

**" Believe in God like you believe in the sunrise. Not because you can see it, but because you can see all it touches." ~ C. S. Lewis, British author and theologian**

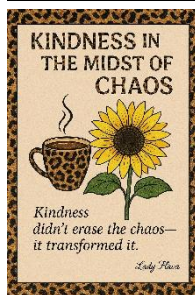
**"Faith is a knowledge within the heart, beyond the reach of proof."  
~ Kahlil Gibran, Lebanese American writer and poet**

**"Don't believe what your eyes are telling you. All they show is limitation. Look with your understanding, find out what you already know, and you'll see the way to fly."  
~ Richard Bach, American writer best known for his 1970s book "Jonathan Livingston Seagull".**



**Sunday 04/12/2026 "Not Seeing but Still Believing" / Peter 1:3-9 and John 20:19-29**

## **Weekly Inspiration**



### ***Questions and Kindness in the Midst of Chaos by Pastor Rich***

"There lives more faith in honest doubt than in half the creeds." So said Alfred Lord Tennyson. I have been ruminating on this quote for the past couple of days.

On the one hand, the older I get, the more I realize how little I know. And it is freeing to know that I don't have to have all the answers, because the questioning is more important than the answers. And the feeling of awe that comes with not knowing - not needing to understand but simply to accept and to enjoy what life brings. God can handle all our questioning and I believe draws close to us when we are perplexed and overwhelmed.

On the other hand, the wiser I get, the more I am self-assured in a faith that transcends reality. All my life I have always known that God is with me and all around me - a loving God that for some bizarre reason loves all of me. That constancy and certainty has only grown stronger with age. It is amazing and for me it is the key to the abundant living that Jesus gives.

Which brings me to kindness. I do know that loving God and loving one another go hand in hand. We don't know another person's path or heart - remembering what we don't know should keep us from judging. We always have a choice - so choose kindness. What someone else chooses isn't your business, but how we react to another person is our calling as followers of Jesus.

When everything seems like chaos, look for the helpers. Find the kindness - maybe it is inside of you.

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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**



**If you were unable to give to the Easter Offering, we will collect an additional Easter Offering on 4/12. Please set aside a little extra for the Easter Offering for our MCC denomination. Please designate as "Easter" on your envelopes. Thank you!**

## Special Announcements



**Reminder that our April Potluck is this Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> immediately after the worship service. We will resume 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Potluck on May 3rd**

Please bring a dish to share if you are able. We also need 4 volunteers to assist with food and clean-up. Please contact Jennifer at 563-271-8872 or [jennarobb0430@yahoo.com](mailto:jennarobb0430@yahoo.com) if you are interested. Thank you!



**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 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every month. Our next date is April 24<sup>th</sup>, 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!!**



### **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 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 12:30pm-2:00pm**

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

**Dining Out – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 6pm (4/14 888 Bistro 633 Avenue of the Cities East Moline)**

**Game Night- 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 6pm in Social Hall. (4/25)**

**Recognition Sunday – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday during service with potluck following**

**Sisters of Sobriety AA – every Saturday at 10am**



**April is Earth Month and April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Earth Day. This year's theme is "Our Power, Our Planet"**

Check out the following link for ideas and resources. [Earth Hub | Earth Day](#)

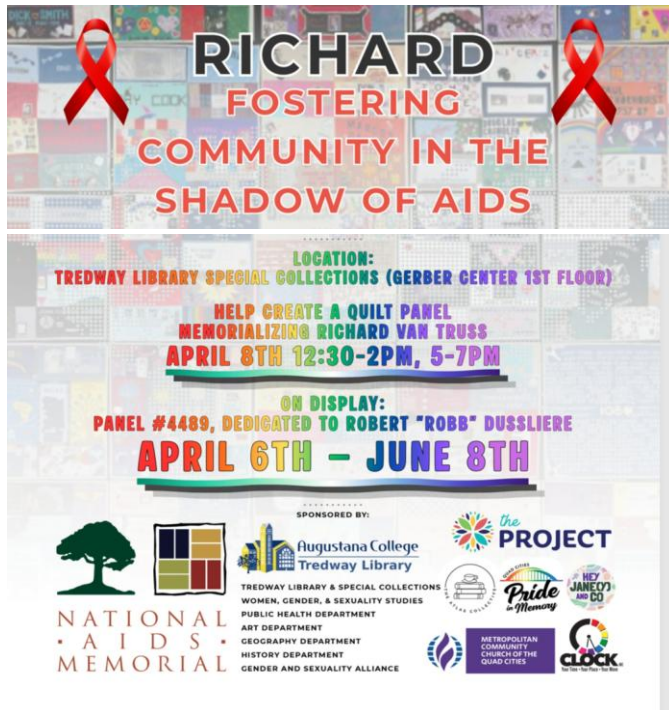


**Progressive Action for the Common Good offers great ideas and events for Earth Month. See below for an idea or go to their website at [PACG - Progressive Action for the Common Good - Home](#)**



