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

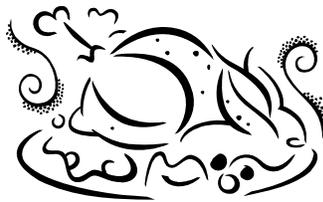
## ***THANKSGIVING BASKETS***

Sharing Our Blessings... An Edwards' Tradition

To fill 50 baskets we will need:

### **Fifty**

Gravy (packs or jars)  
Containers of Cool-whip  
Cranberry sauce  
Large can sweet potatoes  
Rolls (pkg. of 12)  
Paper towels  
5 lb. bags of potatoes  
Napkins



### **One Hundred**

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 \$25.00  
Fill a Cornucopia \$15.00  
Adopt a Ham \$10.00



***Bring non-perishable items to church now through Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. Bring perishable items on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. For information, call Susan Chesley @332-2300***

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

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**T**his is the time of year when I always feel as though time itself is speeding up! Halloween becomes Thanksgiving which becomes Christmas... and it all happens in the blink of an eye. To top it all off, in our family, four of our six grandchildren have birthdays between November 1 and January 15!

This is a time of year when we are all thrown into what I often think of as an "embarrassment of riches." We have so much. Our children have so much. Even in the midst of difficult economic times we have more than we could possibly need. And we seem to have so little time to enjoy it all. Before we get lost in the craze of holiday preparation, it is worth the effort to pause for a bit to reflect on the bounty of our lives. It is worth the effort to name - for ourselves and for our children - the multitude of gifts that bless our lives. From a roof over our heads, to a bed to sleep in, to food in the refrigerator, to money in the bank - we are blessed with more comfort, security, hope, education, health and wealth than most of the rest of the world.

Most of us know this fact "in our heads." But most of us still feel as though we don't have enough. We KNOW that we are wealthy, but very few of us FEEL wealthy. We see so many people all around us who seem to have so much more than we do...and we want what they have (or what we think they have). Because we feel like we don't have enough, we have a hard time wholeheartedly giving thanks for what we DO have.

This month we will again celebrate Thanksgiving with our Unitarian and Jewish friends. On the evening of November 20, we will welcome the new Unitarian minister, Rev. Jay Wolin, to the community. We will give thanks for the blessings and the bounty of our lives. And we will make an offering of gratitude to a worthy cause in the Quad Cities.

This tradition, which goes back to the time of the World War II Armistice, is an important witness to a faith that gathers people together rather than divides them up. It is an important witness to the belief that "giving thanks" is more important than the specifics of what we believe about God. Together, we testify to a faith that claims that "giving thanks" might be the most important thing that any of us ever do, regardless of what we believe.

A life of "thanksgiving" is a life of giving. It is a life focused on the bounty we have been given instead of the bounty we wish we had. We hold those gifts loosely - sharing them with brothers and sisters who are both the neighbors we know and the strangers who we will never know. It is a life of "thanks" that is directed toward God and "giving" that is directed toward all creation.

This month, I invite you to pause in the midst of the busyness to "give thanks." Find a way to say "thank you God" every day - not just on Thanksgiving. Pass on some of the gifts that have been given to you, sharing with open hands and an open heart. Trust that we do - indeed - have enough and more than enough. Work and pray on behalf of those who truly do not have enough - those who have no hope of ever having enough. Feel the awe and responsibility that comes from realizing all that we have been given.

In the 13<sup>th</sup> Century, Meister Eckhart wrote that if the only prayer we ever prayed was "thank you" - it would be enough. Try it this month and see!

