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Celebrating Advent



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From Our Pastor's Desk...

It's good to be back from sabbatical! My time away included lots of grandchildren hugs (did you know that Grandma-kisses never wipe off?). There were long, leisurely afternoons quilting, a few attempts at writing, long walks in the woods, a daily swim, a couple of rainy days spent just reading a novel and sipping tea, and quiet evenings spent in the company of my husband. It was wonderful. I am rested, relaxed and ready to be back! I am so grateful to all the people here who have made it possible. Thank you, one and all.

Now, believe it or not, it is time to turn our hearts and minds toward a new season in the life of the church - Advent. I love this season! It is a time when the mystery of God dances with the joy and hope of our faith. It is a time when promise and possibility come to life in the stories of Mary and Joseph and Jesus, Elizabeth and Zechariah and John.

As the darkness of winter begins to settle in around us, the lights of the Advent candles lead us toward a new baby and the promise of a new way of life. The rest of the culture may go into a frenzy of searching for just the right gift at just the right price, getting ready for Christmas, but here in the church there is a different rhythm to our life. Advent invites us to be still and wait patiently - remembering Christ's birth and actively anticipating the time when God's kingdom and God's peace truly will reign on earth (and not just in the Christmas carols we love so much).

The whole point of Advent, I think, is to prepare our souls for the birth of Christ into the midst of our lives - each year. We remember the ancient stories because

Christ's birth - then and now - shapes us and our world in God-given ways. So, how can we celebrate Advent so that we really will be ready for Christmas this year? Here's a few thoughts.

Celebrate Advent at home! Light the candles at dinner. Name each week - Hope. Faith. Joy. Peace. Read the scriptures for Sunday over dinner or at bedtime through the week.

Remember those less fortunate! Donate to Toys for Tots, ring a bell for the Salvation Army, serve a meal at the Community Kitchen, make a generous donation to the food pantry this month, give an extra monetary gift to the church or to your favorite charity, add a hat and some gloves to the mitten tree, and be a Secret Angel to someone.

Work for peace on earth! Don't just sing about it! Pray for it. Begin with yourself - make peace with the person you are. And then work for peace with those around you. Peace never begins on a national level - it begins with each of us.

Keep it simple! It is so easy to get caught in the web of all the complex celebrations of this time of year. Choose for yourself what you will do for the holiday, and don't let the ads and expectations of others get you to do more than what you want to do!

The Advent candles light our path. Will your spirit be ready this year, when the season of Advent gives way to Christmas?

December Scriptures

December 5:

Isaiah 11:1-10
 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
 Romans 15:4-13
 Matthew 3:1-12



December 12:

Isaiah 35:1-10
 Luke 1:47-55
 James 5:7-10
 Matthew 11:2-11

The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel.
Matthew 1:23



December 19:

Isaiah 7:10-16
 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
 Romans 1:1-7
 Matthew 1:18-25



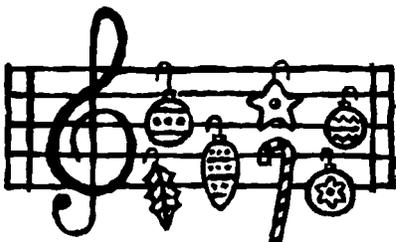
December 26:

Isaiah 63:7-9
 Psalm 148
 Hebrews 2:10-18
 Matthew 2:13-23

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

Special Music in December:

Dec. 5: Promised Land
 Dec. 12: Alleluia Ringers
 Dec. 19: The Friends in Faith Band
 Dec. 24: Alleluia Ringers,
 Chancel Choir,
 piano/organ duet, instrumentalists
 Dec. 26: To Be Announced



Hanging the Greens

Join us in worship on December 5th for a traditional "Hanging of the Greens" service. We'll decorate the sanctuary, reflect on the meaning of the symbols, sing and pray that the deepest meaning of Advent may come to life in our life together. Don't miss this special service.

