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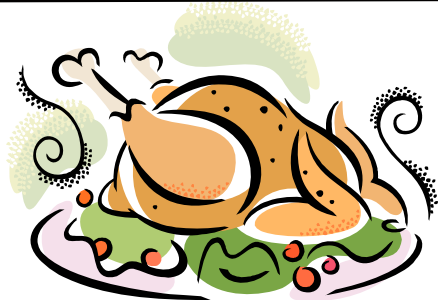
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A time to give thanks... A time to give to others...

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Sharing Our Blessings... An Edwards' Tradition

To fill 25 baskets we will need:



Twenty-Five

- ☞ Pumpkin pies
- ☞ Containers of Cool-whip
- ☞ Milk (gal.)
- ☞ Butter (lb.)
- ☞ Rolls (pkg. of 12)
- ☞ Paper towels
- ☞ Napkins

Thirty

- ☞ Gravy (packs or jars)
- ☞ Cranberry sauce
- ☞ Large can sweet potatoes
- ☞ French fried onions
- ☞ Cream of mushroom soup
- ☞ 5 lb. bags of potatoes
- ☞ Laundry baskets

Fifty

- ☞ Canned fruit
- ☞ Canned or bottled juice
- ☞ Canned green beans
- ☞ Canned corn
- ☞ Stuffing (bags or boxes)
- ☞ Large boxes Jell-O

Or... Can you write a check?

- ☞ Stuff a Turkey \$20.00
- ☞ Fill a Cornucopia \$15.00
- ☞ Adopt a Ham \$10.00



Bring non-perishable items to church now through Nov. 21st. Bring perishable items on Nov. 23rd. For information, call Miriam Prichard 271-9858

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From Our Pastor's Desk...

I have often thought that the church calendar needs an extra season. Currently we have six seasons in the church year - Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter and Pentecost - which lead us on a journey through Jesus' life and ministry year after year. But, especially at this time of year, I long for a season of Thanksgiving.

If Thanksgiving were to become a season of the church year, its color in the sanctuary could be gold (or maybe a rich pumpkin), and we could spend time focused on the power and importance of gratitude. Gratitude really means "to be in a state of grace", and to be grateful really means to be filled with grace. In the midst of difficult economic times, I think gratitude - for God's presence and power, for one another, for the ability to give and to receive, for this beautiful land we inhabit - may be one of the most important spiritual disciplines that we practice.

The list of things for which we are (and ought to be) thankful is long. Too much of the time we are either focused on getting the next thing done or we are complaining about the newest problem that has emerged in our lives or in our world. We need a season of Thanksgiving!

It could include several special days, I think. It might begin with All Saints Sunday (the first Sunday in November) when we join together in giving thanks for the lives of those in our faith community who have died in the last year. Next, it could include the celebration and dedication of our stewardship drive, when we focus on the gift of being able to give back just a little bit of what God has given to us. And then it might conclude with the celebration of Thanksgiving Sunday.

The old Christian practice of gratitude - deep, humble thanksgiving - is fast fading into a lost art. We live in a world where everything centers on what we humans can do, make, remake, demolish, learn, manipulate or organize. Gratitude focuses our attention beyond ourselves to something bigger. The practice of "giving thanks" invites us to acknowledge some of the deepest truths of life.

When we recognize that we are not "in control" of our lives, we are free to give thanks to God who has created us and creates us new each day. When we come to know that we do not live to ourselves, but instead within a web of caring and challenging relationships, we are moved to give thanks for all the people who have extended their hands in welcome, who have offered help in a time of need, who have lifted up a prayer of support or spoken a difficult word of disagreement with love.

When we come to understand that we cannot save ourselves from the sorrows, injustices, and realities of life, we are set free to welcome Jesus, who is the one who saves us even from ourselves. And we give thanks to God for this gift.

Giving thanks isn't just about being polite. It is about humbly living our lives in relationship to God and others, aware that we have been gifted (through no merit or fault on our part) with amazing blessings and unique challenges. As we seek to live in this way, truly we are filled with God's grace. This Thanksgiving "season" I pray that we may live our thanks both inside and outside the church. Both the church and the world will be better for it!

November Scriptures

November 2:

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



November 9:

Joshua 24:1-3, 14-25
Psalm 78:1-7
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

November 16:

Judges 4:1-7
Psalm 123
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30



November 23:

Ezekiel 34:11-16
Psalm 100
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46



November 30:

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

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



Flowers

Choose a Sunday to honor an event or someone special in your life with flowers for the sanctuary. Sign up in Kathy's office.