## November Scriptures

### **November 6**

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Psalm 78:1-7

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

### **November 13**

Judges 4:1-7

Psalm 123

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

### **November 20**

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 100

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

### **November 27**

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

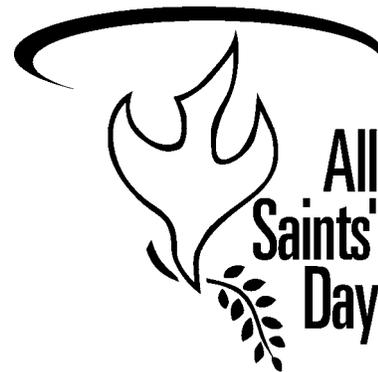
*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ~ Acts 2:42*



**The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids**

## Calling All Saints!

On November 6<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate both All Saints Day AND Cancer Awareness Sunday. We will remember those who have both survived and been lost to a battle with cancer. We will give thanks for those who have gone before us in life and in faith. We will light candles of hope and remembrance, proclaiming our faith that we on earth are surrounded by a "great cloud of witnesses." In life and in death we belong to Jesus Christ, who is the Lord of both the dead and the living. Thanks be to God!



## InterFaith Thanksgiving

At 7:00pm on November 20<sup>th</sup>, we will gather at Edwards to celebrate Thanksgiving with our brothers and sisters from Temple Emanuel and the Unitarian Church. Our choirs will sing, the new minister from the Unitarian Church will preach, and our offering will go to benefit a local mission project. Don't miss this chance to give thanks with a grateful heart!



**Thanksgiving Service**

## Construction Begins!

The bids are in! The Building Task Force has selected Estes Construction to be our General Contractor, and we are now working with them to finalize the plans. The bid for the new building came in higher than we had expected - \$935,000 - and so now the Task Force and the Contractor and the Architect are working together to finalize a plan that both fits our budget and meets the priorities that the congregation laid out in the beginning.

In the near future you will see orange construction fencing around the front of the church. Trees will begin to come down and bushes removed in preparation for the work that will be done. Katherine's office will be moved and the library will be reconfigured. Over the course of the next few months, you will hear lots of things about what is and what isn't happening - and they may not all agree! That's because lots of people have lots of different ideas at this point. If you have a question, PLEASE ask Kathy Bowerman, Shirley Johnson, or Katherine Mulhern.



### The Schedule

November 7	Begin the New Addition
January 3	Begin Kitchen Remodel
February 17	Complete Kitchen
February 20	Begin Bathroom Remodel
March 30	Complete Bathrooms
July 27	Complete Construction

## Building Info Update

Following worship on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, there will be an informational update meeting. The Task Force will let us know about the progress of the construction/remodeling and what to expect in the months ahead. Be sure to attend so you can stay in the loop!!

## Sweat Equity



Edwards has always been a place where folks roll up their sleeves and make a difference - and this project is no different! If you would like to help, PLEASE don't wait to be asked! Call Kathy Bowerman in the church office and volunteer (563-359-0331). Call Steve Wildemuth, who is coordinating the Tuesday morning "Donuts and Hammers" group (563-332-3761). Call Richard Jirus (563-355-5850) or Dick Werner (563-441-9730) - they are working with the contractors and will help coordinate our work to mesh with theirs. CALL NOW! We need your help!

## The Pine Tree

On the day that we broke ground, the children led us in a litany of thanksgiving for the trees that are being removed to make way for the new building. Shortly after our dedication, we learned that the city of Rock Island was looking for a tall, beautiful pine tree that could be a part of their Christmas celebrations. They came and looked at our tree, and they have now removed it for us! It will be a part of their Christmas display. When we know where it will be, we will let you know so that you can go visit it!



## Closing the Gap

It is time to "close the gap"! At our Annual Meeting in January, we adopted a 2011 budget that had a \$12,000 deficit. Throughout the year, staff and board members have worked hard to control expenditures, and we currently have a \$6,700 deficit for the year. If we are going to end the year "in the black", we all need every pledge, and a little more! Please consider your 2011 giving as we come to the end of the fiscal year. Each gift makes a difference!

## Stewardship Sunday

Stewardship Sunday will be November 13<sup>th</sup>, when we will receive 2012 pledges. We will also reserve time in the worship service for you to fill out a Time and Talent Survey because our stewardship is not just about the money we give - it is also about the time that we share.

During the first week in November you will receive a pledge card in the mail. Please consider your 2012 pledge prayerfully and either bring your pledge card with you to church on the 13<sup>th</sup> or mail it into the church office.

