

Winnie's Wishes Resale Shop



1605 Harrison Street
Davenport, Iowa
563-232-5007

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

We need furniture, small kitchen appliances and summer clothing/shoes! Furniture that we are looking for could be a couch, loveseat, sitting chairs, end tables, secretaries, etc. Please deliver donations at least 30 minutes prior to closing! Receipts are provided for tax purposes. Watching for sales or new items? Follow *Winnie's Wishes Resale Shop* on Facebook!

Snowbirds returning? We need you! The shop needs volunteers Mondays from 10 -1 pm, Tuesdays from 1- 4pm, Fridays both 10 -1pm & 1 - 4pm and Saturdays 10 - 1pm. Volunteers can work weekly or bi-weekly. Just stop by the shop for a volunteer application or email kmiller@cuqca.org to have one mailed or emailed to you!

I think every volunteer would tell you -they have fun, have met some new friends, and even come in to shop on days they are not working! The Hilltop area is gaining new businesses each day, so you can also enjoy those before or after you come into *Winnie's Wishes!*

Blessings, Kit

Third Annual Big Bacon Bonanza

The 3rd annual Big Bacon Bonanza was a success.

Thank you to our Bacon Vendors: Antonella's, 7he Starting Line, The RiverCenter, Bluecat Brew Pub, Scott Community College Culinary Arts, Whisk Away Cafe and Bakery, Aunt Hattie's Fanciful Emporium, Grandma Nelda's Sweets, Scratch Cupcakes, Bierstube, Mississippi River Distilling Company, Country Style Ice Cream, The Shameless Chocoholic, Tracy Hugaert Creations, and The Eastern Iowa Baking Co. We also want to thank Celebrity Guest Judge Diva Q, and her co-judges Mayor Thodos, East Moline, Mayor Pauley, Rock Island, and Mayor Klipsch, Davenport. The competition was tough and congratulations to all our winners. Scott Community College Culinary Arts Program took home Best Savory Bacon Dish, Tracy Hugaert Creations took home Best Sweet Bacon Dish, The Mississippi River Distillery took home Best Bacon Drink, and 7he Starting Line took home the People's Choice Award. Scott Community College won the Over All Best Bacon Dish and the



coveted Golden Ticket. This ticket means they will now move on to the world food championships in Orange City, Alabama in November. Judge Diva Q told the crowd, "this is the hottest ticket in food right now. They will go up against the best of the best in this competition.

Thank you also to our generous sponsors, Ascentra Credit Union, the Iowa Pork Producers, the Scott County Pork Producers, Fareway, and The RiverCities Reader. Without you the event would not be the success it is.

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.

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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Winnie's Wishes Celebrates One Year In Its New Location

Winnie's Wishes Resale shop opened its doors in 2011. The shop was located on River Drive in Davenport and was unlike any other resale shop in the area. "We weren't just selling clothes, we were selling futures," said Kit Miller, Winnie's Wishes Shelter Program Manager. All of the shop's proceeds go directly to help the women and children who stay at the Shelter. "Things were good on River Drive, but we knew we needed a change," added Miller. One year ago, the shop was packed up and relocated to its current location, 1605 Harrison St., Davenport. Linda Hillier began volunteering at Winnie's two years ago, "this new location is so bright and inviting, it really has been a great move for us." The shop features clothes for women and children,

household items, including furniture, toys, and much more. "We have always have a great variety of items and our prices can't be beat," says Hillier. "Most important," she adds, "every dollar goes back to help those who need it most, and there is no better feeling than being a part of that." The shop has undergone some changes in the last year. It now features a new logo and a brightly painted front. "I love coming in to volunteer,

it is so inviting and everything goes to a worthy cause. I really have been blessed to be a part of this for the past two years," Hillier commented. The shop is always in need of volunteers and donations. To donate, pull into the Alley behind the shop, to volunteer, call: 563-323-5007 or stop in for more information.

A Note from Anne

\$42,000,000 is the number, one Presidential candidate raised in a month's time. \$10,000 to \$50,000 per appearance is paid to reality stars who's only claim to fame is that they are on television with no redeeming value. Case in point – The franchise shows “ the Housewives of Atlanta, or New York or Orange County or the shows that follow a family through a day in their life are not “real” at all but live so far above the rest of us that it is far from entertainment. These “celebrities” who offer nothing to the quality of life, are paid several hundred thousands of dollars to drink, fight and talk about each other. In fact, one individual's contract pays him \$50,000 to simply party at a party!! And society thinks this is ok?

Imagine what Churches United or any not-for-profit agency could do with this endless amount of money that is being wasted away. We wouldn't have to ask you for one dime but instead ask that you invest your time and your prayers and your service. This is called stewardship. Imagine the kind of impact or influence that you might experience if you could give of yourself and not worry about giving with your checkbook.

Somehow the story got turned around. We value hype, false drama, violence, adultery and a plethora of other behaviors as entertainment and pay people thousands of dollars to produce and participate in these shows and we as an audience watch them!! Yet, how many of us will turn to a good documentary or watch the old standard The 10 Commandments? Did you know there is an award winning series on WGN called Underground which is series about the Underground Railroad? Hopefully enough viewers will watch it so it can be renewed for next year.

