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March 4: Steve Spring: Mindfulness and the Buddhist Tradition

March 11: Dr. Doug McCullum: Consumerism and Our Connection
with the Natural World

March 18: Sr. Joan McCorkell: Noah's Challenge

March 25: Rev. Janet Darmour-Paul: Teaching Our Children

April 1: A Labyrinth Walk



Each week will begin with a Soup Supper at 5:30 pm,
and worship will start at 6:00 pm

JOIN US!!!!

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From Our Pastor's Desk...

The month of February is always Black History Month, and every year I choose a book to read that will help to inform my understanding of the deeply complex issue of race in our nation. This year, I chose two.

One was *The Color of Water*, an autobiographical account of a black man who was raised by his white mother in the 1950's and 60's. It is a powerful reflection on the issues of race that are so deeply a part of our culture. I recommend it heartily.

The other one - which I am still reading - is an amazing history of African American women from the early colonial days until the present, called *A Shining Thread of Hope*. Did you know that in colonial days, 1/3 of the free men and women in New Orleans were African American? Or that many black women bought their way out of slavery and set up businesses that rivaled white establishments throughout the south? Every page of this book is filled with new information (for me) and a new appreciation for the strength of the human spirit as we seek to rise above the challenges of our lives. If you're a history buff, you'll find it fascinating.

This month we begin Lent, with all of its preparation for Easter. It, too, is a time of new learning, when we are invited to open ourselves to God's way

of seeing the world and ourselves. This year, I am excited about our Wednesday worship time. The theme - *Simple Living* - has been suggested by the Social Justice Board. The move to simplify our lives isn't just about the economy. It is a spiritual practice that can bear rich fruit in our lives and for the world. One of my favorite "bumper sticker" sayings is *Live simply so that others may simply live*. In this high-tech, 24/7 culture, many of us wish that life could be simpler, and all of us could use some new ideas to help jump-start our creativity.

Come and hear five different speakers lead a conversation about simplicity from their particular perspective. A Buddhist, a Unitarian, a Roman Catholic, a UCC minister, and a representative from the Labyrinth Project of the Quad Cities will each lead an evening, as we reflect together about the gifts and challenges of simplicity.

Each season of the church year presents a new opportunity for learning and growth. Come and explore the season of Lent!

Lenten Wednesdays

We all SAY we want a simple life, but very few of us really DO it. So this Lent, our Wednesday evening gatherings will focus on *SIMPLICITY* as a discipline of our faith and as a way of life that leads us toward the holy. Each week, we will hear from someone in the Quad Cities (from a variety of religious traditions) who is on a journey of simplicity.

Steve Spring is a member of the Buddhist community, and both teaches and practices mindfulness and meditation. Dr. Doug McCullum is a member of the Simplicity Group at the Unitarian Church, and is deeply concerned about the effect of our consumer culture on children and youth. Sr. Joan McCorkell is a member of the Carmelite monastic community in Eldridge, and she has spent her life teaching and practicing prayer. Rev. Janet Darmour-Paul is a UCC minister who, with her husband Tim, have raised two children with simplicity as a central value.

Our final Wednesday together will include an indoor Labyrinth walk, which is an ancient method of prayer that helps the walker find God's peace in the midst of the twists and turns of the path.

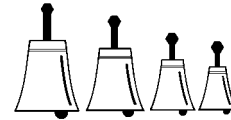
Come and join us!

Music Notes

March music will be kept simpler, with only the following special music:

Ash Wednesday: Mona Terry, harp,
Kathy Lafrenz, percussion

March 8: Alleluia Ringers,
Sandy Reinders, director



Calling Musicians For Easter

What is Easter Sunday music without brass? If you play an instrument and will be available Easter Sunday morning worship, contact Jean at extension 13 right away!

Contemporary Worship

Join us at 5:30 pm on Sunday, March 15th for an hour of singing, prayer, scripture, and reflection followed by a potluck meal together. It is a wonderful way to leave behind the stresses of the weekend and begin the week with God in your heart!



March Scriptures

March 1

Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

March 8

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38

March 15

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

March 22

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

March 29

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33



TECT Team Update

I want to thank Katherine and all the wonderful people at Edwards for welcoming my family and me into the Church. We find Edwards to be a true community with active caring members. It is a place where everyone is accepted and celebrated, just as they are, no matter what! I am thrilled to be both a new member and the new youth director!