Blue Christmas Service

Is Christmas a hard time for you? Do you look at all the ads and wonder how the Christmas Spirit will ever catch you? Christmas always begins at midnight - the darkest time of the night. The promise of Christmas is for those who have nothing and who rely on the power of God to make things right. Come and share in a quiet service of reflection on Sunday, December 12th at 4:00 pm.

Christmas Eve Worship

How can you describe Christmas Eve at Edwards? It is filled with deep mystery, beautiful music, the rustling of angels' wings, flickering candles, Christmas carols, soul silence and joyous laughter. In the midst of the hustle and bustle of your holiday celebrations, don't miss this special service. Come early to get a good seat! 9:00 pm, Christmas Eve!



Family Musicians Home For The Holidays?

We want to hear them! Following the tradition at Edwards on the Sunday between Christmas and New Years, musicians who have returned for the holidays are invited to spread Christmas cheer with special music. Solos, ensembles, duets - across and within families are welcome! Be a "tattle tale" and let us know who will be home - or sign yourself up! Call the church office and leave a message for Jean Norton.

Stewardship and Financial Update...

The Challenge Ahead

At our Annual Meeting last January, we adopted a budget for 2010 that had a deficit of about \$13,000. In the past, we have always managed our deficits by not spending as much as we budgeted. Usually, we have "made up" the deficit because there has been one or sometimes two staff positions that have been open for a portion of the year.

That hasn't happened this year (and that's the good news), but it does mean that we are now expecting about a \$10,000 deficit at year-end. Boards and staff have cut spending over the past several months in order to help manage this issue.

At this point, we have a couple of options for handling a deficit. We can carry it forward into 2011, meaning that we will need to make it up next year. Or we can increase our pledges this year so that we end the year with less of a deficit.

It goes without saying that the Trustees and the Church Council would like to end 2010 without a deficit. And if we all pitch in, we believe we can do it! Please consider an extra gift to Edwards this holiday season. Your generosity makes great things happen in and through our church community. You really do make a difference in the world when you give to Edwards Church!

Plan to Be Here!

If you haven't seen the sketch of what a new addition might look like, make a point to take a look! On **Sunday, December 12th**, right after church, we will gather in a Congregational Meeting. We have heard from the architect and the Long Range Planning Building Task Force. Now we need to consider a proposal from the Financial Planning Long Range Task Force to begin a Capital Funds Campaign in January, which would fund the proposal! This will affect everyone, so PLEASE plan to be there! Whether you've been a member 5 weeks or 50 years, your voice matters.

Where Your Treasure Is...

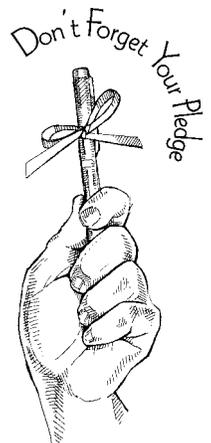
Stewardship Sunday was a beautiful reflection of the talents and treasures that are a part of Edwards Church. Strong preaching, beautiful music, children and elders blended together, and a community gathered to be a part of God's work in the world. Our treasures reflect the heart and soul that is poured into this community by so many. Whether you sit in a pew on Sunday, sing in the choir, play in the bell choir, help to teach a class, bring your children to Wednesday evening programs, trim bushes, serve on a Board, or quietly pray for the well-being of our church...your heart and your treasure make a difference here!

To date, we have received \$152,358.00 in pledges toward 2011 expenses. If you have not turned in a pledge card, please fill yours out and send it in as soon as possible! Your heart and your treasure make a difference!

Have you included Edwards UCC in your will? Your gift to the Endowment Fund will make a difference for generations to come.

Year-End Finances

The 2010 books will close on **December 31st**. All pledges received after that date will be posted to 2011. Please make sure that your 2010 pledge is fulfilled by the end of the month.



Task Force Update...

Next Congregational Meeting

The congregation has spoken through Cottage Meetings and Congregational Meetings, and now we have a building plan that is both exciting and welcoming. The next step is raising the money!

