

"And when it rains on your parade, look up rather than down. Without the rain, there would be no rainbow." ~ Gilbert K. Chesterton, English Christian apologist writer

"Remember finally, that the ashes that were on your forehead are created from the burnt palms of last Palm Sunday. New beginnings invariably come from old false things that are allowed to die." ~ Richard Rohr, American Franciscan priest

"I want to be so famous that drag queens will dress like me in parades when I'm dead." ~ Laura Kightlinger, actress, comedian and writer. One of the producers and writers on Will and Grace.



Sunday 03/29/2026 "Parades Have Their Purpose"

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 and Matthew 21:1-11



Weekly Inspiration



A Bug's Life by Pastor Rich

There are millions more of them than us, but we seldom think about them. Bugs. Insects. Arachnids.

When we do think of them, it is usually in annoyance or horror. We don't like them near our food or our bodies.

Yet without them, we would be done for, toast, gone. Insects are the foundational component of healthy terrestrial ecosystems, essential for pollinating over 75-90% of flowering plants, decomposing organic matter, and providing the primary food source for many vertebrates. They are crucial for nutrient cycling, soil aeration, and natural pest control.

Today, we thank God for all creepy, crawly things. How can we be good neighbors to our tiny friends?

Don't use pesticides on your lawn.

Start a native species patch at your home and/or business.

Mow later and less frequently.

If you can't get enthused for the bugs, think of the birds. Birds do not feed their babies seeds. Birds feed their babies insects.

This is what we need for a flourishing planet. This is how we can be good stewards of God's creation. Thank God for bugs!

Love, Rich

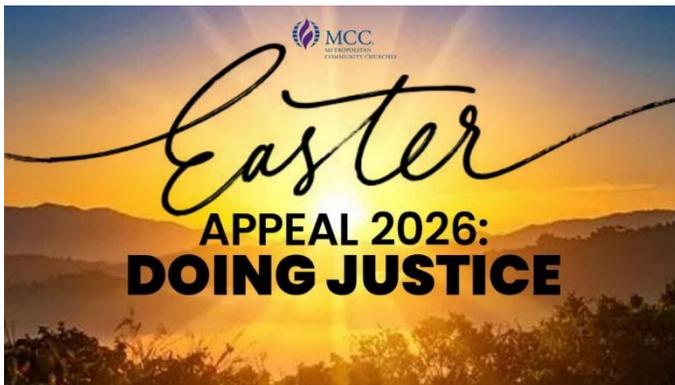
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Service at 11am on Sundays

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



Please set aside a little extra for the Easter Offering for our MCC denomination. Please designate as “Easter” on your envelopes. Thank you!

Message from UFMCC:

This Easter, as we celebrate the resurrection—the triumph of life over death, hope over despair—we are reminded that new life is possible. Resurrection is not only a story from long ago. It is a promise we live into when we choose justice, when we choose love, when we choose to act.

Your generosity is essential in allowing MCC to continue this vital work. By contributing to the **Easter Offering**, you play a critical role in sustaining and expanding our justice initiatives globally. Every gift, no matter the size, helps us reach more people and bring hope where it is needed most.

Together, we can ensure that wherever justice is needed, MCC is there.

This Easter, let us rise—together.

Special Announcements



Are you interested in becoming a member of MCC QC?

Please let Pastor Rich or Jennifer Robb know, and we will get a New Members class scheduled.



The MCCQC Worship team is always looking for new faces. We are adding back to the schedule a "Visitor Greeter" position for each Sunday, which involves welcoming new guests and offering an MCC coffee cup or beverage glass. Also, making sure that there are always filled ones for the next worship service. So please pray about your possible role on our team and let Sheri Carnahan or Jennifer Robb know when you would like to start.



Desserts are needed for Feed the Hungry the 4th Friday of every month. Our next date is March 27th, and items should be delivered prior to 3pm on that date. The team leaves no later than 4:45pm to head to Zion Lutheran Church for set-up.

If you have been wondering how you can contribute to the church, we are looking for bar cookies, regular cookies, Rice Krispie treats, etc. Nothing with nuts, please. Anything that can be put in a baggie and handed out to our guests during Feed the Hungry. Home-baked items are truly appreciated by our dinner crowd, but you can always contribute store bought items.



We are seeking an additional cleaning crew member. Our current team, Ellen Morton, Carl Feaster and Eric Spurgeon, meets weekly on Thursday morning and they would love to have you join them. Tasks include mopping, sweeping, dusting, windows, light fixtures, bathrooms, sanctuary, board room, offices, and kitchen area including appliances. Please see Ellen Morton or Jennifer Robb with any questions.



Also, watch for a future announcement for indoor and outdoor Spring Cleaning when Winter finally ends!!



