

"In trans women's eyes, I see a wisdom that can only come from having to fight for your right to be recognized as female, a raw strength that only comes from unabashedly asserting your right to be feminine in an inhospitable world."

~ Julia Serano

"I'm moving into that eldership age, you know? I'm at the 'wise woman' age where it's not about learning, but about utilizing the information that I have in a way that serves other people.

That's a high calling and it's a great responsibility." ~ Iyanla Vanzant



**Sunday 06/15/25 "Female Wisdom" Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 and John 16:12-15**

### **Special Announcements**



### **Unity Pride Parade MCC Float Update**

Please meet by 10am on Saturday 6/14 on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Pershing Avenue in Downtown Davenport if you are walking in the parade or riding on the float. Wear your MCC QC T-shirts or Pride colors. The parade begins at 11am, heads over Centennial Bridge and ends by Schwiebert Park in Rock Island.

### **Feed the Hungry seeking assistance with desserts**



Please reach out to Yogi McKinney if you can help provide at least 4 dozen homemade cookies, bar cookies, or Rice Krispie treats for the monthly meal. These items are placed in zip lock bags and handed out to the individuals who attend the meal. Therefore, cakes or pies will not work as a dessert item. The Feed the Hungry group prepares the meal at MCCQC on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every month from 2:30-5pm and serves the meal at 5:30pm at Zion Lutheran Church in Davenport. If you would like to help, you can also call the church at 563-324-8281. Items need to be delivered to MCC QC no later than 4pm on the day of the event. **The next Feed the Hungry meal is on June 27<sup>th</sup>.**



### **Thursday June 12<sup>th</sup> Pride Night @ Modern Woodmen Park**

The game begins at 6:30. For those interested in attending, plan to meet around 6-6:15 by the box office so that we can sit together.



### **Saturday, June 14 at 7:30 PM Playcrafters Barn Theatre 4950 35th Ave, Moline, IL**

Join us at Playcrafters Barn Theatre for Love Is Love: A Pride Night Showcase—an evening of one acts and sketch comedy celebrating the joy, humor, and shared connections of being human.

Tickets are \$13 and can be purchased in advance at this link. [Love is Love: A Pride Night Showcase, Starts on Saturday, Jun 14th 2025, 7:30pm CDT - Purplepass](#)

This special event features locally written pieces **(Don Faust wrote one of the pieces being performed)** that reflect the diverse experiences and voices within our community. From heartfelt moments to laugh-out-loud comedy, Love Is Love offers something for everyone as we come together to honor Pride Month through the power of storytelling and live theatre.

Featuring Moody's Idiots, a local sketch comedy group, newly renamed in honor of their late founding member, Matt Moody. Their return to the stage is a heartfelt tribute to the laughter, love, and creative spirit he brought to our community.



**MCC QC T-Shirts are back by popular demand and available in a variety of color as well as sizes up to 5XL!** Women's and Men's styles are available. Black, orange, heather gray, purple, sapphire blue and pink colors are available. Cost ranges \$19.28 – 22.06 depending on size. Use the following link to order and shirts can be delivered directly to your home.

[Unique Men products at MCC Quad Cities T Shirts](#)



### **Sunday June 15th New Membership Class after service in the Board Room**

Seeking additional information about MCC QC and our denomination? Considering becoming a member? Then you will want to attend this class. We will impart the history, beliefs and rituals of the denomination as well as MCC QC, offer an opportunity to share your personal spiritual journey, and explain how our members contribute with time, treasures, and/or talents. Plus, we laugh a lot while learning and listening during our time together. Please see Pastor Rich or email him at [richdhendricks@msn.com](mailto:richdhendricks@msn.com) to sign up or contact Jennifer at 563-324-8281 or [jennarobb0430@gmail.com](mailto:jennarobb0430@gmail.com).



Pride month is right around the corner. MCCQC is partnering with ImpactLife over the course of June to promote blood donation at their 3 local donor centers. They have a new *Donate with Pride/We all Bleed the Same* initiative that you can check out here: [www.bloodcenter.org/pride](http://www.bloodcenter.org/pride) You can also schedule your appointment using the link.



### **Children's Story Time with Mona Ritemon**

Children between the ages of 3 - 10 are invited to story time with Mona Ritemon every other Sunday. Children will be released after our opening hymn. **The next Story Time will be on June 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**We strive to be green! Please use our recycling bin for clean paper, bottles and cans.** Interfaith Climate Care QC group meets every 4th Tuesday at noon (bring a sack lunch) at St. Paul Lutheran Church 2136 N Brady St, Davenport- anyone is welcome to join!



