



# Faith Connections

United in Faith Helping  
People In Need

Volume 4, Issue 5

May 2021

**Our Mission:** Bringing together an ecumenical coalition of Quad City area churches to help feed the hungry, offer emergency assistance to those in crisis, and provide a transitional housing program for women and children who are victims of domestic violence or human trafficking.

## The Family of God

There is a lot of confusion today about the Church and the role it should play in a believer's life. Sadly, some Christians who have been influenced by outside forces and institutions have come to see the Church as merely man-made institutions – a spiritual country club, a charitable organization, or even a business. Some have decided that the Church is irrelevant, thinking that because they have a personal relationship with Jesus there is no need for the support and accountability of a local congregation. However, they couldn't be more wrong.

The Church is not man-made but divinely ordained, and no pastor, committee, or congregation can build it apart from the Spirit's power. It (the Church) is the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:12-13), the pillar and support of truth (1 Timothy 3:15) – a city on a hill that cannot be hidden. The Church is made of believers like you and me, gathered together in worship, prayer, and fellowship, in both good times and bad. We are called to be a part of this body as sons and daughters in the family of God. Who are we to tell Him that He's wrong?

**Blessings,**

*Mel*

## Inside this issue:

<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Thank You</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Help Wanted</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Thanksgiving in July</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Delegate Assembly</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Birdies for Charity</b>	<b>4</b>



## Churches United Staff

- **Executive Director**  
Rev. Dr. Melvin Grimes  
[mgrimes@cuqca.org](mailto:mgrimes@cuqca.org)
- **Associate Director**  
Betsy Vanausdeln  
[bvanausdeln@cuqca.org](mailto:bvanausdeln@cuqca.org)
- **Administrative Assistant**  
Kimberly Reese  
[kreesee@cuqca.org](mailto:kreesee@cuqca.org)

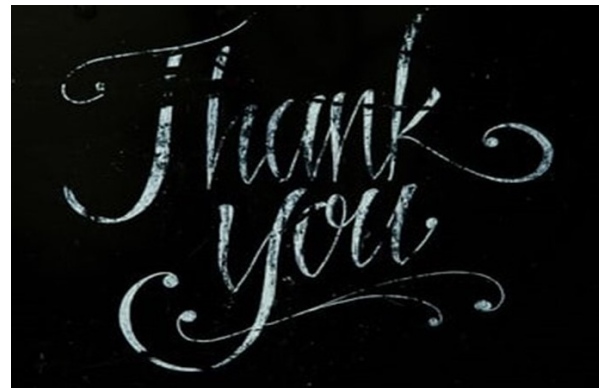


## **We need food rescue volunteers.**

Food rescuers serve 1-2 days per week and deliver to two other agencies. It takes about 1-1.5 hours, including transportation. If you have time, your own transportation, and a heart to serve those in need in our community, please consider volunteering for this position. For more information, contact our associate director, Betsy Vanausdeln, at 563-332-5002 or by email at [bvanausdeln@cuqca.org](mailto:bvanausdeln@cuqca.org).

### **Thank you, Bob Mattison.**

Bob has been a dedicated food rescuer for four years. Bob is retiring from this vital position. We will miss him dearly.



### **Congratulations and thank you, Blair Bullock.**

Blair has been our CareLINK intern and a shelter coordinator during the 2020-2021 school year. Blair has done a tremendous job for Churches United.

Blair is graduating summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in Social Work from St. Ambrose University. Blair will continue at SAU pursuing her master's degree in Social Work. We wish her continued success.

**Help Wanted: Administrative Assistant**

This position starts at 25 hours per week with the possibility of moving to full-time.

Works in direct relationship with, assists, and performs special projects for the executive director and associate director.

- Completes special projects for the Churches United office.
- Maintains updates and files all CU Policies and Procedures and the Employee Handbook.
- Maintains and updates the donor database as well as recording checks and donations for internal control.
- Performing Front Desk duties such as answering phones, opening mail and distribution.
- Maintains Office Supply Inventory. Orders supplies when necessary.
- Maintain files/records on Board Members, staff, and member churches.
- Recording checks and donations for internal control.
- Assembles monthly Board Meeting packets, distributing, and archiving.
- Other duties assigned.
- Must also possess excellent organizational and time management skills; and be able to function in an office setting with flexibility in multiple projects.

