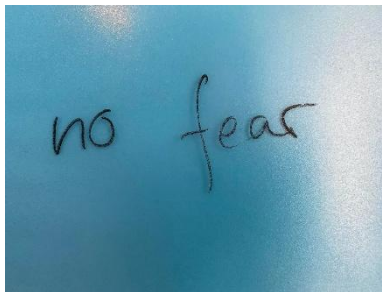


***"People will never fight for your freedom if you have not given evidence that you are prepared to fight for it yourself." ~ Bayard Rustin, American civil rights activist, strategist, and advocate for nonviolence, labor rights, and LGBTQ+ equality.***

***"The real destroyer of inner peace is fear and distrust. Fear develops frustration, frustration develops anger, anger develops violence." ~ Dalai Lama, head of the Gelug school of Tibetan Buddhism.***

***"Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less." ~ Marie Curie, Polish-born French physicist and chemist renowned for pioneering research on radioactivity, a term she coined.***



**Sunday 06/21/2026 "No Fear!"**

**Matthew 10:26-31 and a contemporary reading**

**Weekly Inspiration**



**I Love a Rainy Day by Pastor Rich**

Perhaps it comes from spending time on the farm with my grandparents and cousins. For them, rain was a necessity, a blessing. For me, there's something about the closeness I feel being inside and warm and dry while listening to the rhythm of the raindrops fall all around.

The sound of sheets of rain beating on the roof is something that always makes me smile. I doubt that I would like living somewhere that it rained for days on end. But here, in the Midwest, rain is something that always ends relatively soon. (rain before 7, shine by 11 is right most of the time).

How incredible it is that God created this tiny blue/green planet with an atmosphere where rains sustain an abundance of life. We tend to take water for granted.

Yet as the planet warms, water becomes a scarce world resource. Too often, in many places when rains come, they come in damaging torrents that cause life-threatening flooding followed by mudslides.

Here in Iowa, we have some of the most polluted waters in the nation, primarily due to chemical runoff from farming. While in the QCs we have an abundance of water from the Mississippi, the groundwater table elsewhere is threatened by the construction of new data centers that use massive amounts of both electricity and water.

All this is to say that we should not take a rainy day and clean water for granted. God calls us to be good stewards of creation. In scripture, water symbolizes spiritual life, renewal, cleansing, and God's grace. Jesus offers us water to drink such that we will never be thirsty, welling up to eternal life. And so many of our favorite hymns feature water: Come to the Waters, The River of Life, and Down By the Riverside.

I hope you are able to enjoy the rain. By the way, what did God do when God ran out of rain water? God had to make dew!

**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**

***For Your Prayerful Consideration regarding a possible Commitment of Partnership with Shalom MCC, Western Uganda***

***The following is a letter of introduction from Pastor JohnProsper Kyomujuni:***



My name is Pastor JohnProsper Kyomujuni, and I serve as the lay pastor of Shalom Metropolitan Community Church (Shalom MCC), an Emerging Church in Western Uganda.

Shalom MCC began as a small MCC Spiritual Community. At the beginning, I would walk from door to door sharing the Gospel and inviting people to join a faith community where everyone could experience God's love and acceptance. Slowly, people began to respond, and our numbers started to grow. As more people joined, we began gathering for prayer, Bible study, and fellowship in my small rented room. We continued to worship together, support one another, and grow in faith. As the community expanded, it became clear that God was calling us to become something more.

With the encouragement of our members and the guidance of Rev. Wanda Floyd whom I met in 2022 we started talking then in 2024 she advised me to start with spiritual community then from a spiritual community came Shalom MCC and the Office of Emerging Ministries, we began the process of becoming an MCC Emerging Church.

Today, Shalom MCC has 35 members, and new people continue to join us. Every Sunday we gather for worship, prayer, testimonies, and fellowship. As attendance increased, my rented room became too small to accommodate everyone. We were able to rent a simple wooden building that had previously been used as a bakery, and it now serves as our worship space. Although modest, it has become a place where people can gather, pray, and experience God's presence together.

My own journey began in a humble Christian family where I learned to love prayer and serving God. Because of that calling, I entered a Catholic seminary. Although I did not complete my studies there, I continued to feel God's call on my life. In time, I connected with Rev. Wanda Floyd and learned about Metropolitan Community Churches. Through that connection, God opened the door for the creation of our spiritual community, which has now grown into Shalom MCC.

