

"When we bear witness, when we become the situation - homelessness, poverty, illness, violence, death - the right action arises by itself. We don't have to worry about what to do. We don't have to figure out solutions ahead of time. Peacemaking is the functioning of bearing witness. Once we listen with our entire body and mind, loving action arises."

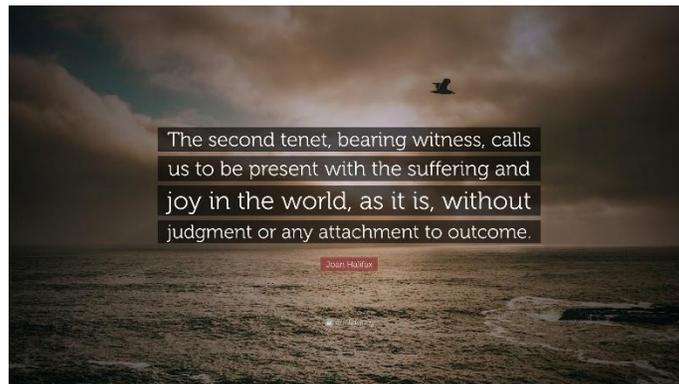
~ Bernie Glassman, American Zen Buddhist Roshi and founder of the Zen Peacemakers (previously the Zen Community of New York), an organization established in 1980.

"Every artist seems to me to have the job of bearing witness to the world we live in. To some extent I think of all of us as artists, because we have voices and we are each of us unique."

~ Jane Rule, Canadian-American author known for her groundbreaking works exploring lesbian themes, particularly her novel "Desert of the Heart."

"I've always loved reporting from the field most of all. There's something about doing live TV and being there as it happens that's always appealed to me. I think there's great value to bearing witness to these events as they're actually happening."

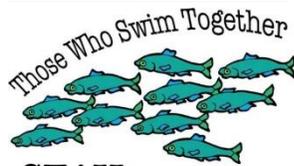
~ Anderson Cooper, American broadcast journalist and political commentator



Sunday 03/01/2026 " Bearing Witness to Suffering Job"

Job 42:2, 5-6 and Romans 8:28

Weekly Inspiration



STAY together

Journey Together - Stronger Together by Pastor Rich

Do you ever just think about random people? Do you pray for them? I have my intentional prayer list - first family and then MCC QC. I call to mind each one and picture their faces surrounded by light. For those in need I add a prayer of healing.

And then there's those people who come to mind - many of them also MCC QC - at odd times. I linger on our connection and also offer their well-being to God in prayer. I confess I don't really know how prayer works. What I know is that we are all connected.

We can choose to strengthen those connections or to go our own way. Even when we think we are "going our own way" we are never truly alone. Not only is God's ever-present Spirit with us, but others are also thinking of us; people we know and those we don't.

You can think of it as swimming in community. God's Spirit is the water and air in which we are immersed. Others are swimming near us - coming and going at all times. Here's the thing: when we INTENTIONALLY "swim" together our well-being is increased and we are able to accomplish things together that we could not do on our own.

I am proud of our community at MCC QC. We do a lot of difficult stuff together. We care for one another, we worship together, we create together, we give to people who we don't know, and we participate in important causes.

When you picture your life, I hope you picture it as a part of a number of communities and as connected to the web of life in so many and vast ways that are unimaginable. I also hope you see yourself as MCC QC. A community of faith, hope and love and to which you contribute and which nourishes your soul.

Love, Rich

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Service at 11am on Sundays

Regular Office Hours: Monday 9-5; Wednesday Noon-5pm; Thursday 9-11

Pastor Rich available by appointment or stop by on Wednesdays from Noon – 2pm

Special Announcements



For your safety: During Worship Service, the outside doors will remain locked after 11:10am and will not reopen until after service is over. There can be no exceptions regardless of who is at the door. Please do not text the ushers and ask them to let you in.

If you are late, please join us on Facebook Live and plan to attend the following Sunday. Thank you for your cooperation.



