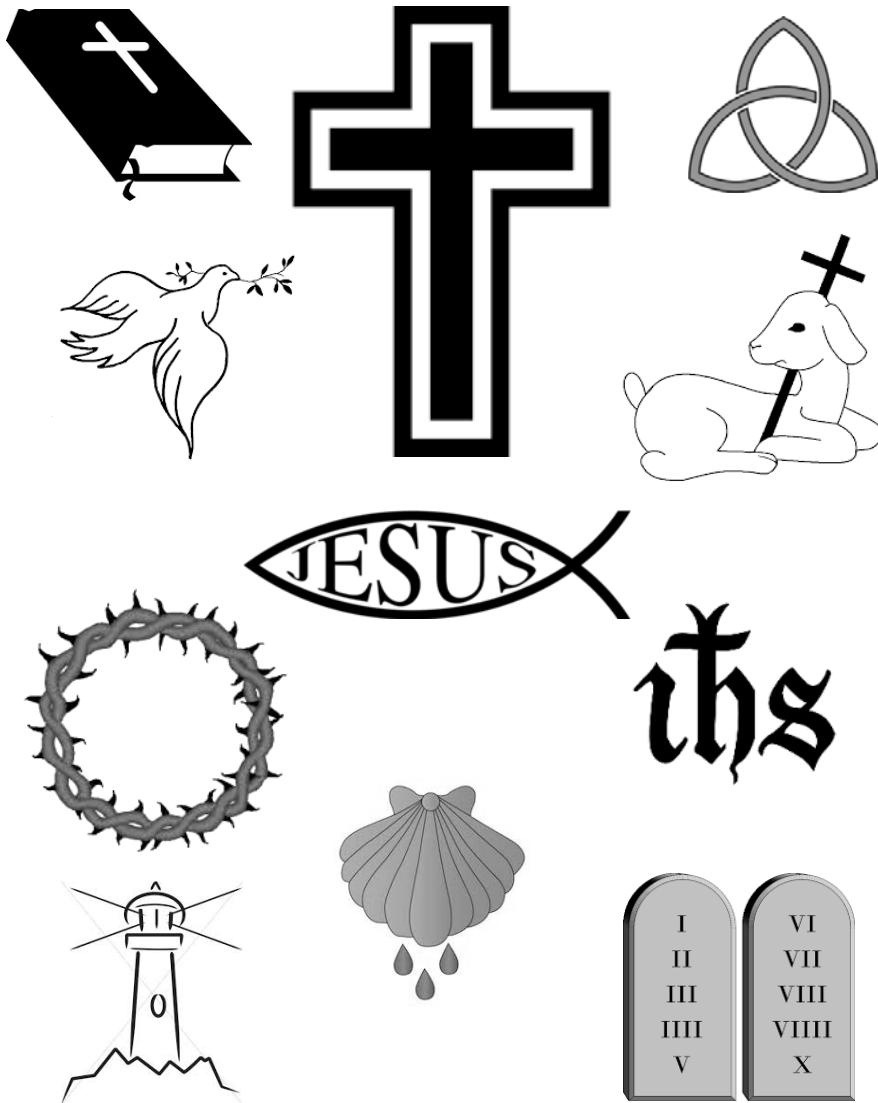




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A Note from Anne

Have you ever wanted to “give back” to your community? Have you ever been “called” to serve by God?

Have you wanted to make a difference in the lives of women of domestic violence or homelessness?

Have you ever wanted to make an impact in someone’s life? Well, now is your chance Churches United is looking for some wonderful volunteers who would like to work at our resale store, Winnie’s Wishes.

The store is located on Harrison Street in the Hilltop area of Davenport. The resale store is an upscale boutique with great prices and unique merchandise. The women from our shelter can utilize whatever is needed for them to help allow them to become more independent in establishing their own household. The shop recently celebrated its 5th year anniversary and has done so well that now the revenue from the shop contributes to nearly 20% of the shelter budget.

We can’t operate the shop without your help. How about giving us just a morning or afternoon a month? More than that if you choose. Please stop by the shop at 1605 Harrison or call Churches United at 563-332-5002 for an application.

We need you to make a difference and, in the end, your life experiences might make a difference.