**The next meeting is on June 24<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Recurring Events (All are at MCCQC unless indicated otherwise)**

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**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 (6/21 BBQ Ribs)**

**Dining Out – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 6pm (6/10 Red Lobster 3420 E Kimberly Davenport)**

**Game Night- 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 6pm in Social Hall. (6/28 bring a snack to share if able)**

**Let's Write & Create Studio – every Thursday from 6-8 pm**

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

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

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## Scheduled Events



### Thursday June 12<sup>th</sup> Quad City Rollers Pride Family Skate Night 6-9pm at Eldridge Community Center and Skate Park 400 S 16<sup>th</sup> Ave, Eldridge IA

QC Rollers is inviting all their amazing fans to come out and celebrate with them from 6-8 PM for a night of fun, games, and skating! Enjoy FREE admission and skate rental, plus family-friendly games and concessions available to keep everyone fueled up and having a blast.

This is a fantastic chance for families to skate with the Quad City Rollers, have some fun, and learn from the best! Don't miss out on this exciting event – we can't wait to see you there!



**Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> National Day of Defiance 1-3pm Schwiebert Park Rock Island** After the parade head down to Schwiebert Park for the mass protest organized by **Indivisible QC**. Be part of the 1,000+ events organized throughout the United States for **No Kings Day** on June 14.



### Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> QC Juneteenth Festival in LeClaire Park, Davenport

The Friends of MLK (FoMLK) are proud to host the Quad City Juneteenth Festival on Saturday, June 14, 2025, at LeClaire Park located 400 Beiderbecke Dr., Davenport, IA. from 11 am – 4 pm. We hope that our partnership will make this year's Juneteenth Festival the best one yet! If you would like information on how to be a vendor or sponsor, please contact us at [fomlk.davenport@gmail.com](mailto:fomlk.davenport@gmail.com).



**Wednesday, June 18 from Noon to 1:00pm Iowa Environmental Council (IEC) Cancer Listening Session at MCC QC**

Attendance is free and open to the public, but registration is required for all attendees.

The listening session is a part of our project with Drake University to look at Iowa's rising cancer rates (we are the second highest state for cancer cases in the country and one of only two states with rising rates). Scott County is among the highest in the state for both cancer incidence and cancer mortality. You can learn more about the project on their website and register at [Cancer and Environmental Risk Factors in Iowa - Iowa Environmental Council](#)



**June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> 1- 4pm Camp O.W.L. (Our Whole Lives) at Unitarian Universalist QC 3707 Eastern Ave n Davenport. The cost if \$75.**

The OWL Camp is a week-long event for 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades. It is evidence-based, age appropriate and medically accurate programming by Health Educators from the Community Prevention Team. It focuses on the questions that 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders have about the emotional and physical changes as they go through puberty.



**Friday June 27th and Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup>. Backyard Bioblitz**

**Hauberg Estate 1300 24<sup>th</sup> St in Rock Island**

Free Event. Call 309-373-5080 for information.

Friday activities from 3-6pm and Saturday activities from 10am-2pm

Explore local wildlife and plants while helping document species with expert naturalists.

Activities include: LIVE Raptors; Guided Hikes; Nature Stations; Presentations, Arts& Crafts



**Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup> 3-10:30pm Pride Party at Bass Street Landing 1601 River Dr Moline**

Join The Project of the Quad Cities for our fifth annual Pride Party at Bass Street Landing on Saturday, June 28, 2025! **Admission to Pride Party at Bass Street Landing is FREE.** Get all the details at [tpqc.org/pride](http://tpqc.org/pride)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: LIVE MUSIC - 3-7:30 p.m. DRAG PERFORMANCES - 8-10:30 p.m. For the list of performers and the 9 food vendors go to [Pride Party at Bass Street Landing | Facebook](#)







**Tuesday Aug 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm [MCCQC Green Team Mtg](#) in the MCC QC Social Hall**

**Consider joining the [GREEN TEAM](#) at MCC QC for creation care ideas.**



**Sunday October 5<sup>th</sup> QC CROP Hunger Walk 1-2pm registration/check-in. The walk begins at 2:15pm at the Caxton Building/Bethany for Children & Families 1701 River Drive in Moline**

We're participating in the 2025 CROP Hunger Walk to support CWS and help families who are struggling with hunger. We're asking you to join us - with your steps and/or your donations - to provide more meals for the growing number of people in our community who need them, and greater food security in communities around the world. The route begins there and heads east on the sidewalk along River Dr. to the base of the I-74 bridge. You will step onto the pedestrian path and cross the bridge to Bettendorf, where you will turn and head back to the Caxton Building.

