

Thank You

Churches United received grant awards from the following funders:

- Community Foundation - Hunger Ministry
- Community Resources Corporation - Shelter
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- East Moline Foundation – Hunger
- Friendly Thrift Center – General Operating
- Il Conference of the United Church of Christ – Hunger
- Iowa Annual Conference of the UMC – Hunger
- Iowa Scottish Rite Masonic Foundation – Shelter
- Riverboat Development Authority - Hunger

Rev. Tim Snart, who is pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Coal Valley, will be hosting a Holy Land Pilgrimage to Israel in May of 2017. We will journey from Tel Aviv up along the coast to Mt. Carmel and then over to Nazareth and the Sea of Galilee. After spending several days in that area, we head south to the area of the Dead Sea. We will stop and Masada and Qumran and then head to Jerusalem and Bethlehem. This journey in the footsteps of Jesus will stop at all of the major places of our faith. It will be a 10 day Journey that will be safe and Affordable and "Faith Changing"

The trip will leave on May 13th, 2017 and return on May 23. There is also an option to spend several additional days exploring key places of our faith in Jordan, including Petra.

If you think you might be interested in joining this once in a life-time adventure of faith, please call Pastor Tim at (309) 798-1076

"Time to put on your thinking cap and join the folks at All Saints Episcopal Church, 2420 41st St. in Moline at the Riverside Life Center, for their Annual Trivia Night Fund Raiser. On Saturday September 17th they want to tap into your brain power to raise money for their next mission trip, which will be to a Native American Indian reservation in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. Entry fee is \$10 per person. Opportunities to contribute include prize basket raffles, a 50/50 raffle, and the usual mulligans and double points tickets will be for sale. You can purchase water and pop there or take your own food, beverages & alcohol. Doors open at 5 pm and games begin at 6 pm. Enter as an individual or reserve your table of 8 maximum today by calling 309-797-2515. Use your brain for a good cause!"

Due to the rising cost of postage and wanting to be good stewards of the donations that we receive here at Churches United, we will no longer be mailing out Quarterly Giving Statements. We will be mailing out the Giving Statements mid-year and at the end of the year. Please contact me, Janet Martin: jmartin@cuqca.org or 563/332-5002, with questions.

Community Events

MOLINE TOWNSHIP ACTIVITY CENTER FOR SENIORS
620 18th St – Moline, IL 61265

CRAFT FAIR

FRIDAY, September 23rd 9AM – 3PM

Browse all our beautiful seasonal / holiday crafts & arrangements:

- Gift basket drawings
- \$3 bowl of Chili
- Bake Sale

TRIVIA NIGHT- GET YOU'RE GAME ON!

FRIDAY, October 21st

- Entry fee \$100 table of 8 (includes 10 Mulligans & 2 Double Bonus Stickers)
- 4:30 Doors open
- 5:00 \$5 food baskets
- 6:00 Trivia starts

Gift Basket Drawings, 50/50, Door Prize, Heads or Tails
CALL 309-797-0789 TO RESERVE YOUR TABLE

Annual Rummage Sale at St. Mark Lutheran Church,
2363 West 3rd St., Dav. Don't miss it!
The dates and hours: October 13th 8am-7pm, October 14th 8am-4pm, and October 15th 8am-noon.

A Parish Mission...All are Welcome!

When: October 23-October 27. 6:30-7:30PM (service) refreshments following
Where: St. Patrick Parish Andalusia, (looking into transportation)
309-798-2098

"See God's Beautiful Mercy"

Preacher: Father Peter Schavitz

No cost, but a free will offering can be made to the Redemptorists.



Dining Club Books are now available!!!
They make great gifts!! Please call our office at
563/332-5002 for more information.



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4th Annual Big Bacon Bonanza

The 4th Annual Big Bacon Bonanza will take place on Saturday March 11, 2017 at the Davenport RiverCenter from 4:00-7:00pm. We are in full planning process and are excited to welcome back our first vendors: Scratch Cupcakes and Country Style Ice Cream. We can welcome any number of vendors and sponsors for this annual event. This event cannot happen without the community and our member churches. The people of Churches United of the Quad City Area are hard at work every day to help those in the Quad Cities. The organization serves hundreds of thousands of Quad Citians each year, through various ministries including: Winnie's Place, the shelter for women who are homeless or escaping abuse, Winnie's Wishes, the resale shop, who's profits directly benefit the shelter, and the 25 food pantries and 3 hot meal sites. This is a unique opportunity for locals to serve locals. It is a family event with vendors, tastings, music, and bacon fun for all! Last year there were 20 food vendors and over 300 attendees. We are looking at several new and exciting opportunities for this year's event and are actively looking for committee members and people to volunteer in the planning stages.