Please join us **Sunday, December 12th** for a **congregation meeting** following worship. The Task Force for Financial Planning and the Building Improvements Task Force will present a resolution to begin a capital fund campaign in support of the building improvements project starting January 1, 2011 and concluding by June 30, 2011. This proposal recommends hiring Havey and Associates, Inc. as the Fund Raising Counsel. At the end of the campaign, based upon the amount of funds raised, our church leadership will review the results and recommend a next step for the congregation to consider.

The Task Forces for Financial Planning and Building Maintenance and Improvements participated in a webinar meeting and proposal discussion with Steve Havey, President of Havey and Associates, Inc. Steve Havey's credentials include 30+ years of successful fund-raising counsel and campaigns with United Church of Christ churches throughout the Midwest and United States.

The Proposed Capital Fund Campaign Goals are: Minimum Goal: \$800,000; Intermediate Goal: \$1,300,000; and Challenge Goal: \$1,500,000.

The estimated fee to hire Havey and Associates, Inc. as the Fund Raising Counsel will not exceed \$40,000. In addition to the consultant's fee; Edwards' Church campaign supplies, services, and materials budget is \$15,000. Total capital campaign cost is estimated to be \$55,000.

The capital campaign committee, the campaign coordinator, the campaign secretary, and campaign treasurer will continually evaluate the capital campaign for the 6-month campaign period and the five-year pledge collection period and report to the church council as requested.

Open & Affirming Adopted

At the October Council Meeting, the Church Council officially adopted the Open and Affirming Statement which was recommended by the ONA Task Force. Edwards joins a number of other Iowa churches who have affirmed that all people have a place in the life and ministry of the church, including Plymouth UCC, Des Moines, Urbandale UCC, Urbandale, Congregational UCC, Iowa City, Faith UCC, Iowa City, Congregational UCC, Ames, and Eden UCC, Cedar Rapids. No matter who you are... no matter where you are on life's journey... you are welcome at Edwards!

Time and Talent Survey

Task Force for Membership and Leadership Growth appreciates the recent Time and Talent survey responses and plans to contact those who expressed an interest in serving our church community in various ways. This survey information will also be entered into the Time and Talent database for quick and ready retrieval. If you have not had an opportunity to complete a survey, the Time and Talent Survey forms are available in the church Narthex.

Mentoring

The Task Force to Strengthen our Mission Efforts/ Outreach to the Community has recruited eleven members of Edwards to participate in the STARRS mentoring program at Eisenhower Elementary School. This mentoring program calls for adult volunteer mentors to meet with individual students once a week for lunch to develop relationships and provide role models to students who have limited exposure to adults.

Reimbursements

If you have any 2010 expenses that will require reimbursement, they need to be turned into the church office no later than Sunday, January 2, 2010.



Holiday Office Hours

The church office will be closed Thursday, December 23 through Monday, December 27 for Christmas and Friday, December 31 through Monday, January 3 for New Year's.



2010 Annual Reports Due Jan. 4th

The 171st Annual Meeting of Edwards UCC will be Tuesday evening, January 25th (snowdate - Thursday, January 27th). **All Board and Committee Chairs and Edwards Staff - Please email your report to kathy@edwards-ucc.org by 9:00 am ~ Tuesday, January 4th.**

Poinsettias

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia, to be used in decorating our sanctuary for the Advent



/ Christmas season, order forms are available in the Narthex. Each lovely 6.5" potted poinsettia plant is \$8.00. The deadline to order is - **December 6th!!** Please make checks payable to "Edwards UCC" with "Poinsettia" in the memo line. Place your order and payment in the envelope on the table in the Narthex, in an offering plate or in Kathy Bowerman's mailbox outside the office door.

Youth and Christian Education . . .