InterFaith Thanksgiving

For 65 years Edwards has been gathering with Temple Emanuel and the Unitarian Church to celebrate an Interfaith Thanksgiving. Long before it was popular to gather for interfaith dialogue (much less worship), our three congregations have been building a partnership. Minister after minister, rabbi after rabbi, generation after generation, this partnership has enabled bold stands for justice in the Quad Cities and has been a witness in the broader community for dialogue and the open, respectful sharing of beliefs. Join us as we celebrate this partnership, lifting our hearts and voices together in thanksgiving on Sunday, November 23rd at 7:00 pm. Edwards will be hosting our worship this year!



Contemporary Worship

Join us on November 16 at 5:30 pm for our monthly Contemporary Worship service in Baxter Fellowship Hall. The Friends in Faith Band will lead us in praise and thanksgiving, we will share communion together, and after worship we'll sit down to a potluck meal! Don't miss it (this is the best kept secret in the church!).

Generosity at Work

In times when prices are rising and income is uncertain, our natural response is to count every penny and cut every possible expense. From the amount of gas we use, to the food we buy, to heating our homes, we are all looking for ways to cut back and safeguard what we have. And, if the truth were told, a simpler life is not necessarily a bad thing!

There are certainly times in our lives when our scrimping needs to extend to our pledge at church. When we have lost a job, when our choice is between buying the prescription drugs we need or giving to the church at last year's level - those are times when we need to be realistic about what we are able to give.

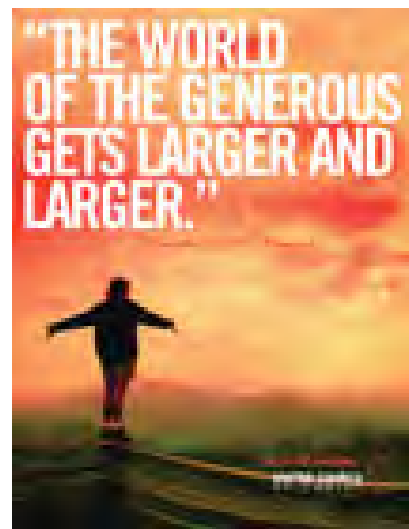
However! We all need to give! It is a basic human need - we NEED to give. When we give to the church, our lives get bigger, we get connected to God's ministry and mission for the world, and we grow as stewards of the gifts that have been given to us.

How much should we give? That depends. The Bible challenges and invites us to consider 10% of our income as a gift back to God. For most folks, that's more than is possible. Figure out what percentage of your income you already give, and then give yourself a challenge. Giving generously, giving a little more than we think we can, is a good spiritual discipline.

Your generous gifts enable vibrant ministry and mission here at Edwards. The Trustees and the Council will be looking carefully at the budget for 2009 - looking for all the ways to scrimp and save and safeguard. We promise to do our part. Will you do yours?

Stewardship Sunday

Stewardship Sunday will be November 9th in morning worship. That's the day that we present our pledges for the 2009 budget. The Alleluia Ringers will play bells, the Liturgical Dancers will share their gifts, and we will all reflect on how our individual gifts blend together to make a beautiful tapestry of love so that the world may know that Jesus Christ is Lord! Don't miss this special day.



Have You Considered?

Have you considered including Edwards Church in your will? Our Endowment supports important ministry in the name of our congregation. Whether it's disaster relief here at home or all around the world, spiritual growth opportunities for staff and members, or seeding new mission projects right here in the Quad Cities, the Endowment Fund makes a real difference in the world. You can also give to a scholarship fund to help Edwards youth attend college. Or give to a CareGiver fund that supports the CareGiving ministry of our congregation. Want more information? Give Katherine a call. You can make a difference in the church and in the world for a long, long time.

A Time for Stewardship Continued. . .

Time and Talent Pledges

Our mission is to **Welcome all, Worship God, Share God's love and Serve each other and the world.** Fulfilling this mission requires a commitment of time, talent and financial resources from each of us to God's service in the coming year. The stewardship of our time and talents is the wise and responsible use of the special gifts God has entrusted to each of us. It is believing that God has created each one of us with unique abilities and attributes -- including our personalities, interests, motivations, life experiences, talents and skills, hopes and dreams -- which make us who we are. We are one-of-a-kind creations of God with unique contributions to make in this world. Our lives have real meaning only when we use our gifts in accordance with God's will. As we grow in stewardship, we grow in our relationship with God. We grow in our ability to hear and accept God's call and to let our life be guided by God's will, not our own desires and impulses. Our lives are God's gift to us; how we live is our gift to God. Please give the work of our congregation your prayerful consideration and complete the time and talent pledge card to bring with you on Stewardship Sunday, Nov. 9th or mail it in with your financial pledge.

