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HOMECOMING 2006

Becoming Butterfly People

Sunday, September 10
 Church School for all ages
 9:00-10:00
 Worship 10:15
 Luncheon following worship



*Butterfly People: Those who live in the belief that God sees the possibility in each of us and blesses us to become more than we dreamed possible; those who move beyond fear and uncertainty to answer God's call.

Congregational Meeting

September 17th, we will gather in a Special Meeting of the congregation to discuss options for carpeting the sanctuary, the narthex, the offices and the parlor. The current carpeting is over 15 years old, and showing its age! Since carpet is an oil-based product, its cost is increasing as the cost of oil increases.

The Trustees have chosen a \$21,000 bid for carpet and tile under the pews in the sanctuary (which are also showing their age), and we currently have about \$13,000 raised to pay the bill. The Church Council is bringing two proposals for the congregation to consider. Proposal One is to only do what we have the cash to do (which probably means leaving the sanctuary alone). Proposal Two is to do the whole job now, and borrow the money we need.

Borrowing money requires a vote of the congregation, and a quorum is required for a vote! Please plan to attend - your perspective and your vote matters.

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From Our Pastor's Desk...

Labor Day - for most of us - marks the beginning of fall. But it used to mean much more. It began as an important reminder of the labor that built our nation. It was intended as a moment for us all to pause and reflect on the dignity of the labor that goes into making all the things we enjoy, and to give thanks for those who labor on our behalf. Our homes, our clothes, our cars, and so much more are all built by the hands of others.

This Labor Day is a good time to pause for a moment, and give thanks for all the labor that we take for granted day in and day out. Maybe this is a good time to take stock of your own labor - giving thanks for your ability to work and appreciating the labor that you share with the world. Paid or not, our labor makes the world a better place.

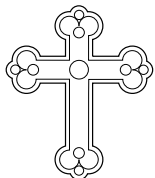
This month, we will be reading from the letter to James in morning worship. It is one of my favorite letters, clear in its understanding of our faith as doing rather than just believing. This is also a month when lots of doing begins again at the church, and it is a good moment to stop and express our appreciation to those who labor for God's kingdom on earth.

I give thanks for all the laborers here at Edwards. For our custodian, Robert Kephart, who quietly cleans up behind us each week, and for all the volunteers who work beside him. For Teresa King, who prepares bulletins and newsletters and mailings and keeps us all organized, and the volunteers who work beside her. For Geri Dulaney who keeps track of all our visitors, and for all the volunteers who work beside her. For Lyle Stratton, who brings a tangible reminder of God's love to folks in crisis, and to the volunteers who work beside him. For Susan Chesley, who teaches and preaches and interprets God's word, and to all the volunteers who work beside her. For Jean Norton, who brings God's grace to us in music week after week, and for all the volunteers who work beside her.

I give thanks for the people who work in the kitchen, fixing Coffee Hour each week, or preparing meals for Community Kitchen and for our Wednesday evening programs. I give thanks for the people who volunteer at Habitat or serve at the meal sites or bring food for the Food Pantries. I give thanks for the pictures that appear each week - reminding us of God's presence in our midst. I give thanks for each of you who comes each Sunday to sit in the pew and give voice to your faith as we worship God together.

Each of you share your labor in this church in some way, and Edwards is a better church because of it. This is a blessed community of laborers in God's kingdom! Thanks be to God!

September Scriptures



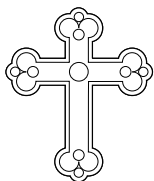
September 3

Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Psalm 45:1-2, 5-9
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8-14-15,21-23

September 10 -

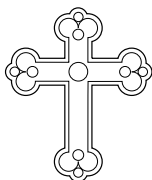
Homecoming Sunday

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Psalm 125
James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17
Mark 7:24-37



September 17:

Proverbs 1:20-33
Psalm 19
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38



September 24:

Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalm 1
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

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

Contemporary Worship

Our Contemporary Worship returns to once a week this month, beginning on September 17th at 5:30! We will gather for worship that is led by our Friends in Faith Band, we will share communion and then continue our fellowship with a potluck following worship. This is a Spirit-filled time and it's a great way to end your weekend and begin a new week. Come and see!