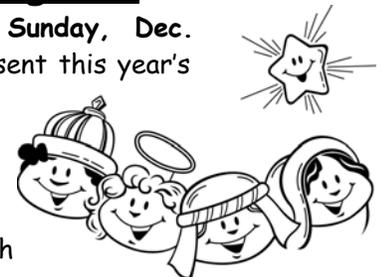


Cookie Walk

Need sweet treats for the holidays? The Board of Christian Education will sponsor the annual Edwards Cookie Walk on **Sunday, December 5th**, immediately following worship. Plates of 20 cookies (your choice!) can be purchased for \$10. We will also offer chili and cocoa for a light lunch before heading out into the December cold! This year's proceeds will go toward the building improvement campaign.

Christmas Pageant

During morning worship, **Sunday, Dec. 19th**, the children will present this year's Christmas Pageant, **Run to the Manger**. After worship, continue the joyful celebration in Baxter Fellowship Hall with cookies and fellowship.



TouchStones

During December our children will be preparing for this year's Christmas Pageant, and there is a place for everyone in the retelling of the nativity story. **Final practice and dress rehearsal will be on Friday Dec. 17th, from 5:30-7:30.**

TouchStones & Confirmation Christmas Break

There will be **NO TouchStones or Confirmation** on Dec. 22nd through Jan. 5th. TouchStones and Confirmation will begin again on **Wednesday, January 12th.**

Did somebody say "FREE"?

What we've been doing...

Some things have shifted from goals we set *prior* to this year's TECT team beginning, but they have taken a nice turn and we are looking into some theological themes that are both challenging and important.

We had a major event in October in which Katy Strzepak spoke to our youth about body image. We had a nice turn out as young ladies from the campus at Family Resources as well as a few other youth groups joined us for this enlightening presentation and a reception afterwards. We have since also talked about a Christian theology of the body, recognizing the importance and the sacredness of the flesh and the body.

We are most grateful to Katy for taking the time to prepare for and give us this presentation. A special thank you also to Dave VanDerKamp, Fran Wolfe, and Sandy Reinders for their help and time that evening. Dave volunteered his time to manage the sound and visual equipment, which were completely necessary for the success of the evening, and Sandy and Fran helped serve and clean up the reception, another necessary and time consuming part of the evening. Thank you all so much for your help and support!

What we will be doing...

We have already begun looking at "end times" theology and comparing it to the popular narrative many of us know as the "Left Behind" theology. We will be looking at the work of theologian and New Testament scholar Dr. Rossing, who has written on this issue, and discussing her interpretation of the book of Revelation and other related texts as compared to the fear based narrative offered in the Left Behind series.



In December, the TECT team will offer **FREE** - yes **FREE** - babysitting to the congregation so that parents might take some time to wind down and/or get some holiday shopping

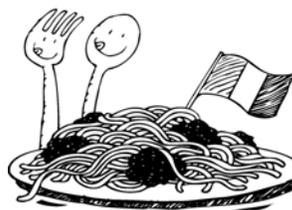
done. An announcement will be made during worship on Sunday, November 21st and a sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex. Children will have one snack,

lunch, do a craft, as well as play some games. Please sign children up so we can plan accordingly for meals and crafts and so we can be sure to have enough supervision. We want your children to have a fun time and to be well-supervised. We look forward to offering this service as our stewardship to the congregation and look forward to spending time with your children!

This month the TECT team will also begin an ongoing relationship with some residents of a retirement community



who are in need of some time and visitation. We decided that an ongoing relationship would be best and so we plan on making regular visits once a month from now on. More details about this will come.



Please be on the lookout for announcements related to a stewardship fundraiser TECT team will be doing. The TECT team youth are going to prepare and serve a spaghetti dinner to the congregation one Sunday after worship. They will also package some meals to go. People may make a free will offering for the meals. **ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO DIRECTLY TO EDWARDS** either for the building campaign or to help cover a portion of any deficits that there may be in the budget.

Also, January's schedule will entail a visit to the Sikh temple, a visit to a Greek Orthodox congregation and much more!

