighborhood. Contact the church office if you interested in volunteering.

# Mission: 1

11.1.11 - 11.11.11  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Mission 1 is our opportunity to help the hungry alongside the other 5,300 UCC churches nationwide. For the first 11 days of November (11.1.11 - 11.11.11) United Church of Christ congregations, colleges, seminaries, and other entities will join together in a collective mission campaign to collect more than 1 million food items for local food banks, raise \$111,111 in donations for *Neighbors in Need*, and write 11,111 letters to Congress (in support of Bread for the World's 2011 Offering of Letters) asking that US foreign assistance be reformed to more effectively serve the world's poorest people.

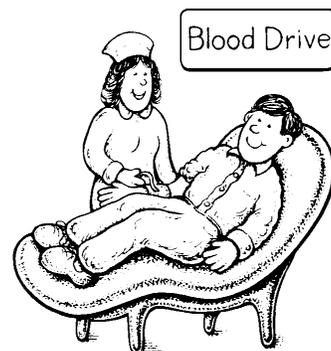
To break this down on a local level for our congregation to participate fully, the Mission and Social Justice boards are collaborating to present this challenge to the people of Edwards UCC in this national effort to fight world hunger:

- Although Mission 1 will be emphasized November 1 - 11, 2011 nationally, Edwards will seek your generous donation to Neighbors in Need in support of Mission 1 on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- The challenge to bring in 11 healthy food items to support our local food pantries will be collected on October 23<sup>rd</sup> for Food Pantry Sunday.
- Starting October 30<sup>th</sup> through November 11<sup>th</sup>, there will be opportunities to sign pre-printed letters and to write letters to send to our local Iowa and Illinois senators and representatives encouraging them to reform foreign aid to make it more effective in reducing poverty.

### Blood Drive on November 5<sup>th</sup>

New improved times! 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Someone needs blood every two seconds in the United States. Giving blood is easy -- if you have a photo ID, weigh 110 pounds or more, are at least 17 years old and in good health, you save up to 3 people. And all it takes is less than a hour... Thank you!!!



**Free Public Presentation: Implementing the Health Care Law**

Thursday Oct. 27, 7:00 PM

Rogalski Center, St Ambrose University

518 W Locust Street, Davenport, IA

Speaker: Rev. Linda Walling

Director, Faithful Reform in Health Care

Special Workshop:

Skills for Effective Advocacy for Justice in Health Care Reform  
(special training for potential congregational advocates)

Friday, October 28, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Edwards United Church of Christ

3420 Jersey Ridge Road, Davenport, IA

Workshop registration required: \$30

Contact: Karen @563-355-0093 or Phil @309-788-7106

The event is co-sponsored by:

Churches United of the Quad-Cities \* Congregation of the Humility of Mary

Sisters of the Order of St. Benedict \* Progressive Action for the Common Good

**Winnie's Wishes Resale Shop**

**Opening October 8<sup>th</sup>!!**

902 E. River Drive, Davenport, IA

Hours: Tue. - Fri.: 10am - 4pm & Sat. 9 - Noon

Needing shop volunteers!! Have some free time to help out at the store? Great for women's groups, Bible study groups, individuals. Have items to donate? Clothes, jewelry, toys & games, collectibles, furniture, kitchen & household items, books, home décor, linens, etc.? Call Churches United at 563-332-5002 if you'd like to volunteer or donate.



**Community Lecture**

**Joan Chittister** - a visionary spiritual leader, international lecturer, and award-winning author of more than 40 books - will speak at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Davenport on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00pm. The lecture is free and open to the public.

She will speak on *God and the Evolutionary World: The God who Beckons*.

A Benedictine Sister of Erie, Pennsylvania, Sister Joan has traveled the world with her message of justice, peace, and equality, particularly for women in the church and in society. She is the founder of Benetvision, a resource center for contemporary spirituality in Erie.

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

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Thank you to **Don Dorrance**, **Julie Henke** and **John Keraus** for making sure there were edible hot dogs at the Music Picnic; and to fantastic special musicians **Bonnie Walling**, piano, **Colin Young**, saxophones, **Carolina Warren-Collison**, vocal solo, **Mona Terry**, harp, **Michelle Hukvari**, piano and clarinet, and **Elaine Lippert**, piano for wonderful musical additions to our morning worship; to **Elaine Lippert**, for serving as organist and accompanist and. **Cathy Wetzel** and **Merlyn Lippert** for directing rehearsals in Jean's absence.

Thanks to **Bill** and **Dao Molis** and **Katy Strzepak** for serving as Spiritual Companions in TouchStones.

Thanks to **Cathy Wetzel** for teaching in TouchStones.

Thanks to **Katy Strzepak** and **Elyse**, **Molly** and **Madelyn Dye** for serving at the Churches United East Moline Meal Site.

Thanks to **Mila Smith** and the **Crawford family** for providing food on Wednesday evenings and to **Michael Fessler** for grilling hotdogs and clean-up.