*Count yourself blessed! 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*



# ANNUAL Stewardship CAMPAIGN

## 2012 Financial Stewardship

It is that time of the year when we reflect together on our faith, our finances, our ability and willingness to give to the ongoing life of our church.

Your gifts support a strong and vibrant children's ministry program. How many of us have marveled at the number of children on Wednesday evening or Sunday morning? Your gifts make that happen.

Your gifts support a strong and vibrant music program. How many of us have marveled when the choir sings or when the bells play or when the Friends in Faith Band perform or when Promised Land sings? You guessed it. Your offerings make all of that possible.

Your gifts support a strong and varied worship life. How many of us have been touched by a worship service that blended a variety of learning styles and brought people of all ages together? Your offerings make that possible.

Your gifts support a strong and innovative mission life. From Mission Trips to Blessings in a Backpack to Adopt-a-Highway to support for Winnie's Place, to Churches United, and more - your gifts make a difference in our world.

We spend God's money carefully, but we do spend it! And it shows in the vibrant life of our faith community. Please consider your 2012 pledge carefully and prayerfully this year.

**TouchStones Children's Programming**

On Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, children and youth will start preparing for this year's Christmas pageant, which will be held during morning worship on December 18<sup>th</sup>. As always, many hands and hearts are needed to bring to life the ancient story of Jesus' birth. Anyone interested in helping to guide the children in their preparation should contact Susan Chesley.

**Simple Supper**

Volunteers are still needed to prepare and serve simple suppers on two Wednesday evenings in November and one in December. 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).

**Cookies, Cocoa & Chili**

It's that time again! On Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Christian Education will sponsor a Cookie Walk immediately following worship. Plates of 20 cookies (your choice!) can be purchased for \$10. Our hope is to sell 100 plates - that means we need 2000 cookies! Please bring your cookies and recipe to church no later than Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. In addition to the cookie walk, we will enjoy a chili lunch, drink cocoa and welcome the coming of Christmas.

*There will be no evening programming on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

**Music Rehearsals**

Alleluia Ringers

Monday nights 6:30 - 8 pm

Chancel Choir

Wednesday nights 7 - 8:30 pm

Friends in Faith Band

Sunday, November 20, 11:30 pm

Sunday, November 27, 8:45 am

Liturgical Dancers

Sunday mornings following worship

Wind Ensemble

Tuesday, November 1, 5:00 pm

Saturday, November 19, 11:00 am

**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 6<sup>th</sup>** ~ Promised Land Quartet

**November 13<sup>th</sup>** - The Alleluia Ringers,  
Sandy Reinders, director

**November 20<sup>st</sup>** - The Edwards Children,  
Elaine Lippert, director  
Edwards Wind Ensemble

**7:00 pm Thanksgiving Service** Mass choir

**November 27<sup>th</sup>** - The Friends in Faith Band

**Interfaith Thanksgiving Choir**

Join the MASS CHOIR for the 68<sup>th</sup> annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service with the Unitarian Universalist Church and Temple Emmanuel! Rehearsals are November 16<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm and Sunday evening, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm here at Edwards. SIGN UP on the tear off sheet so you can get your music from Jean for this grand annual event.

### **Keep In Our Prayers**

- + **Sue Harrington & Mona Terry**, grieving the death of Sue's dad.
- + **The Kenneke family**, grieving the death of Chris's mom.
- + **George Kovacs**, recovering from a fall
- + **Jeannine Miller**, home from the hospital
- + **Kay Stiles**, recovering from surgery
- + **Lisa Westbrooks**, recovering from surgery
- + **Don Wiele**, recovering from surgery

**In Care Facilities:** Rose Marie Edgerton, George Gallaher, Henry McCarrel, Betty Murray, Nelda Paustian, Pat Rosburg, Joyce Swartz

### **Renovation News**

Soon the kitchen will be dismantled for its renovation, which is scheduled to begin Jan 3, 2012. Beginning in early December volunteers will be clearing out all of the cupboards, cabinets and shelving and some demolition will begin after that. If anyone has left items in the kitchen, please pick them up as soon as possible. At this time, we're not able to accept donations of any kind (dishes, pots, misc. containers, tablecloths, decorations, etc). If you have items, please consider putting them in the Winnie's Place boxes located in the narthex.

