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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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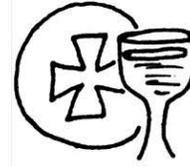
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October 1st is World Communion Sunday.

Once a month as a church we observe Holy Communion. It is a simple meal with familiar prayers and a predictable message of grace: Christ gives himself to us in the breaking of bread.

The repetitiveness of this sacrament is helpful; so that we are constantly reminded of God's love for us, God's gift to us, and the powerful simplicity of gathering to share a meal together.

While communion happens every *month* at Edwards, once a *year* we celebrate World Communion Sunday and in that celebration we are mindful of the fact that Christians all across the globe are remembering Christ's sacrifice together. This is a radical practice considering the fact that in some parts of the world, food is scarce and meals are infrequent. ***What does it mean to gather around a table, receiving bread as Christ's body, when some bodies at that table might be very hungry?***

For many years, World Communion and the Quad Cities CROP Hunger Walk have shared the same Sunday. I don't think this is a coincidence, but instead, a reminder of our global fellowship as the body of Christ.

Not all who receive communion on October 1st will walk six miles in hunger awareness, and that's okay. We worship a God of grace, not duty. And yet, as we approach the Lord's Table, we can be mindful of our global brothers and sisters, and in a spirit of thanksgiving, look for opportunities to extend this extravagant welcome outside our church walls.

~Pastor Kendra Thompson

Fellowship Opportunities

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP Join us on Monday, October 2nd at the home of Mila Smith: 1315 W. 61st Street Davenport. This group meets on the first Monday of each month for brunch/lunch and fellowship.

DONUTS & HAMMERS Every other Tuesday at 8:30 am in Baxter Hall at the church for donuts, coffee, and fellowship. Dates are; **October 10, 24, November 7, 21, and December 5 and 19.** Please join us!

WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT All ladies welcome! Bring a guest or newcomer for an evening of food, friendship and a laugh or two. Please join us this month at 6 o'clock on Thursday, October 19th at Trattoria Tiramisu in Bettendorf. Contact Barb Bleedorn for more information: mikebleedorn@hotmail.com

TRUNK OR TREAT Join children, youth, and families on Wednesday, October 25 from 5:30-7:00pm for a mummy dog, a bat cookie, and a chance to trunk or treat around the parking lot! Let Pastor Kendra know if you would like to decorate your car and participate in this fun night!

Celebrating October Birthdays – Enjoy your day!

**10/ 21 Barb Bleedorn, Sue Chapman & Tim Huey; 10/ 23 John Thompson;
10/ 24 Chloe Van Blair; 10/25 Martha Jirus & Shirley Johnson; 10/30 Brian Foy & Noah Gehler**

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Congratulations to Judy Collins, this year's recipient of the All My Relatives Award:

"For a lifetime of educating the congregation and public of the issues of mental health, protecting the rights and dignity of the marginalized in our society, and advocating for change."

Richard and Martha Jirus thank all their church friends for helping with their garage sale last month! Especially Tom Kenneke, Steve Wildemuth, Sandy and Dave Reinders, Norma Wren, Fran Wolfe, Ollie Gallaher, Evona Petherick, and Marty Schlabach. The Jirus' are so grateful for the help and support they will be contributing some of their garage sale earnings to Edwards as a thank you.

Thank you to all who helped get Wednesday night Fall Faith Formation Programming off the ground! Especially: Mike Augspurger, Volunteer Youth Director; Marilyn Riedesel and Kathy Lafrenz, Faith Formation Board Chairs; Danielle King, Nursery Attendant; and all our families who help in the classroom and provide meals.

Thank you to all who donated to the "Underwear Because We Care" program. We collected more than 500 pieces of undergarments for those in need in our area community. Your support is appreciated!

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.

For those who lost their lives and for the city of Las Vegas as they recover from the mass shootings on October 1. Those affected by hurricanes **Harvey, Irma, and Maria**

In Care Facilities: Jean Clapp, Fay McCarrel, Frances Sanders

Mission & Learning Opportunities:

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.



Water, The Bible, and Mission Open House - October 11th

Join us for a special evening of celebration and learning. As a part of confirmation, youth group and TouchStones, The Faith Formation Board will host an open house from 5:30-7pm centering on the theme of "**Water, The Bible, and Mission.**" We will have displays, music, festive food, and author Leslie Klipsch will be speaking to us about Empower Tanzania, a non-profit organization that supports rural Tanzanians by addressing issues related to health care, education, and agricultural practices. Parents are welcome but so is the whole congregation! Let Pastor Kendra know if you plan to attend this night of mission, learning, and celebration. kendra@edwards-ucc.org

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

This year's trip to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi is **October 14-22, 2017**. You can help by holding us in prayer, dining at Panera Bread on October 16, donating hotel sized toiletries and tape measurers. The 2017 BBM Team will be commissioned in worship on Sunday, October 8th. Thank you for your continued support!!!

THE "GOOD LIFE" REDEFINED – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

Earth Keepers (a Quad-Cities coalition of faith-communities) is hosting a fall workshop on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 2:00. Learn how our faith calls us to live simply; in harmony with the earth and each other. Together we will learn how our stuff contributes to climate change and how to make life changes that are 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. Register at <http://iowaip.org>. or contact Shirley Johnson (uffdauffda@hughes.net or 309-798-2360) for more information.

FALL ADULT EDUCATION – Sunday, OCTOBER 29

Join facilitators John Thompson, Lyle Stratton and Matthew Coomber from 9:00 – 10:00 am in the library for a conversation on the theme: **Does God care about the environment? Stewardship, creation care and beyond.** Please come as you are – these are informal and informative discussions - no pre-reading or fancy theological knowledge required. Child care will be provided.

CRAFT / VENDOR SHOW – Saturday, NOVEMBER 4

8:30 am – 2:00 pm in Baxter Hall. Church members wanting to create crafts may do so and put at the 'Edwards' table, no fee necessary. This is a great opportunity to raise money for our budget! Sign up forms are in the Church office. Proceeds will go toward Edwards Operating Fund shortfalls. Contact Rhonda Curl at 798-3033 if you would like more information.

QUAD CITIES INTERFAITH BREAKFAST – Thursday, November 9, 7:30 am at the Rogalski Center at St. Ambrose.

EDWARDS BLOOD DRIVE – Saturday, November 18, 7:15 am, in Baxter Fellowship Hall.



FUNDRAISING NIGHT

Help support

EDWARDS UCC CHURCH - TRIP TO BACK BAY MISSION

Monday, October 16, 2017

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**at the Panera Bread bakery-cafe at
3410 Elmore Ave, Davenport, IA 52807**

Present this flyer when you dine with us on
Monday, October 16, 2017, and we'll donate a portion of the
proceeds from your purchase to Edwards UCC Church - Trip to Back Bay Mission.
It's a handcrafted, delicious meal, all for a great cause!

Learn more about Fundraising Nights at Panera Bread at:
www.PaneraBread.com/fundraiser

Panera Bread® Gift Card and Panera Catering purchases are excluded from this event.
Rapid Pick-Up orders placed online may count for this event if receipt is presented to a manager or cashier.
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