The youth are wonderfully energetic, fun loving, and slowly beginning to report for duty. I am happy to find that they are a family, a family that is juggling many responsibilities but one that truly misses each other after an absence.

The TECT Team is now meeting on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. with dinner in Baxter Hall at 5:30 pm. All High School Youth are welcome. The new time allows for a smooth transition from elementary to middle school to high school, as all groups now meet on Wednesday night.

The format of programming is centered on Christ Centered Leadership and Service. In the month of February, Edwards' youth made trail mix for homeless men and women to carry in their pockets on cold winter nights. The youth also traveled blindfolded (safely and supervised) to an undisclosed location to assist with odd jobs at a shelter for women and small children.

Plans for the month of March and April are shaping up and include projects with Habitat for Humanity, a Lock - In (upon popular demand) and preparation for the Summer Mission Trip!

The YOUTH AUCTION will be held a little later this year in the early part of June. Donations are needed and welcome!! So those of you with special talents who need a heads up to plan your marvelous creations - this is it!

Along with your donations for the youth action, we also need drivers for our Wednesday evening service projects, especially female drivers. Please contact me (563-324-9171) if you are willing to be called upon to drive!

Again, thank you for simply being you, welcoming and wonderful! I look forward to getting to know all of you better.

Peace and Love to All,
Molly Sartorius

Church School Preview

In March and April, children, youth and Spiritual Companions will experience Lent and Easter through the lives of those who met Jesus and were forever changed by his Spirit and Message. We will hear the story of *Nicodemus* and create *Breath Paintings*, make perfumed oils and remember the woman who anointed Jesus, use movement and rhythm to understand the resurrection of Lazarus, watch the generous hospitality of Mary and Martha unfold in the story of a cobbler's faith, walk a Labyrinth as we remember the journey to Emmaus, and much, much more! Each story builds on the next and opens our hearts and imagination to expect the miraculous. The Tribal Gatherings Church School meets every Sunday morning, except Easter Sunday, from 9:00-10:00.

TouchStones and **Music & Movement** continue for preschool and elementary school children each Wednesday night. TouchStones runs from 6:00-7:00 and Music & Movement runs from 7:00-7:30. A simple supper is served from 5:30-6:00.

Special programming notes:

- No Music and Movement on Wednesday, March 4th
- No TouchStones or Music and Movement on Wednesday, April 8th
- No Church School on Easter Sunday, April 12th

A New Youth Director!

After six months of looking, we have a NEW Youth Director! Molly Sartorius joins our staff, working with the High School youth group each Wednesday evening. Molly has extensive background working with children and youth, and already she is filling our program with great energy and ideas. Molly joined Edwards in December with her husband, Eric Poehlein and their 18 month old son Aiden. Welcome Molly!!!!

A Sabbatical for Susan

March 1 begins the final portion of Susan Chesley's sabbatical time. She will be on sabbatical until April 30, visiting churches, interviewing other Christian Education Ministers, gathering new ideas, reading, relaxing and reclaiming the peace and strength that can only come from an extended time away from the daily busyness of life.

If, during these next two months, there is something that Susan usually does, and isn't being done...we welcome all help! Feel free to jump in!

Go well, Susan! And come back filled with God's peace and love!

Looking for a Job?

Are you a good listener? Are you good at keeping track of details? Do you like to work with people? Edwards is beginning to look for a CareGiver Coordinator! This is a 10-hour a week position that includes organizing the CareGiving Team as well as making visits in the hospital and nursing homes on a regular basis. If you or someone you know is interested, please give Katherine a call or email her at katherine@edwards-ucc.org.

Help Wanted!

Nursery Care during Morning Worship
10:00-11:30 **\$15.00**

Please call Marilyn Riedesel for more info
441-9477



Daylight Saving Time begins on March 8th!!

Don't forget to "spring ahead" and set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night. That way you won't be late for church!!

Easter Flowers

If you would like to purchase lilies, tulips and daffodils to be used in decorating our sanctuary for Easter, order forms are now available in the narthex. Lilies are \$10.00, Tulips & Daffodils are \$13.00. The deadline to order is March 23! Please make checks payable to "Edwards UCC" with "Flowers" in the memo line. Place your order and payment in the envelope on the table or leave it in Kathy Bowerman's mailbox outside the office door. Or you can donate online at our website: edwards-ucc.org/giving.



