



# Faith Connections

United in Faith Helping  
People In Need

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**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.

## God is Faithful



God has many attributes: holy, good, loving, and trustworthy. One aspect of God that is reassuring is that He is faithful. Always! He is true to His promises. When He says something in Scripture, we can be confident that He means it and will be true to what He says. Deuteronomy 7:9 (NLT) tells us, “Understand, therefore, that the Lord your God is indeed God. He is the faithful God who keeps His covenant for a thousand generations and lavishes his unending love on those who love him and obey His commands.”

He has promised us good things and our response to Him is a heart of gratitude.

Here are three specific reasons why we can give Him our praise:

**He Unites Us with Christ.** God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Corinthians 1:9 NIV)

**He Helps Us Resist Temptation.** And God is faithful, He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can endure it. (1 Corinthians 10:13 NIV)

**He Provides for Us.** Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God, for He has given you the autumn rains because He is faithful. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before. (Joel 2:23 NIV)

In this season of thanksgiving, take a few moments to ponder how God has been faithful to you in big and little ways and then thank Him for who He is and what He has done.

On behalf of the board of directors, staff and volunteers, Happy Thanksgiving!

**Blessings,**  
*Mel*

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**Dear Faithful Churches United Supporter,**

2020 and 2021 have been difficult due to the pandemic. COVID-19 has affected all of us in one manner or another, but the Lord has been gracious to Churches United and sustained us spiritually and financially. We are eternally grateful for what God has done, allowing us to pay our bills that were in arrears, replenish the CareLink funds, and feed the hungry to the tune of over 2.2 million pounds of food. We have also been able to reopen our meal site at Zion Lutheran Church in Davenport. Through our recent partnership with Project Now, Winnie's Place became Winnie's Transitional Housing. This has allowed us to reduce our shelter expenses while continuing to minister to women and their children as they escape domestic violence or human trafficking situations. We feel like God is going to continue to do some powerful things in this ministry, but we need your help.

This is where you come in.

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost in Acts chapter 2 is one of the pivotal and most ecumenical moments in our religious history. It is the birth of the Church Universal, and the reason we are here today as the ministry of Churches United. Acts chapter 1 teaches us that Jesus told the disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit. While they waited, verse 6 in the NIV tells us: "Then they gathered..." Despite the persecution, disappointment, and danger, 120 disciples gathered in the Upper Room and prayed. Their obedience and cooperation resulted in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Churches United is asking our faithful supporters to "gather together" as we prepare for the Holy Spirit to do His work. We are asking for your continued support of our ministries through prayer, through volunteering, and/or through financial assistance. We recognize that everyone contributes to our ministries in their own ways. We are grateful for all of your support. Not only that, because we "gathered together" in His name...just as on the Day of Pentecost, we will see the outpouring of the Holy Spirit individually and collectively in the success of our ministries.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this appeal.

**Blessings,**

Mel

**Rev. Dr. Melvin L. Grimes**  
Executive Director

*"Then they gathered around him..."*

*Acts 1:6*



## Thank You!

**Thank you, Women's United Steelworkers Local 105** for the substantial donation of toiletries, food, and household goods to the ministries of Churches United.



**Thank you, Bettendorf Presbyterian Church.** Rev. Dr. Melvin L. Grimes had the opportunity to give a talk about Winnie's Transitional Housing at the Bettendorf Presbyterian Church. The church also collected and donated an abundance of necessities to Winnie's Transitional Housing.



**Thank you to our local DAR members.** The organization provided purses for our clients and a charitable donation to Churches United.



**Thank you to everyone who has helped at Winnie's Transitional Housing this month:** Edgington Evangelical Church, Asbury United Methodist Church, Augustana's Phoenix group, Kendall and Malachi Schwartz, Cameron, Caleb, Sister Glenda Guster, and Sister Glenda Cox-Thomas of Tabernacle Baptist Church, and Makei, Ezekiel, Josiah, and Miss Debbie.

# Holiday Candle Fundraiser



### Available Scents:

**Birch with Pine**

**Plumeria with Vanilla**

**White Lily with Sage**

**Peppermint with Mocha**

**Churches United** is excited to announce that we are partnering with **MJ's Creative Candles** to create Churches United Holiday Candles.

Candles are \$15.50 each and 75% of sales will go to our ministries. Pre-order your candles now by contacting our office at 563-332-5002, by sending email to: [lbennett@cuqca.org](mailto:lbennett@cuqca.org), or stop by our office. We have samples at our office. Candles will be ready in December.



**Thank you, Applebee's on Elmore Avenue and everyone who came out and supported us at our fundraiser on October 5th. Applebee's gave us a generous donation and we received donations directly from individuals who believe in the mission of Churches United.**



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## Save the Date!



Dr. N. Jonas Ohrberg is returning to the Quad Cities to speak at our **Delegate Assembly** on Thursday, March 24th, 2022 at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Moline. Details coming soon.

## Meal Site Coordinator

Part-time

Responsibilities: Oversee one of our meal sites that provides meals to those in need on Monday and Wednesday evenings with the potential for additional hours.

Requirements:

- ServSafe certified.
- Fully vaccinated against COVID.
- Follow CDC protocols.
- Must be at least 18 years old.

Training will be provided.

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

