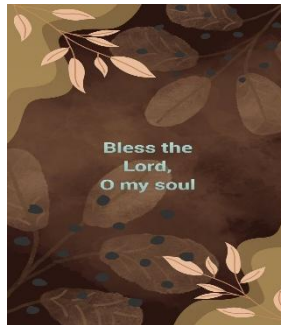


"Blessed are they who see beautiful things in humble places where other people see nothing." ~ Camille Pissarro, Danish French Impressionist painter

"I am in love with the creator of heaven and earth. I see the morning sun and thank God for everything that God has blessed me with. That is a perfect start to every morning." ~ Jason Collins, American professional basketball player

"We also ascend dazzling and tremendous as the sun, We found our own 'O my soul' in the calm and cool of the daybreak." ~ Walt Whitman, American poet, essayist and journalist



Sunday 09/13/2026 "Bless the Lord, O My Soul" Psalm 103:1-13 and Matthew 18:21-35

Weekly Inspiration



A Fly on the Wall by Pastor Rich

Ever heard that expression, "Oh, I wish I were a fly on the wall to hear" It popped into my head today as I was considering all of the sacred conversations that people have had with one another in our MCC QC building.

And all of those conversations are sacred, whether or not the people speaking realized it. I wonder sometimes at how God tunes in and receives all of our messages. There is certainly no way a human being could possibly sort and receive, let alone acknowledge the volume of traffic on the prayer line. It is comforting to know that God is there for us, listening. God and the universe are so much bigger than our lives or even our imaginations. Miraculously, our faith in God's presence and understanding and love transcends human limitations.

Thank you, God, for wonderful moments of connection and for the boundaries of our own humanness.

Mostly I am glad that I am not that fly on the wall. **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



Join Us!! Sunday September 13th at 12:45pm 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...or outdoor games. Invite family and friends!

Early Voting General Election November 3, 2026

Where do we go?

Rock Island County

R. I. County Building located at 1504 Third Ave., Rock Island

September 24 - October 23

Monday - Friday

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

*Normal business hours

October 24 - November 2

Monday - Friday

8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

October 24 & October 31

Saturday

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

October 25 & November 1

Sunday

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Rock Island County: Offsite Locations

Silvis City Council Chambers, 121 11 Street, Silvis

Mon - Fri 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Milan Municipal Building, 405 E. 1 Street, Milan

Mon - Fri 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Moline Public Library, 3210 41 Street, Moline

Mon - Fri 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Scott County

Absentee Ballots will be available beginning Wednesday, October 14, for mail and in-person voting.

[Download the absentee ballot request form here.](#)

There are copies printed on the information table in social hall.

In person voting starts Wednesday, October 14 at the Auditor's Office, Scott County Administrative Center, 600 West 4th Street, Davenport, and at various **satellite locations (see below)** in Scott County.

Voting at the Administrative Center:

Monday - Friday, from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm in the first-floor Board Room

Saturday, October 31 from 9:00 am-5:00 pm in the first-floor Board Room.

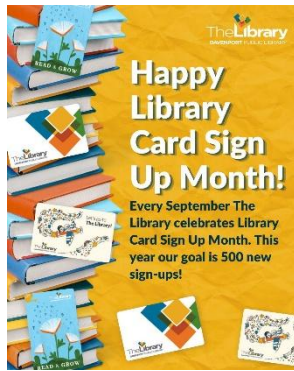
- In-person absentee voting in the office of the Scott County Auditor closes at 4:30 pm on Monday, November 2.
- Requests for absentee ballots must be in writing and should be mailed or delivered to: Scott County Auditor, 600 W. 4th St., Davenport, IA 52801.
- **The deadline to submit an absentee ballot request form is 5:00 pm on Monday, October 19. Absentee ballot request forms must be in the office by 5:00 pm. Postmarks do not count!**
- More information on [Absentee Voting](#) follow the link.

All 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.