More LEARN Students

The Lay Ministry Training program of the Iowa Conference is beginning another year, and once again Edwards is well represented! Lyle Stratton is beginning his second year in the program, and Brian Dugan begins his first year. They will go to school one weekend a month, reading and doing projects between class meetings. Take a moment to congratulate them both, and we will dedicate their work in worship on the 10th of this month.

CareNet Corner

There will be an appreciation celebration for CareNet volunteers after morning worship on October 1st. Over coffee and cake we will discuss the first year of CareNet and evaluate its effectiveness in connecting the members of Edwards together as a caring community. Please mark your calendars now to be present, and thank you for your continued ministry of caring and compassion!

Music, Music, Music. . . .

CHECK OUT MUSIC AT EDWARDS!!

Not sure if you want to join the music program? Come to the first few weeks of rehearsals and give us a try! Used to sing in a choir? Used to play an instrument? We can find room for you in the bells, choir, band, special music or instrumental ensembles. Let us know what you do, we have great things planned for the fall and we need you!!!

WHAT MUSICAL GROUPS? WELL. . . .

Chancel Choir: Regular rehearsals will begin Wednesday, September 6th in the evening. First rehearsal will be 7:15-8:45 pm. We are starting a bit later in the evening so the bell choir can rehearse on the same night. We will sing most Sundays through May, beginning Homecoming Sunday, September 10th. Our FIFTH annual Choir Retreat will be in the sanctuary after Homecoming Sunday for the afternoon as we read through the music planned through Christmas!

The Friends In Faith Band: We return Thursday, September 7th, 5:30 - 8 pm, for pizza and retreat/planning; next rehearsal September 21st, 6:30-8 pm. We have some new challenges for the year with members schedules and rehearsal times, so bring your calendars! The first weekly Sunday evening service of the fall is the evening of September 17th: 4:30 pm rehearsal with 5:30 pm service.

Handbell Choir: Come play with us! Would you like to prevent the early onset of Alzheimer's? Would you like to increase your eye hand coordination? Then give the handbell choir a try. Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 6, 5:45-7:00 pm. Other times could be arranged if there is enough interest.

If you would like more information or have questions about joining a handbell choir please contact Sandy Reinders, 332-2637, skreinders@mchsi.com. Looking forward to ringing with you.

FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE on Wednesday nights for Christian Education programming and musicians who wish to participate in the handbell AND chancel choirs are invited! A light supper will be served from 5:15-7:15 in Baxter Hall.

Instrumental Ensembles. Various instruments will be added to Sunday services throughout the fall. Rehearsals will be several weeks prior. Let Jean Norton or Chris Zippe know of your interest, or call 359-0331, ext. 13 and leave us a message.

Special Music. If you enjoyed the music offered by various musicians over the summer, please tell them! We have an extraordinarily musically talented congregation and we praise God for your gifts! If you have an instrumental ensemble or solo you would like to offer this fall, let us know. We'll be hearing Special Music all through this coming year.

Questions? Ideas? Comments? Please call Jean Norton at the church at ext. 13. Sandy Reinders and Chris Zippe will continue directing as well and are available for conversation. We look forward to welcoming you to our music world at Edwards, where we enjoy each other's gifts and search for and experience the joy in creating together. Join us in leading worship with song and praise.

COME AND CHECK US OUT!!!

With Our People....

Keep in Your Prayers:

Clyde Durrah and Tracy Miller, in the death of Clydes sister-in-law

Donna DeMuynck, continuing chemotherapy

Dow Edgerton, home from the hospital
Anne-Marie and Jason Gephart, in the birth of their daughter, Grace.