We would love for you to be a part of this experience and are grateful for your consideration. If you are so inclined to sponsor, be a vendor or attend, together, we will be **BACON A DIFFERENCE!!**

If you are interested in becoming a vendor, sponsor or volunteer for this event: contact Meredith Dennis; 563-676-9472 or mdennis@cuqca.org.

Join Us and Take Part
in the 45th Annual
Quad Cities CROP Hunger Walk
on Sept 25th at Modern Woodmen Park!
Visit www.facebook.com/qccropwalk for details.



A Note from Anne

Greetings!! In this edition of our newsletter, I thought we would talk about "God moments." Granted, a God moment will be defined by each of us differently, but for us at Churches United and for me personally, God has been ever present, reaching into our lives, and has reminded us that we need to listen. He is always with us; we just need to remember that and often we don't. With so much violence and negativity the past several months, I thought we could highlight some God moments, so let's get right to it.

For Churches United, we have had a few people step forward this month out of the blue, coming forward and offering their expertise in areas where just a few weeks ago, we were scratching our heads asking ourselves where and how can we find some of these folks to help us with future ministries? This is not a coincidence or fate but truly a God moment.

Our hunger and outreach coordinator has seen first-hand how our pantries and meal sites make an impact in the lives of so many; and companies and just folks in the community calling to say, "we hear and see all the good work you do in the community – we want to step up and help," and they did when we needed it the most. Recently, I have connected with some women in my own church whom I did not know that well, nor they of me. Yet, we have been thrown together, not by design but through God's love. We are able to laugh and cry and share with each other. There is a sense of community and the joy that God is steering us down this path. We have allowed ourselves to listen. Now, we will see what the next journey holds.

While I am a very private person, I will share with you that I have witnessed some amazing things lately regarding my own children, as I am sure you have with yours. Sometimes one wonders if you as a parent or your faith community have made any impact on them. You may not see it right away but trust me, it is there and it blossoms when you least expect it.

I truly believe that the "pay forward" movement is also a tangible for us based on scripture to "Do to others as you would have them do to you." (Luke 6 verse 31) Some of us have either witnessed or participated in paying forward for someone that was in a pinch just like we all have. There is no advantage to those of us that do it. Yes, it makes us feel good for a split second, but think of the impact it has. The person you have helped has received that help, but they as well as the persons around you are influenced by your actions which allows them perhaps to take that step as well. That is powerful.

During the Olympics we have seen the good in mankind. I was proud to see the Olympic community give a standing ovation to the Olympic Refugee Team and to see those athletes have the confidence to participate, while not having a country to claim. Now, I want to ask you to share with us.. Send us a "God moment." It could be a miracle, or something or someone that God planted in your life that was not expected. It could be your faith has become stronger, or you found strength you didn't know you had, it could be realizing the blessings that were never realized.... Share with us your God moment and we will place it on our website. Just email us at: awachal@cuqca.org. We would love to hear from you!!

In Peace,
Anne



Thank you to everyone who helped make our first Thanksgiving in July a success. We could not have done it without the help of many people and our local grocery stores. The event ran July 1-July 31.

Thank you to Ron Hall, Mercy Executive Chef and founder of Thanksgiving in July. Without him, this fundraiser would not be possible.

Thank you to Hy-Vee, Fairway, Dentistry Unlimited, QC Core Chiropractic, and Caddy's Sports Bar and Grill. These amazing businesses served as drop off locations for the food.

Churches United of the Quad City Area provides over 118,000 meals requested annually throughout Rock Island and Scott County. Food pantry shelves are frequently near empty during the summer months when the children are out of school. The food pantries struggle to meet the increased demand without cutting back on services. They depend on the community to help pull them together.

The food collected during this drive will go a long way to helping Churches United of the Quad City Area fill our pantry shelves.