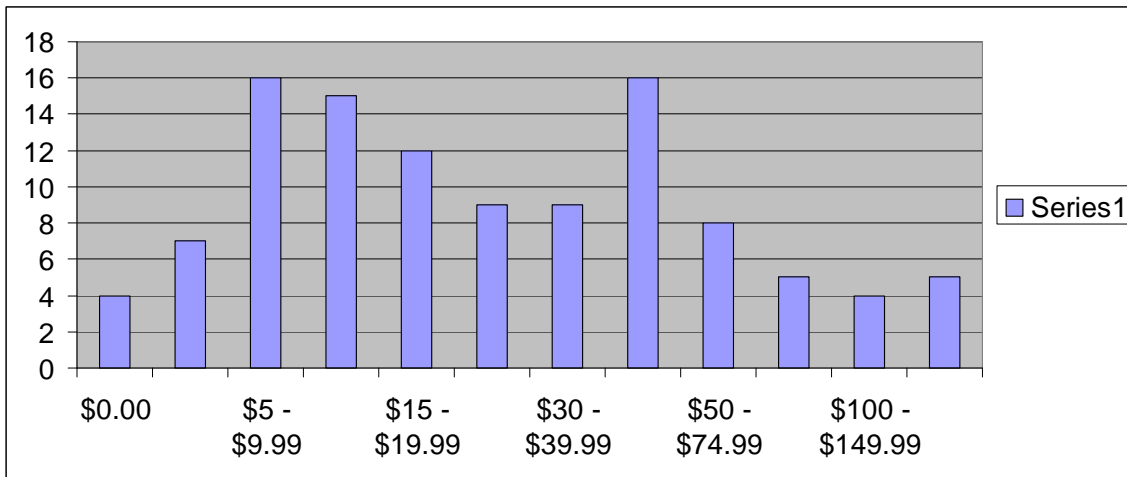


Did You Know?

Do you see things that need to be done around the church? Do you want to help out with the maintenance of our building now that our janitor's hours have had to be cut in half? There is a "job jar" of odd jobs that need doing in Kathy's office, or come on in and do whatever you see that needs to be done! Edwards belongs to all of us, and your help is deeply appreciated!



Edwards 2008 Weekly Giving Chart



In 2008, 15 people gave between \$10 and \$15 a week to support the church and its ministries. Sixteen people gave between \$40 and \$45 a week. Where are you on this chart? Where would you like to be? Every gift matters. When we all work together we CAN make a difference in the world!

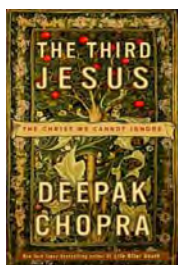
TouchStones

A class designed especially for children Pre-K through 5th grade, began on Wednesdays in October. The program begins with a simple supper in the fellowship hall at 5:30 followed by the **TouchStone** class from 6:00-7:00 and **Music & Movement** from 7:00-7:30. Children are invited to come for all or part of the evening! No reservation necessary - we always have a place for you! The **TouchStone** class runs simultaneous with the Confirmation program.

Tutoring Volunteers Needed!

Can you spare one Monday evening a month? Consider joining the group of volunteers who meet with children at the Central Community Circle in Davenport to read, play games, challenge each other, laugh, and make friends. No skills necessary! Contact Susan Chesley for more information @332-2300.

Women's Bible Study



Edwards Women's Bible Study group meets regularly each month on the first and third Thursdays from 10-11:30. We are reading **The Third Jesus** by Deepak Chopra. Please join us! We love newcomers!!

Sunday Morning Adult Class

Beginning November 2, at 9:00, the adult class will be exploring a DVD curriculum called *Saving Jesus*, featuring a variety of teachers and scholars exploring Jesus' life and teaching in a fresh new way. Who is Jesus? Who was Jesus? What does his life mean to you and to the world? What can we REALLY know about Jesus and what did he teach? Rev. Bob Hamilton will be leading this study in the parlor each Sunday morning. What a great way to get ready for Advent and Christmas! Come and be a part of this exciting discussion.

Youth News!!

Sr. High TECT Team: We will gather in the parking lot for a HABITAT WORK DAY on Saturday, November 1 at 8:00 AM. Youth over the age of 16 can work construction with their parents' permission. Youth who are under 16 will be helping to make and serve lunch for the construction team.

Also on November 1, those who have worked the Habitat Day will return to the church for a Lock-In beginning at 7:00 Saturday night. We'll go haunted housing, and then come back to the church to watch movies and spend the night. Don't miss it!

Katherine is continuing to lead regular Sunday evening gatherings from 6:30 to 8:30 on November 9, 23, and 30. If you want to be a part of the Mission Trip next summer, you need to be a part of the TECT Team through the year!

Confirmation: Twelve Confirmation students! Four Small Group Mentors! What a GREAT group we have this year. Confirmation Class will continue on Wednesday nights through December 10th with dinner at 5:30 and class from 6-7:30. November 26th (the night before Thanksgiving) will be a Home Huddle, and there will be no class at church.

