



Focus on Faith

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PASTORAL PONDERINGS

“By the seventh day, God had finished the work they had been doing; so on the seventh day, God rested from their work.” ~ Genesis 2:2

How busy are you? Is every moment in your schedule filled up? Or do you allow yourself to relax each day? Trust me, I am not about to judge you, I excel at filling my calendar.



We are very good at scheduling ourselves to the point of being overwhelmed. Look at kids. D'Arcy Lyness, PhD wrote in KidsHealth, “While some kids can handle being in 2 sports, taking up an instrument, and attending Scouts or church functions all at one time, some kids are not. Keeping children busy has led to an increase of feeling tired, anxious, or depressed, higher chance of complaints of headaches and stomachaches, increase of stress, missed meals, or lack of sleep, which may result in falling behind on their schoolwork, causing their grades to drop.”

For adults, being overscheduled has led to feeling tired or low in energy, increased stress which can lead to heart and health issues, a lack of sleep, a lack of exercise, feeling depressed, poor diet, and a lack of focus and concentration.

What is it about having such a full schedule that appeals to us? Do we feel a sense of responsibility to make sure everything at work, at home, or wherever, gets done? What is it in us that believes being overworked and overwhelmed is okay? Even God, the one who created us in their image, took a break. And God called that break time—the Sabbath—holy. Rest is HOLY!

The season of Lent has often been a time when we think about “giving something up.” But what if we thought less about “giving up” and more about “making room?” This year, our Lent series is called “Busy: Reconnecting with an Unhurried God.” Together we will explore what it really costs us to be so busy. Join us each Sunday as we take a look at what it means to clear our schedules, and follow the life that our God created us for. Let us reconnect to an unhurried God.

~ Always Peace, *Pastor Heidi*

TRYING SOMETHING NEW

2019 has brought many opportunities our way in these two short months. We are partnering with Edwards UCC for confirmation, which is finally in full swing. With two tribes who worship in different buildings and at different times, it is difficult for these youth to spend time outside of confirmation together. It is also difficult for each tribe to get to know all of the confirmands—and vice versa. With that in mind, we have been presented with an opportunity which will allow these budding new relationships to grow. Instead of meeting for our “normal” Wednesday night Soup and Scripture, we have been invited to join with Edwards for a combined Simple Supper and Program starting March 13. (Supper will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the program from 6-7 p.m.) Together during these 5 weeks we will learn different ways to mediate, allowing our relationship with God to go deeper. This is a wonderful opportunity and space for the confirmands, and us, to get to know one another better. We will gather at Edwards each week, but take turns supplying the meal. I encourage you to join us, to support the confirmands, to fellowship with our sister tribe, and take this opportunity to grow your faith and relationship with God.

FROM THE COUNCIL:

Church Council Highlights – February 12, 2019

Property:

A keypad has been installed on the kitchen door.

Outreach:

Share-A-Meal served 51 on January 29.

Spiritual Life:

Lenten season is fast approaching.

Christian Education:

Confirmation class is combining with Edwards Congregational Church.

Other Business:

June 30 is a Youth led Sunday.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, March 19, 2019

But we will give ourselves continually to
Prayer
 and to the ministry of the word. Acts 6:4

Our loved ones:

Arlene Barclay & Family Mike Martin Lois Wellendorf
 Gavin King Harry & Maggie Stroupe

Our home bound:

Dorris Adams Helen Wiese Jack Kohrs
 Millie Allison Millie Middleton

Our World:

Andorra, Austria, Liechtenstein, Monaco, San Marino, Switzerland, Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, China, Hong Kong, Macao, Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore

Treasurer's Report January 2019

PLEDGE ACCOUNT	MO.PLEDGE	JAN	GIVEN YTD
General Fund	\$ 5,805.00	\$ 4,806.00	\$ 4,806.00
OCWM	\$ 205.00	\$ 188.15	\$ 188.15
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 210.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00
Non-Pledge Gen Fund	\$ -	\$ 985.00	\$ 985.00
Total Giving	\$ 6,220.00	\$ 6,154.15	\$ 6,154.15

GENERAL FUND	MO BUDGET	TOTAL YTD	
Pledged & NP Giving	\$ 5,805.00	\$ 5,791.00	\$ 5,791.00
Misc Gen Fund Giving	\$ -	\$ 1,851.08	\$ 1,851.08
Total Gen Fund Inc	\$ 5,805.00	\$ 7,642.08	\$ 7,642.08

Pastor Expense	\$ 6,216.00	\$ 5,460.19	\$ 5,460.19
Employee Expense	\$ 1,420.00	\$ 1,254.20	\$ 1,254.20
Church Ministry Exp	\$ 313.00	\$ 141.40	\$ 141.40
Office Expense	\$ 283.00	\$ 346.63	\$ 346.63
Property Expense	\$ 1,337.00	\$ 1,445.26	\$ 1,445.26
Total Gen Fun Exp	\$ 9,569.00	\$ 8,647.68	\$ 8,647.68

Net General Fund **\$ (3,764.00)** **\$ (1,005.60)** **\$ (1,005.60)**

Submitted by Martha Watters

From the Council President

Confirmation has started for our 6-8th graders. We are trying something new by partnering with Edwards UCC. Faith has 3 confirmands (and the only girl) and Edwards has 6. With the change in confirmation, we are also excited about our opportunity to partner with Edwards for our Wednesday night Lent activities. Council is excited to have Edwards host a 5 week workshop on learning different ways to meditate. We pray you will support the confirmands, and take their lead, in forming new friendships by joining us at Edwards on Wednesday evenings (March 13, 20, 27 & April 3 & 10) for supper at 5:30 p.m. and growing our faith from 6-7 p.m. I look forward to seeing you there.

