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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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Giving Thanks

“I give you thanks with my whole heart.” ~ Psalm 139

Studies show that being grateful can change your life, perhaps even lengthen it! But not only that, gratitude is an expression of authentic faith. Being thankful, in part, means recognizing all God has done for us and pausing to reflect on God’s goodness. It’s also infectious! Once you start seeing the good all around you, it is hard not to be joyful and for that joy to spread. These can be tough times to turn to joy. Violent acts are happening all around us, political corruption makes us sigh with weary hearts. Fires and floods across the globe make us grieve for our troubled planet. And yet, in the midst of turmoil, we spot grace. So, I challenge you – look for those glimpses of God’s grace in our midst! Pause and find moments to reflect and be thankful. It will not be wasted time!

Pastor Kendra Thompson

Fellowship Opportunities

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP Join us on Monday, November 6, at 10:00 am at the Village Inn on Elmore Avenue in 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; **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 pm on Thursday, November 16 at the Downtown Davenport Radisson Hotel on E. 2nd Street.

QUAD CITIES INTERFAITH BREAKFAST - November 16, 7:30 am - 8:30 am at the Rogalski Center Ballroom at St. Ambrose University. Reservations are required. Guests will be asked to make a charitable donation to support the QCI mission. RSVP to Brian Foy at 563-322-0320 or Julie Henke at 563-508-4220.

Celebrating November Birthdays - Enjoy your day!

11/05 Jesse Knudson, Makayla Revels; 11/06 Max Gehler, Woody Perkins; 11/07 Mike Augspurger; 11/08 Alexandra Holdridge; 11/09 Gain & Kade Verdick; 11/10 Chuck Collins; 11/11 Julie Henke, 11/12 Dick Pavlak, Dave Wilbricht; 11/14 Amelia Reier; 11/17 Jim Van Howe, Fran Wolfe; 11/18 Becky David, Chris Medina; 11/19 Ray Ball-Trevor; 11/22 Lisa Crawford; 11/24 Rhett Harvey, Rich Weyman; 11/29 Joel Sullivan. Happy Birthday!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

A big 'Thank You' to all who attended the concert on October 8. Your generosity provided \$776 for our Blessings in a Backpack. Thanks to the nine musicians from Edwards who contributed their talents and also, thank you to Joyce, Woody and our choir members who served as ushers. You were all terrific!

We received a Thank You from Leslie Klipsch who spoke at our 'Empower Tanzania' night and we wanted to share; *'I cannot thank you enough for the opportunity to speak at Edwards! What a wonderful group. The whole experience-the food, the kids, the dance (!) - Leslie*

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU for the A-MA-zing turnout for the Back Bay Mission trip fundraiser at Panera on Oct. 16. We won't know for a few weeks how much our donation from Panera may be, but we are grateful for whatever amount is coming! And we also couldn't have done it without Chris Kenneke and Sandy Reinders who assisted the Edwards Team with planning and greeting!

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.

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Mission & Learning Opportunities:

CAN YOU HELP WITH OUR 2017 BUDGET STATUS?

As you may remember, the congregation passed a deficit budget for 2017 last January, with the hopes that some of that deficit could be made up by yearend. We are still experiencing that deficit, and are currently running very tight on monthly cash flow. We ask for your help in closing the gap if you are at all able. If you are in a position to either pay ahead on your 2017 pledge, or consider an additional operating budget gift this year, it would be especially helpful. Please contact Woody Perkins, Treasurer, if you have any questions. Thank you for ALL your gifts to Edwards, both tangible and intangible!

WORSHIP MINISTRY TRAINING – Sunday, November 12, 11:30am – 1:00pm. There is no more important work of the people than Sunday worship. Nor is there a better communal expression of our relationship with God and each other. As we begin this new season together, now is the perfect time to renew our commitment to quality, spiritually vibrant and meaningful worship. If you are a reader, usher, or member of the Worship Board, you are invited to join Pastor Becky for this time of renewal of your ministry. If you are not currently involved but are interested in any of these ministries, this is a perfect time to get involved. Lunch will be provided so please **RSVP** to the church office at 359-0331.

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

THANKSGIVING UNITY SERVICE – Sunday, November 19, 6:00pm

"A Tapestry of Gratitude" - Sunday Evening, November 19th at 6pm is the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service that has been celebrated between the Unitarian Universalists, Edwards Congregational UCC and the Jewish Temple for many years. This year we will reflect on Roosevelt's Four Freedoms and there will be musical offerings from our combined choirs. In addition, this year we are hoping to widen our interfaith embrace and there will also be a presence from the MCC church and the Mosque. Join us for the worship service on November 19th at the Unitarian Congregation 3707 Eastern Avenue in Davenport.

FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY – Sunday, November 26

SIoux RESERVATION TOY DRIVE 2017

For the past eight Christmas seasons Edwards has served the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation by running a Toy Drive for the Green Grass community there. As before we have a list of children identified as boy or girl and their respective age available for you to consider sponsoring for a gift this year at Christmas. Individual sponsorship slips will be made available in the narthex through December 10th.

Please consider sponsoring one of these children by

1. purchasing a gift (value approx \$25),
2. wrapping it, and
3. returning to the church by December 3rd

so we can make the season brighter for our Lakota friends!



To be more "green" and environmentally friendly we are asking that you use newspaper to wrap the presents (the funny papers are colorful--or use ribbon to add some festivity to the gift package) instead of the un-recyclable gift wrap. Please keep in mind that we must send the gifts by mail so it is preferable that gifts be not heavy, large and bulky. Generally speaking an age appropriate gift you would be purchasing for a boy or girl in our culture would be appropriate for them. If you have any questions, contact Lyle at 563.570.7556. Thank You!!!! *Mitakuye Oyasin -- All My Relatives/We Are All One!*

74th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service “A Tapestry of Gratitude”

Join us for this time-honored tradition of interfaith
gratitude, worship, and music, as
we explore the Four Freedoms

Sunday, 19 November, 6 p.m.

UUCQC, 3707 Eastern Avenue, Davenport

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