Cathy, Jessica and Amanda Loughead, in the death of Cathys mother, Joy Swab

Rev. Rich Pleva, our Conference Minister, in the death of his mother
Alice Aronson-Robinson, son diagnosed with cancer

Dave VanDerKamp, recuperating at home

Norma and Lou Wren, on the birth of their granddaughter in Ames
Chris and Luc Zippe, on the death of Lucs father, David Zippe

Our homebound members and friends: Gen Bainter, Nancy Bolyard, Leona David, Betty Murray, Laurel Ogden

Women s Day & Night Out

Women s Night Out - Thursday,
September 21, 6:00 p.m., at Cheddars

Women s Day Out - Thursday, September 28th, 8:30 a.m. to Kalona, IA.

Notes from the Moderator

It s hard to believe I ve already been Moderator at Edwards for over six months this year. Even though I ve been around this church for a long time, I wasn t really sure how difficult this position was going to be. Well, I have to say that so far, it hasn t been that difficult at all, and that s because of the wonderful people at Edwards. All of the folks on the staff and serving on the boards have been so supportive and innovative, that its made my job very easy. I would really like to thank everyone who has given me an encouraging word along the way. We have had so many wonderful events so far this year, with many more to come. I marvel at amount of energy at work in our Church, and look forward to sharing an exciting autumn ahead with you.

All Church Baby Shower for Grace Gephart -

Light supper with cake - September 7
at 5:30 p.m. Adopted by Anne-Marie &
Jason, Grace was born July 6, 2006.
They are registered at Target. Any
questions - you may call Marilyn
Riedesel, 441-9477 or Ruth Bowers,

New Address

Audrey and Brian Dugan, 2224 Mound St
Davenport IA 52803, phone: 323-1909

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

	September 3	September 10	September 17	September 24
Preacher	Rev. Katherine Mulhern	Rev. Katherine Mulhern	Rev. Katherine Mulhern	Rev. Katherine Mulhern
Greeters	Katy Strzepek Ryan Dye Olive Gallaher Jean Neavor	Nelda Paustian Joyce Paustian Teresa King	Bill Coker Dennise Weyman Kathy Ramsey	Carol Hart Jean Neavor Rhoada Molleston Ruth Hefferman
Guest Guides	Membership Board			
Ushers	Clyde Durrah Dick Dulaney Steve Knoche Dave Wymore	Margaret Wilber Steve Wildemuth Anne-Marie Gephart Mike Fleener	Ned & Bonnie Walling Sally Egy Tom Kenneke	Tim Mandell Olive Gallaher Barb Bleedorn Dave Wymore
Nursery 10:15 a.m.	WE NEED YOU!	Mary Hein	WE NEED YOU!	WE NEED YOU!
Caregivers on Call	Sandy Reinders Barb Fleener Kay Stiles	Ruth Bowers Sharon Wildemuth	Jean Neavor Rhoada Molleston	Martha Jirus Evona Petherick Chris Fessler
Coffee Hour Hosts		Christian Education Board		Lisa & Eric Crawford
Scripture Reader	Tracy Miller	Rhoada Molleston	Becky David	Robert Riedesel
Communion Servers -	Pat Rosburg, Tracy Miller, Steve Knoche, Dave Wymore			
Chancel Set-Up	Pat Rosburg Tracy Miller	Chris Zippe	Dick Dulaney	Tracy Miller
Sound System	Woody Perkins substituting for Dave Van Der Kamp			
Lock-Up Trustee	Dave Wymore	Brad Miller	Steve Hukvari	Michael Fessler

Where blanks appear, we need your HELP!!! Please call the church office, 359- 0331 to sign-up. Thank you!! If you are not able to fulfill your assignment, please call a replacement or call the church office, 359- 0331, ext. 10. Thank you.

