

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.

When the Church Prays



"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

This Sunday, 50 days after the Empty Tomb was discovered, we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Disciples and other followers of Jesus Christ.

Pentecost is still vital today as it represents the beginning of the Christian Church and reminds us of Jesus' promise that God would send us the Holy Spirit.

When there is no life in the prayer, praying becomes a religious exercise. The presence of God is the highest voltage environment. When we pray in all sincerity, God answers.

What happens when we pray in one accord? How do we set the right expectations? Look at how the New Testament ministry began.

1. We see the disciples **wait for the day of Pentecost**, in prayer. The 10 day gap wasn't going to be easy. They knew because each day has its own evil (Matthew 6:34). They knew that waiting in the Lord was critical to stay in line. 500 saw Jesus ascending into heaven, only 120 believed His promise.
2. **On the day of Pentecost**, they wait in expectation and in prayer for the Holy Spirit's baptism fire to fall on them.
3. From **that day onwards**, we see the apostles and believers continuing daily in prayer. Signs and wonders followed them. God added souls to the church.

In Acts 4, we see how Peter seeks prayer from the church so they receive boldness to preach the gospel. Miracles and wonders follow, as they pray, in Acts 5.

When the church prayed together for Peter's release from jail, God sent an angel to the rescue.

Praying with one accord is the only way to pray as believers.

What do we need to pray with one accord? One mindedness.

1. Like-mindedness for one another in edification and comfort in hope. (Romans 15:1-6)
2. Being in one mind also keeps us in compassion, love, pitiful, and courteous. (1 Peter 3:8)
3. Grow in the mind of Jesus. (Philippians 2:2,5)

Prayer is the beginning towards an overcoming life in Christ Jesus. When we start in prayer, we will end in thanksgiving. Be united in prayer as you make fresh decisions for life.

Let's come together in prayer for all matters in this life and beyond.

Blessings!
Mel

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Thank You



The Scott County Regional Authority gave \$2,700 to us for valve replacement at Winnie's Transitional Housing. This is a very important project. We are very grateful. Thank you, Scott County Regional Authority.

The Riverdale Rams softball and baseball teams hosted a Strike Out for Hunger event with opponents Geneseo softball and Alleman softball participating. The event benefited the pantry at Messiah Lutheran Church in Port Byron, as well as the Upper Rock Island County Food Pantry. Thank you to all those who made this event a tremendous success.



Women in Clergy Luncheon

The Women in Clergy Luncheon is back and we are so excited.

It will be Tuesday, August 16th at 11:30am at Culemans Hall at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Moline.

The speaker will be our Executive Director, Rev. Dr. Melvin L. Grimes.

Food will be provided by Lunardi's.

The event is free.

For more information and to RSVP, contact Laronda Bennett at lbennett@cuqca.org or call 563-332-5002.



John Deere Classic Deadline

Have you given to Churches United through Birdies for Charity, yet? Our bird # is 572. You can donate today at <https://birdiesforcharity.com/donate>.

The contest deadline is quickly approaching!

Submit your pledges or online donations by June 10th to be eligible to win a 2-year lease on a Lexus RX350, provided by Smart Lexus of Quad Cities. Other prizes include a child-size gator provided by John Deere and tickets to next year's tournament. Partner donations will also be due June 10th to ensure we are able to recognize those donors on course.

All pledges/donations are due no later than July 1st. While pledges and donations collected between June 11 - July 1 will not be eligible for the contest, they will still be matched with a bonus of at least 5%!





Food Pantry Coordinators Needed

Do you like helping people?

We urgently need two food pantry coordinators.

Our food pantry coordinators are volunteers who work with other volunteers to serve people in our community who are desperately in need of food. Many of the clients we serve are facing tremendous hardships and depend on us. We have two coordinator positions that we urgently need to fill. For more information or to submit a resume, contact Betsy Vanausdeln at 563-332-5002 or by email at bvanausdeln@cuqca.org.



Meal Site Groups Needed

The number of those in need being served at our meal site at Zion Lutheran Church in Davenport continues to grow. We're quickly getting to where we were before the pandemic.

We urgently need groups to provide and serve meals in June. For more information, contact our associate director, Betsy Vanausdeln at 563-332-5002 or by email at bvanausdeln@cuqca.org.

Thanksgiving in July Sponsors Needed

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.





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Single Moms Group Starting

Single moms need a break.

There's never enough time or money...
Life revolves around work, childcare, and unreliable support systems...
Single moms who don't live in poverty (and many do) often live in fear of it:
One expensive car repair, job loss or illness away from a financial free-fall.

Single moms have one of the toughest jobs on the planet.

CONNECT: Support for Single Moms seeks to offer single moms a refreshing break.
CONNECT will offer a time for single moms and their kids to share a free meal and take another one home. Moms will enjoy grown-up time together while their children will enjoy activities led by trained, background-checked volunteers.

Participating single moms will help choose the focus of programs based on their interests and their needs. And moms will leave **CONNECT** gatherings with useful information, life-hacks, resources, advice, inspiration, and perhaps most important: CONNECTION with other single moms who really understand.

Does this interest YOU?

We have a team of committed volunteers poised to put all this together.
But first, we need to know if this is something local single moms want.
Thank you for taking this quick three-minute survey! It can also be found at: bit.ly/SurveyCONNECT. For more information: tvleigh312@gmail.com



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There's a new group forming in the Quad Cities for single moms: **CONNECT - Support for Single Moms**.

CONNECT will offer a safe place for single moms to receive encouragement and validation as they share needs, struggles, and wisdom they've gained through their own experiences. **CONNECT** will offer the opportunity to learn from the trials of other single moms and from facilitators.

CONNECT meetings will offer free food and childcare by certified and background-checked providers. **CONNECT** will offer a regular escape from the daily pressures, while helping single moms manage their often-complicated lives with greater confidence and success. God made us to live in community. That's why He founded His Church.

The group is asking single moms to fill out their survey (see image). For more information, send an e-mail to: tvleigh312@gmail.com.