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## Garden Ministry Feeds the Hungry



Asbury Ecumenical Garden Ministry Coordinator Dave Phillips coached volunteers on a warm evening in April. “Plant three to four inches apart and not too deep,” he said.

Phillips guides the tiller that trenches 80 rows on one acre of donated garden space at Grace Evangelical Free Church in Davenport. Sixteen thousand potato and onion plants went in first. Cabbage, green peppers, cu-

cumbers, and tomatoes were planted in May. The crop destined for distribution to food pantries, meal sites, shelters and senior living apartment complexes will feed thousands after the fall harvest.

The ministry that began in 2002 relies on the generous support of local businesses and volunteers to get the job done. Much of the planting, weeding, watering and harvesting happens between 5-7 p.m. “We’ll pick 1,500 pounds of tomatoes in one week,” Phillips said. “Last year, we distributed 45 thousand pounds of food. This year, we’re hoping for 50 thousand pounds.”

Phillips said distribution can be the most satisfying reward. “The appreciation from the individuals who receive fresh vegetables encourages me on those hot, humid days tending the garden.”

He welcomes everyone willing to help feed the hungry. Contact Phillips at (563) 340-6594. He’ll gratefully take your call.

## A Note from Anne

Recently, I received an email from a colleague of mine wanting to do a survey on the value of ecumenical and interfaith organizations in the United States. I wasn't sure how to respond to his request.

Churches United does a lot for and with the community. Through our 26 food pantries and three meal sites, we provide food seven days a week to anyone that needs or wants a meal. We operate Winnie's Place shelter for women and children. Winnie's Wishes resale shop financially supports our shelter.

Churches United has embarked on a Development Campaign. I am hoping soon you will hear, feel and touch the difference in how we tell our story. We are an organization of value, proud of who we are, thankful to each of you who contribute to us and thank the Lord for looking out for us. With Peace, *Anne*

*Greetings from Winnie's Place!* This spring, we had some great publicity from the fund raising efforts of local businesses. The community got involved in raising funds, collecting supplies for the shelter and raising awareness of our shelter.



Everything you give and do helps those being served by the shelter ministry of Churches United. What you give, such as laundry soap, groceries, linens, toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies, staple items for the kitchen cabinets and fridge, allows the clients to live comfortably each day with the necessities they need, whether they're living at the shelter or setting up a household. Call 309-764-9466 if you can help.

*Because of Him, Kit*

NEEDS: Rugs sizes 5X7, 6x9 & 8X10, carpet shampooer, cough syrup, paper towels, 13 & 30 gallon trash bags, baggies – quart, gallon and 2-gallon sizes, boxed side dishes (rice/pasta), umbrellas, parmesan cheese, frozen potatoes, pizzas, butter, gallon size vinegar, fresh fruit/veggies and vinyl mattress covers.

## United in Faith Helping People in Need

Help our Hunger Ministry in July by collecting non-perishable items for our 26 food pantries, holding a mini-food drive, and walking with us in Bettendorf's 4th of July parade!



In September, cheer on the Hawkeyes and Cyclones, enjoy a fabulous barbeque buffet, enjoy tail-gating activities and catch former All Big-Ten Hawkeye fullback Lew Montgomery's half-time presentation on his personal faith journey. **Kick Out Hunger** at the Ken Anderson Academic All-America Club on the Augustana College campus **starts 30 minutes before game time on Saturday, Sept. 9th**. Get tickets by calling Churches United at 563-332-5002. Hurry! Only 100 tickets at \$50 each will be sold for this exclusive event!

### Grantors Funding Our Ministries

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**THANK YOU!**

## Member Church Events

**Community Talk on Christian Science: What it is and How it Heals** will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 12th at the Quad City Botanical Center, 2525 4th Ave., Rock Island. Sponsored by First Church of Christ, Scientist, Moline.

**Rummage Sale**, June 14-17th in the John F. Kennedy school gym, 1627 W.42nd St. Davenport, located behind Our Lady of Victory Church.

**Free Concert**, Gospel Family Group Anticipation & Steve Ladd; Sunday, June 25th, 10:30 a.m., First Baptist Church, 3020 30th St., Rock Island.

## Classifieds

**Wanted:** Church Office Assistant. Must have working knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite and Power Point; 9 hours per week, \$10 per hour. If interested, send resume and cover letter to Faith United Church of Christ, 1630 W. 38th St., Davenport, Iowa 52806 or email [office@faithucdavenport.org](mailto:office@faithucdavenport.org).



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