September Birthdays

1 - Max Molleston
1 - Dick Lafrenz
1 - Elizabeth Knoche
1 - Carter Weyman
2 - Rose Marie Edgerton
2 - Anne Swarts
2 - Jeff Kranz
2 - Elisabeth Norwood
3 - Mike Fear
5 - Tessa Henderson
6 - Bob Van Dyke
6 - Marilyn Hamilton
6 - Jenna Van Hoosier
7 - Luke Billingsley
8 - Melissa Wilbright
9 - Pabitra Kandel
9 - Becky Klemme
9 - Amber Whitfield
10 - Robert Baustian

11 - Bev Bergert
11 - Sain Warren-
Collison
14 - Cindy Raap
15 - Laurel Ogden
15 - Neal Smith
15 - Heather Wren
15 - Steve Hukvari
15 - Paul Trapkus
16 - Janet Sedgwick
19 - Kathie Starr
19 - Sam Adkisson
20 - Brent Lafrenz
23 - Pat Rosburg
23 - Natalie Balli
26 - Dan Miller
28 - Jean Clapp
28 - Mary Fox
29 - Mike Bleedorn
30 - Rachel Sedgwick

**If your birthday was
inadvertently omitted or
incorrect, please notify
the church office with the
correct information.
Thank you.**

Thank you, Thank you and We Need Your Help...

Terry McGee, Greg Moore, Sandy Reinders, and Steve Wildemuth who worked August 12 at the Habitat for Humanity house. Terry helped put up the last of the siding. Greg, Sandy and Steve worked their back muscles by moving dirt and rocks to prepare the ground for cement.

Board of Christian Education for help with the Parent Orientation Luncheon, August 27th

August Nursery Helpers: Mary Hein, Sarah & Emily Kenneke, Chris Zippe, Anne & Kaela Swarts

August Newsletter Helpers: Sue & Curly Curl, Geri Dulaney, and Evona Petherick

August Special Music: Mona Terry, Elizabeth Knoche, Lyle Stratton, Brian Dugan, Alex Slack, Harry Swarts Quartet

All those who donated blood during our Summer Blood Drive at the Mississippi Valley Blood Center

Thank You!
Thank You!

Fall Clean-up

The Trustees are sponsoring a Fall Clean-up weekend BEFORE Homecoming Sunday this year and your help is needed! We will gather at 5:30 on Friday, September 8th and at 8:00 on Saturday, September 9th to spruce up the yard and the building. We will be trimming hedges and bushes, weeding, cleaning inside and out. And your help is needed!

Summer Blood Drive

Our Edwards Summer Blood Drive at the Mississippi Valley Blood Center will end on Saturday, September 2. The last count I was given on Friday, August 25, was only 17 units of blood given by Edwards people since July 31. We still have this one week to go to make our 30 unit goal. If you can donate your blood, you should call the Blood Center (359-5401) and make your appointment to donate by Sept. 2. If we do not make our goal this time, it will be the second blood drive this year where we missed our goal. The need for blood to save lives never takes a vacation!

Our fall blood drive in Baxter Hall is Saturday, October 28. Look for more information about this fall blood drive in Baxter Hall in the next edition of The Editor.

Adult Mission Trip to Biloxi, Mississippi

Our time for the adult mission trip to Biloxi, Mississippi, to help with the damage from Hurricane Katrina last year is rapidly approaching. The dates for this trip are that we will leave Davenport on Saturday, October 28, spend a night somewhere around Memphis, arrive in Biloxi on Sunday afternoon, October 29, work October 30 thru November 3, pack and leave on Saturday, Nov 4, stay overnight in (TBD), and arrive back home the afternoon of Sunday, November 5.

Our work partners and trailer mates for the week will be a group from a UCC church in Tolland, Connecticut. In addition to this group, the BBM has plans for a "Blitz" of around 200 people to be working in the area. We and the group from Tolland have the use of the quarters provided by BBM. Interestingly, the Millard Fuller Foundation (Fuller is the founder of Habitat for Humanity) is also planning a "Blitz" for the same period, though not necessarily on the Mississippi gulf coast. Apparently it has taken a year to determine the razing and construction that can happen in this storm ravaged area, but now they are ready to go!

