

*"Like sheep that get lost nibbling away at the grass because they never look up,
we often focus so much on ourselves and our problems that we get lost."
~ Allen Klein, author and lecturer on the benefits of humor*

*Pastors must welcome the lost sheep. Actually, I made a mistake. I said welcome;
rather, go out and find them.
~ Pope Francis, the 1st Jesuit, Latin American pope, 2013-2025*

*"Yes, there is a Nirvanah; it is leading your sheep to a green pasture, and in
putting your child to sleep, and in writing the last line of your poem"
~ Khalil Gibran, Lebanese-American writer, poet and visual artist*



Sunday 09/14/25 "Lost Sheep Found" Exodus 32:7-14 and Luke 15:1-10



MCC QC has raised \$145 so far and we have a way to go to meet our goal of \$1700. Last year we raised \$1,502.58. Please pray about this and donate what you are able.

Sunday October 5th 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. See Jennifer Robb with any questions.

Please plan to bring jars of peanut butter and jelly to the walk or you can leave them on the designated table in the social hall. QC CROP Hunger Walk 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](#)

Congratulations to new MCCQC board members, Kevin Carr and Jolene Ramsey-Moody!!



Thank you to outgoing MCCQC board members, Scott Cameron and Yogi McKinney!! We appreciate all you have done during your 3-year term on the board!!



**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**



Sunday 10/25: Trunk or Treat 1-3pm

Friday 11/28: Thanksgiving Leftovers and Game Night 6pm until we are stuffed

Saturday 12/13: Annual Holiday Cookie Walk 9am – Noon

Special Announcements



It's time to take pics for the visual picture directory. Please see Pastor Rich or Jeff Transou if you have never had your picture taken or if you want to update your look!



Join the Movement! The Justice Choir of the Midwest is seeking singers

The focus area of their fall concert cycle is LGBTQ+ Justice, and **the concert will be Sunday, November 16 (4 days prior to Trans Day of Remembrance)** as a benefit concert for Clock, Inc. This ensemble is a community choir made up of singers from across the Quad Cities (and beyond); it is their hope to continue growing and providing an avenue for singers to raise their voices in protest and advocacy. They rehearse at First Presbyterian Church of Davenport on Sunday evenings from **5:30-7pm beginning September 14**. The music director is Matt Bishop (bishop@fpcdavenport.org). To register go to <https://forms.gle/DWT6j5fL4GEyss9o7>



Children's Story Time Every Sunday

Meshel RM and Mona Riteman are now rotating Sundays so that our children between the ages of 3 - 10 can experience this special time every week. Children are released after our opening hymn and will return to share communion. **Thank you, Mona and Meshel, for providing this ministry!**



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 (9/20 Orange Chicken and Rice)

Dining Out – 2nd Tuesday at 6pm (10/14 TBD)

Game Night- 4th Saturday at 6pm in Social Hall. (9/27 bring a snack to share if able)

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

Recognition Sunday – 1st Sunday during service with potluck following

Sisters of Sobriety AA – every Saturday at 10am

Scheduled Events



September 5th thru November 7th. ***Conversations in Faith, Exploring the questions you're afraid to ask*** is a new podcast being produced by Our Lady of The Prairie Retreat, and sponsored by St. Ambrose University, The Catholic Messenger and The Congregation of the Humility of Mary.

Each podcast, to be released **September 5th** and then the first Friday of every month **thereafter**, will feature two representatives of different faiths who will explore questions submitted by you – questions you have been pondering but are uncomfortable asking. To submit questions, email them to conversationquestions@chmiowa.org

Questions may be submitted for a particular faith or can be general questions to be answered by any faith.

This Interfaith podcast will offer perspectives from the intersection of faith and spirituality. It will feature regular people answering questions FROM their faith perspectives, not FOR their faiths.

Podcasts will be uploaded to popular podcast platforms such as Spotify, Soundcloud, Apple, Amazon, etc. Go to those sites and "favorite," or "like" the podcast, ***Conversations in Faith, Exploring the questions you're afraid to ask*** and you will be directed to this podcast favorite each time you log in.

