

**“In a gentle way you can shake the world.” ~ Mahatma Gandhi, Indian lawyer and social activist known for his doctrine of nonviolent protest.**

**“A gentle word, a kind look, a good-natured smile can work wonders and accomplish miracles.” ~ William Hazlitt, English essayist, drama and literary critic, painter, social commentator, and philosopher.**

**“Nothing is so strong as gentleness, nothing so gentle as real strength.”  
~ Saint Francis de Sales, Catholic Bishop and spiritual writer during the Counter-Reformation**



**Sunday 05/24/2026 “A Wild and Gentle Power” Acts 2:1-21 and John 20:19-23**

### **Weekly Inspiration**



### **The Excitement is Growing** by Pastor Rich

The spiritual home that we are building together at MCC QC continues to amaze me! With all the world's problems and chaos and our members' own personal challenges and difficulties, people still find hope and strength and become a part of God's Kindom here.

Thank you for the ways you connect with each other and support one another.

God says, "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth — do you not perceive it?" (Isaiah 43:19). New projects and new ideas and new ministries keep on coming! I am excited about the

Pride Wall and all the great activities MCC QC is a part of for Pride Month! Lots of opportunities for community engagement.

And when there's a need, we respond. Thank you.

I have never been more proud of this congregation. I feel it. We are on the edge of new growth. Please keep on inviting and keep on praying as we strut our stuff with Pride!

**Love, Rich**

**Metropolitan Community Church of the Quad Cities. A progressive Christian community**

**Where YOU and YOUR spiritual journey are always WELCOME**

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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**



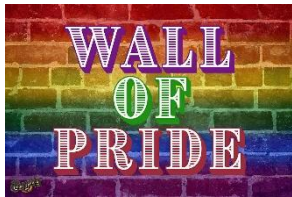
### **Affirming Congregations of the Quad Cities (ACQC) Seeks Help From MCC QC**

*The Project of the Quad Cities* is experiencing a significant budget shortfall due to recent Medicaid cuts/expiring ACA subsidies as well as a shocking [financial scandal involving the state of Iowa and Nucara](#), a pharmacy provider for the IA Department of Health and Human Services - a primary funder of HIV Case Management at TPQC.

**ACQC** asks – “can we, as a group of churches in the area who have declared our solidarity with the marginalized LGBTQ+ community respond? Can we do what small local congregations do best - respond with love and care?”

One of the greatest needs is providing Ensure nutritional drinks and shakes to the clients at The Project. MCCQC is designating Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup> as “Sure...We Can Ensure Sunday”. Let’s plan to fill the altar with bottles, containers and cases of Ensure just like we did on “Souper Bowl Sunday”.

Another option is to purchase Walmart gift cards in \$25 or \$50 increments and bring those also on the 31<sup>st</sup>.



**MCCQC, with the help of Ellen Morton, is creating a Wall of Pride in our social hall and we need your help. We will begin designing the wall on Thursday May 21<sup>st</sup>.**

Please bring Pride items that can be hung on the art wall or displayed on tables. This could be t-shirts, clothing, pictures, jewelry, hats, figurines, buttons, posters...whatever cool stuff that you have collected over the years that represent LGBTQ+ Pride. **You can bring items to the church on the 21st from 9:30am to Noon and leave them with Jennifer or Ellen. Please include a label or note with your name so that we can keep track of your cherished items.**



**Interested in making raffle baskets for Trivia Night on 8/14? Talk with Jolene Ramsey-Moody or send her an email at [ms.moody2005@hotmail.com](mailto:ms.moody2005@hotmail.com)**



## **Iowa Primary Election June 2nd**

*(Only voters who are registered with the Democratic or Republican party can vote in primary election. You can register to vote and/or declare your party affiliation at your polling location.)*

**Absentee Voting (Early Voting & In-Person Early Voting)** Absentee Ballots will be available beginning Wednesday, May 13, for mail and in-person voting. [Download the absentee ballot request form here.](#)

- The first day of in-person absentee voting and the first day the Auditor's Office can mail ballots is Wednesday, May 13.
- The last day an absentee ballot may be mailed to a voter for this election is Monday, May 18.
- Early voting is available starting Wednesday, May 13 thru Monday, June 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Auditor's Office on the fifth floor of 600 W 4th Street, Davenport, IA 52801.
- Saturday voting is available on Saturday May 30 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Auditor's Office on the fifth floor of 600 W 4th Street, Davenport, IA 52801.
- In-person absentee voting in the office of the Scott County Auditor closes at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 1.
- Requests for absentee ballots must be in writing and should be mailed or delivered to: Scott County Auditor, 600 W 4th Street, Davenport, IA 52801
- The ballot drop-box will be open on Wednesday, May 13 through June 2 at 8:00 pm. It is located in the west end of the parking lot at the Scott County Administration Building, 600 W. 4th Street, Davenport.
- More information on [Absentee Voting](#) follow the link.

All domestic absentee ballots must be received by 8:00 pm on Election Day to be considered on time to be counted. Postmarks no longer are acceptable.