If you are interested in making a donation to a food pantry or helping out with a hot meal site, please contact, Betsy Vanausdeln, Direct Service Coordinator Churches United: 563-332-5002 bvanausdeln@cuqca.org

Women in Conversation

11th Annual Interfaith Women's Dialogues

Where: Temple Emanuel, 1115 Mississippi Avenue, Davenport
When: Mondays, September 26th and October 10th 7:00 - 8:30 PM

TOPIC: FAITH AND ANGER

Program includes: Table discussions, Q&A, Synagogue Tours
Refreshments will be served Gathering 6:30-7:00 PM

For more information contact:
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Winnie's Place



Greetings from Winnie's Place! This month, I would like to share one of the client's stories that we recently received. We hope this will give you an idea of the work we are doing, and how important your contributions are to the ministry:

I was in a relationship I didn't want to be in. He begged me to be with him. We worked at the same job and he would follow me around and not take no for an answer. We became friends just because he was so nice to me. And I gave in. He thought if he kept on treating me good and showing me he loves me, my feelings would change. But they didn't. So I told him we could just be friends, but he acted like nothing changed. He started stalking me, and once I got worried and upset, he got more aggressive and unpredictable. One night he beat on the door and begged to come in and cussed me out for not opening the door. He would be waiting for me when I got off work. I called the cops but they never caught him. I told my landlord and he understood and let me out of my lease early. My daughter and I moved in with a friend. For 4 months, hiding out. When my friend's lease was up we moved in with my mother while waiting on low-income housing. My mom and I got into a petty argument about her car and she said we were 'smothering' her and kicked us out. A friend told me about Winnie's and gave me the number, so I called and told them what was going on. I was really nervous about going to a shelter with my child. I've never done this before and didn't know what to expect. Since being here, my feelings have changed. It's a very nice, helpful place. We're not scared anymore and staff is friendly and helpful. Not only has Winnie's provided shelter but also gives us everything we need each day, even laundry facilities. They also have connections to different organizations to help you depending on your case. They know how to point you in the right direction according to your needs. We were never homeless growing up. My parents were married, high school sweethearts. By the time I was eight they divorced. We bounced around in custody battles. My mother was awarded full custody but it only lasted 6 months because she said we gave her a headache. Then he (dad) had us for a year, he started dating and married someone who didn't like us. Instead of going through another divorce he let us go, one by one when we hit our teen years. I was pushed out so quickly, I had to learn on my own and made a lot of mistakes. Winnie's allows me to right all those wrongs by not having to worry about what we are going to eat, where to sleep and if I have enough money for the basics. I can just work on what needs to be worked on. A lot of people have great families to fall back on or get help from, because I don't, Winnie's has saved us. I encourage anyone going through a bad relationship or just a second chance at life to come to Winnie's if you have nowhere to go.

An
(Former Shelter Resident)

An blessed us for nearly two months at the shelter! She was so excited about her new place, she wanted everyone to stop by and see it! We cannot wait to meet her new baby and look forward to hearing how she is doing! If you know someone like An who needs shelter, please pass on the phone number! 309-764-9466

Because of Him, Kit

How to help:

The shelter always has needs to help make it run. This month here is how you can help:

70 count notebooks, loose leaf paper, 2 pocket folders, 3 ring binders, highlighters, dry erase markers, clorox wipes, ear buds, colored pencils, post-it notes, glue, gallon size vinegar, garbage bags, butterfly mops, 9 volt batteries, 123 - 3v batteries, pizzas, frozen potatoes, juice, drink mix, parmesan cheese, salad dressing, miracle whip, snacks, baking soda, hamburger, butter, and diapers sizes 4 & 5.

Please call us at 309-764-9466 if you need additional information.

Winnie's Wishes Resale Shop

Are you watching *Winnie's Wishes Resale Shop* on Facebook for sales? If not, go to Facebook now and like/follow the shop's page! We are always looking for additional volunteers! Are you wondering what you will do now that kids are heading back to school? The shop could use you for 3 hours a week!! If you are interested, just ask for an application at the shop, email kmiller@cuqca.org or call 309-764-9466 to have one mailed to you! We look forward to working with you!



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Monday - Friday
10 - 4pm
Saturday 10 - 1pm