Breakfast Club: At 9:00 every Sunday morning, youth from 6-12th grade gather for breakfast and Sunday School. Katherine is leading this class, and November's focus will help us get ready for the Christmas Season with the question - *What Would Jesus Buy?* Don't miss it! Food's great, and the company is outstanding.

Musicians Welcome

Calling all brass and woodwinds! We will be providing luscious harmonies for those wonderful and familiar hymns on Thanksgiving Sunday morning. Please sign up on the tear off sheet. Rehearsal will be Sunday, November 16th after morning worship. All are welcome, but we need to know who you are to prepare the music. Youth AND adults welcome...SIGN UP!

Participate in a MASS CHOIR for the 65th annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service! The music will be exciting and challenging and special rehearsals with Temple Emmanuel and the Unitarian Church will be held. SIGN UP to be a part of this exciting opportunity. More details to follow.

Calendars for Choir Robes

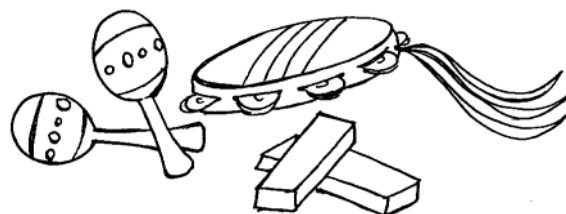
Stop by the table in the Narthex and purchase your beautiful 2009 God's Creation calendar. These top quality calendars are only \$10 with proceeds going to the choir robe fund. This calendar is beautiful to look at, as well as useful in helping to plan and organize your life! Each day has ample space to write appointments and special events. Each week has a specially-selected Scripture Verse for memorization or meditation. Makes a great gift for friends, family, parents & grandparents, teachers, coaches, co-workers, care providers, gift exchanges . . . so buy several!! Thank you for your continued support!!



Special Music in November

The Chancel Choir sings each week, but in addition, other musicians are leading music at the 10:15 am Sunday service:

- November 2: Youth Ensemble,
Suzanne Benson, director
- November 9: Alleluia Ringers,
Sandy Reinders, director
- November 16: Piano Duet, Brad Miller
and Mary Beth Dircks
- November 23: Brass Ensemble



Weekly Music Rehearsals

Alleluia Ringers

Monday nights 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Chancel Choir

Wednesday nights 7-8:30 pm

Music & Movement

Wednesday nights 7-7:30 pm

Friends in Faith Band

Tuesday, November 11th - 5:30 - 6:30 pm.

More information? Questions?

Alleluia Ringers or Music & Movement - contact Sandy Reinders, 332-2637, skreinders2@msn.com

Liturgical Dancers - contact Kathy Lafrenz, 309-441-5303, dancekat1@aol.com or Jean Norton

Friends in Faith Band, Chancel Choir, Instrumental & Youth Ensembles, or Special Musicians - contact Jean Norton, 359-0331, ext. 13. or jean@edwards-ucc.org

Keep In Our Prayers

- + Diane Anderson, home from the hospital
- + Carol Bachellor, recovering from surgery
- + Merlin Bachellor, at home
- + Sacha Boon, at home
- + Lorelei Gephart, in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in Iowa City
- + Jason & Anne-Marie Gephart, caring for Grace and Lorelei
- + Charlot King, in the hospital
- + Gilly Miller, at home
- + Jean Neavor, recovering from surgery
- + Dorothy Paulsen, continuing chemotherapy
- + Ron Rebal, at home
- + Sandi Russell, continuing chemotherapy
- + Pat Schroeder, continuing cancer treatments
- + Helen West, at home
- + In Care Facilities: Gen Bainter, Dow and Rose Marie Edgerton, Elvira Long and Betty Murray.

STAFF CHANGES

After 5 years, our custodian, Robert Kephart, is leaving us. His last day will be Nov. 10th. Drop your best wishes into the offering plate or send them to the church office. If you, or someone you know, are interested in a 10 hour a week custodial position, please be in touch with either Kathy Bowerman in the church office or Steve Wildemuth, Personnel Board chair.

Just Arrived

Lorelei Gephart joined Anne-Marie, Jason and Grace on October 3, 2008. Congratulations with prayers as she continues at the Neonatal ICU in Iowa City. She is also welcomed by proud grandma Pam Edmond.



Weekday Program Update

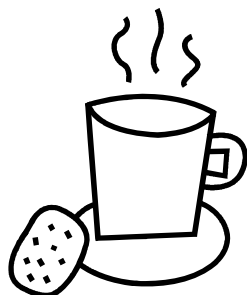
Have you wondered where all the wonderful supplies and resources from the weekday programs went? Some of what we had is still being used in the Christian Education program, but much went to provide materials to programs in the Davenport community. **Katie Kyte**, who works at the Friendly House, was able to use many of the books, puzzles, manipulatives, and art supplies for their day care/preschool program. **Chris Fessler** spread the word to the teachers she works with at Eisenhower Elementary and they came over and took supplies and materials they would have had to purchase out of their own pockets. **Anne Swarts** told her principal at Harrison School about the materials we had and he loaded up his car to supply a new kindergarten section at the school that had nothing to start the year with. The Weekday Programs at Edwards will go on touching the lives of children in our community for many years!