### **Coffee Hour**

The Social Board is looking for volunteers to serve as coffee hour hosts/hostesses. This would involve preparing the coffee and drinks and maybe a little snack (not necessary). It does also include cleaning up afterwards. (Special training for the dishwasher is available!) On most Sundays, someone from the Social Board will be there to answer any questions. The new sign-up sheet for coffee hour hosts has been posted in Baxter Hall. Please choose the best date for you and your family to fill this mission service and either sign-up or tell Martha Jirus (355-5850) or Dee Hillyer (381-1071), or Kathy at the church (359-0331).

### **November Birthdays**

- 2 Merlin Bachellor
- 5 Jesse Knudson
- 6 Woody Perkins
- 8 Mike Augsperger
- 8 Zack Schony
- 9 Gavin Verdick
- 9 Kade Verdick
- 11 Julie Henke
- 12 Elizabeth Masias-Penn
- 12 Addison Steinich
- 12 Dave Wilbricht
- 15 Michelle Hukvari
- 17 Fran Wolfe
- 18 Chris Medina
- 18 Becky David
- 19 Ray Ball-Trevor
- 20 Karter Holdridge
- 22 Lisa Crawford
- 23 Penny Hubbard
- 23 Milo Smith
- 24 Keith Thess
- 24 Rich Weyman
- 25 Maddie Schony
- 26 Jeremy Scales
- 27 Ryley Zippe
- 28 Bob Williams
- 29 Joel Sullivan
- 30 Alexis Azure
- 30 Pat Hixon
- 30 Vince Holdridge
- 30 Keegan Smith
- 30 Ron Springer



Wish These Friends a  
"Happy Birthday!"



### **Missing**

An old, dark oak youth chair was used for staging at the quilt show in August in Baxter Fellowship Hall. After searching high and low, it seems to have disappeared. If anyone has any information about it, please contact Pat Cresap at 449-8148 or email [cresaptwo@gmail.com](mailto:cresaptwo@gmail.com).



## Fellowship Opportunities . . .

### Moveable Feasts

We all know Edwards has wonderful programs for our children and youth, inter-generational activities for the entire family and now there's Moveable Feasts! "What is that?" you say.

This is an adult night out in homes with a group of 8 - 10 persons. You'll enjoy a delicious potluck meal, endless conversation, maybe an old game, and time to get to know others from the congregation in an informal setting. There's no agenda!!

But there's more. . . Babysitters!! If you are unable to find a babysitter, we have a list of qualified youth from our church who would be glad to help you have an evening out. Contact the church office (359-0331) for their names and phone numbers and give them a call.

Feasts will begin in January 2012. Need more information? Or want to sign up right now? Then call Ann Kovacs (788-1754) or sign up on the weekly announcement tear-off on Sundays through December 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Help Pilgrim Heights

#### Get a New Shower House!

On the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of every month, you will have the opportunity to purchase home-baked goodies, including cakes, pies, cookies, rolls, etc, with all proceeds going toward the funding of a new shower house at Pilgrim Heights Camp. If you would like to donate baked goods or need more information, please contact Mila Smith @508-8981.



New *Promised Land - Transitions* CDs are available in the narthex for \$10.

### Monthly Musicians Dinner

The monthly musicians dinner will be held on **November 2<sup>nd</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!!



### Lunch with Edwards' Women

A new eating-out opportunity! In addition to Women's Night Out, we are now creating another opportunity for all of the women of Edwards to gather for fun, food and fellowship. Set aside the first Monday of each month for Women's Lunch Out. Next month, on **November 7<sup>th</sup>**, we'll meet at Riefe's Restaurant (1417 West Locust Street, Davenport) at 10:00am for brunch / lunch. Breakfast menus are available until 10:30am. We'll go to different restaurants each month. We hope to see a lot women there!



### Women's Night Out

The women of Edwards are invited to our monthly Women's Night Out at 6:00pm on **Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>** at Biaggi's located on Utica Ridge Rd.