If you have any questions, comments, ideas, or concerns about anything with the TECT team please contact me via phone or email, crystal@edwards-ucc.org or 512-507-9383.

Peace and Joy to you all,
Crystal McCormick
Youth Director

Keep In Our Prayers

- + Diane Anderson, recovering from surgery
- + Bill Anderson, recovering from surgery
- + Pat Baxter-Rebal, recovering from surgery
- + Nancy Bolyard, health concerns
- + Sue Curl, health concerns
- + Gail McPike, recovering from surgery
- + Don & Gilly Miller, health concerns
- + Frances Sanders, recovering from a stroke
- + Pat Sterk, her mom, Dorothy Clapp, at Clarissa Cook
- + In Care or Assisted Living Facilities: Sandy Carlson, Don Carroll, Rose Marie Edgerton, George Gallaher, Betty Murray, Nelda Paustian and Joyce Swarts

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Now that cooler weather is upon us, it is time to get those knitting needles and crochet hooks out. This is an invitation to everyone to make prayer shawls. We only gather together for meetings if you want them. The need to pass comfort and love to others is always great. If you need more information or patterns, please contact Dorothy Hammond at 797-2321 or drphammond@sbcglobal.net



December Birthdays

- 1 Lyle Stratton
- 1 Will Norwood
- 4 Carol Carroll
- 4 Bill Edmond
- 5 Dave Reinders
- 6 Joyce Swartz
- 7 Tobias Augsperger
- 7 Molly Dye
- 7 Anne-Marie Gephart
- 8 Kaela Swarts
- 8 Annah Eberhardt
- 10 Sue Wymore
- 11 Bob Benson
- 12 Linda Ripple
- 14 Lisa Azure
- 15 Dennise Weyman
- 16 Pam Edmond
- 18 Henry McCarrel
- 18 Kevin Pollard
- 18 Maggie Dixon
- 19 Robert Riedesel
- 19 Alex Slack
- 20 Wendy Shaw-Sullivan
- 22 Kay Stiles
- 22 Lynn Warren
- 22 Megan Beck
- 23 Elinor Moore
- 25 Travis Overturf-Barnes
- 26 Mike Ball-Trevor
- 26 Bob Wilber
- 27 Gary Mahan
- 28 Willow Ball-Trevor
- 28 Laurie Funderburk
- 30 Ollie Gallaher
- 30 Mona Terry



Wish These Friends a
"Happy Birthday!"



Parent's Day Out

Need to wrap presents? Need to shop? Need to bake? Just need some time away?

Then bring the kids to
Edwards UCC on
Saturday, December 4th
Drop off and pick up anytime
from 10am to 3pm
Snacks, lunch, drinks
and fun provided!

Children of all ages are welcome!
Parents, please RSVP to

*Babysitting is provided by TECT Team Members
free of charge as a stewardship gift to the
congregation.*



Women's Night Out Christmas Potluck

Who: All Edward's women are cordially invited to attend!

When: Thursday, December 16, at 6:00 pm

Where: The home of Ann Criswell-Caligaris and Teresa Caligaris (4390 31st St., Bettendorf) Carpooling is being arranged by Mila Smith (391-5409)

Bring: Potluck fare (main dish, salad or vegetable - dessert is provided) and an unwrapped gift for Winnie's Place. (A list of suggested items is at the church.)

Chancel Choir Dinner

Chancel choir will meet on Wednesday, December 1 at 5:30 at the Jersey Grill for our regular monthly dinner. All musicians and friends are welcome!



Thank You, Thank You, Thank You !!

Thank you to the clean-up day volunteers. Over **five days of work**, there were **70 man-hours** given by the following people: **Dick Dulaney, Darrel Hillyer, Richard Jirus, George Kovacs, Cathie Miller, Carol Ogletree, Joyce Paustian, Woody Perkins, Dave Reinders, Sandy Reinders, Janie Stratton, Dick Werner, Steve Wildemuth.**

Thanks to **Anita and Annette Dietz, Fran Wolfe, Michael Ball-Trevor, Mila Smith, Dennise Weyman,** and **Chris and Michael Fessler** for providing Simple Suppers on Wednesday evenings in November.