Fellowship Opportunities . . .

Chili, Cookies & Cocoa

The Board of Christian Education will sponsor a Cookie Walk on **Sunday, Dec. 14th** immediately following worship. Plates of 15 cookies (your choice!) can be purchased for \$5. Our hope is to sell 100 plates - that means we need 1,500 cookies! Difficult, but not impossible! Please bring your cookies and recipe to church no later than Friday, Dec. 12th. If possible, drop a copy of your recipe off earlier in the week so we can include it in the recipe booklet we will distribute during the Cookie Walk. In addition to the cookie walk, we will enjoy a chili lunch, gather to sing Christmas carols, drink cocoa and welcome the coming of Christmas.



Book Club

The **Edwards Book Club** will read *My Kind of Place* by Susan Orlean and meet at the North Park Mall Food Court on Tuesday, November 25th at 6:30 for discussion. "The real Susan Orlean takes readers on a series of remarkable journeys in this uniquely witty, sophisticated, and far-flung travel book. In this irresistible collection of adventures far and near, Orlean conducts a tour of the world via its subcultures, from the heart of the African music scene in Paris to the World Taxidermy Championships in Springfield, IL - and even into her own apartment, where she imagines a very famous houseguest taking advantage of her hospitality." There are currently six books available at the various public libraries or it can be ordered from Borders for \$14.95.

Announcing Friday Night Fellowship and Fun - Game Night

The Membership Board is starting a monthly Game Night, beginning Friday, November 7th - 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Everybody is welcome, so bring your favorite



game and a snack or beverage to share. We will figure out which games to play that night. Uno? Backgammon? Euchre? Cribbage? Apples to Apples? Scrabble?... No RSVP necessary... Don't know how play a game... we will teach you!



Potluck in November

When was the last time you visited our Sunday School classrooms? On **November 9th**, potluck will held in the hall and classrooms of our education wing. Bring your food to the Baxter Hall kitchen before worship and then go to the Ed wing after services where our hall and rooms will have been transformed into a dining extravaganza!

Women's Night Out

We will meet again on Thursday, November 20th at 6:00 pm at Trattoria Tiramisu in Bettendorf. Join us!!



Thank You, Thank You, Thank You !!

Dear Edwards~ Congratulations on a week of great accomplishment. We hope you were able to see for yourselves that a volunteer labor force is the backbone of bringing adequate housing to the Gulf Coast. It is the faith-based groups like yourselves that continue the seemingly endless tasks still to be finished. As people of faith, you saw this mission and came to help. For that you have our gratitude. We trust you learned some new skills (dry walling, flooring?), met some new people and had a good time. We also hope you will carry your experiences with you as you continue to grow in the knowledge of what is required of us. We look forward to seeing you again! In gratitude,
Back Bay Mission

Thank you to **Tom Kenneke** for getting bread from The Bread Basket for World Communion Sunday and to **Kay Stiles** for also baking bread for the service. After worship, the bread was taken to Winnie's Place.

Thank you to **Shannon** and **Evan Crawford**, **Charlie Miller**, **Rachael** and **Kelsey Sedgwick**, **Sandy Reinders**, **Angela Elliot**, **Dick Jirus**, and **Jean Norton** and the **Chancel Choir** for their participation in the Children's Sabbath worship service.

Thanks to **Terry Schlabach**, **Elizabeth Knoche**, and **Blaine Chesley** for serving as Spiritual Companions in Church School during October.

Thanks to the **Fessler** family for providing a simple supper during October and to the **Dye** and **Fessler** families for cleaning the kitchen after supper.

Thanks to **Cathy** and **Amanda Loughead**, **Mila Smith**, **Julie Henke**, **Dick Dulaney**, **Chris Fessler** and **Susan Chesley** for tutoring at the Central Circle Community Center in October.

Many groups provided wonderful and new music Sunday mornings in October. Many thanks to **Harry Swarts** for conducting the choir and **Norma Wren** for being organist in Jean's absence, to the Friends In Faith Band and **Cathy Wetzel** for Sunday morning as well as evening worship music, **Sandy Reinders** for conducting the Alleluia Ringers and the Chimes Choir. Thank you to **Cec Chapman** for producing choral arrangements for the Scriptural Response choruses and for Promised Land and for that quartet's gift of music in morning worship. Thank you to **Carol Mahan** for music library assistance, and **Van Lewis** for planning the evening service. Thank you to everyone who helped to move the music room to its new location!