Todd Ozmon, Council President



March	8	Nicole Smith
	9	Roman Padavich
	14	Hayden Rasler
	17	Nick Byorum
	19	Sheryl Mortimore
	24	Vivian Giebelstein
	24	Jackson Holdt
	26	Barry Smith
	27	Gillian Preston
	28	Larry Showens Sr.
	28	Heidi Hulme
	29	Carol Roy
	29	Kristen Walck
	30	Joan Goodin
	30	Ethan Walck
	31	Paul Dammeier

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sunday, March 10



Set Clocks

1 hour ahead before
going to bed **March 9.**

**Please contact the office if you or someone
 you know is in need of pastoral visit.
 563-391-5726
 Please note the hospitals no longer notify us.**

Share-A-Meal
5:15 p.m. Friday, March 29

Women's Group Meeting
 NO MEETING in MARCH

March Newsletter articles deadline
is March 17
The newsletter will be sent out
on March 27



Congratulations to Jan Hannel on the birth of her first granddaughter on Friday, February 15, 2019. Natalie Kate weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz. Congratulations also to parents Kristen and Aaron Walck and big brothers Ethan and James.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING
SUNDAY, MARCH 31

This is a Lenten offering of the United Church of Christ which supports disaster, refugee and development actions.



LENT SCHEDULE
at Faith UCC

Ash Wednesday, March 6
 Supper at 6:00 p.m.
 Service of Ashes about 6:45 p.m.



Lent Begins
Ash Wednesday

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
EDUCATION FOR CONGREGATIONS & COMMUNITY
 Contact Jennifer Best at the Scott Co. office
563-359-7577 or jbest@iastate.edu
 For more information or see the flier
 On the Bulletin Board at Faith UCC.

Lent Simple Supper and Program

Edwards United Church of Christ
 5:30 p.m. Supper

6-7:00 p.m. Program-Learning to Meditate

March 13-Edwards will serve March 20-Faith will serve
 March 27-Edwards will serve April 3 Faith will serve
 April 10-Edwards will serve **Please use the sign up sheet on the board to RSVP**

 **Happy St. Patrick's Day** 





Pastor Heidi will be on vacation
 March 7 thru the 15.
 The **office will be closed** on Thursday,
 March 7, Tuesday, March 12 and
 Thursday March 14. **Contact person:**
Pastor Mariah Marlin-Warfield 773-420-6426



Sign up sheet to order Easter Lilies in memory of a loved of will be on the Fellowship Hall Bulletin Board March 6, Ash Wednesday. Cost is \$10 each. Deadline to order is April 8th.

Fun Day was held Sat., February 23 at Faith UCC. Despite the rainy weather 26 people gathered for an afternoon of music, games and food. Everyone enjoyed the time spent together and have decided to play another day in the future. Hope you will plan to join us next time. Thanks, Deb & Heidi

We need your Help!.....Please Volunteer!
 Ushers, Greeters, and Liturgists along with Fellowship Hour Host/Hostess are needed. Cookies for fellowship hour are needed, homemade or store bought are fine.

	Greeter	Usher	Liturgist
Mar 3			Becky Christy
Mar 10	Janelle Hoker	Gary Hoker	
Mar 17			
Mar 24		Karsten Hulme	Becky Christy
Mar 31			
Acolytes: Youth		Sandwich Maker: Sandy Holdt	
Flowers:			

2019 Council Meetings

Second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

March 19 (date change)			
April 9	May 14	June 11	
July 9	August 13	Sept. 10	
October 8	Nov. 12	Dec. 10	

March 2019

Sun

Mon




Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<p>Confirmation Schedule: Mar 3 & 31-at Faith Mar 17 at Edwards UCC</p>	<p>Youth Group Schedule: Mar 10 at First Christian Mar 24 to be announced</p>				<p>1 World Day Of Prayer</p> 	<p>2</p>
<p>3 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship/Communion</p> 	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 9:00 a.m. Quiet Time Ash Wednesday Supper & Service of Ashes 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>7 Office Closed Pastor Heidi starts vacation</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>  <p>DON'T FORGET Set clocks ahead 1 hour</p>
<p>10 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship</p> <p>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 Office Closed</p>	<p>13 9:00 a.m. Quiet Time 5:30 p.m. Edwards Simple Soup 6-7 p.m. Program</p>	<p>14 Office Closed</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship NEWSLETTER Articles due</p> 	<p>18</p>	<p>19 6:30 p.m. Council (Date changed)</p>	<p>20 9:00 a.m. Quiet Time 5:30 p.m. Edwards Simple Soup 6-7 p.m. Program</p>	<p>21 5:30 p.m. Baskets</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> 
<p>24 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship/ Birthdays and Anniversaries</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 9:00 a.m. Quiet Time 5:30 p.m. Edwards Simple Soup 6-7 p.m. Program Newsletter sent</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship</p> <p>One Great Hour of Sharing Offering</p>	