ADOPT-A-MONTH 
ORGANIZATION VOLUNTEER CHALLENGE
Choose one month to serve with Humility Homes and Services, Inc.
Commit to 4 volunteer days - one day each week.
Same people each week or different groups!

| Volunteer Locations | Why Participate | Get Started |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Your group can choose either location or both!Corner Closet Collection CenterFresh Start Thrift Center | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Strengthen your teamBuild communityMake a real impact in just a few hours | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Contact Mandy Fugate mandy@humilityhomes.orgSet up your tour and trainingChoose your month and days and get started |

Humility Homes and Services Volunteer Opportunities.

Would you be interested in volunteering at the *Fresh Start Thrift Shop* and *Corner Closet Donation Center* with other MCCQC friends and family?

Check out their Volunteer Hub to learn more and let Jennifer Robb know if you would be interested:

<https://volunteer.bloomerang.co/volunteer/...>

They'd love to see more groups join as volunteers and we believe that MCCQC is up to the task!



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

Community Meal – 3rd Saturday at 5-6pm (4/18 TBD)

Dining Out – 2nd Tuesday at 6pm (4/14 TBD)

Game Night- 4th Saturday at 6pm in Social Hall. (3/28)

Recognition Sunday – 1st Sunday during service with potluck following **Due to**

Easter, monthly potluck will be 2nd Sunday on April 12th

Sisters of Sobriety AA – every Saturday at 10am

Scheduled Events

**QUAD CITIES
TRANSIT SUMMIT**
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
MARCH 26, 2026
CENTRE STATION, MOLINE

We want to hear from you!
Bi-State Regional Commission is looking for comments from the public and to identify current travel choices and their effect on the region's transportation services. The results will allow planners to better understand how and why people travel in the region.

For More information email
sbamboss@bi-state.com or the.org

Bi-State
Regional Commission

Can't attend in person? Join the summit via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/91705002877>
Meeting ID: 917 0500 2877
Passcode: 917027
or call 202-225-3225



- **March 29th Palm Sunday Service @ 11am** Ushers will hand out palms as you enter the sanctuary. Wave them high and often during the service as the spirit moves you!
- **April 2nd Maundy Thursday Love Feast @ 6pm.** All are welcome! If you are able, the feast will be family style, so plan to bring an item that can easily be passed around the table. Small sandwiches, fresh fruits/veggies, sweet treats, chips, etc. If able, please bring extra to share with others.
- **April 3rd Good Friday Tenebrae Service @ 6pm.** Readings, music, candles and personal reflection.
- **April 5th Easter Sunday Service @ 11am** Easter Egg Hunt after service. Please donate candy for eggs if you are able.



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

Awards (52 wins & 190 nominations):

Jojo, a lonely German boy discovers that his single mother is hiding a Jewish girl in their attic. He must confront his blind nationalism as World War II rages on. From New Zealand filmmaker Taika Waititi who also directed and starred in *Boy*.

- Academy Awards: *Best Motion Picture, Actress, Screenplay* (won)
- Golden Globes: *Best Motion Picture, Actor*
- Chicago Film Critics: *Best Adapted Screenplay, Independent Film*

Rotten Tomatoes scores: 81% Critics / 94% Audience

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tL4McUzXfFI>

This is the 3rd 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 final movie in the series:

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

RICHARD FOSTERING COMMUNITY IN THE SHADOW OF AIDS

LOCATION:
TREDWAY LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS (GERBER CENTER 1ST FLOOR)

**HELP CREATE A QUILT PANEL
MEMORIALIZING RICHARD VAN TRUSS
APRIL 8TH 12:30-2PM, 5-7PM**

**ON DISPLAY:
PANEL #4489, DEDICATED TO ROBERT "ROBB" DUSSLIERE
APRIL 6TH – JUNE 8TH**

SPONSORED BY:









Wednesday April 8th Creating a Quilt Panel to Honor Robert, a graduate of Augustana 639 38th Street Rock Island

There are two times scheduled to help on 4/08: 12:30-2pm and 5-7pmin the Gerber Center on the 1st Floor.

From April 6th through June 8th panel #4489 dedicated to Robert “Robb” Dussliere will be on display. In 1996, through the strong advocacy work of Robb Dussliere, DeLaCerde House opened Robb’s House; the first of three properties owned by DeLaCerde House. Robb died in 1996 after a long battke with HIV?AIDS

The mission of DeLaCerde House is to provide housing, advocacy services, and progressive case management for persons with HIV/AIDS who are experiencing homelessness.

DeLaCerde House was established in 1994 to honor the memory of James (Jim) DeLaCerde, a healthcare professional who was diagnosed with AIDS, treated patients with AIDS, and advocated for the elimination of the harmful stigmas that too often accompany the disease. He died in 1993.

Questions can be directed to: Micaela Terronez, MLIS (she/her) Special Collections Librarian & Instructor, Thomas Tredway Library 309-794-7317



April 9th 8am to 4pm. 4th Annual Project NOW's Poverty Conference at the Waterfront Convention Center in Bettendorf 2021 State St Bettendorf

Keynote speaker, panel discussion and community dialogue. \$60/person includes breakfast/lunch.