## New Bettendorf Food Pantry

Beginning November 2011, your food contributions will also be delivered to **St. James Lutheran Church, 18<sup>th</sup> and Oak Streets, Bettendorf**. St. James will be added to the rotation along with the two Davenport food pantries on Sixth Street.

## Winnie's Place Requests

Egg noodles, pasta, coffee, crackers, cream soups, canned fruit, grocery store gift cards, Soft Scrub, Clorox clean-up, toilet bowl cleaner, non-stick cooking spray, trash bags, toilet paper, paper towels. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

## Mission Trip to Biloxi

The annual mission trip to the UCC Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Miss. is scheduled for the week of December 4. We will leave the church on December 3 and will return on Sunday, December 11.

Back Bay Mission has been in existence in Biloxi since the 1920's serving the poor and disadvantaged in the Back Bay area. For several years after Hurricane Katrina, the mission focused on restoring homes for those who lost theirs in the storm. Today their focus is returning to their more traditional aid of providing housing improvements for the indigent in the area, direct crisis care for those in need, and counseling. The mission trip opportunities are primarily in housing improvements, but limited opportunities exist in food pantry and soup kitchen work. Craft skills are certainly a plus, but training and guidance are provided for the unskilled participants. The housing provided for the participants is excellent: the mission has a two-year old dormitory which is very nicely furnished and equipped for your comfort, including an excellent kitchen for us to use to prepare our meals.

Those who are interested in this trip are invited to see, call, or e-mail Dick Werner for more details at 563-441-9730 or dickwerner@aol.com. Some of the others who have gone on several of these trips are Tom Kenneke, Carol Ogletree, Julie Henke, Brian and Audrey Dugan, Lyle Stratton, Jesse Evans, Keith Thess, and Richard or Martha Jirus, any of whom would be glad to share their experiences with you.

## Blessings in a Backpack

By now, you have heard several reports on *Blessings in a Backpack*. The program initiated September 23, 2011, that provides sixty children from Eisenhower School with extra food for their weekends is going smoothly. **Did you realize...**

- The children from all three Wednesday night programs (Touchstones, TECT Team and Confirmation) are filling bags three Wednesday evenings every month?
- The cost of this program is \$80 per child for the entire school year, or \$4,800?
- One single contributor is funding this need?

The Mission Board, Eisenhower School, and especially those 60 children, want to say "Thank you!" for this generous, anonymous funding.



## Native American Partnership

As a part of the work of Mission Task Force that grew out of our Long Range Planning process of 2010, a dream began to form around deepening the mission life of our church. We began with a partnership with Eisenhower School - placing mentors in classrooms and now providing 60 backpacks a week filled with weekend food for kids who rely on the school lunches for their food supply.

Another partnership is growing - this time with the Dakota Association of the UCC - an Association of 13 Native American UCC churches in Nebraska, South and North Dakota, encompassing the Pine Ridge, the Cheyenne River Sioux, and the Standing Rock Reservations.

We don't know yet what this partnership will look like, but the conversation began last summer and is continuing this fall as Lyle Stratton, Susan Chesley, Jean Norton and Katherine Mulhern travel to Eagle Butte to meet with pastors and lay leaders from the churches. Stay tuned!

# 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. In a collective mission campaign, the first 11 days of November (11.1.11 - 11.11.11) are slated to join together 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.

The Mission and Social Justice boards present this challenge to the people of Edwards UCC in this national effort to fight world hunger:

- Starting October 23<sup>rd</sup> and running through November 11<sup>th</sup>, there are opportunities to sign pre-printed letters or compose personal letters to our Iowa and Illinois senators and representatives encouraging them to reform foreign aid to make it more effective in reducing poverty. Letter writing will also be available at the November 5 blood drive.
- Just in case you were unable to donate towards the *Neighbors in Need* offering October 2<sup>nd</sup>, here is a website where you may contribute on behalf of the Somalia war against poverty and hunger: [ucc.org](http://ucc.org), select "Church Stuff", "Special Offerings: Neighbors in Need" Click on the link "Support this worthy cause."
- The food items generously donated on October 23<sup>rd</sup> were delivered to the City Center Ministry, 6<sup>th</sup> & Western, food pantry.