Thank you to **Richard Jirus**, **Lyle & Janie Stratton** and **Dick Werner** for a successful work week at the Cannon Ball UCC Church on the Standing Rock Reservation in North Dakota. The church now has running water, working kitchen stove and furnaces, and a leak-free roof!

Dear Friends at Edwards, Thank you so much for your recent gift of 86 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to help us at Café on Vine. Actually, we froze them and they will be used for a shelter meal on a night the Salvation Army is on holiday, so we are particularly grateful.

Today we clearly have signs of fall. We had a big crowd and they were grateful for a place to enjoy their meal. As we wind down the summer we are very grateful for all the gifts of cash to help us pay our bills and the wonderful produce to serve fresh and to freeze for the long winter of soup-making. We are blessed in so many ways. God bless you for being one of the many blessings we have. **Sister Ruth, Café on Vine**

Dear Edwards, On behalf of the volunteers and board of directors of Blessings in a Backpack, thank you for your generous support of our organization with your gift of \$4,800.00 on August 17, 2011.

Blessings in a Backpack is a results-oriented program. This unique program is designed to feed elementary school children whose families qualify for the federal free and reduced meal program, and may not have any or enough food on the weekends. Better test scores, improved reading skills, positive behavior, improved health and increased attendance have all been attributed to the success of this program.

Donors, like you, contribute to the success of Blessings in a Backpack, which provides food for over 55,000 children in 318 schools, covering 35 U.S. states and 3 countries each weekend. Thank you for sharing... thank you for caring. **Stan Curtis**, Founder

Thank you so much for your generous donation to our Lifesaver Campaign. Your generosity will be spread and used to serve families in the area. Thank you, **Kathryn Graver**, Child Abuse Council

Thank you for the wonderful donation of toys, bedding, personal care items and food. We are very grateful for all your support. The **Staff at Winnie's Place**.

Thank you to my Edwards Church Family for all of the support and guidance you've given me these past 20 years. I won't be a stranger and plan to visit on occasion. You are all very special to me. **Kathy (Vance) Donahue**

Thank you to our church family for your prayers, words of encouragement, cards, visits, calls, and concern at the time of my diagnosis, surgery, and chemotherapy during this past year. I completed the chemo in August, and other than a questionable lab result, the scans and tests look good. Your support in prayer has given me strength and increased my faith. Your caring messages boosted my morale. Your many expressions of care and concern fill us with gratitude. In Christian Love, **Marilyn Hamilton**

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

	October 2	October 9	October 16	October 23	October 30
	Groundbreaking	Potluck	Building Update	Mentoring Forum	
Preacher	Katherine Mulhern	Katherine Mulhern	Katherine Mulhern	Katherine Mulhern	Katherine Mulhern
Chancel Set-up	Sandy Reinders	John Keraus	Carol Hart	Marilyn Riedesel	Bob Hamilton
Altar Flowers		Ann Criswell Teresa Caligaris	Kathy & Dick Lafrenz	Joyce Paustian	
Acolytes	Jewell Hixon Paige Sinksen	Isabel Sinksen Madelyn Tesch	Molly Dye Cormac Nabhan-Warren	Michaela Fessler Parker Sedgwick	Carter Sullivan Max Tesch
Scripture Reader	John Keraus	Dick Dulaney	Youth	Kay Anthony	Richard Jirus
Communion Servers	Ann Criswell, Brian Dugan, Brad Hixon, Erica Schroeder, Robert Riedesel				
Special Music	Friends in Faith Band	Alleluia Ringers	Friends in Faith Band	Children of Edwards Liturgical Dancers	Wind Ensemble
Sound System	Dave VanDerKamp	Dave VanDerKamp	Dave VanDerKamp	Dave VanDerKamp	Dave VanDerKamp
Nursery	Anne-Marie Gephart Crystal Miller	Anne-Marie Gephart Elyse Dye	Anne-Marie Gephart Chloe Van Blair	Anne-Marie Gephart Emily Norwood	Anne-Marie Gephart Robert Norwood
Ushers	Brian Dugan Sue Harrington Brad Hixon Erica Schroeder	Judy Collins Ryan Dye Paul Petherick Fran Wolfe	Bob Anderson Mary Hein Mila Smith Milo Smith	Barb Bleedorn John Harnung Susan Harnung Dick Vallandingham	Steve Chesley Anne-Marie Gephart Jeannine Miller Lyle Stratton
Greeters	Chris Fessler Mary Hein Ardis Kasper Kay Stiles	Anne-Marie Gephart Mila Smith Milo Smith Sandy Sohr	John Harnung Susan Harnung Erica Schroeder Beverly Simpson	Mary Hein Ardis Kasper Marilyn Riedesel Tina Rivera	Chris Kenneke Tom Kenneke Jack King Vonnie King
Coffee Hour	Building Task Force	Potluck Set up: Worship Clean-up: Trustees	Fessler Family	Starr Perry	Ann & George Kovacs
Lock-up	Joyce Paustian	Woody Perkins	Brad Hixon	John Harnung	Steve Wildemuth
Mower / Trimmer	Dick Dulaney	Bob Larew Steve Wildemuth			
CareGivers On Call	Elaine Lippert	Martha Jirus Sandy Reinders	Ruth Bowers Evona Petherick	Terry Fortman Lois Larew	Fran Wolfe Carol Bachellor