Keep In Our Prayers

- ✦ **Joyce Baustian**, recovering from surgery
- ✦ **Sacha Boon**, home from the hospital
- ✦ **Don Carroll**, recovering from brain surgery
- ✦ **Edith Egli**, recovering from heart surgery
- ✦ **Carol Hart**, recovering from surgery
- ✦ **Nikki Keraus**, recovering from surgery
- ✦ **Evangeline Lewis**, recovering from shoulder surgery
- ✦ **Don and Gilly Miller**, at home
- ✦ **Dorothy Paulsen**, continuing treatment for cancer.
- ✦ **Kevin Raap**, deployed with the Air Force in the Middle East
- ✦ **Sandi Russell**, continuing chemotherapy
- ✦ **Pat Schroeder**, continuing cancer treatment
- ✦ **Lyle & Nolan Stratton**, grieving the death of Lyle's dad
- ✦ **Sharon Wildemuth**, beginning treatment for breast cancer
- ✦ **Norma Wren**, at home
- ✦ In Care Facilities: **Dow and Rose Marie Edgerton, Charlot King, and Betty Murray.**

Newcomers Inquiry Class

Have you been visiting with us? Would you like to know more about Edwards and the United Church of Christ? Please join us Sunday, March 8th at 11:30 AM in the church library. Please call Geri Dulaney (323-2145) or the church office (359-0331) to sign-up.



March Birthdays

- 1 Ruth Bowers
- 1 Pat Baxter-Rebal
- 2 Anthony Crawford
- 3 Nelda Paustian
- 3 Kristen Taft
- 3 Benjamin Hukvari
- 4 Dick Vallandingham
- 7 Lars Meseke-Wren
- 7 Chuck Slack
- 7 Kathy Springer
- 9 Steve Chesley
- 9 Jacob Revels
- 11 Steve Wildemuth
- 11 Dorothy Hammond
- 11 Emily Kenneke
- 12 Kyle Potter
- 13 Elyssa Springer
- 14 Charlie Miller
- 15 Danielle Nuti
- 15 Tyler Azure
- 15 Emily Doll
- 16 Susan Dircks
- 17 Lars Anderson
- 18 Dan Hillyer
- 19 Timoth Sylvia
- 19 Courtney Smith
- 20 Sue Fear
- 20 Christine Wren
- 20 Jill Raap
- 22 Kay Anthony
- 25 Russell Dircks
- 25 Christina Zippe
- 27 Helen West
- 27 John Hammond
- 27 Barb Fleener
- 27 Jean Norton
- 28 Karen Hawkinson
- 29 Judy Thess
- 30 Terry Schlabach

Fellowship Opportunities . . .

March 8th Potluck

In order to have a balance between entrees and desserts please bring food based on the beginning letter of your last name. For the next potluck we'll switch assignments. If you would like to switch with someone from another group -- go for it. Please bring enough to serve 10-15 people as we have been running out of food ☺

A through F - Salad or vegetable

G through O - Main dish/entree

P through Z - Fruit or dessert

Coffee Hour

It's challenging to find hosts for 3-4 Sundays each month, so some weeks we may just have beverages. The Social Board would like all Edwards folks to have the opportunity to make new friends and join in conversation by helping with coffee hour. Would you be willing to set-up (make coffee and juice) from 9:15-10:00 or serve the coffee, juice and snacks from 11:30-12:00 or maybe help with clean up from 11:45-12:45. You can also donate \$ or make snacks. Questions? Call Sandy at 332-2637.



Prayer Shawl Meeting

On Sunday, March 1st, there will be a Prayer Shawl meeting right after church. Please come and bring something to work on, or brag about, or just bring your ideas to improve the effectiveness of our mission. Come and share some fellowship.

Edwards Game Night

Our next family game night is Friday, March 13th - 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. Join us!!



Women's Night Out

We will meet on Thursday, March 19th at 6:00 PM. We will be going to a new restaurant, the Symposium. Join us!!

