



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.

Worry is a Responsibility God Hasn't Given Us



Seeking the Kingdom of God is not merely about a destination. It is about a way of traveling – living and modeling the right attitude. As His children, God does expect us to plan with legitimate concerns in mind, but not to make plans to worry.

Consider that when we worry, God's wisdom is made small and irrelevant. It is as if we think He has a purpose without a plan and is unable to bring about what's best for those who belong to Him. It screams out that His grace is not sufficient. When we worry, God's power is placed in lockdown.

It's time to dump the worrying and throw out our wayward fears. That alone can seem scary. Sometimes, we become so secure in our insecurities because we have lived with them so long. We have talked to them, nurtured them, and put them to bed each night only to greet them in the morning.

Dump them and, amid your needful circumstances, earnestly ask in believing faith that God would fill you with His love, power and wisdom. When you find yourself drifting toward the worry zone read the following passage from Matthew 6:25-34:

25 "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 Which of you by worrying can add one [a]cubit to his [b]stature? 28 "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; 29 and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not [c]arrayed like one of these. 30 Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

Peace,
Mel

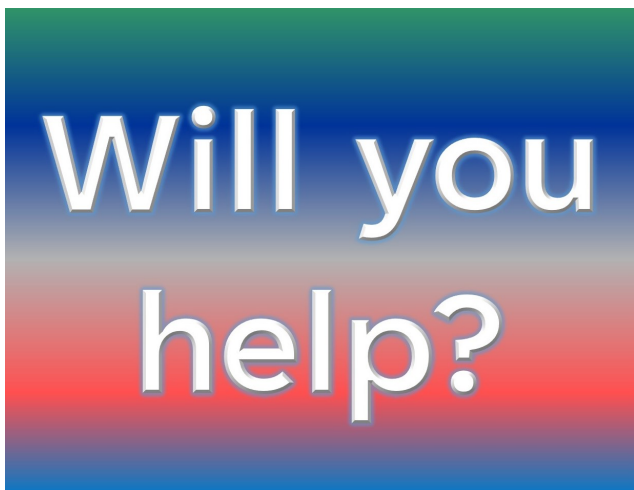
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Our Meal Sites Need You

Our meal sites are reopening soon. We need groups to prepare and serve meals. Meal sites will be open Monday through Friday evenings at Mount Zion Baptist Church in East Moline and Zion Lutheran Church in Davenport. There will be COVID-19 protocols in place to keep volunteers and those being served safe. If you are a part of a group that is interested in feeding those in need, please contact Betsy Vanausdeln, our associate director, at bvanausdeln@cuqca.org or call our office at 563-332-5002.

Thank you for responding to our plea for committee members. We are grateful to those who have volunteered. We still have a few openings if you are interested in joining.

Hunger Committee Members

Do you want to help combat hunger in our community? Our Hunger Committee needs members. For more information, contact our associate director, Betsy Vanausdeln, at 563-332-5002 or by email at bvanausdeln@cuqca.org.

Winnie's Transitional Housing Committee Members

We're looking for people who are passionate about helping women and their children escape domestic abuse and human trafficking. This committee will provide insight and oversight for Winnie's Transitional Housing. If you are interested, please contact our executive director, Rev. Dr. Melvin L. Grimes at 563-332-5002 or by email at mgrimes@cuqca.org.



Thank You!

Thank you, Applebee's on Elmore in Davenport for your generous donation to Churches United.

Thank you to everyone who came to our Applebee's fundraiser on July 6th and showed your support for our ministries. Without you, we would not be able to continue our mission.

Thank You!

Thank you, Spectrum Catering for partnering with F4 and providing your available donations from the John Deere Classic to Churches United of the Quad City Area. Donations were distributed to food pantries throughout the Quad City area. The donations went to those who are struggling with food insecurity. We are grateful for this partnership.



Thank You!



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Thank you, Thanksgiving in July Sponsors: CBI Bank and Trust: Davenport—Downtown, Davenport—Paul Revere Square and Walcott, Christian Science Church (Moline), Fareway Stores: Bettendorf, Davenport, and Moline, First Lutheran Church (Rock Island), First Presbyterian Church (East Moline), QC Core Chiropractic (Bettendorf), Trinity Lutheran Church (Moline), Boozie's Bar and Grille (Davenport), and Tabernacle Baptist Church (Moline) (not pictured).





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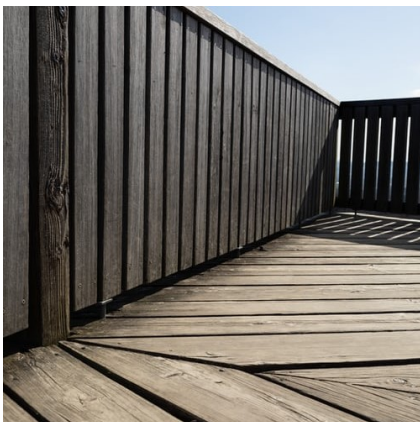


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Thank You!

Thank you to the Moline Foundation and to those of you who donated to our appeal for Winnie's Transitional Housing. We are relieved to announce that construction will begin soon on the new deck at Winnie's Transitional Housing. This is a project that has been in the works for a while and necessary for the safety of the building. Most of the project's expenses have been covered but you can still give by donating on our website, Facebook, or by sending a donation to our office.



Most Requested Pantry Items

1. Cereal
2. Peanut Butter
3. Macaroni and Cheese
4. Rice / Pasta
5. Boxed Potatoes
6. Canned Meat (tuna, chicken, spam, etc.)
7. Canned Fruit
8. Canned Vegetables
9. Canned or Boxed Meals
10. Diapers

Cash donations are appreciated.
Please make checks payable to Churches United of the Quad City Area.