Sandy Reinders for continually weeding and maintaining the flowerbeds

Tom Kenneke for repairing plumbing issues

Michael Fessler for mowing

Miriam Prichard, **Marilyn Hammond** and **Elisabeth Norwood** for providing childcare at Temple Emanuel during their High Holy Days on September 30 and October 9. The Temple provides childcare in our nursery for Easter.

I would like to thank all of the people at Edwards who have been praying for me, sending cards, and who visited me while was in the hospital in October for additional testing on my brain. It means so much to know I have the Edwards congregation thinking of me and supporting me through these trials, when family is so far away. I am so blessed!--**Sacha Boon**

October Editor assemblers - **Geri Dulaney**, **Ardis Kasper**, **Pat Rosburg**, and **Evona Petherick**.

Thanks to Lisa Whitfield for going to Confirmation Camp with our kids!

Christmas Shopping

Watch for 'Fair Trade' SERRV craft order opportunities in November. SERRV International is an independent nonprofit alternative trade and development organization which promotes the social and economic progress of people in developing regions of the world by purchasing and marketing their crafts in a just and direct manner. **What is fair trade?** All of the items we carry are fairly traded, which means that we participate in a system that not only aims to pay fair wages, but also creates long-term, direct trading relationships based on dialogue, transparency, equity and respect. Fair trade is not about charity; it uses a fair system of exchange to empower producers to develop their own businesses and to foster sustainable development. We follow a set of internationally-accepted fair trade principles and practices that are designed to improve the livelihood of low-income people through alternative trade:

- ◆ Transparency and long-term relationships
- ◆ Commitment to fair pay for labor
- ◆ Employee involvement in decision making
- ◆ Prepayments available on request
- ◆ Capacity building for long-term impact
- ◆ Equal opportunity for women
- ◆ Concern for the environment
- ◆ Respect for cultural identity
- ◆ Reasonable working conditions
- ◆ No child exploitation



Going Green'

Have you noticed the "Retain the Rain" Barrel in the church entryway? As we strive to be better stewards of our limited natural resources, the Social Justice Board for the next few weeks will be welcoming donations for the purchase of three rain barrels for the church building. Quad City Rainfall Factoid: Average rainfall in the Quad City area is 39 inches per year. On a 1,000 square foot roof, one inch of rain produces over 600 gallons of water!



What is 'Social Justice'?

Eco-stewardship -- Healthcare - Housing - Equity - Reconciliation - Diversity - Peacemaking Social Justice issues are determined by "discerning the signs of the times". We listen to and observe the experiences of those closest to the problem. Together with those closest to the problem, we look at the context — what's the history and what are the root causes? Are there political and/or cultural forces at play? What action might successfully make this situation more just? We take the action and evaluate the results.

Please Join Us - Our Social Justice Board Meets the Second Tuesday of the Month at 6:30pm. And visit the Social Justice Webpage <http://www.edwards-ucc.org/justice.htm> For additional information please contact Shirley Johnson, 309-798-2360, uffda@netexpress.net

Fall Blood Drive

**Don't forget... Edwards Blood Drive is
December 5th**

Want to Make the Planet a Better Place? From rallying against polluters to lobbying for better healthcare to fighting injustices around the world, you try to do the right thing. It's not easy to save the world. But there is an easy way you can have a positive impact. And that's by donating blood.

Every 2 Seconds Someone in the United States Needs Blood

That amounts to approximately 38,000 pints of blood needed every day in the U.S. We're talking a whole lot of blood. Blood is required in hospitals and emergency treatment facilities for patients with cancer and other diseases, for organ transplant recipients, and to help save the lives of accident victims. Burn victims, premature infants and people with blood disorders and anemia are also in need of blood and blood products.

Just One Pint Can Save Up to Three Lives

As much as 60% of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood, but as little as 5% do. Despite advances in modern medicine, there is no substitute for human blood. Healthy donors are the only source. For the millions of people who receive blood each year, your donation can literally mean the difference between life and death.

Food Pantry Sunday

November 23rd !

Non-perishables are greatly needed by the food pantries. Fill a grocery bag to share with hungry families.

LifeStraw News

Shannon Crawford and Rachael Sedgwick brought the *LifeStraw* story to the Rotary Club on October 19th. Let's keep spreading the news about this amazing, life-saving device. If you know of a group who would like our children to share their PowerPoint presentation, please contact Susan Chesley @359-0331.

The Pilgrimage

A UCC Spiritual Retreat Movement

Pilgrimage is a series of three retreats for discovering and deepening our sensitivity to God's presence in our lives, sharing our journey with others, and strengthening our discipleship in the world.

Retreat 1 (Nov. 21 - 22) helps you develop greater sensitivity to God's presence. It introduces some basic spiritual disciplines to nurture your relation to God.