Edwards Book Club

For our April 7th meeting, we are reading *The Orchid Thief* by Susan Orlean. For our May 26th meeting we are reading *The Geography of Bliss: One Grump's Search for the Happiest Places in the World* by Eric Weiner. We meet at 6:30 pm at Barnes & Noble café in Northpark Mall. Join us!!

Watch for . . .

Mission Trip Auction . . .

Coming this Spring!!!

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You !!

We would like to thank all the people of Edwards for their cards, calls, visits, food, thoughts and prayers during Merlin's long pre-operation therapy and post-operation recovery and Carol's operation and fall recovery. A special thanks to Dick and Katherine for their assistance when Carol fell in our home, the Christmas Carolers who sang for us, and our secret angel who provided a whole meal for us. The love of Edward's friends of faith helped to sustain us both during these long months. Also our sons, Steve and Bill, send their thanks to you. **Merlin and Carol Bachellor**

I would like to thank all of the people from my Church who came to my Surprise 70th birthday party. I was in total shock. Not one person let it slip. There was over 80 guests, so my daughter and son said it was worth having the party. Love, **Donna DeMuyneck**

Thanks to **Mila and Neal Smith, Dick Dulaney, Julie Henke, Chris Fessler, John and Dorothy Hammond, and Susan Chesley** for tutoring at the Central Circle Community Center in February.

Thanks to **Cathy Wetzel** for teaching in TouchStones and to **Sandy Reinders** for mentoring our children in Music & Movement.

THANK yous to **Nikki and John Keraus**, for lovely vocal solos, **Richard Jirus** for fixing the Choir Room mirror, **Harry Swarts** and **Norma Wren** for last minute substituting for directing and organ, **Sandy Reinders** for conducting the Alleluia Ringers, **Cathy Wetzel** for preparing Friends in Faith Band music, **Promised Land** and **Norma Wren**, organ, for morning worship music, **Cec Chapman** for special vocal arrangements.

Thank you **Ardis Kasper, Martha Jirus, Dorothy & John Hammond** and **Geri Dulaney** for assembling the February Editor.

I wanted to thank all of my friends for the visits, phone calls and cards. The prayer shawl is beautiful and I'm keeping it with me at Kahl Home. I am improving and hope to be able to come home in the near future. I miss being at church and look forward to being back. Sincerely, **Charlot King**

We appreciated prayers from the congregation and want to particularly thank Jean and Katherine for their prayers and support. **Don and Carol Carroll**.

Thank you for supporting the Music Department at the 2nd Annual ***God is Still Humming*** concert. It was a phenomenal success. Our new robes have been purchased thanks to you!

Many thanks to all those who participated and created a really fun evening of music: **Dick Lafrenz**, host; the Promised Land (**Cec Chapman, Robert Riedesel, Harry Swarts, & Dick Werner**); Alleluia Ringers, directed by **Sandy Reinders**; the Chancel Choir; duets by **Mary Beth Dircks & Brad Miller** and **Mona Terry & Jean Norton**; **Julie Henke** for the programs, **Dave VanDerKamp** on sound, and **Woody Perkins** for printing the programs and the photos.

A special thank you to **Caroline England** for donating her beautiful painting for auction; to the Membership Committee and members of the congregation who prepared and hosted the reception.

What an amazing and generous community we have at Edwards. **THANK YOU!**

From the Mailbag . . .

Dear Edwards UCC Youth: Many thanks for your generous and delicious gift of trail mix. It has been a big hit! Each package says to our neighbors in need, "We care." God Bless You for thinking of others. Always, Pat Bereskin and Sr. Marilyn Shierbrock - Central Community Circle Food Pantry

To All at Edwards Church: Thank you for all of the hats and gloves. These donations are so worthwhile to our little ears and fingers. Thanks for thinking of us! Madison Elementary

Many thanks for your generous gift at Christmas. Your support is greatly appreciated. Please continue to keep us in your prayers. Blessings, Sister Bea - Café on Vine

Thank you - Your financial gift has strengthened us, encouraged us and given us renewed hope. That with the help of God and the generous gifts of friends like you, the people of Eden UCC can begin the process of rebuilding. We ask for your prayers as we open ourselves to the presence of the Holy Spirit, seeking to discern and revision the future of mission and ministry of Eden UCC on the southwest side of Cedar Rapids and beyond. Thank you for your gift and caring, your support and encouragement. Peace, Barb Henderson, Treasurer, Eden UCC