Thanks to **Dennise Weyman** and **Michael Fessler** for teaching TouchStones with **Cathy Wetzell** and **Susan Chesley.**

Thank you to **Marilyn Riedesel** for even more music storage hammocks for the new chairs; **Mona Terry**, harp; **Elaine Lippert** for organ accompaniment; **Merlyn Lippert** for conducting a special rehearsal; and all who participated in the **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service.** Thank you to the weekly volunteers bringing wonderful help to the world of music at Edwards: **Sandy Reinders**, Director of Alleluia Ringers; **Michelle Hukvari**, Music Librarian; **Kathy Lafrenz**, Director of Liturgical Dancers; and **Dave VanDerKamp**, sound engineer.

Thanks to **Sue Harrington, Mona Terry, Chris & Michael Fessler** and **Crystal & Adam McCormick** for helping with movie and a meal.

A Greater Gift

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 Fellowship Hall throughout December.

SERRV



The Warming Tree: Each year the folks at Edwards decorate the tree with hats, mittens, gloves, socks, scarves, and underwear, which will be distributed throughout the community. Let's do the same this year and help bring warmth and comfort to those in need

this winter season. Also - bring in slightly used or new toys, books, and games to send as gifts to families in need of support.

Salvation Army Meal Site

Every other month, Edwards sponsors an evening meal at the community meal site in the Salvation Army building on the corner of 6th and Harrison Streets in Davenport. Approximately 70-90 persons are served a nourishing meal prepared in our church kitchen. Food preparation begins at 2:30 pm and takes about 2 hours. Volunteers arrive at Edwards by 5:30 pm to load, transport, setup and serve at the meal site. Our **next meal** to prepare and serve is **Tuesday, December 21st**. Please contact Bob Riedesel (563-441-9477) about volunteering.

LAKOTA RESERVATION TOY DRIVE

In the midst of the Advent and Christmas seasons, the Mission Outreach Task Force would like to remind our church of the poverty existing in our own country. Our youth encountered this poverty when they spent a week serving the small UCC church in Green Grass, SD, during the summer of 2009. They developed strong relationships with the adults and children, and last December served that community further by running the Green Grass Christmas Toy Drive. There are many boys and girls in that community who will have little in the way of Christmas gifts due to an unemployment rate of more than 80% on the reservation. Pastor Leroy Bobtail Bear is sending us a list of children identified as boy or girl and their respective age. Individual sponsorship slips will be made available in the narthex. Please consider sponsoring one of these children by purchasing a gift (value approx. \$15.00), wrapping it, and returning it to church by December 15th so we can make the season a little brighter for our Lakota friends. *Mitakuye Oyasin (All My Relatives/We Are All One)*



Collection

Christmas Fund

The Annual Christmas Fund helps provide pension and health premium supplementation to lower-income retired church workers, emergency assistance to clergy families in need and Christmas checks to hundreds of annuitants; administered by the Pension Boards. Enclosed is the offering envelope, please bring it with you on December 19th.