Our ministry serves many people who have felt isolated, rejected, or excluded from faith communities because of their identity. Many people in our region worship in secret or have stopped attending church after difficult experiences. At Shalom MCC, we believe that God's love is for everyone. We seek to create a church where all people are welcomed with dignity, respect, and compassion.

Despite challenges, we continue to witness God's work among us. Members share testimonies of renewed faith, healing, hope, and belonging. We believe God is building something beautiful through Shalom MCC, and we are grateful for every person who walks this journey with us. Our vision is simple: to be a Christ-centered church that welcomes all people without discrimination, shares the Gospel, serves the community, and helps people discover God's unconditional love.

We thank God for the support, prayers, and friendship of the wider MCC family as we continue growing and serving God's people in Western Uganda.

Peace be with you,  
Pastor Johnprosper

***We welcome comments and questions about the above and following information.  
Please send to Pastor Rich: [richdhendricks@msn.com](mailto:richdhendricks@msn.com).***

**COVENANT OF PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCHES,  
Metropolitan Community Church of the Quad Cities, AND [Shalom MCC]**

A covenant is a mutual commitment between congregations, pastoral leaders, and the denomination that allows for clear expectations, focused accountability, good practices for healthy ministry, and relational churches with one another and with the denomination. A covenant is a sacred promise. It is accepted and understood within the bounds of Christian community and mutual service. In a covenant, all parties are empowered to give their best to one another, recognizing that to do so helps to create an effective and beloved spiritual community. Being in a covenant also reminds us to offer grace to one another in all things.

Therefore, Metropolitan Community Churches, [MCCQC and Shalom MCC] hereby enter into covenant with one another and pledge to the commitments, as shown below:

**Commitment of Metropolitan Community Churches**

- We will be in constant prayer for [MCCQC and Shalom MCC]
- We will offer resources to help clergy, lay leaders and both communities to flourish
- We want to hear about what each church is doing through this partnership and help you share about it with other churches
- We will support your church and pastor in local or national justice efforts
- We will offer regular contact with your pastoral leader
- We will offer ongoing training and education to equip and credential pastoral leaders

**Commitment of [MCCQC]**

- We will be in constant prayer for [emerging church and pastoral leader], and for Metropolitan Community Churches.
- We will share with our partner emerging church those resources for worship, courses, bible study, community development, and justice/community service that are effective in our local ministries.
- We will find our unique way to live into our calling to be in partnership with [emerging church] and seek to grow spiritually and be a learning community.
- If possible, we will have a least one video call either per month or per quarter as mutually agreed upon to exchange experiences and achievements.
- As a financial commitment, we pledge to provide our emerging church partner with the following: Amount \_\_\_\_\_ monthly.

**Commitment of [Shalom MCC]**

- We will be in constant prayer for [MCCQC and Pastor Rich Hendricks], and for Metropolitan Community Churches.
- We will remain in good standing with Metropolitan Community Churches, submitting both the monthly reports and the annual report in a timely manner.
- We will share with our affiliated partner church a bi-monthly report with pictures about the ministry that we are offering.
- We will foster a good relationship between our community and the denomination
- We will respect the community as the priesthood of all believers and see our ministry in partnership with them
- We will empower people into their own calling and ministries in Jesus' name.

- We will share our resources for worship, courses, bible study, community development, and justice/community service with [affiliated church] to receive feedback, and comments.
- If possible, we will have a least one video call either per month or per quarter as mutually agreed upon to exchange experiences and achievements.
- As the recipient of a financial commitment, we pledge to be good stewards of the funds that we receive and provide receipts, as appropriate, to [MCCQC].

**For information about MCC Emerging Churches, please visit [Emerging Churches | Metropolitan Community Churches](#)**



One Human Family QCA wishes to express its deep appreciation for all those who donated to the impromptu Bake Sale last Sunday, which raised \$269. Pastor Rich says, “I am always so impressed by the generosity of the people of MCC QC - you're the best!”

### Special Announcements



**Sunday June 21st Father Figures' Day Ties and Socks Contest and Ice Cream Social in MCCQC Social Hall after service**

Everyone is invited to wear ties and socks to worship service that celebrate the fathers and father figures in their life. Time to dig in the back of the closet for those ties you received years ago! The older and sillier the better. We will model them and vote on most outrageous, silly, ugly and the best theme. Join us after worship for an ice cream social!