Dear Christian Friends: On behalf of Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities, thank you very much for providing the wonderful lunch to our hungry construction volunteers at house #54, for the Amber Van Thournout family, at 628 E 13th St., Davenport, IA. You went above and beyond my expectation when you agreed to furnish lunch and I am very grateful to you. This was a tremendous gift to Habitat! It also put my mind at ease knowing that our volunteers would be eating a fantastic lunch! As a not for profit agency we cannot afford to purchase lunches, but thanks to the generosity of supporters like you, we can feed the workers who have graciously given their time to help build our homes. We really appreciate your willingness to lend a hand and the volunteers certainly enjoyed the lunch you provided. As you know, we are a Christian housing organization dedicated to eliminating poverty housing and we are dependent on individuals, groups and/or businesses to assist us in our ministry. Thank you again and I look forward to working with you some time in the near future. Sincerely, Terry Timmerman, Volunteer Coordinator, Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities

Environmental Stewardship

How much can we do to save energy in our homes?

Here are the answers to last month's PBS quiz.

1. In 2005 what percentage of the energy consumed by the United States came from renewable energy? 2%, 7%, 15% or 20%

Answer: Seven percent of the energy consumed in 2005 came from a renewable energy source.

Source: Energy Information Administration

2. On average, how much of the electricity used to power home electronics is consumed while electric products are turned off? 40%, 25% or 0%

Answer: According to the US Department of Energy, 25% of the electricity used by home electronics is consumed while the product is technically turned "off." This can be avoided by unplugging the appliance or by using a power strip with an off switch. **Source:** U.S. Dept. of Energy: Energy Saving Tips

3. If you replace 25% of your lights in high-use areas with compact fluorescent bulbs, how much can you save on your lighting energy bill? 50%, 25% or 10%

Answer: If you replace 25% of your lights in high-use areas with fluorescents, you can **save about 50%** of your lighting energy bill. If you use a fluorescent light bulb certified by the government program "Energy Star," the bulb will produce less heat and last about 10 times longer. **Source:** U.S. Dept. of Energy: Energy Solutions for Your Home

4. If every American home replaced just one light bulb with an energy efficient lightbulb, we would save enough energy to light more than 3 million homes for a year, and prevent greenhouse gases equivalent to the emissions of how many cars?

800,000 200,000 10,000

Answer: If every American home replaced just one light bulb with an Energy Star qualified bulb, we would cut greenhouse gases equivalent to the emissions of more than **800,000 cars**. **Source:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: Energy Star Program

5. Which type of refrigerator-freezer is most energy efficient?

Side-by-side model

Freezer on top model

Freezer on bottom model

Answer: Refrigerators with freezers on top use **10 to 15 percent less** energy than a side-by-side model of equivalent size. **Source:** National Resources Defense Council

6. What is the best method for reducing your personal computer's energy use?

Putting the computer in sleep mode

Activating the screen saver

Closing all open programs

Answer: There is a common misconception that screen savers reduce energy use by monitors; they do not. Automatic switching to sleep mode or manually turning monitors off is always the better energy-saving strategy. **Source:** U.S. Dept. of Energy: Energy Tips

7. Which household activity consumes the most water?

Dishwashing

Taking a bath

Washing clothes

Answer: Washing clothes consumes the most water. Consider buying an efficient, water-saving Energy Star model to reduce hot water use. **Source:** U.S. Dept. of Energy: Energy Savers Brochure

Sunday Morning March Adult Forums

Please join the Social Justice Board in the church parlor/library at 9:00 a.m. where we will be sharing "**Perspectives on Living Simply**" along with DVD viewing and discussion as we share resources and creativity to respond with healing practices: socially, economically, environmentally, culturally, and in our ecumenical and interfaith partnerships.