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>25</b> FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY 9:15 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:15 AM Worship 10:30 AM Children's Chapel 11:45 AM Liturgical Dance Rehearsal	<b>26</b> 6:30 PM Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal	<b>27</b> 5:30 PM Friends in Faith Rehearsal	<b>28</b> 5:30 PM Simple Supper 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM TECT Team 6:00 PM TouchStones 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>29</b> 6:30 PM Steps to Serenity Al-Anon Meeting 7:00 PM Adult Learning	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> 9:15 AM Zumba
<b>2</b> CROP Walk World Communion Sunday 9:15 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:15 AM Groundbreaking Worship Service 10:30 AM Children's Chapel 11:45 AM Liturgical Dance Rehearsal	<b>3</b> 6:30 PM Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal	<b>4</b> 8:30 AM Donuts & Hammers	<b>5</b> 5:30 PM Monthly Musicians Dinner 5:30 PM Simple Supper 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM TECT Team 6:00 PM TouchStones 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b> 6:30 PM Steps to Serenity Al-Anon Meeting 7:00 PM Adult Learning	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:15 AM Zumba 9:30 AM Adopt-a-Highway
<b>9</b> 9:15 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:15 AM Worship 10:30 AM Children's Chapel 11:30 AM Potluck after Worship 11:45 AM Friends in Faith Rehearsal 11:45 AM Liturgical Dance Rehearsal 11:45 AM Newcomers Inquiry Class	<b>10</b> Columbus Day 6:30 PM Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal	<b>11</b> 6:30 PM Board Meetings 7:30 PM Council Meeting	<b>12</b> 5:30 PM Simple Supper 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM TECT Team 6:00 PM TouchStones 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>13</b> 6:30 PM Building Task Force Meeting 6:30 PM Steps to Serenity Al-Anon Meeting 7:00 PM Adult Learning	<b>14</b> 5:30 PM Confirmation Camp at Pilgrim Heights	<b>15</b> Confirmation Camp at Pilgrim Heights Habitat for Humanity Workday 9:15 AM Zumba
<b>16</b> 9:15 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:15 AM Worship 10:30 AM Children's Chapel 11:30 AM Building Info Update 11:45 AM Liturgical Dance Rehearsal 11:45 AM Newcomers Inquiry Class	<b>17</b> 9:00 AM NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 6:30 PM Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal	<b>18</b> 8:30 AM Donuts & Hammers 12:00 PM CareGivers Meeting 2:00 PM Churches United Meal Site Food Prep 5:30 PM Serve at Churches United Meal Site located at Salvation Army	<b>19</b> 5:30 PM Simple Supper 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM TECT Team 6:00 PM TouchStones 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>20</b> 6:00 PM Women's Night Out 6:30 PM Steps to Serenity Al-Anon Meeting	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:15 AM Zumba 11:00 AM Pastor Parish Meeting
<b>23</b> 9:00 AM Adult Forum 9:15 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:15 AM FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY 10:15 AM Worship 10:30 AM Children's Chapel 11:45 AM Liturgical Dance Rehearsal	<b>24</b> 6:30 PM Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 5:30 PM Simple Supper 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM TECT Team 6:00 PM TouchStones 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>27</b> 6:30 PM Steps to Serenity Al-Anon Meeting	<b>28</b> 9:00 AM Health Care Reform Forum 5:30 PM Friday Fall Fun Fest	<b>29</b> 9:15 AM Zumba
<b>30</b> Reformation Sunday 9:15 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:15 AM Worship 10:30 AM Children's Chapel 11:45 AM Liturgical Dance Rehearsal	<b>31</b> 6:30 PM Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal	<b>1</b> All Saints Day Driveway Traffic Flow Reverses 8:30 AM Donuts & Hammers	<b>2</b> 5:30 PM Simple Supper 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM TECT Team 6:00 PM TouchStones 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b> 6:30 PM Steps to Serenity Al-Anon Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7:30 AM Blood Drive 9:15 AM Zumba

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Oct. 2	Groundbreaking
Oct. 9	Potluck
Oct. 16	Building Update
Oct. 23	Adult Forum
Nov. 1	Driveway reverses
Nov. 20	Interfaith Thanksgiving



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### Food Pantry Sunday

October 23<sup>rd</sup>

*Everyone is challenged to bring in 11 healthy food items for this month's Food Pantry Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.* The items collected go to our local food pantries and supports our involvement with the Mission 1 hunger campaign.

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