

## 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.

### Making More Room for God in Your Life



As many of you, our member churches, prepare for the Lenten season, I challenge you to reexamine your motivations for this time of celebrations.

My understanding of the original intent was that this 40-day period was for repentance and restoration. It was a time of sacrifice and reflection. The end result from the fasting and sacrifices of this time was to be a better church and as such, better Christians in the community.

I want to suggest, as we continue to evolve into a new normal post COVID community that, you consider making more room for God in your life and in your church.

One of God's greatest promises explains what happens when you spend time with Him: "Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you" (James 4:8, English Standard Version).

Nearness means you'll get to know God better and learn to recognize His voice. Jesus said He leads His sheep with His voice. "The sheep hear His voice, and He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out" (John 10:3, ESV).

With Christ in the lead, you'll go the right direction and will make it to your destination. You won't stumble around in a fog of confusion or wander aimlessly, not knowing where to go.

Staying close to Jesus also ensures you'll have life "abundantly" (John 10:10). This doesn't mean you won't have challenges or hardships. But it does mean you'll have peace, power, and joy that can help you deal with any situation (Philippians 4:11-13).

Blessings, Mel

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### **Faith Connections**

## **Register for Delegate Assembly Today**

CHURCHES UNITED 2022 ANNUAL DELEGATE ASSEMBLY
Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. (Registration begins at 6:30 p.m.)
Tabernacle Baptist Church, 2601 15th Street Moline, IL 61265

### Registration requested by Friday, March 4, 2022

Only VOTING Delegates need to register. Up to 5 Voting Delegates requested.

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Please Submit To:

Churches United of the Quad City Area
Annual Delegate Assembly
2535 Tech Drive, Suite 205
Bettendorf, IA 52722





Thanks to a grant from SCRA, we now have a disinfectant atomizing sprayer for our Zion Lutheran Meal Site. Pictured are Deacon Janine Johnson and Chris Hanson.

Churches United has been selected as the Three Degree Guarantee Recipient for March.





Our meal site at Zion Lutheran Church in **Davenport needs** groups to help serve meals. We have openings in our schedule for groups willing to help, especially during even months. For more information, contact our associate director, Betsy Vanausdeln at 563-332-5002 or by email at bvanausdeln@cuqca.o rg.



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