A perfect and warm gift for a friend, family members, or fellow church members would be one or more of the fellowship-building products offered by the **Edwards UCC Coffee Project**. Not just coffee but many fairly-traded goodies will be available for purchase this month on **November 20<sup>th</sup>** after the worship service. Several varieties of tea, coffees, nuts, chocolate, and cocoa are waiting for your selection. Fair Trade Holiday order forms are now available at church. Orders with payment are due November 27<sup>th</sup> and will be available for pick up December 11<sup>th</sup>.

Supporting Fair Trade through these purchases not only enhances your connection with others locally, but helps small farmers in Latin America, Africa, and Asia as they build a better life for their families and communities. In partnership with the Fair Trade organization Equal Exchange, the UCC Coffee Project ensures growers receive fair prices, access to affordable credit, and can plan for the future.

Help promote world peace through your cup of social justice!

## **Fair Trade at Edwards**

**A Greater Gift (SERRV):** A Greater Gift is a program of SERRV International, a nonprofit organization that works to build sustainable livelihoods for artisans in developing regions of the world by marketing their products in a just and direct manner. Each year Edwards sponsors a fair trade sale with products from around the world. Your purchase of these goods helps to alleviate poverty and empower low-income people through trade, training and other forms of capacity building as they work to improve their lives. The SERRV table will be open for business in Baxter Hall in November and December.

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

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We wish to thank all the people who helped us pack and downsize our "stuff" of nearly forty-eight years for our move to our apartment at Senior Star retirement community. We especially appreciate all the hours Sue Harrington worked, plus organizing the many members of our church who helped. This move would not have been possible without this assistance and that of our family and neighbors. God Bless Everybody, **Merlin** and **Carol Bachellor**.

Thank you for your cards, online comments, and prayers following the loss of my wife, Sacha. A very special thank you to Pastor Katherine for making the long trip to Bismarck for the memorial service and for her guidance. Please know, too, that I am forever grateful for the support Edwards gave to Sacha during her health struggles when she was with you. Though our time with you was much briefer than I'd like, and though years and hundreds of miles now intervene, your continued love and support is a testament to your character and it has meant a great deal to me. Edwards is a true Christian church in every good sense of the term. If I'm ever out in your direction I look forward to an opportunity when I can worship with you again. Love, **Joel Boon**

Thank you to **Geri** and **Dick Dulaney**, **Martha Jirus**, **Ardis Kasper**, **Evona Petherick** for help with the September and October *Editor* mailings and **Dao Molis** for assembling the weekly Sunday bulletin.

Thanks to **Mila Smith**, **Carol Hart**, **Lisa** and **Brad Hixon**, **Pat Hixon**, **Elisabeth Norwood**, **Lisa Crawford**, **Chris** and **Michael Fessler**, and **Robin Tesch** for providing food and clean-up on the Wednesday evening Simple Suppers.

Thanks to **Cathy Wetzel**, **Katy Strzepak**, **Ryan Dye**, **Katie Van Blair**, **Robin Tesch**, **Lisa Hixon**, **Ray Ball-Trevor** and **Chris Fessler** for teaching in the TouchStones program.

Thanks to **Pat Baxter-Rebal**, **Dick Dulaney**, **Edith Egli**, **Caroline** and **Jesse Evans**, **John Harnung**, **Richard Jirus**, **Kathy Lafrenz**, **Joyce Paustian**, and **Sandy Reinders** for participating in the Generation TouchStones program.