In early September we will need to comprise a firm roster of those who want to take part in our trip. Those who go will be asked to fill out a skills inventory sheet that will be provided to Back Bay Mission so that they can match the work at hand with the skills available. Those who go will need to have

current Tetanus shots. We will also need to determine whether there will be sufficient private vehicles available for the trip (with expenses reimbursed, of course), or whether rental vehicles will be needed. With a firm roster established (12-13 people) we will probably have some planning sessions scheduled to firm up plans for travel, sustenance, work activity readiness, and whatever else will need to be addressed. Our funding is already covered by the mission trips auction held earlier this year.

If you want to take part in this mission trip, be sure to let Dick Werner (441-9730) know, even if you mentioned your interest to him earlier.

Habitat for Humanity

Our next workdays at 714 22nd Street in East Moline will be Saturday, September 16 (date change) and October 14. To participate at a construction site, you must attend a one time volunteer orientation. Orientation sessions will be held September 9,10-11 am and Tuesday, September 19, 7-8 pm. at First Congregational 2201 7th Ave, Moline.

If you would like to be involved in construction or providing lunch with a group from Edwards please give Sandy a call at 332-2637 or send me an e-mail skreinders@mchsi.com, or sign up on the tear off sheet in the bulletin.

Christian Education

Sunday Mornings at Edwards

Beginning September 10th, all programs are from 9-10 a.m.

Tribal Gatherings Church

School (Preschool-5th Grade)

Tending the Garden: Partners in Creation - Our first Faith and Learning rotation of the year will be filled with games, music, ecology, and the creation of a Prayer Garden Terrarium!

Breakfast Club (Junior and Senior High) A time of fellowship, sharing, discussion and food!

Adult Bible Study

Lectionary based Bible study exploring the mornings scripture

Wednesday Evenings at Edwards

5:15-7:15	Simple Supper
5:45-7:00	Bell Choir
6:15-7:30	TouchStones Faith Class (Preschool-5th grade)
6:15-8:00	Confirmation (Grade 6-8)
6:00-8:00	Tutoring/Homework Help
7:15-8:45	Chancel Choir

Tutoring Program: Does your child or youth need some extra help with their studies? Several members, all experienced teachers, will provide tutoring or homework help on Wednesday evenings, beginning September 20th. Information will be sent to all families. If you would like to offer your teaching skills to the program please contact Lisa Whitfield or Susan Chesley.

Kids in Mission: East Moline Meal Site Thursday, Sept. 28th. Meet at church at 4:30 to prepare supper; leave church at 5:20 to travel to meal site. We will arrive back to church by 7:00.

TGIF/Families in Fellowship: Bring your pets, photo of a beloved animal, or your favorite stuffed animal to church on Friday, Sept. 29th from 5:30-7:00 for a Blessing of the Animals! We will also be collecting supplies for donation to the Milan Animal Shelter. Supper, games, treats, and a special worship honoring all of Gods creatures will be included!

Adult Programming

Women s Bible Study meets the first and third Thursday each month from 10-11:30, beginning Sept 7th. Contact Susan Chesley for more information.

Edwards Book Club will meet Thursday, Sept 21 at 6:30 to discuss Don t Let s Go To The Dogs Tonight: An African Childhood by Alexandra Fuller. "By turns mischievous and openhearted, earthy and soaring . . . hair-raising, horrific, and thrilling" New Yorker

Men of Edwards will have a short initial organizational meeting after morning worship service on September 24th to discuss general ideas about what our purpose might be. Mark you calendars now! If you are not able to be at this meeting, please see Lyle Stratton, Brian Dugan, Dick Werner, Dick Dulaney, or Joe Hall so that we can keep you informed. Hope to see you there!

Senior Highs

By popular request, the Senior High Youth group - Teens Encountering Christ Together (otherwise known as TECT Team) will gather each week on Sunday nights from 7-9 pm, beginning September 10th. Evenings will be filled with learning activities, service opportunities, and lots of fun. We have had a GREAT summer, with a wonderful mission trip. Let's make the coming year even better! While we continue to search for a Youth Director, Katherine will be working with this group - along with all the other great advisors. So don't miss it! TECT Team on Sunday nights at 7 p.m.! Come to the Youth Room and begin plans for an incredible year! Need a ride? Call the church office or Susan Chesley and we will have someone pick you up - you're that important to us!