Anne Wachal, Executive Director

Churches United on

facebook

Recently, we sat down with Dr. Melvin Grimes, Pastor of [Tabernacle Baptist Church](#) and Churches United Board Member. Dr. Grimes conveyed the importance of Churches United in our faith community. And shared how imperative it is that we unite and resolve to be proactive in moving our society forward during faith-tested times.



To view the video, go to Churches United of the Quad City Area Facebook page or type in this link: <https://www.facebook.com/ChurchesUnitedoftheQuadCityArea/videos/1252106714839725/>

Winnie's Place



Greetings from *Winnie's Place*! I know many of us think of March as renewing, spring blossoms, the beginning of new life and that is always exciting! Well, we wanted to share things that clients have shared as being helpful to them because it seems to be a good reflection of new life and opportunities. Clients found the following aspects of *Winnie's Place* program helpful: structure, guidance, someone to talk to, a safe place to stay, encouragement, resources, Bible study, support services, being able to save money, budgeting, paying off bills, financial guidance, emotional support, having space to think, daily supplies, extra accountability, job searches, being away from abuser and drugs, community connections/resources, life skills, clothing, guiding me in the right direction, bus passes, not having to worry about...., being able to vent, all my needs were met, help keeping me on task, warm and friendly staff, diapers, soap, someone to guide me, and answers. It is a long list!

The resources offered through Winnie's Place can be the beginning of new life and opportunities for those served. Everyone needs support and encouragement in his or her life. Your support offers people opportunities, support, guidance, structure – everything listed above! You all make a difference - every day - no question, no exception. You all renew this ministry and we thank you!

Because of Him, Kit

NEEDS: paper towels, garbage bags, quart, gallon & 2-gallon baggies, calendars & pocket planners, milk, tea, decaf coffee, juice, cheese, butterfly mops, rubber gloves, boxed side dishes and furnace filters. Call 309-764-9466 if you need information.

Go Green! We are finally ready to fully initiate our Go Green program! If you would like to receive the newsletter through your e-mail, we would be happy to make that happen. Please, email your current address and your e-mail address to jmartin@cuqca.org. Thank you for your patience with us during this time of transition.

Thank you to our Grantors!!

IA Annual Conference of the UMC
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Winnie's Wishes Resale Shop

1605 N. Harrison St., Dav.

Hours:

10am-4pm Monday-Friday

10am-1pm Saturday

Donations are accepted:

10am-3:30pm Monday-Friday

10am-12:30pm Saturday



Quad Cities Community Interfaith Dialogue

Led by

Imam Saad Baig,

Islamic Center of the Quad Cities

Rabbi Jeffrey Lipschultz,

Tri-City Jewish Center

Pastor Richard Priggie,

Augustana College

What is Unity?

Living a life of Reconciliation.

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

7:00-8:30 pm

Wallenberg Hall

Second Floor, Denkmann Building

Augustana College

3520 7th Avenue

Rock Island, IL

309/794-7213

Refreshments after the program.

Winnie's Wishes Resale Shop is now accepting spring/summer clothing! The shop is also in need of housewares, small kitchen appliances & gadgets, décor, and specialty glassware. We are always looking for furniture like dressers, small desks, end tables, coffee tables, storage furniture and anything unique! Have you been to the shop before? Here are a few things you can expect to see!!



Calling All Member Churches.....

Hello Esteemed Member Church Members,

Hope your year is starting out well. We are looking to many great things in 2017 with Churches United of the Quad City Area. I would like to THANK YOU for all your church has done in the past for continuing our mission and vision assisting with the Quad City Community in Hunger, Shelter, and Meal Site Ministries as well as the many other ministries of Churches United.

If you recall last year, 2016, Churches United participated in the Bettendorf 4th of July Parade. We had a few volunteers from a few churches walking in the parade. This year, is the Year for Churches United to really be seen. As you know, Churches United is made up of 136 Christian Churches, and we would not be here without you all. This year for the 4th of July Parade, we are asking a representative (this can be anyone/or group from your church) to carry a small sign with your Church name on it walking behind our Board of Directors and our Executive Director and Staff. (You can be as creative as you wish with a banner from your church, t shirts etc.) Envision this...

The impact Churches United would have from the community when they see our ED, followed by the Board of Directors, and our 136 Member Churches promoting unity of our Christian Churches while honoring the diversity. Embrace this....**WE ARE** and this is Churches United of the Quad City Area!

Can we count on you to represent your church in the parade along with the Board and Staff? The parade takes an hour of your time. Let's embrace this vision and put Churches United of the Quad City Area on the map!