Winnie's Place

Women in Need - Nurtured Into Excellence

Winnie's Place is not just a shelter for women with or without children who are homeless or victims of violence. It is a shelter that provides opportunities for **growth, healing, learning and options that can benefit the clients for their lifetime.**

A story in a client's own words: "Before I came to Winnie's I lived with my sister. When I wasn't able to afford the rent, she kicked me out. I wasn't making enough money at my job; I only had five dollars in my bank account and still had a baby to raise. I was accepted into Winnie's Place. It felt different there. As time went by, I needed to set goals for myself, make a budget, and put in applications for apartments. I wasn't hearing from any apartment complexes, so I had to sit back and wait. When I had to make a budget it was hard because I was used to spending it. While I was at Winnie's I was able to accomplish a few things! My car payment was too high; I had no money in the bank, and still wasn't getting enough money on my checks from work. I was able to lower my car payment, save money and get earned income credit added to my check. Getting all these things done was great! But I still wasn't hearing any good news about an apartment. When I was there for two months and my leaving date was approaching I was asked to write another extension letter. After I turned in my letter, the next day I heard from my apartment complex that I live in now! I really thought I was going to be at Winnie's another month but everything came together. Some days I just wanted to give up and not do anything, but if I did that I wouldn't be where I am now, which is a two bedroom apartment in a nice neighborhood! **This is my story, B and son"**

Winnie's Place is grateful for your support which allows for changing lives!

Scarves for Service Personnel

A BIG thank you goes out to the 12 people who have already received the yarn and are working on making scarves. It is not too late to make life a little more comfortable for our military personnel. The special yarn is provided by the American Legion Auxiliary. All you have to do is supple your knitting or crocheting talent. To order your yarn, please contact either Sandi Russell at 349-5421 or Dorothy Hammond at 797-2321. Thank you in advance from the cold Middle-East.



Blood Drive

The annual spring blood drive will be held on the morning of April 25th. By donating you will be helping several other people in need. Please consider donating at Edwards. Look for the sign-up sheets will be in the narthex at a later date. If you sign up early, you can choose the time that best suits you. A bonus is the delicious homemade goodies when you are finished!

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is the relief, refugee and development fund of the United Church of Christ. It is one of the Special Mission Offerings received by the UCC and is a part of Our Churches Wider Mission (OCWM). The proceeds go exclusively for aid to people in crisis around the globe. We will observe this offering on March 22nd. An envelope is included for your cash or check (payable to Edwards with OGHS on the memo line). Or you can donate online at our website: edwards-ucc.org/giving.



Church Women United

Church Women United will gather at Edwards for their annual World Day of Prayer worship service on Friday, March 6 at 1 pm. It is a world-wide service of women of many faith traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday of March. Each year a different country serves as the writer of the service and this year, New Guinea developed the theme "In Christ, there are many members, yet one body." Through the past century, Church Women United has been a quiet, but relentless voice for ecumenical practice and women's issues world-wide. Don't miss this opportunity to gather with women from around the Quad City Area, and never underestimate the influence of a few determined women!

Theologian in Residence

The Ames UCC invites you to a time of reflection and learning with the noted Old Testament scholar and teacher, Dr. Walter Brueggemann. Throughout the weekend, Dr. Brueggemann will explore the Hebrew texts as they may relate to the current crises in our society. He will suggest that these ancient texts are remarkably contemporary in their discernment of what is going on and in their summons to faithful courageous action.

The Good News of Alternative Saturday, March 28

9:00 Isaiah and the Task of Relinquishment

10:45 Isaiah and the Task of Reconstruction

7:00 Exodus: From Production to Neighborliness

And don't forget to bring your books for him to sign! There is no charge, but a donation is appreciated. Call the church office to get registration information.

Churches United Meets

Churches United Delegate Assembly will gather this year on Thursday March 26 at Asbury United Methodist Church in Bettendorf at 7:00.

This year's keynote speaker will be noted author Sister Helen Prejean who wrote *Dead Man Walking*. Sr. Prejean is a much sought-after speaker whose passion for justice and whose heart for love have touched many, many lives. Mark your calendar, and come to share a very special evening!

Pilgrim Heights Happenings

March 13th - 14th

Spiritual Retreat
Weekend in Silence

March 20th - 22nd

Quilting Retreat

March 30th - April 3rd

Spiritual Week

For more information, contact the church office or visit www.PilgrimHeights.org.

Circa'21 presents

Church Basement Ladies

A New Musical Comedy

March 27 - June 6

The church basement kitchen throughout much of America is often the heart and soul of any church. Like any great kitchen, problems are solved here as well. We see four women handle a Lutefisk Dinner, a funeral, an Easter Fund Raiser, a wedding, and a pastor in this hilarious new musical.