Current Satellite Locations for Scott County:

A satellite location has been petitioned and approved for the following sites. Hours and days of satellites will be determined by the first half of October and posted here as soon as they are confirmed.

- **Quad City Veterans Outreach Center (4515 N Fairmount in Davenport)**
- **The Summit of Bettendorf (4699 53rd Ave in Bettendorf)**



Happy Library Card Sign Up Month

Here's how they are celebrating:

Everyone who signs up for a new card will receive a small gift!

If you interact with the library whiteboards or with library staff on outreach visits or in Special Collections, you will receive a ticket you can enter into weekly prize basket drawings!

**CALLING ALL GROUPS
TO COME VOLUNTEER!**



Sign your group up to volunteer at one of our
mall pantries today!

riverbendfoodbank.org/volunteer

Did you know you can volunteer as a group? Riverbend Food Bank is seeking volunteers.
Can MCCQC form a group? Please let Jennifer or Pastor Rich know if you are interested.

Our mall pantries always need extra hands, and volunteering means more when you do it alongside people you know. Gather your friends, coworkers, neighbors and sign up together.

Group shifts are open:

- 🍎 Mondays (afternoon) – NorthPark
- 🍊 Tuesdays (afternoon) – SouthPark
- 🍇 Wednesdays (morning) – NorthPark
- 🍏 Thursdays (morning) – SouthPark

Go to riverbendfoodbank.org/volunteer/ sign up your whole group at once - by clicking "respond as a team". Together, we are feeding people today and ending hunger tomorrow.



Two Dates and Two Locations:

- Sun. Sept. 20th @ MLK, 630 9th St Rock Island 2-5pm
- Sun. Sept. 27th @ TMBC 318 E. 7th St Davenport 2-5pm
- Shoes, Coats, Mittens, Socks and Haircuts
- Parents must be present with their children



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 (9/19 Spaghetti Casserole)

Dining Out – 2nd Tuesday at 6pm (10/13)

Game Night- 4th Saturday at 6pm in Social Hall. (9/26)

Recognition Sunday – 1st Sunday during service with potluck

Sisters of Sobriety AA – every Saturday at 10am

Scheduled Events



Wednesday, September 16, 2026, 6:00 PM CT

Free Live Webinar with Community Chat: *From Lawn to Meadow* Presented by Sara Weaner Cooper

Join Sara Weaner Cooper, owner and principal of New Directions in the American Landscape (NDAL), for a free Wild Ones webinar as she shares a candid look at her family's ongoing lawn-to-meadow project, which has been featured in The New York Times and BBC. Drawing from firsthand experience, Sara will explore the methods they used, what worked, what didn't, and what they've learned as the landscape continues to evolve. Register at [From Lawn to Meadow - Wild Ones: Native Plants, Natural Landscapes](#)



Saturday Sept 19th 2-8pm the 2026 Harmony Festival 742 15th Ave East Moline

QCAIR is thrilled to invite you to their annual Harmony Festival 2026 — a celebration of community, culture, and connection!

Join them for a vibrant day filled with music, food, performances, and cultural showcases that highlight the incredible diversity of our region. This is more than an event — it's a space where neighbors come together to celebrate what makes each of us unique while building unity across cultures. Family-friendly. Cultural performances & live entertainment. Food, community booths & activities. Bring your friends, bring your family, and come to celebrate harmony!



Thursday September 24th @ 6:30pm “The Sultan & The Saint” showing at the Putnam Museum 1717 W. 12th Street Davenport

Free screening followed by panel discussion featuring Sr. Jan Cebula, president of Sisters of St. Francis, Clinton, IA and Dr. Bashir Djehiche, Imam and Religious Director at ICQC, moline, IL.

The Sultan and the Saint is a 2016 historical documentary recounting the real-life meeting between St. Francis of Assisi and Sultan Al-Kamil during the Crusades. Against a backdrop of entrenched war and distrust, the two men seek dialogue, respect, and common ground. Featuring reenactments, expert commentary, and narration by Jeremy Irons, it delivers a visually rich and thought-provoking message of peace, making it a worthy watch for those interested in history, faith, and interfaith understanding.