Recurring Events (All are at MCCQC unless indicated otherwise)

Banned Book Club- every Wednesday at 6:30pm

Bible Study – every Friday at 10am

Board Meeting – 4th Sunday at 12:30pm-2:00pm

Crafting, Coffee & Conversation 2nd & 4th Saturday 2pm-4pm (2/28)

Community Meal – 3rd Saturday at 5-6pm (3/21 Corned Beef and Cabbage)

Dining Out – 2nd Tuesday at 6pm (3/10 Mickey's Irish Pub 429 E 3rd St Davenport)

Game Night- 4th Saturday at 6pm in Social Hall. (02/28)

Let's Write & Create Studio – every Thursday from 6-8 pm

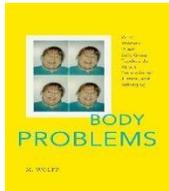
Recognition Sunday – 1st Sunday during service with potluck following

Sisters of Sobriety AA – every Saturday at 10am



3rd Sunday of every month from Noon – 2pm Family Dinner Potluck @ Clock, Inc. 4102 46th Ave Rock Island. Bring a dish to share if you are able.

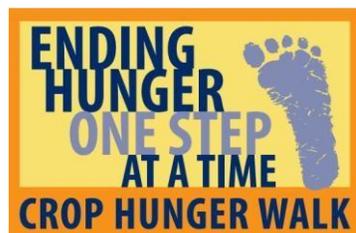
Scheduled Events



Monday March 2nd @ 6pm “Body Problems” book study

We will meet again to discuss the book on Monday, March 2nd @ 6pm in the social hall. Please continue reading and finish Section II pages 87-114 for discussion and reflection. Books are available at The Atlas Collective or can be purchased online at Amazon. Check out the links below for additional information.

<https://therevealer.org/.../episode-65-intersex-and.../> <https://therevealer.org/sacred-intersections-and-civil.../>



Thursday February 26th 6-8pm QC CROP Hunger Walk Golden Shoe Award Celebration. Hosted by Bettendorf Presbyterian 1200 Middle Road Bettendorf

You are invited to celebrate our successful 2025 QC CROP Hunger Walk where we will also honor the eleven teams eligible to receive the Golden Shoe Award. These teams raised at least \$1000 during the 2025 campaign and MCCQC is one of the teams being honored. \$36502.48 was raised in total by 25 teams. Congrats to all!! We will conduct a brief meeting to kick-off 2026 planning for the October 4th walk and look forward to sharing ideas. Bettendorf Presbyterian Church will provide light snacks and beverages. Please contact Jennifer Robb at jennarobb0430@yahoo.com with any questions.



Thurs., March 5, 2026, 6:00 p.m. Guillermo del Toro's Pinocchio (U.S./Mexico/U.K. / 2022) at the Figge

From the director of *The Shape of Water* and *Pan's Labyrinth*. Pinocchio, a wooden puppet, comes to life as the son of his carver, Geppetto. Set in Fascist Italy between World Wars I and II.

Awards: (78 wins & 135 nominations):

- Academy Award: *Best Animated Feature Film* (won)
- Golden Globes: *Best Animated Motion Picture* (won), *Original Score*
- Chicago Film Critics: *Best Animated Feature* (won), *Screenplay*, *Original Score*

Rotten Tomatoes scores: 96% Critics / 90% Audience

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Od2NW1sfRdA>

This is the 2nd Free Film at the Figge in a series that presents a selection of distinguished, award-winning films, showcasing the best in provocative, suspenseful filmmaking set against the backdrop of authoritarian fascism. Admission is free—John Deere Auditorium.

The following is the list of movies in the series:

Thurs., April 2, 2026, 6:00 p.m. *JoJo Rabbit* (U.S./Czech Republic / 2019)

Thursday, May 7, 2026, 6:00 p.m. *The Zone of Interest* (U.K./Poland/France / 2023)

Message from Free Mom Hugs regarding St. Patrick's Grand Parade on Saturday March 14th (pending confirmation of date)



Looking ahead...