Breakfast Club!

Sunday MORNINGS at 9:00 Breakfast Club will gather again for Junior and Senior High students. We'll have breakfast, talk about our faith and the world, and sometimes go to an unknown destination. We'll begin on September 10th along with all the other 9:00 programs. Don't miss it!

Confirmation

Confirmation for 6th through 8th graders begins September 13th from 6:15-8 pm each Wednesday night. The evening will begin with supper, served from 5:15 through 6:15 for those who want to eat at the church. On the 13th, parents are invited to come and learn what we will be doing, and what to expect from the year. The program will again be a blend of learning, fellowship and service opportunities in a small group setting. Confirmation is open to all junior high youth or those who are older but have not yet been confirmed. For more information please contact Katherine Mulhern. Eighth graders will be confirmed in May.

Help Wanted!

Are you interested in helping with one of the youth programs? Do you like to cook or bake? Can you help carpool? Do you like listening to kids and sharing their lives? If you answered YES to any of those questions, we have opportunities for adults to work in each of the programs. Just call Katherine or Susan if you are interested in helping out.

Women's Retreat

Circles of Prayer, Circles of Wisdom is the theme of this fall's Iowa Conference Women's Retreat, September 29-30 at the Christian Conference Center in Newton Iowa. Susan Towner-Larsen, a wonderful retreat leader, will facilitate the weekend. Registration forms are available in the church office, and the registration deadline is September 15. Any questions can be directed to Rev. Barb Muhs at blmuhs@fbcom.net or 563-941-5476.

Fall Association Meeting

The Eastern Association of the Iowa Conference will gather for its Fall Meeting on the afternoon of September 24. If you are interested in traveling with Katherine to represent Edwards in our Association, please call the church office for details.

Before the Amen!

Pilgrim Press is going to be publishing a new book of worship resources in 2008, to be edited by Maren and Maria Tirabassi. They are seeking creative worship resources - calls to worship, opening prayers, confessions, and litanies that are seasonally or scripturally based. If you are a writer with a heart for worship, and would like to submit something, you can email it to beforetheamen@gmail.com or mail it to Maren Tirabassi, 271 Lafayette Rd., Portsmouth, NH 03801. The deadline is October 1, 2006.

Crop Walk

Now is the time to get in shape! This year's CROP Walk will be October 8th. We will walk six miles (a shorter option is also available) to raise money for hunger ministries in the Quad Cities and around the world. 75% of the money we raise will remain in our community, serving hungry folks right here in the QCA. Fundraising packets will be available in the narthex, and NOW is the time to start!

We walk because they walk - six miles is the average distance that a person has to walk in the third world to get clean water...each day. Join with others from Edwards as we fight back against hunger.

Membership Happenings and Just For Kids.....

Newcomers Inquiry Class

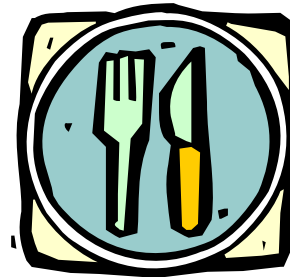
Have you been visiting? Would you like to know about Edwards and the United Church of Christ? Please join us Thursday, September 14th at 7 p.m. in the church parlor. Refreshments served. Please call Geri Dulaney (323-2145) or the Church Office (359-0331) to sign-up or for information.

Moveable Feasts Returning

Moveable Feasts are informal potlucks held in the homes of members and friends of Edwards. Groups of 8-10 persons enjoy food, fellowship, and fun once a month. If you are interested in participating and/or hosting, please sign the bulletin insert or the sheet in the Narthex. Questions: contact Geri Dulaney (323-2145 or 359-0331).

Visitor Guides Needed

The Membership Board is looking for a few men and women to assist visitors on Sunday morning before and after worship services. If you are interested, please contact Geri Dulaney at 359-0331 or 323-2145.





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