Please plan to bring jars of peanut butter and jelly to the walk. We collected 300+ jars last year and distributed them to churches that operate food banks. Please avoid glass jars if possible. Join our team and/or donate at:

[2025 CROP Hunger Walk - Metropolitan Community Church Quad Cities](#)

Check out our page on Facebook for pictures and updates. [Facebook](#)



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**[Pastor Rich available by appointment or stop by on Wednesdays from Noon – 2pm](#)**





## **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  
Andy Anderson recurrence of lymphoma  
Kevin's brother Craig with mental health concern  
For the leaders of our country  
Bob R prays for better health  
Prayers for our country  
Mark L prays for Mark K  
Prayers for Marsha VZ son-in-law Larry as he recovers from stroke  
Cyndi prays for finances and her health, as well as her kids and grandkids  
God bless and keep Trump --- far, far away from us  
Prayers for those struggling with depression  
For Marie Tasker's son, who is in critical condition following surgery with complications  
Loretta asks prayers for her friend Diane  
Prayers for Kathie and Debbie  
Prayers for Dave Hendershot with cancer  
Prayers for Russ and Larry  
Prayers for trans service members  
Prayers for Zash  
For Deb C-P recovering from surgery  
Prayers for Bebe, Marvin and Princess Stephanie (furry family member)  
Marsha S prays for Teddy, Jayson and Family  
Julie prays for her sister-in-law's family and for Judy's upcoming surgery  
Angel P asks for prayers for friend Kelly  
Dale Gimm recovering from gall bladder surgery

**Continuing health issues:** Sharon Rash, Mary Geneseo, RoxAnn Kowalski, Rich Voltz, Heather York, Jen Jarvis, Terri Patterson, Anna Hitchcock, Connie Hildebranski, Larry Hansen, Christine Jackson, Walt Youngman, David Ramsey, Deb & Sue Calsyn-Polsen, Greg Starjohann and partner Roger, Larry Best and Russ Wood, Cliff Shade, Kevin Detra, Margaret Ristau, Donna Kuhl

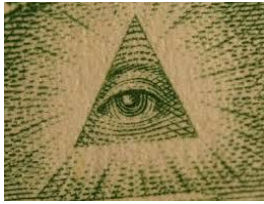
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<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>ATTENDANCE</u></b>	<b><u>OFFERING</u></b>
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	78 (virtual 281)	1550.00
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	56 (virtual 295)	1728.25
June 1 <sup>st</sup>	70 (virtual 279)	2497.00
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	55 (virtual 320)	1209.00
	General Fund Checking Balance	3051.92

## Weekly Inspiration

### ***Are You Aware of Being Aware? by Pastor Rich***



Consciousness is a strange animal. We used to think only humans were self-aware, but there is increasing evidence that self-awareness is a common trait in several other species. Most of the time we are not aware of being aware - for example, we have all had the experience of driving a car and we are so busy talking to someone or caught up in our own thoughts that we realize we were on auto-pilot, with little memory of what we saw along the way.

When we are really "self-conscious" - that is, fearful or unsure of ourselves, we become awkward. Sometimes I have had the experience of feeling like I am outside of my body, closely observing myself, as if I were watching someone else in a movie. Fortunately, it doesn't last long, and in an instant we are "brought back to ourselves" or "brought back to the real world."

Even at the sub-atomic particle level, muons and quarks' existence/properties depend on being observed by a conscious observer. We are never really alone. This is not a conversation I would want to have with someone who suffers from paranoia, but in ways that we cannot begin to comprehend, God is "watching" us.

The "all-seeing eye" is a symbol, also known as the "Eye of Providence," representing the all-seeing, watchful, and protective gaze of a higher power. Most of us are comfortable calling that higher power God. The Eye appears on our dollar bill. It is there because it is a symbol used by the Freemasons. It's often depicted as an eye within a triangle and surrounded by rays of light. The symbol has been used since ancient times and appears in various cultures and belief systems.

I have always been fascinated by the interplay between science and theology. Science tells us that our observing things affects those things observed. How much more so does it apply to our relationships with others. Relationships can be quite complex and many-leveled. Yet everything we do in connecting with God or with others matters. Makes a difference. Affect us and them both. Creates ripples, as Dick Kennedy would say.

I believe God and God's creation are much more marvelous than we can ever comprehend. The ways that we are connected with all living things - even perhaps inanimate objects - is mind boggling to me.

Two thoughts on how all this applies to our faith. First, we tend to underestimate the difference we can make in others' lives. Jesus seemed intuitively to know what to say and do to make a difference in the lives of those he encountered. He mostly did this through his presence and his stories (parables) rather than preaching. He got them thinking about things in a new way! We can always grow to be more loving, to create more ripples!

Second, we should have a healthy dose of the mysteries of God in our faith. Knowing that we can't possibly understand it all has a way of making us humble before God's majesty in the best of ways. Take some time to be awestruck by your world. Let it mellow you to a state of gratitude for all that you experience. And when you are so reflecting, I believe that you are connecting with God and that God returns that reflection with energy and wonder for your soul.

Go about your week with an awareness of yourself as a child of a loving God who is always aware of you!

**Love, Rich**

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

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