The conversations will be moderated by Barb Arland-Fye. The upcoming schedule:

September 5: Islam and Jewish

October 3: Methodist and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

November 7: Buddhist and Metropolitan Community Church



September 12-14 and 19-21 “Murder on the Nile” at Playcrafters Barn Theatre 4950 35th Avenue Moline Playcrafters proudly presents “Murder on the Nile” by Agatha Christie. One of our members, Kathryn Klatt, is playing the role of Dr. Bessner. Please support her and support local theater. Tickets are \$18-20 and can be purchased online at this link. [Playcrafters Barn Theatre in Moline Illinois](#)



Sunday Sept 14th 4-7pm Interfaith Creation Care Kickoff Picnic/Vegetarian Potluck at Fejervary Park Shelter #1

A late afternoon vegetarian potluck, a time of sharing and celebrating. Bring a vegetarian dish to share and your own table service and beverage. Social time: 4-4:30; Dinner: 4:30-5:30; Program: 5:30-6:15. Speakers from the Waste Commission and an alternative recycling program at Moline Trinity Lutheran.

For more information and to RSVP go to the newsletter link [August Interfaith Creation Care Newsletter](#)



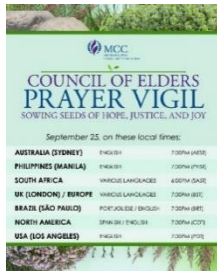
Sunday Sept 21st 12:15 – 2pm Peace Love Justice Chalk-in at MCC QC

Peace, Love, Justice Chalk-In at MCC 2930 W Locust, Davenport across from Fairgrounds. Come enjoy snacks and leave a message in chalk bringing needed positive vibes!



**Thursday September 25th 6:30pm “Tenants Know Your Rights”. Zion Lutheran Church
1216 W 8th St Davenport**

If you are a tenant, you have rights. Stop by to learn about these rights, leases, evictions and how to report violations.



Thursday September 25th MCC Council of Elders Prayer Vigil 7pm CDT

You are invited to join our upcoming Council of Elders Prayer Vigil 2025: Sowing Seeds of Hope, Justice, and Joy. This online gathering is a time for us to come together in unity and purpose, seeking divine guidance as we sow seeds of hope, advocate for justice, and cultivate joy within our community. We look forward to sharing this sacred time with you. The prayer vigils are set in different time zones, and we invite you to join any that are most convenient for you.

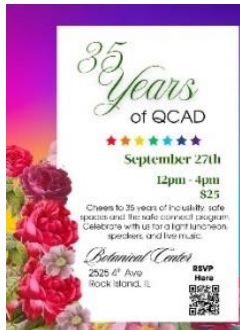
REGISTER NOW via this link: <https://forms.gle/Pw16zKzdRvXdTqpM8>



Saturday September 27th at 11:30am ET (10:30am CT) Christian Climate Training

Join [Blessed Tomorrow](#) and 9 Ecumenical partners for a climate + Christian faith training to reflect on how our choices shape our common home, and learn to live out our faith through bold, compassionate action. This training will equip you with faith-rooted knowledge, practical tools, and real-world experience to inspire climate action in your home, congregation, community, and beyond. During the training, you will meet with others from your denomination in breakout sessions. Clergy CEUs are authorized for taking the course.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7qC7tWzMaQkCoG5ePjH6t3g...>



Saturday September 27th Noon – 4pm QCAD’s 35th Anniversary Celebration at the QC Botanical Center 2525 4th Ave Rock Island

You're Invited! Join *Quad Citizens Affirming Diversity* as we celebrate 35 years as the longest-running LGBTQIA+ support group in the Quad Cities!

Come enjoy an afternoon of appetizers, guest speakers, music, and shared memories as we honor our journey and the incredible community that made it all possible. We'd love for you to celebrate this milestone with us!