September 25th 9am-1pm QC Senior Expo at Golden Leaf Banquet Center 2902 E Kimberly Davenport

Free admission. This is a community event designed to connect seniors, caregivers, and families with trusted local resources and services.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet with businesses and organizations that support health, housing, financial planning, home services, wellness, and more. Meet local senior-focused businesses. Learn about helpful services and resources. Enjoy a welcoming and informative environment.



Saturday September 26th Noon to 3pm. MCC QC Jamboree

We need flyers passed out and hung where you work, shop, your neighborhood. Flyers are available on information table or see Jennifer. Angel will have a craft table where kids can paint, there will be a jump house, and we are looking into game ideas and prizes. Don will teach the lawn game Kubbb. We will serve hot dogs, chips and a beverage. There will be music. The sign-up sheet

for volunteers and/or donations is on the information table. **Thank you to those who have already signed up or made cash and food donations!** Please contact Jennifer Robb or Sheri Carnahan if you have any questions.



“Bridge of Transformation”

Updated Information. October 16-18, 2026. The 2026 West Central USA Network Gathering will be hosted by Metropolitan Community Church of Greater St. Louis.

Please let Pastor Rich or Jennifer Robb know if you are interested in attending. The link to register is <https://www.eventbrite.com/.../west-central-usa-network...> The cost including service fee is \$63.49. This includes dinner on Saturday evening. The host hotel is Hilton Pennywell St. Louis at the Arch, with a special rate of \$129 per night/room.

[Click here to book at the Hilton Pennywell St. Louis at the Arch.](#)

AGENDA

- **Friday, October 16, 2026 - Gather at the Host Hotel from 05:00 PM - 10:00 PM**
Registration and social time at the host hotel.
- **Saturday, October 17, 2026, from 08:00 AM - 10:00 PM**
Powerhouse speakers, afternoon activities focusing on building deep relationships
- **Sunday, October 18, 2026, from 08:00 AM - 01:00 PM**
Spirit of St. Louis - Worship Together



Monday October 19th at 6pm “Non-violence and De-escalation Training” sponsored by One Human Family QCA, Pax Christi and MCC

Rev. Elder Rich Hendricks will present on Facebook Live

Training will offer a better understanding of what one seeks to accomplish and, more importantly, the manner in which one respectfully protests and resists. The Five Key Points of MLK’s non-violence will be discussed as well as examples of how to de-escalate counterprotesters so that hate and harassment don’t escalate into violence.



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 trans service members and trans community

Sarah prays for great uncle Walter for health and happiness

Prayers for the safety of all of our immigrant neighbors

Deb asking prayers for Steve Davis

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

Loretta prays for our nation and its leaders

Mark L prays for Mark K

Prayers for Deb C-P and her living situation

Prayers for Pastor Johnprosper and Shalom MCC in Uganda

Amanda and Amy ask Prayers for Sarah K

Ramsey-Moody family

Angel prays for her niece Sara Bell

Prayers of healing for Dixie

Continued prayers for Marvin and Bebe

Prayers for all the children heading off to school this month

Marsha S prays for Jayson and family, Mary and herself

Greg S prays for Roger and for Arlene

Prayers for Kevin healing after surgery

Loretta asks for prayers for her friend Stacey

Prayers of continued healing for Yogi

Patricia asks prayers for Silas who is battling cancer and her mother-in-law, Lori, who is in the hospital with a bowel obstruction.

Cathleen asks prayers for Liv & Declan moving into their new home

Sarah K prays for courage

From Shalom MCC: For healing for Agripina, the oldest member of Shalom MCC; Prayers for those in hiding (closeted); For starting a choir; For the orphans in the community

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, Kevin and Angela

BY THE NUMBERS

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Date	Attendance	Offering
August 30 th	40 (virtual 271)	964.00
Sept 6 th	39 (virtual 229)	2422.84
	General Fund Checking Balance	3357.40



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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