



# 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.

## The Faith to Follow



The Lord never intended for us to stumble through life, reacting to every situation without giving Him a second thought. He has designed a pathway for each of us and longs to reveal it. In fact, God has given us the key to unlock our “map” – Proverbs 3:5, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding.”

We have two choices. By choosing God’s plan, we depend on His perfect knowledge of all things, unlimited power to accomplish His will, and endless wisdom in always making right decisions. The alternative is to rely on our own knowledge, power, and wisdom. Not only are these limited, but they are also hampered by our vulnerability to deception, sin, and error.

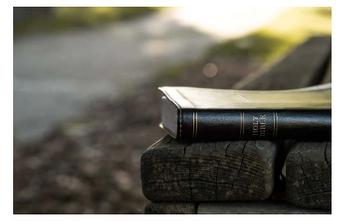
The choice should be obvious. Why, then, do we so often stray off God’s course? Could it be we don’t trust Him with all our hearts? After all, we can agree with the Lord about many biblical teachings without actually trusting Him. Agreement means we believe something is right, but genuine faith responds to that belief with action – in other words, by doing what God says. Wholehearted trust also means we cannot pick and choose which areas to surrender to Him while attempting to maintain control over other parts of our life.

Because God is merciful, loving, and righteous, His path is always best, even when it looks otherwise from our perspective. When you trust in Him, you can’t go wrong.

*Blessings,  
Mel*

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## Women in Clergy Luncheon



We held our Women in Clergy Luncheon on Tuesday, August 16th. We are grateful to everyone who put the event together and to everyone who was able to attend.



## Congratulations!



Congratulations, **Pastor Janine Johnson**. Janine is a dedicated member of our board of directors. On Sunday, August 21st, her ordination and installation were celebrated at Calvary Lutheran Church in Buffalo, Iowa.



Congratulations, **Deacon Quincy Davis**. Deacon Davis received the 2022 City of Rock Island Citizen of the Year Award. Deacon Davis is a stalwart member of our board of directors.



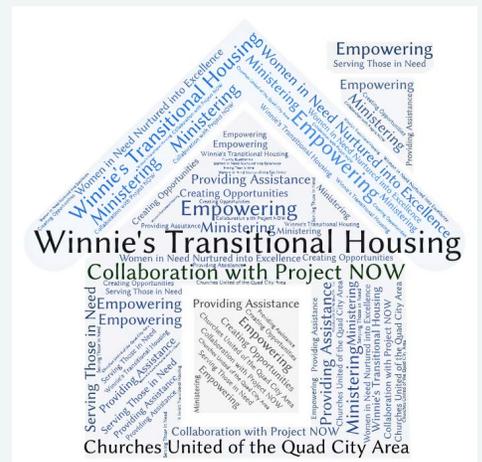
## Thank You!



Thank you, Doris and Victor Day Foundation. The foundation awarded a generous grant to support our ministry at Winnie's Transitional Housing. We are grateful for this grant and to have the support of the Doris and Victor Day Foundation.

## Help Needed at Winnie's Transitional Housing

We need help at Winnie's Transitional Housing. We're having a work day on Saturday, September 10th, beginning at 9am. Groups and individuals are welcome. For more information, contact Betsy Vanausdeln at 563-332-5002 or by email at [bvanausdeln@cuqca.org](mailto:bvanausdeln@cuqca.org).



## Zion Lutheran Church Meal Site Needs Groups to Serve



We still have openings for groups to serve at our meal site at Zion Lutheran Church in Davenport for October through December.

Work has also begun on the 2023 meal site calendar. If you have a group that is willing to provide and serve a meal or meals at our meal site, we'd like to get you onto the calendar. If your group would like to serve on a regular basis in 2023 and you have days that work best for your group, now is the time to let us know.

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



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### MetroCom NAACP

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### 2022 FREEDOM FUND BANQUET



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER - DEDRIC DOOLIN**  
**MEMBER, NAACP NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Social Hour 6 PM Dinner 7:00PM  
**Saturday** Rogalski Center, St. Ambrose University  
**Sept 24** Corner Of Lombard and Ripley Streets, Davenport, IA

Tickets—\$55.00 per person, Reserved Tables—\$440.00  
For Tickets and additional information. Contact either Michael Guster at (563) 343-7655, Vera L Kelly at (563) 320-3310 or Charlene Upchurch-Taylor at (563) 340-1975  
You can also visit our website at [DavenportNaacp.org](http://DavenportNaacp.org) to purchase tickets.

**Tickets will not be sold at the door**

## Needs List for Winnie's Transitional Housing Clients



Our clients at Winnie's Transitional Housing often leave domestic abuse situations with very few possessions and no money. We are also seeing an increasing need for basic goods from those in the community coming to us for help through our meal site and pantries. Donations of gift cards, household items, and food help those who are struggling tremendously.

Our job seeking clients can benefit from office supplies and the children who live in our shelter often need school supplies

If you would like to donate, please drop off your donations at our office or mail them to us.