Retreat 2 (Feb. 20 - 22) provides you with additional tools, and introduces the discipline of solitude, an 18 - 20 hour time of "silent withness." It also explores the concept of vocation in relation to our discipleship.

Retreat 3 (May 8 - 9) reflects on God's presence in the ordinary, and offers experiences with the arts as spiritual disciplines.

For more information, the flyer with registration form is available in the narthex.

World Community Day

Church Women United World Community Day will be held at 1:00 pm on Friday, November 7th at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 2363 West 3rd St., Davenport. Please consider coming to this event. The theme is "God's Wisdom Sets Us Free."

What Is It?

On the night of November 9, 1938, rampaging mobs throughout Germany and the newly acquired territories of Austria and Sudetenland freely attacked Jews in the street, in their homes, and at their places of work and worship. Over the next 48 hours at least 96 Jews were killed and hundreds more were injured, as many as 2,000 synagogues were burned, cemeteries and schools were vandalized, almost 7500 Jewish businesses were destroyed, and 30,000 Jews were arrested and sent to concentration camps. This pogrom has come to be called "Kristallnacht" or "Night of Broken Glass" - excerpt from 48 Hours of Kristallnacht by Mitchell Bard

Why Remember?

Beyond Kristallnacht: Lessons for Today is a series of community events being held from November 7-9 commemorating the 70th anniversary of Kristallnacht. These events will promote the lessons learned from Kristallnacht and the Holocaust, including the importance of tolerance, human rights, justice, diversity and the power of the human spirit. Don't miss this opportunity!

Kristallnacht Events

Friday, November 7: 7:30 pm at Temple Emanuel, worship and a presentation, *Bystanders to Genocide*, by Victoria Barnett of the US Holocaust Museum.


Saturday, November 8: 11:00 at the Tri City Jewish Center, worship and the same presentation, *Bystanders to Genocide*, by Victoria Barnett. Worship will run from 9:30 - noon. Ms. Barnett will speak at about 11:00.

Saturday, November 8: 7-9 pm at the Figue Art Museum: a showing of the movie *Bonhoeffer*, in the auditorium, with a panel discussion following. This will feature the film's producer, Victoria Barnett, and Dr. Al Goldfarb, President of Western Illinois University

Sunday, November 9: 2-4 pm at Tri City Jewish Center, a variety of workshops and speakers:

The Church and the Holocaust
The Impact of the Holocaust on Literature
From Kristallnacht to Darfur
God After the Holocaust
The Poetry of Witness

This Just In . . .



Prayer Shawl Meeting: Anyone who likes to knit or crochet is welcome to our next Prayer Shawl meeting on Nov. 16th after worship. If you have questions call Dorothy Hammond @ 309-797-2321.

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

	November 2	November 9	November 16	November 23	November 30
	Celebration for Katherine	Stewardship Sunday Potluck in Ed Wing	5:30 Worship and Potluck	Interfaith Thanksgiving	
Preacher	Katherine Mulhern	Katherine Mulhern	Becky David	Katherine Mulhern	Katherine Mulhern
Chancel Set-up	Brad & Deena Miller	Brian Dugan	Chris Zippe Brian Dugan	Amanda Loughead	Audrey Dugan
Scripture Reader	Bill Coker	Dick Dulaney	Sally Egy	Tom Kenneke	Sharon Wildemuth
Communion Servers	Sally Egy, Brian Dugan, Kathy Lafrenz, Dick Dulaney, Terry Schlabach				
Visitor Guides	Membership Board	Membership Board	Membership Board	Membership Board	Membership Board
Nursery 10:15 am	Norwood Family Jane Simonsen	Cathy & Amanda Loughead	Marilyn Riedesel		
Coffee Hour Hosts - AM	Celebration for Katherine	Stewardship Sunday Potluck in Ed Wing		Dee Hillyer	
3 rd Sunday Evening Worship Potluck	Membership Board				
Greeters	Chris Medina Don Miller Gilly Miller Tracy Miller	Jean Neavor Joyce Paustian Nelda Paustian Marilyn Riedesel	Kathy Ramsey Sandy Reinders Evona Petherick Tina Rivera	Erica Schroeder Milo Smith Mila Smith Sandy Sohr	Nancy Stenger Pat Sterk Kay Stiles Joyce Swartz
Ushers	Olive Gallaher Sally Egy Pam Edmond Clyde Durrah	Dick Dulaney Eric Crawford Judy Collins Barb Bleedorn	Bob Anderson Lucas Zippe Dave Wymore Steve Wildemuth	Margaret Wilber Ned Walling Bonnie Walling Pat Sterk	Milo Smith Pat Rosberg Joyce Paustian
Sound System	David VanDerKamp				
Lock-up	Woody Perkins	Bob Williams	Michael Fessler	Tom Kenneke	Margaret Wilber
Special Music	Youth Ensemble	Alleluia Ringers	Piano Duet	Brass Ensemble	
CareGivers On Call	Sandy Reinders Martha Jirus	Lois Larew Evona Petherick	Kay Stiles Ann Kovac Sharon Wildemuth	Ruth Bowers Miriam Prichard	Martha Jirus Sandy Reinders