In 2023, the Iowa legislature removed funding from the statewide water quality monitoring network. As a result the public lost access to data from 60 sensors statewide. This is a direct threat to water quality which will impact Iowans' health and safety. Read more at our [PACG blog post here.](#)

## Scheduled Events



**April 6<sup>th</sup> – June 8<sup>th</sup> HIV/AIDS Quilt Panel on display in Tredway Library, Gerber Center, at Augustana College 639 38<sup>th</sup> Street Rock Island**

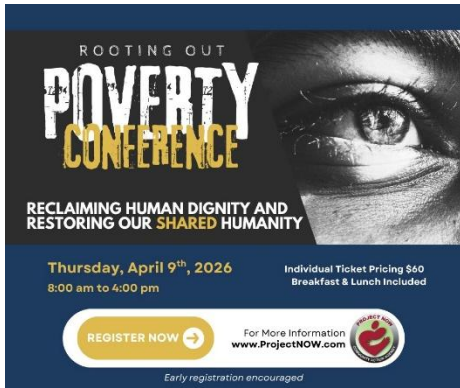
**MCCQC loaned our “We Care” t-shirt quilt made by Clayton Peterson and it will also be on display.**

From April 6<sup>th</sup> through June 8<sup>th</sup> 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 battle with HIV/AIDS

The mission of DeLaCerde House is to provide housing, advocacy services, and progressive case management for persons living 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. 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.projectNOW.org)



**Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup> 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!

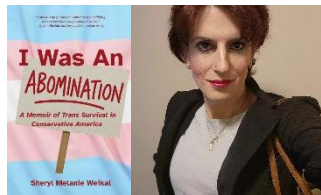
**About Félix González-Torres**

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.



**Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup> 11am – 2pm and 5pm – 8pm NEST Café 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration 1524 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Rock Island**

The Quad Cities is one of a unique few communities across the US that has a pay-what-you-can restaurant. That's something to celebrate! We hope you'll join NEST Cafe's 4th anniversary celebration on Thursday, April 16. No rsvp or anything special required of you, just come hungry! Maybe bring a friend and introduce them to their unique and successful model for addressing food insecurity and building community.



**Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Trans author Sheryl Weikel will be coming to speak at MCC QC**

Sheryl Weikel will conduct a reading and Q&A of her latest book, a memoir, *I Was an Abomination: A Story of Trans Survival in Conservative America* (2025). As an Illinois attorney and activist, she shares her experiences growing up trans in a conservative, homeschooling family, surviving conversion therapy, and overcoming discriminatory barriers. Special thanks to Ken Croken for arranging this event. The event is free and all are welcome.

Contact Ken Croken with any questions by email at [Ken@KenCroken.org](mailto:Ken@KenCroken.org).



**Save the Date!! Annual Spring Cookie Walk Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> 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!!

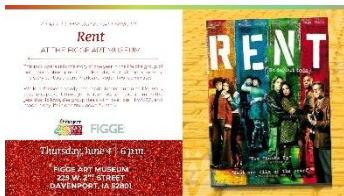
See Patricia Bird and Allyvia Fogerty with any questions and to sign up to bake cookies.

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 AN ORIGINAL ONE ACT  
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 MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> & 9<sup>TH</sup>                      MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup> 11 AM - 1 PM  
 SEEKING 6-8 MALE PRESENTING ACTORS                      MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> 4 PM - 6 PM  
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**Save the Date for an original one act “For the Love of Peter”, written by our very own Don Faust. Show Dates are May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.** 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 6<sup>th</sup>**  
 Watch for more details as they become available.



**Save the date: Friday June 12<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> @ 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://MCCGSL)



## **PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY**

Please add/update prayer requests via email: [richdhendricks@msn.com](mailto: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

Sarah prays for great uncle Walter for health and happiness

Osumo asks prayers for her son who is yet to join college

**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

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>OFFERING</u>
Mar 22 <sup>nd</sup>	47 (virtual 318)	1280.00
Mar 29 <sup>th</sup>	49 (virtual 366)	1475.00
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	65 (virtual 474)	2002.00
	Easter Offering	280.00
	<b>General Fund Checking Balance</b>	<b>1858.92</b>



**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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