**THE LAST DAY TO RETURN YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT BY MAIL IS MAY 26. After May 26, return it to the auditor's office or use the drop box.**

### **Election Day Voting**

If you plan to vote on election day, June 2nd you can find your polling location and precinct [Find My Precinct/Polling Place | Iowa Secretary of State - Paul D. Pate](#)

You can view a sample ballot for your precinct [2026 Primary Election \(June 2, 2026\) - Elections - Scott County, Iowa](#)



**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 (6/20 TBD)

Dining Out – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 6pm (6/09 TBD)

Game Night- 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 6pm in Social Hall. (5/23)

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

Sisters of Sobriety AA – every Saturday at 10am

**Scheduled Events**

**STAND UP 4 STAND UP  
EACH OTHER PEACEFULLY**



One Human Family QCA, Move On, Metrocos NAACP, ICAN,  
QC Immigration Coalition, Visibility Brigade, Indivisible QC, QC NOW

**Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup> at 3pm “Stand Up 4 Stand Up” MLK Park 501 Brady St Davenport**

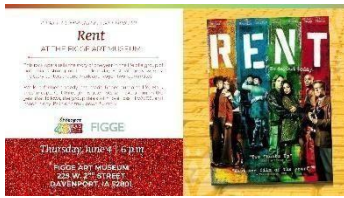


(Light Up Pride 2025 photo)

**Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup> 8pm “Light Up Pride” Spotlight Theatre 1800 7<sup>th</sup> Ave in Moline**

Grab your chairs or blankets to sit on and meet in the parking lot of the Spotlight Theatre. Last year’s event was amazing and so relaxing, so if you missed it, plan to attend this year. There will be inspirational words, group singing led by Singing Resistance, Haus of Card will present colors and at sunset, the building will be lit in all the rainbow colors.

**Check out the Pride events scheduled for June!!**



**Thursday, June 4, 2026 6:00-8:30 PM Figge 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 Figge 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 [\(1\) Facebook](#)



**Save the date: Unity Pride Parade will be held on Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup>** Watch for more details as they become available.

**BLOOD DRIVE**

**Metropolitan Community Church**  
 Friday, June 12  
 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm  
 Donor Bus in Church Parking Lot  
 2930 W. Locust, Davenport

To book appointment, scan QR code, visit [bloodcenter.org](http://bloodcenter.org) or call ImpactLife at 800-747-5401.

Group Code: 2994  
 Last Date to Donate: Elsewhere: April 17

**Save the date: Friday June 12<sup>th</sup> 3-6pm Blood Drive at MCCQC** The ImpactLife Donor Bus will be in our parking lot on Friday June 12 from 3-6pm. To book an appointment you can scan the QR code, visit [bloodcenter.org](http://bloodcenter.org) or call ImpactLife at 800-747-5401. **Our Group Code number is 2994.** You can also contact Jennifer Robb at 563-324-8281 or [jennarobb0430@gmail.com](mailto:jennarobb0430@gmail.com).

**The Wizard of Oz**  
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Sunday, June 14 3 p.m.  
 PUTNAM MUSEUM  
 1717 WEST STREET  
 DAVENPORT, IA 52004



**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.*

**Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup> at 8am "Walk, Run & Roll" Pride 5k, 10K and 1 Mile Fun Run...plus a Costume Contest with Wizard of Oz theme**



**Register at [Pride 5K: Walk, Run, & Roll Presented by The Project of the Quad Cities registration information at GetMeRegistered.com](https://www.getmeregistered.com)**



**Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm “Proud Americans”, a celebration of Queer American composers. A flute recital presented by Paul Mizzi.** More details to follow.



**Save the date!! MCC QC Trivia Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at MCC. Doors open at 5. Trivia at 6.** \$13 per 8-person table and this includes 10 mulligans and one doubler. 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. We will also be selling \$8 Walking Tacos. We need baskets and/or other raffle items. See Jolene Ramsey-Moody with any questions.



**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

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

Deb asks prayers for Margaret Ristau

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

Prayers for Amanda's father

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

Loretta prays for Kelly who is struggling. Continued prayers for Margaret and Mona

Prayers for the safety of all of our immigrant neighbors

Kurt as he recovers from recent knee surgery

Shannon as she recovers from recent knee surgery

Kevin as he recovers from recent heart attack

Jeff recovering from surgery

Deb asking prayers for Steve Davis

Prayers of thanks that Pastor Rich and Jeff were not harmed in recent car accident

Patricia asks prayers of healing for brother-in-law Craig as he recovers from knee surgery

Osumo asks prayers for good health to us all and prayers for Kylie

**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, Mona Riteman, Marvin Brown, Bebe Geis, Bob R, Cyndi H, Mona Riteman

**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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<b>Date</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Offering</b>
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	52 (virtual 408)	2118.00
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	56 (virtual 306)	1300.00
	Cookie Walk Sales	1040.00
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	49 (virtual 318)	1171.00
	<b>General Fund Checking Balance</b>	<b>5616.14</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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