Register now at www.projectNOW.org



Thursday April 9th 5-6pm Pre Go-Go Dance Party Reception at the Figge Museum

The Project of the Quad Cities invites you to a small reception happening Thursday, April 9 from 5-6 p.m. at the Figge Art Museum in conversation with the works of **Félix González-Torres**. We'll enjoy light conversation, a candy bar, and have information available about our services. After our reception, attend the Figge's Go-Go Dance Party hosted in conversation with González-Torres' piece "Untitled (Go-Go Dance Platform)". This free event will be a celebration, featuring a DJ, Go-Go dancers, drag queens, glow sticks, a cash bar, a free raffle, resource tables & more. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!

About Félix González-Torres

From now until June 21, the Figge is hosting "**Untitled (L.A.)**", a deeply influential work reflecting on themes central to Gonzalez-Torres's practice: the joyful celebration of LGBTQ identity alongside acknowledgment of ongoing challenges to the community's rights and the enduring impact of the AIDS epidemic.



Save the Date!! Annual Spring Cookie Walk Saturday May 9th 9am to Noon.

Stop by and purchase cookies and other sweet treats by the pound. Perfect for Mother's Day gift...or just because you deserve a treat for no particular reason at all! We provide the boxes. Tell your friends, family, co-workers and neighbors!!

See Patricia Bird and Allyvia Fogerty with any questions and to sign up to bake cookies.

PLAYCRAFTERS BARN THEATRE PRESENTS -----

AUDITIONS FOR
FOR THE LOVE OF PETER
 AN ORIGINAL ONE ACT
 BY DON FAUST

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| SHOW DATES: MAY 8 TH & 9 TH | AUDITION DATES: MARCH 14 TH 11 AM -1 PM MARCH 15 TH 4 PM - 6 PM |
| SEEKING 6-8 MALE PRESENTING ACTORS | |
| PRESENTED AS PART OF OUR 2026 PRIDE CELEBRATION | |
| 309-762-0330 4950 35TH AVE MOLINE, IL PLAYCRAFTERS.COM | |

Save the Date for an original one act “For the Love of Peter”, written by our very own Don Faust. Show Dates are May 8th and 9th. Watch for more information as we get closer to the date.

Check out the Pride events scheduled for June!!



Thursday, June 4, 2026 6:00-8:30 PM Figue Art Museum 225 W. 2nd St Davenport

In honor of 40 years of service to people living with HIV, The Project invites you to a FREE screening of Rent at the Figue Art Museum!



Quad Cities Pride Festival is a vibrant two-day celebration of love, diversity, and equality, bringing the community together for an unforgettable experience! 🌈 ✨ Enjoy live entertainment, local vendors, food, and family-friendly activities while supporting LGBTQIA+ pride in the Quad Cities. Join us June 5 & 6 at Schwiebert Riverfront Park in Rock Island for a weekend of joy, inclusivity, and fun! 🍷 🎉

Friday: 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Saturday: 12:00 pm - 11:00 pm

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Save the date: Unity Pride Parade will be held on Saturday June 6th

Watch for more details as they become available.



Changing The World Together

Save the date: Friday June 12th 3-6pm Blood Drive at MCCQC

Watch for more details as we get closer to the date.



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!! MCC QC Trivia Friday, August 14th at MCC. Doors open @ 5. Trivia at 6.

Those with 8 or more items for food pantry at their table get an extra mulligan! Start thinking about making baskets and/or volunteering to help. See Jolene Ramsey-Moody with any questions. More details to follow.



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

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

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

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

Prayers for Dori's mother, Doris Thompson, as she recovers from car accident

Julie asks for continued prayers for Raquel and family; church family

Prayers for Amanda's father

Prayers for Cyndi H health concerns

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

Loretta asks for prayers for her friend Kathy whose husband passed recently, her friends dealing with health concerns. Continued prayers for Margaret and Mona

Prayers for our nation

Marsha V-Z prayers of healing for Anayia and Penny

Prayers for Cindy with cancer

Continuing health issues: Sharon Rash, Jen Jarvis, Terri Patterson, Anna Hitchcock, Connie Hildebranski, Christine Jackson, Walt

Youngman, Deb Calsyn-Polson, Greg Starjohann, Larry Best and Russ Wood, Kevin Detra, Margaret Ristau, Donna Kuhl, Dixie Carter, Marvin Brown, Bob R

BY THE NUMBERS

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| Mar 1 st | 65 (virtual 318) | 1394.00 |
| Mar 8 th | 45 (virtual 293) | 1260.00 |
| Mar 15 th | 45 (virtual 300) | 1966.00 |
| Mar 22 nd | 47 (virtual 318) | 1280.00 |
| | General Fund Checking Balance | 7679.12 |



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.

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

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