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

When:	December 5	December 12	December 19	December 26
What:	Communion Sunday Hanging of the Greens Cookie Walk	Congregational Meeting	Christmas Pageant Christmas Fund Offering	Food Pantry Sunday
Preacher	Katherine Mulhern	Katherine Mulhern	Katherine Mulhern	Katherine Mulhern
Chancel Set-up	Pat Cresap	Brad Miller	Barb Bleedorn	Mary Hein
Scripture Reader	Brian Dugan	Kathy Vance	Children	Brad Miller
Communion Servers	Pat Cresap			
Special Music	Promised Land	Alleluia Ringers	Friends in Faith	
Sound System	David VanDerKamp	David VanDerKamp	David VanDerKamp	David VanDerKamp
Visitor Guides	Membership Board	Membership Board	Membership Board	Membership Board
Greeters	Ollie Gallaher Ruth Hefferman Evona Petherick Dee Hillyer	Ardis Kasper Chris Kenneke Vonnie King Jack King	George Kovacs Cathy Loughead Chris Medina Mary Hein	Elisabeth Norwood Joyce Paustian Jeannine Miller Sandy Reinders
Ushers	Tom Kenneke Steve Knoche Joyce Paustian Paul Petherick	Bob Anderson Pat Rosburg Erica Schroeder Pat Sterk	Margaret Wilber Steve Wildemuth Dave Wymore Sally Egy	Mike Ball-Trevor Ollie Gallaher Mary Hein Judy Collins
Coffee Hour Hosts	Cathy Wetzal	Ann & George Kovacs		Martha & Dick Jirus
Lock-up	Ann Caligaris	Woody Perkins	Steve Wildemuth	Joyce Paustian
CareGivers On Call	Dick Dulaney	Sandy Reinders Lois & Bob Larew	Martha Jirus	

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

DECEMBER 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>28 FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY 9:00 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:15 AM Worship 10:30 AM Children's Chapel</p>	<p>29 6:30 PM Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>1 5:30 PM Chancel Choir Monthly Dinner 5:30 PM Simple Supper 6:00 PM Confirmation Class 6:00 PM TECT Team 6:00 PM TouchStones 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Music & Movement</p>	<p>2 6:30 PM Steps to Serenity Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>3 9:00 AM Drop off Cookies</p>	<p>4 10:00 AM Decorate sanctuary & narthex 10:00 AM Free Babysitting at Church</p>
<p>5 9:00 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:15 AM Hanging of the Greens 10:15 AM Worship 10:30 AM Children's Chapel 11:30 AM Cookie Walk</p>	<p>6 Poinsettia Order Due 6:30 PM Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 5:30 PM CareGivers Christmas Party 5:30 PM Simple Supper 6:00 PM Confirmation Class 6:00 PM TECT Team 6:00 PM TouchStones 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Music & Movement</p>	<p>9 6:30 PM Steps to Serenity Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 9:00 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:15 AM Worship 10:30 AM Children's Chapel 11:30 AM Congregational Meeting 4:00 PM Blue Christmas Service</p>	<p>13 12:00 PM NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 6:30 PM Building Improvement Task Force Meeting 7:00 PM Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal- Note time change</p>	<p>14 5:30 PM Friends in Faith Rehearsal</p>	<p>15 5:30 PM Simple Supper 6:00 PM Confirmation Class 6:00 PM TouchStones 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Music & Movement</p>	<p>16 6:00 PM Women's Night Out 6:30 PM Steps to Serenity Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>17 5:30 PM Christmas Pageant Rehearsal</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 9:00 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:15 AM Christmas Pageant 10:15 AM Worship 11:45 AM CareGivers Meeting</p>	<p>20 6:30 PM Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal</p>	<p>21 First Day of Winter 2:30 PM Salvation Army Meal Site Food Prep 5:30 PM Serve at Salv. Army Meal Site 6:30 PM Task Force Meetings</p>	<p>22 6:30 PM Christmas Eve Music Rehearsal</p>	<p>23 Office Closed 6:30 PM Steps to Serenity Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>24 Office Closed 9:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship Service</p>	<p>25 Christmas Day</p>
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Ready for His Return

So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. Matthew 24:44 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Matthew 24:36-44 (NIV).



U Q Q Y G R I N D I N G X I O
H E A V E N C Y S F I C J W Q
H E X P E C T O O J I U J C B
M A R R Y I N G N R E A D Y I
C D G Z R H Y M T H I E F P Y
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IMPORTANT DATES!!

Jan. 4th Board Reports Due
Jan. 12th All Wednesday
Programming Resumes
Jan. 25th Annual Meeting
(Snowdate Jan. 27th)



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calendar information go to
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Food Pantry Sunday December 26th

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

EDWARDS CHURCH STAFF

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