Thank you for the backpack for the weekend with the food in it. Surprisingly, I ate all the food! Thank you for being kind and generous. Sincerely, **AO** (Eisenhower Blessings in a Backpack recipient)

Thank you to **The Friends in Faith Band** for extra music in worship this month, to **Jesse Evans** for conducting and composing wonderful music for the **Alleluia Ringers**, to **Elaine Lippert** for beginning a new children's choir and offering music in Children's Chapel, to **Merlin Bachellor** for gifts of music and percussion instruments to the music department and **Suzanne Benson** and **Merlyn Lippert** for help planning music for the coming year. Thank you to the weekly volunteers bringing wonderful help to the world of music at Edwards: **Cathy Wetzel**, Wednesday evening music with the children, **Sandy Reinders**, Director of Alleluia Ringers, **Carol Mahan**, Music Librarian, **Kathy Lafrenz**, Director of Liturgical Dancers and **Dave VanDerKamp**, sound engineer.

**October 8 Fall Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up:** On this beautiful day, these volunteers picked up our two-mile stretch of Utica Ridge Road: **Curly Curl**, **Julia Natvig**, **Louis Reicks**, **Ryan Dye**, **Steve Wildemuth**, **Bill Coker**, **Teresa Caligaris** and **Judy Collins**. **Sharon Wildemuth** and **Ardis Kasper** furnished lunch afterwards.

**Habitat-4-Humanity houses:** The Mission Board extends a big "Thank you!" to **Terry Schlabach** for spearheading a crew to work on two houses Saturday, October 15, in Davenport. Those people included **Terry** and **Marty Schlabach**, **Sandy** and **Dave Reinders** and **Dick Jirus**. Thank you everyone!

The November 5 Blood Drive is once again being organized by **Julie Henke**, **Dorothy Hammond** and **Cathy Wetzel**. Thank you for your dedication in organizing this life-saving event at Edwards. Thank you to all that give blood and furnish refreshments.

Thank you for the great donation of 15 punch passes - also for the donation of coats and boots. We are always thrilled to receive these things. **The Staff at Winnie's Place**.

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

	November 6	November 13	November 20	November 27
Preacher	Bob Hamilton	Katherine Mulhern	Katherine Mulhern	Katherine Mulhern
Chancel Set-up	John Keraus	Nikki Keraus	Carol Hart	Marilyn Riedesel
Altar Flowers	Steve & Sharon Wildemuth	Strohbehn Memorial		
Acolytes	Jewell Hixon Michaela Fessler	Paige Sinksen Molly Dye	Parker Sedgwick Chloe Eckhart	Isabel Sinksen Carter Sullivan
Scripture Reader	Cathie Miller	Norma Wren	Youth	Caroline Evans
Communion Servers	Steve Chesley, Ann Criswell, John Keraus, Joyce Paustian, Pat Sterk			
Special Music	Promised Land	Alleluia Ringers	Edwards Children Wind Ensemble	Friend in Faith Band
Sound System	David VanDerKamp	David VanDerKamp	David VanDerKamp	David VanDerKamp
Nursery	Kassidy Holdridge	Charlie Miller	Chloe Van Blair	Crystal Miller
Ushers	Steve Chesley Ryan Dye Joyce Paustian Pat Sterk	Bev Bergert John Harnung Mila Smith Milo Smith	Judy Collins Anne-Marie Gephart Terry Schlabach Lyle Stratton	Bob Anderson Jeannine Miller Bonnie Walling Ned Walling
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Coffee Hour	Edith Egli	Potluck Set-up: Worship Board Clean-up: Social Board		
Lock-up	Brian Dugan	Ann Criswell	John Harnung	George Kovacs
CareGivers On Call	Elaine Lippert Martha Jirus	Suzanne Benson Kay Stiles	Ruth Bowers Fran Wolfe	Lois Larew Evona Petherick