**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)**



**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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 5-6pm (6/20 Pork Loin Sandwiches with picnic style sides)

Dining Out – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 6pm (7/14 TBD)

Game Night- 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 6pm in Social Hall. (No game night in June. Join us at Bass Street Landing Pride Party sponsored by The Project from 3-11pm)

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

Sisters of Sobriety AA – every Saturday at 10am

**Scheduled Events**

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



**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.



**Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup> 5-8pm Zoo Nights-Pride Night 13010 Niabi Zoo Road Coal Valley**

Celebrate Pride Night at Niabi Zoo during their June Zoo Nights event! Adults: \$11; Seniors: \$10; Children 2-12: \$8.50

Spend your evening connecting with the natural world and celebrating a welcoming community for all families. Niabi Zoo is proud to partner with Quad Cities Pride Alliance for a colorful night of music, activities, animals and family-friendly fun.

Pride Night activities will take place between 5 – 8 p.m.

Admission Hours: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., last entry at 7 p.m.

#### WHAT TO EXPECT DURING PRIDE NIGHT

- Drag Queen in the Park featuring family-appropriate performances by Bentley Ballenciaga
- Story time with animals
- Rainbow-themed animal enrichment activities
- Live music and DJ sets with dance areas for all ages
- Pride-themed scavenger hunt around the Zoo
- Educational booths and activities from local organizations focused on conservation, inclusion and identity.
- Hundreds of amazing animals from around the world!

Join us for an evening that celebrates wildlife, community and belonging.

Plan your visit: <https://www.niabizoo.com/plan-your-visit/>



#### **Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup> 3-11pm Pride Party at Bass Street Landing 1601 River Drive Moline**

*Admission to Pride Party at Bass Street Landing is FREE.*

*Visit vendor tables and enjoy free activities!*

#### **With food from:**

*Mexies Food Truck (Mexican Food), Big Boyz Pizza (Pizza), Hangry Haven (Burgers), Uncle Cousin Brother BBQ (BBQ), Sunny Dogs (Hot Dogs), Kinetic Energy Drinks, Tidalwave Energy Station*

**3:00 pm - Pride Party kicks off with music from DJ TJ**

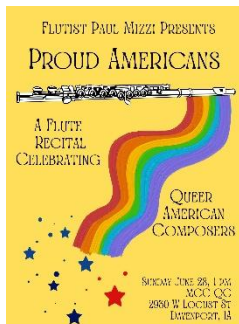
**6-10 pm - Drag Performances by:**

*Ginger Snaps, Howie Felon-Luv Monroe, Izzy A. Mess, Justine Thyme, Logan Blewz, Logan Flynn Monroe Milange, Miss Jaide, Sonny No-Belle Jenkins, Virgo Frost Belle*

#### **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.**

Bridging the 57th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots with the 250th anniversary of the United States, flutist Paul Mizzi is presenting a recital celebrating queer American composers. Music of Classical and Contemporary queer American composers will be performed, and attendees are invited to embrace the diversity of America’s musical past and present. Personal contexts of the classical composers’ queer identities will be presented by Steen Allard-Lawson. Featured composer Nina Shekhar (PhD, Princeton. Faculty, Mannes School of Music) will provide an artist’s statement about her music and will address issues around American identity and queerness in today’s social and political environment.



**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!! Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup> Annual MCCQC Picnic at Fejervary Park in Davenport**

Join us for the annual picnic at shelter #1 in Fejervary Park. The church will provide hot dogs, burgers, buns and condiments. Please bring a dish to share if you are able. There is a playground for the children and restrooms nearby. Bring cards or a board game for added fun. Invite family and friends!!



**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). Please let Pastor Rich or Jennifer Robb know if you are interested in attending. The organizers are looking for a tentative head count so that they can reserve the block of hotel rooms.



**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

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

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

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

Prayers for the safety of all of our immigrant neighbors

Continued healing for Jeff, Kurt, Shannon and Kevin

Deb asking prayers for Steve Davis

Osumo asks prayers for good health to us all and prayers for Kylie; her son who is yet to join college

Marsha S prays for Terry and Mary

Prayers for Jolene's mother who is in hospice at home

Marsha S prays for Teri, Mary and Roger in Colorado

Loretta prays for our nation and its leaders

Mark L prays for Mark K

Amanda prays for Kenny and his family

Prayers of health for Angel and Kevin; Angel prays for niece Sara

Bebe asks prayers for Marvin and Bebe

Patricia asks prayers for mother-in-law for health issues, friend Sheri who just lost her husband and friend Michelle having surgery tomorrow

**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

**BY THE NUMBERS**

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Offering</b>
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	45 (virtual 274)	420.00
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	69 (virtual 222)	2425.00
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	63 (virtual 304)	2878.00
	<b>General Fund Checking Balance</b>	<b>5657.82</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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