Thank you for prayerfully considering this. If you are interested, please contact Anne Wachal, Executive Director.

Anne Wachal, Executive Director

Thanksgiving in July

We are looking for a few business to participate in our annual Thanksgiving in July food drive. The only responsibilities for you, the business-owner, are to prominently display a food collection box, encourage participation and call us when it gets filled.... For more information, contact Betsy at 563/332-5002.



QC CROP Hunger Walk Totals September 25, 2016



<p>All Saints Lutheran, Davenport \$155.00</p> <p>Asbury UMC, Bettendorf \$1,673.00</p> <p>Bettendorf Presbyterian \$3,214.00</p> <p>Beulah Presbyterian, Orion \$1,125.00</p> <p>Blue Grass Presbyterian \$205.00</p> <p>Edwards Congregational, Davenport \$130.00</p> <p>15th Avenue Christian, Rock Island \$1,002.00</p> <p>First Baptist, Davenport \$500.00</p> <p>First Christian, Davenport \$291.10</p> <p>First Christian, East Moline \$100.00</p> <p>First Lutheran, Moline \$5,445.00</p> <p>First Lutheran, Rock Island \$105.00</p> <p>First Presbyterian, Davenport \$2,134.38</p> <p>First Presbyterian, Milan \$186.00</p> <p>Gloria Dei Presbyterian, Rock Island \$39.00</p> <p>Grace Lutheran, Davenport \$1,871.15</p> <p>Hope UCC, Moline \$35.00</p> <p>Metro Community, Davenport \$1,355.08</p> <p>Muslims of Quad Cities \$731.00</p>	<p>Quad City Jewish Community \$3,053.00</p> <p>Sacred Heart, Davenport \$3,539.00</p> <p>Salem Lutheran, Moline \$1,175.00</p> <p>South Park Presbyterian, Rock Island \$525.00</p> <p>St. James Lutheran, Rock Island \$58.00</p> <p>St. John's Lutheran, Rock Island \$3,105.00</p> <p>St. John's UMC, Davenport \$1,545.00</p> <p>St. Mark Lutheran, Davenport \$1,125.00</p> <p>St. Matthew's Lutheran, Davenport \$1,365.00</p> <p>St. Peter Episcopal, Bettendorf \$550.00</p> <p>Trinity/Green River, Milan/Colona \$108.00</p> <p>Trinity Anglican, Rock Island \$190.00</p> <p>Trinity Episcopal, Davenport \$360.00</p> <p>Trinity Lutheran, Pleasant Valley \$4,455.00</p> <p>Trinity UMC, Milan \$483.00</p> <p>Undesignated, Illinois \$471.83</p> <p>Undesignated, Iowa \$221.02</p> <p>Union Congregational, Moline \$450.00</p> <p>Zion Lutheran, Davenport \$585.00</p>
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Grand Total raised: \$43,660.56 *as of 2/1/2017*

Current Events

St. Ambrose Spring Rummage Sale will be held March 23, 24 & 25: on Thursday, March 23rd from 5-7pm, Friday; March 24th 9am-6pm; Saturday, March 25th. 9a-3p Donations to the sale can be dropped off at the parish center beginning Sunday, March 19th. TV & computers cannot be accepted. Hope to see you there!

Do you love to sit down and read the Bible or does it seem overwhelming? Have you ever taken notes in your Bible while listening to a sermon or lecture? Do you feel close to God or distant? Sometimes, when we feel distant, sad, hurt, angry or even fearful, it can be difficult to open the Bible. For some of us it can be so much fun to sit down and read and for others it can be overwhelming and confusing. So how do we stay connected to Him and His word? No matter where you are spiritually, here is a fun a way to get into the Word! **Bible Art Journaling!** Quad City Bible Art Journaling is eager to begin meeting again on **March 11 from 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church, 3020 30th Street, Rock Island.** (This is not a denominational group, we are blessed that First Baptist has allowed us to use their wonderful space!) No special talent needed. Feel free to bring your Bible or Art Journal if you have one, otherwise color pages will be available. Art materials will be available to use during the morning. Find us on Facebook at Quad City Bible Art Journaling. You will see growth and newness of life blossom all around you as you draw near to Him.



The QC CROP Hunger Walk would like to thank the sponsors who make this such a successful endeavor:



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