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

**NOVEMBER 2011**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> <b>Reformation Sunday</b> <b>9:15 AM</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal <b>10:15 AM</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> <b>Children's Chapel</b> <b>11:45 AM</b> Liturgical Dance Rehearsal	<b>31</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal	<b>1</b> <b>All Saints Day</b> <b>Driveway Traffic Flow Reverses</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Donuts & Hammers <b>5:15 PM</b> Zumba	<b>2</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Youth Choir <b>5:30 PM</b> Monthly Musicians Dinner <b>5:30 PM</b> Simple Supper <b>6:00 PM</b> Confirmation <b>6:00 PM</b> TECT Team <b>6:00 PM</b> TouchStones <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Steps to Serenity Al-Anon Meeting	<b>4</b> <b>Office Hours ~ 9 to Noon</b>	<b>5</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Blood Drive <b>9:15 AM</b> Zumba
<b>6</b> <b>All Saints' Day</b> <b>Daylight-Saving Time Ends</b> <b>9:15 AM</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal <b>10:15 AM</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> <b>Children's Chapel</b> <b>11:45 AM</b> Liturgical Dance Rehearsal <b>11:45 AM</b> Promised Land Rehearsal	<b>7</b> <b>Office Hours ~ 9 to Noon</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Lunch Out <b>6:30 PM</b> Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal	<b>8</b> <b>Office Hours ~ 9 to Noon</b> <b>5:15 PM</b> Zumba <b>6:30 PM</b> Board Meetings <b>7:30 PM</b> Council Meeting	<b>9</b> <b>Office Hours ~ 9 to Noon</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Youth Choir <b>5:30 PM</b> Simple Supper <b>6:00 PM</b> Confirmation <b>6:00 PM</b> TECT Team <b>6:00 PM</b> TouchStones <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>10</b> <b>Office Hours ~ 9 to Noon</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Steps to Serenity Al-Anon Meeting	<b>11</b> <b>Office Hours ~ 9 to Noon</b> <b>Veterans Day</b>	<b>12</b> <b>9:15 AM</b> Zumba
<b>13</b> <b>Stewardship Sunday</b> <b>9:15 AM</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal <b>10:15 AM</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> <b>Children's Chapel</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> Building Info Update <b>11:30 AM</b> Potluck after Worship <b>11:45 AM</b> Liturgical Dance Rehearsal	<b>14</b> <b>Office Hours ~ 9 to Noon</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal	<b>15</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Donuts & Hammers <b>12:00 PM</b> CareGivers Meeting <b>5:15 PM</b> Zumba	<b>16</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Youth Choir <b>5:30 PM</b> Simple Supper <b>6:00 PM</b> Confirmation <b>6:00 PM</b> TECT Team <b>6:00 PM</b> TouchStones <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>17</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Women's Night Out <b>6:30 PM</b> Steps to Serenity Al-Anon Meeting	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>9:15 AM</b> Zumba
<b>20</b> <b>9:15 AM</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal <b>10:15 AM</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> <b>Children's Chapel</b> <b>11:45 AM</b> Liturgical Dance Rehearsal <b>7:00 PM</b> <b>Interfaith Thanksgiving at Edwards</b>	<b>21</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal	<b>22</b> <b>5:15 PM</b> Zumba	<b>23</b> <b>Office Hours ~ 9 to Noon</b>	<b>24</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Steps to Serenity Al-Anon Meeting	<b>25</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>26</b> <b>9:15 AM</b> Zumba
<b>27</b> <b>FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY</b> <b>9:15 AM</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal <b>10:15 AM</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> <b>Children's Chapel</b> <b>11:45 AM</b> Liturgical Dance Rehearsal	<b>28</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal	<b>29</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Donuts & Hammers <b>5:15 PM</b> Zumba	<b>30</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Youth Choir <b>5:30 PM</b> Simple Supper <b>6:00 PM</b> Confirmation <b>6:00 PM</b> TECT Team <b>6:00 PM</b> TouchStones <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>1</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Steps to Serenity Al-Anon Meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>9:15 AM</b> Zumba

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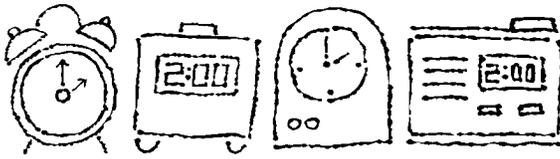
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In order to avoid return postage charges, please notify the church office of any change in your mailing address at 563-359-0331.

### Food Pantry Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup>

Please bring a bag of groceries for the Food Pantry. Items needed include tuna, soups, stews, peanut butter, breakfast cereal, toiletries, diapers, etc. Whatever your cupboard needs...the Food Pantry needs, too!

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