NOVEMBER 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Confirmation Camp FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY Reformation Sunday 9:00 AM Breakfast Club 9:00 AM Church School 9:15 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Circle of Trust 11:30 AM Liturgical Dance Rehearsal 6:30 PM TECT Team	27 6:30 PM Alleluia Ringers	28 6:30 PM Book Club	29 5:30 PM Simple Supper 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM TouchStones 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Music & Movement	30 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Steps to Serenity / Al-Anon Meeting	31 Reformation Day	1 All Saints Day Habitat for Humanity Workday
2 Daylight-Saving Time Ends 9:00 AM Breakfast Club 9:00 AM Church School 9:15 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Celebration in Honor of Katherine's 10 years at Edwards 11:30 AM Liturgical Dance Rehearsal 6:30 PM TECT Team	3 6:30 PM Alleluia Ringers	4 ELECTION DAY - GO VOTE!	5 5:30 PM Simple Supper 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM TouchStones 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Music & Movement	6 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Steps to Serenity / Al-Anon Meeting	7 Kristallnacht Events now thru Sunday 1:00 PM World Community Day 6:30 PM Edwards Family Fun Night	8
9 Stewardship Sunday 9:00 AM Breakfast Club 9:00 AM Church School 9:15 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Liturgical Dance Rehearsal 11:30 AM Potluck in Ed Wing 6:30 PM TECT Team	10 6:30 PM Alleluia Ringers	11 Veterans Day 5:30 PM Friends in Faith Rehearsal 6:30 PM All-Boards 7:30 PM Council Meeting	12 5:30 PM Simple Supper 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM TouchStones 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Music & Movement	13 6:00 PM Endowment Meeting 6:30 PM Steps to Serenity / Al-Anon Meeting	14 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	15
16 9:00 AM Breakfast Club 9:00 AM Church School 9:15 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Liturgical Dance Rehearsal 11:30 AM Prayer Shawl Meeting 5:30 PM Evening Worship & Potluck 6:30 PM TECT Team	17 6:30 PM Alleluia Ringers	18 7:00 PM Caregivers Meeting	19 5:30 PM Simple Supper 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM TouchStones 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Music & Movement	20 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM Women's Night Out 6:30 PM Steps to Serenity / Al-Anon Meeting	21 Thanksgiving Baskets - Non-perishables due	22 Decorating for Interfaith Service
23 FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY Thanksgiving Baskets - Bring perishables today 9:00 AM Breakfast Club 9:00 AM Church School 9:15 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Liturgical Dance Rehearsal 6:30 PM TECT Team 7:00 PM Interfaith Thanksgiving at Edwards	24 6:30 PM Alleluia Ringers	25 6:30 PM Edwards Book Club	26 5:30 PM Simple Supper 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM TouchStones 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Music & Movement	27 Office Closed Thanksgiving Day	28 Office Closed	29
30 Advent First Sunday of Advent 9:00 AM Breakfast Club 9:00 AM Church School 9:15 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Liturgical Dance Rehearsal	1 6:30 PM Alleluia Ringers	2	3 6:00 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	4 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Steps to Serenity / Al-Anon Meeting	5 6:30 PM Edwards Family Fun Night	6 Fall Blood Drive

November Birthdays

1 Hailey Mandell	9 Gavin Verdick	17 Frances Wolfe	29 Bruce Walters
2 Merlin Bachellor	9 Kade Verdick	18 Chris Medina	30 Ron Springer
5 Jesse Knudson	10 Sacha Boon	18 Becky David	30 Keegan Smith
5 Makayla Revels	11 Tom Fear	23 Milo Smith	30 Alexis Azure
6 Woody Perkins	11 Julie Henke	24 Keith Thess	
6 Rob Fuller	12 Dave Wilbricht	24 Rich Weyman	
7 Nancy Bolyard	14 Noreen Kuhlmann	25 Maddie Schony	
7 Tim Mandell	14 Jeanette Pollard	27 Ryley Zippe	
8 Dow Edgerton	15 Michelle Hukvari	28 Robert Williams	
8 Zack Schony	16 Elvira Long	29 Nancy Stenger	

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November 2008

Sundays At a Glance:

November 2nd ~

Celebration for Katherine

November 9th ~

Potluck in the Ed Wing

November 16th ~

The Gathering

November 23rd ~

Food Pantry Sunday
Interfaith Thanksgiving



Daylight Saving time ends November 2
Set your clocks **BACK** an hour on Saturday night.

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