The following stipulations are non-negotiable:

- Must have computer experience, including: Microsoft Excel, Word, Outlook, Databases and Publisher.
- Must have Administrative Assistant/Clerical experience.
- Must have excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Must be personable and able to be a self-starter.
- Must be willing to learn and work in a team setting.

**Send cover letter and resume to our associate director, Betsy Vanausdeln at [bvanausdeln@cuqca.org](mailto:bvanausdeln@cuqca.org).**



**Thanksgiving in July is back and we need your help.** Our annual food collection drive and fundraiser to support our hunger ministries needs sponsors. We encourage churches and area businesses to participate. There is no fee for sponsorship. Sponsors are asked to host a collection box during the month of July. Sponsor logos will be featured prominently on collection boxes, in our newsletter, and on social media. All proceeds from the food drive will remain in the Quad Cities area.

**For more information, contact Betsy Vanausdeln at 563-332-5002 or by email at [bvanausdeln@cuqca.org](mailto:bvanausdeln@cuqca.org).**



**2020 Sponsors**



## Churches United of the Quad City Area

2535 Tech Drive Suite 205  
Bettendorf, IA 52722

Phone: 563-332-5002  
Fax: 563-332-5035  
E-mail: info@cuqca.org

For newsletter submissions, contact Susan Schwartz, our social media director at [sschwartz@cuqca.org](mailto:sschwartz@cuqca.org)



## Give Today to Churches United

Online at <http://www.cuqca.org/donate.php>

Call us at (563) 332-5002

Mail or drop off your gift:  
Churches United of the Quad City Area  
2535 Tech Drive Suite 205  
Bettendorf, IA 52722

THANKYOU!

Donate, keep up-to-date, and check out daily reflections by following us on Facebook at:

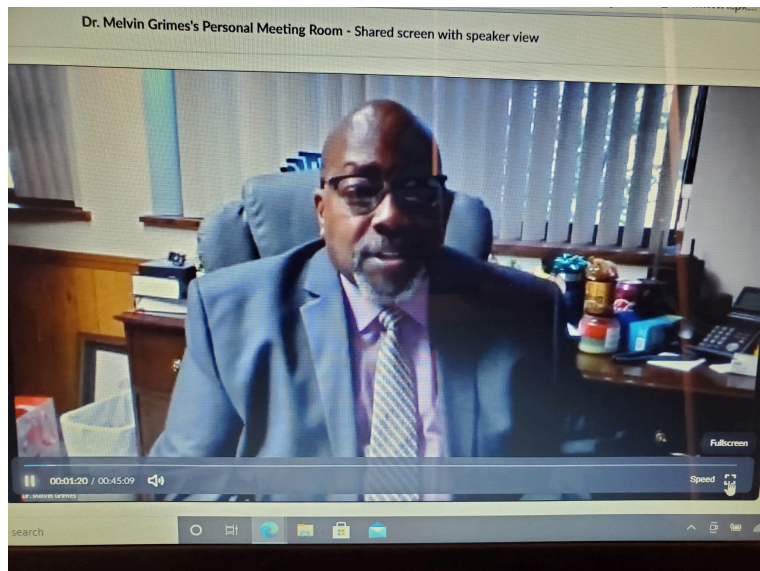


<https://www.facebook.com/ChurchesUnitedoftheQuadCityArea/>



Support CUQCA by designating us as your charity and by purchasing items from our Wish List.

[https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/19QO2R6L5908/ref=nav\\_wishlist\\_lists\\_4?\\_encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist](https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/19QO2R6L5908/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_4?_encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist)



If you missed the 2021 Delegate Assembly, don't worry.

It's available on our website at <https://www.cuqca.org/delegate.php>

Click on the link on the page and enter passcode: 061^cxLh



You can support Churches United by donating to Birdies for Charity.

Our bird # is 572.