I believe the Grand Parade will be on Saturday March 14th this year. This is such a FUN parade with high visibility. We are always so welcomed by our fellow walking groups.



Sunday, June 14, 3:00-6:00 PM Putnam Museum 1717 West 12th St Davenport

The Project of the Quad Cities invites you to a FREE screening of the classic 1939 film The Wizard of Oz in celebration of our organization's 40th anniversary. Join us at the Putnam Museum on Sunday, June 14 at 3 p.m. *No RSVP necessary! Just show up!*



Thursday June 18th @ 6:30pm Pride Night at ballpark

The Project of the Quad Cities and the Quad Cities River Bandits invite you to Pride Night! Join us at the ballpark on Thursday, June 18 at 6:30 p.m. More details to follow.



Saturday June 27th 3-11pm Pride Party at Bass Street Landing 1601 River Drive Moline

Save the date for the Annual Pride Party at Bass Street Landing!
Admission to Pride Party at Bass Street Landing is FREE.



Save the date: Weekend of October 17th, 2026. The 2026 West Central USA Network Gathering will be hosted by Metropolitan Community Church of Greater St. Louis.

Watch for details in the future regarding the cost of the gathering and hotel accommodation.
Website for MCC GSL MCCGSL



PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Please add/update prayer requests via email: richdhendricks@msn.com or call 563-324-8281

Greg Kennedy health concerns

Prayers for Dave Hendershot with cancer

Prayers for trans service members and trans community Prayers for Zash

Prayers for Dixie as she recovers from hip surgery

Prayers of comfort for Walt Youngman with the passing of Dave Ramsey

Prayers for Jeff T for health and healing

Angel prays for her sisters Dawn Thomas and Marla Clackott and brother Ken Thomas with health issues

Prayers for Audra Danielson as she recovers from a stroke

Prayers for good health to us all from Osumo

Bebe asks for prayers of healing for broken shoulder and prayers for Marvin

Marsha prays for Jason & Family and for Teddy & Terry Palmer

Prayers of healing for Margaret R

Deb asks prayers for Margaret Ristau

Loretta prays for Sharon and Lori

Patricia requests prayer for father-in-law Dale Bird for various health issues

Prayers for Mark Hendricks with blood clots and kidney problems

Prayers for Dori and her mother, Doris Thompson, as they recover from car accident

Julie asks for prayers for Raquel and family

Prayers for Amanda's father

Prayers for Cyndi H health concerns

Loretta asks prayers for her friends dealing with health concerns.

Prayers for Sheri and Tom as he heals and in the loss of Sheri's father Rick Voltz.

Sara requests prayers for her niece Cory having cancer surgery 2/25

Loretta asks for prayers for her friend Kathy whose husband passed recently

Continuing health issues: Sharon Rash, RoxAnn Kowalski, Rich Voltz, Heather York, Jen Jarvis, Terri Patterson, Anna Hitchcock, Connie Hildebranski, Larry Hansen, Christine Jackson, Walt Youngman, Deb Calsyn-Polsen, Greg Starjohann and partner Roger, Larry Best and Russ Wood, Cliff Shade, Kevin Detra, Margaret Ristau, Donna Kuhl, Dixie Carter, Marvin Brown, Bob R

BY THE NUMBERS

MCC QC & those touched by our ministries thank you for your regular giving!
Please consider using your Online Bill Pay feature at your bank, drop off in mailbox/office or mail checks to 2930 W Locust, Davenport, IA 52804



We also have PayPal

and Venmo



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<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>OFFERING</u>
Feb 1 st	72 (virtual 356)	1565.31
Feb 8 th	55 (virtual 458)	988.00
	PayPal Giving Fund	751.90
Feb 15 th	52 (virtual 377)	1505.00
Feb 21 st	Chili Cook-off cash and checks	1690.00
Feb 22 nd	52 (virtual 393)	1655.00
	General Fund Checking Balance	5120.37

Love God ~ Love One Another; everything else is window dressing ~ Love, Rich

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