Tickets are \$28.52 Grab your seat here! <https://www.eventbrite.com/.../qcads-35th-anniversary...>



Sunday October 5th 4-5pm Blessing of the Animals at St. Paul Lutheran Church 2136 N. Brady Davenport

You are invited to join the Blessing of the Animals at St. Paul Lutheran Church. It will take place on their north lawn.



Save the Date: Wednesday October 8th at 6pm Recital by Paul Mizzi in MCCQC Sanctuary

Stay tuned for more details.



Saturday October 11 @ 7pm Save the Date for the movie “1946” at MCC QC

Affirming Congregations will host ***1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture***, a feature documentary that follows the story of tireless researchers who trace the origins of the anti-gay movement among Christians to a grave mistranslation of the Bible in 1946. The documentary explores how theology, history, culture, and politics led to a Biblical mistranslation, the man who tried to stop it, and the impassioned academic crusade of the LGBTQIA+ Christian community driven to discover the truth.

More details will be available soon concerning cost of admission. Snacks will be available for purchase.



Sunday October 12th 3-5pm Wine, Cheese & Music Social Justice Fundraiser at Miss Effie's 27387 130th Ave, Donahue, IA

Fun event to support social justice. Relax and sip wine or other beverages with snacks and enjoy social justice music at this beautiful country flower farm. Proceeds split between MCC QC and One Human Family QCA. Suggested donation of \$25.



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 Marsha VZ son-in-law Larry as he continues to recover from a stroke and he just recently had surgery to remove a brain tumor

Prayers for those struggling with depression

Prayers for Dave Hendershot with cancer

Prayers for trans service members and trans community

Prayers for Zash

Prayers of comfort for Angel Pawlik facing the loss of her mother, Peggy Cole, who is in hospice.

Prayers for Preston G for mental health

Prayers for peace

Marsha prays for Mary

Those who struggle with addiction

Osumo Kendgi asks for prayers for her sister Aggy

Loretta offers prayers that Linda's procedure worked

Cyndi gives thanks for her son in military making it back stateside.

Continued prayers for Deb C.P.

Loretta prays for our schools starting back

Prayers of healing post-surgery for Marsha VZ

Amanda prays for Destiny and Beth

Loretta asks for continued prayers for Marsha VZ and her son-in-law as they continue to heal

Deb CP gives thanks for Sue's celebration of life send off

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 Calsyn-Polsen, Greg Starjohann and partner Roger, Larry Best and Russ Wood, Cliff Shade, Kevin Detra, Margaret Ristau, Donna Kuhl, Dixie Carter, Marvin Brown, Bob R

BY THE NUMBERS

MCC QC & those touched by our ministries thank you for your regular giving – THANK YOU!

Use your Online Bill Pay feature at your bank, drop off in mailbox or mail checks to

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DATE	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING
Aug 24 th	72 (virtual 363)	844.00
Aug 31 st	51 (virtual 435)	865.00
Sept 7 th	76 (virtual 352)	1478.00
	General Fund Checking Balance	6278.68

Weekly Inspiration



Sowing Seeds of Kindness by Pastor Rich

Jesus' Parable of the Sower is found in Matthew, Chapter 13 and Luke, Chapter 8. In it Jesus says we are good stewards of God's love when we scatter our seeds of kindness to the wind (ok, a paraphrase interpretation).

Too often we are so careful with our love — as if we have a limited amount; as if it is so fragile; as if it matters that someone might see how extravagant we are with it. I know people who radiate love and kindness. They are always ready to sow seeds. And they are happy people.

They are not necessarily the richest people or the healthiest people or the most handsome people. Yet they are happier than most of their cohorts.

First, we must unburden ourselves of that which does not serve us well. Addictions, grudges, our sense of entitlement. Then we can ask the Spirit to fill us with all the fruits of the spirit described in Galatians 5:22-23: love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

After all, there's no law against such things!

To use a different metaphor read Ecclesiastes 11: cast your bread upon the waters - it will eventually return to you. A hug here, a conversation with a stranger there, a donation for the hungry, standing with protestors for justice. Who knows what good trouble you might be capable of?

Love,

Rich

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

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