Visit www.circa21.com for ticket details.

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

	March 1 Communion	March 8 Potluck	March 15	March 22 OGHS Offering	March 29
Preacher	Katherine Mulhern	Katherine Mulhern	Brian Dugan	Katherine Mulhern	Katherine Mulhern
Chancel Set-up	Terry Schlabach Deena Miller	Brad Miller	Audrey & Brian Dugan	Carol Hart	Brian Dugan
Scripture Reader	Dick Lafrenz	Brad Miller	Erica Schroeder	Ryan Dye	Mary Hein
Communion Servers	Terry Schlabach, Deena Miller, Erica Schroeder, Milo Smith, Kathy Lafrenz				
Visitor Guides	Ann Kovacs	Membership Board	Tracy Miller	Membership Board	Membership Board
Nursery 10:15 am	Mary Hein				
Coffee Hour Hosts - AM		Potluck Set-up: Worship Clean-up: Trustees	Dee Hillyer Pat Sterk		
Greeters	Nancy Stenger Pat Sterk Kay Stiles Joyce Swartz	Bonnie Walling Ned Walling Carolyn Walters Ron Walters	Deanna Thomas Dennise Weyman Pat Cresap Lucas Zippe	Ruth Bowers Carol Carroll Bill Coker Judy Collins	Sharon Wildemuth Clyde Durrach Pam Edmond Edith Egli
Ushers	Bonnie Walling Ned Walling Milo Smith Erica Schroeder	Pat Sterk Pat Rosburg Joyce Paustian Tim Mandell	Terry McGee Steve Knoche Bob Anderson Dee Hillyer	Mary Hein Joe Hall Anne-Marie Gephart Sally Egy	Tim Mandell Pat Rosburg Dick Dulaney Eric Crawford
Sound System	Dave VanDerKamp	Dave VanDerKamp	Dave VanDerKamp	Dave VanDerKamp	Dave VanDerKamp
Lock-up	Bob Williams	Mike Trevor	Dick Werner	Dick Jirus	George Kovacs
CareGivers On Call	Miriam Prichard Ruth Bowers	Lois Larew Sandy Reinders	Ann Kovacs Kay Stiles	Fran Wolfe Suzanne Benson	Lynn Warren

Where there are blanks, your name will fit!! Give the office a call to sign up.

MARCH 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 First Sunday of Lent 9:00 AM Adult Forum 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	2 6:30 PM Alleluia Ringers	3 6:00 PM Daisy Troop Meeting 6:30 PM Edwards Book Club	4 5:30 PM Soup Supper 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM Lenten Wednesdays 6:00 PM TECT Team 6:00 PM TouchStones 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	5 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM Daisy Troop Meeting 6:30 PM Pastor Parish 6:30 PM Steps to Serenity / Al-Anon Meeting	6 World Day of Prayer 1:00 PM World Day of Prayer at Edwards	7 8:00 AM Men of Edwards
8 Daylight-Saving Time Begins 9:00 AM Adult Forum 9:00 AM Church School 9:15 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Liturgical Dance Rehearsal 11:30 AM Newcomers Inquiry Class 11:30 AM Potluck - See changes	9 6:30 PM Alleluia Ringers	10 6:30 PM All Board Meetings 7:30 PM Council Meeting	11 5:30 PM Soup Supper 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM Lenten Wednesdays 6:00 PM TECT Team 6:00 PM TouchStones 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Music & Movement	12 6:30 PM Steps to Serenity / Al-Anon Meeting	13 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 6:30 PM Family Game Night	14
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22 FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY One Great Hour of Sharing Offering 9:00 AM Adult Forum 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	23 12:00 PM Easter Flower Order Deadline 6:30 PM Alleluia Ringers	24	25 5:30 PM Soup Supper 6:00 PM Lenten Wednesdays 6:00 PM TECT Team 6:00 PM TouchStones 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Music & Movement	26 4:30 PM Kids-in-Mission 6:30 PM Steps to Serenity / Al-Anon Meeting	27	28
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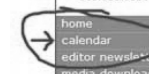
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March 2009

Food Pantry Sunday March 22nd!

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

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