To that end, how many of us have opened a Bible lately, stopped and prayed or listened to God and be thankful for all he has sacrificed and given to us. When was the last time we thought of God's grace and forgiveness. It is just sinful the money that we spend to perpetuate the culture of aimless and superficial living in the name of entertainment. Pass that money into the communities where it can help. Let the money filter into communities like the Quad Cities where the faith community as well as other non profits must deal with and provide services to a variety of basic life needs.

My disdain is NOT about the arts. Anyone who knows me knows that I enjoy watching a good movie or a play or great concert. I am referring to what we now called reality shows and our reality of loving the Lord and praising him has gotten lost in this culture.

Maybe Churches United should start a reality show called the “the Staff of the Believers” or instead of a show like the Amazing Race – we could call it the Amazing Message – the message of Jesus Christ. All joking aside I hope the next few months you will find a way to reach out and partner with us, in a food pantry or the shelter or the shop or to help with a worship service and know that you are the true REALITY STAR. Give willingly and with love . Let's not do it for the 15 minutes of fame.

With Christ's Love,
Anne

Winnie's Place



Greetings from *Winnie's Place!* Happy spring! Before we know it, the kids will be out of school for the summer! There are currently 10 kids in shelter! That means we are going through lots of snacks, drink mix and diapers! The Churches United newsletters are now going out on a bi-monthly basis and that means our needs lists are going out less often. What we have found is that people want to know specifically what the shelter needs. You all know that the shelter needs consistent financial support. What you may not be aware of is that the daily needs change frequently.

In fact, we are currently out of several sizes of diapers. One of the adjustments that Churches Unites has made is that we are emailing church bulletin inserts directly to churches. So what if you are in a church that does not use bulletins or post the insert on a bulletin board? Check out our Facebook pages! Look for Churches United of the Quad City Area or Winnie's Wishes Resale Shop with our logos on Facebook! The needs list for the shelter is short this month because we are out of some items that are used on a regular basis. If you have any questions, need additional information or collect some of the needed items, please call us at 309-764-9466!



Thank you!!

Because of Him, Kit

NEEDS: cream soups, canned gravy, snack crackers, size 2, 4 & 5 diapers, 13 gallon trash bags, gallon size vinegar, coffee, parmesan cheese, ranch salad dressing and pull-ups.

Please remember to submit your Birdies for Charity forms before July 31st.



Member Church Spotlight

Happy Easter to those in the Orthodox Church. Did you know that the Orthodox Church is in Lent Season right now? The Orthodox Church celebrates Easter on May 1st. Why do they observe Easter at a different time?

While it is somewhat complicated, it may be summarized in the two factors at work that cause this conflict in dates:

- 1) The issue of the calendar; and
- 2) the adherence by the Orthodox to the early practices of the Christian Church.

The first factor, the calendar, has to do with the fact that the Christian Orthodox Church continues to follow the Julian calendar when calculating the date of Pascha (Easter). The rest of Christianity uses the Gregorian calendar. There is a thirteen-day difference between the two calendars, the Julian calendar being thirteen (13) days behind the Gregorian.

The other factor at work is that the Orthodox Church continues to adhere to the rule set forth by the First Ecumenical Council, held in Nicea in 325 AD, that requires that Pascha must take place after the Jewish Passover in order to maintain the Biblical sequence of Christ's Passion. The rest of Christianity ignores this requirement, which means that on occasion Western Easter takes place either before or during the Jewish Passover.

As a consequence of these two factors, the Orthodox Church usually celebrates Pascha later than the Western Churches – anywhere from one to five weeks later.

Thank You

Churches United received grant awards from the following funders:

Iowa Annual Conference of the UMC
Hunger Ministry

Community Events

How “Green” is your Congregation? The ‘Green Teams’ of several congregations have been working to green their congregations by implementing ways to be better stewards of the Earth have formed a group called EarthKeepers. Please join us as we exchange ideas to “green” our congregations! Our next meeting is Monday April 25 – 7:00 p.m. – Trinity Lutheran Church, 1330 13th St, Moline, Illinois. Guest speaker will be Crystal Yost of Moms Clean Air Force.

St. James Lutheran Church in Bettendorf is holding their annual Rummage Sale on May 26 and 27, from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Proceeds fund programs for the elderly and low income residents of our area, such as buying fans in the summer and gift cards to grocery stores at Christmas. St. James is located at 1705 Oak Street in Bettendorf, just up the hill from K&K Hardware. For more information, call the church office at 355-4161 or search for us on Facebook.

Classifieds

Wanted: Organist!!

Edwards UCC church in Davenport seeks organist for Wednesday evenings and one Sunday morning service. Beautiful Casavant full pipe organ. Pay commensurate with experience. Call Tim at 563-506-9264 for more info and check out our website at www.edwards-UCC.org.

Wanted: Part-time Music Director: First Baptist Church of Rock Island. 3-6 hours per week. For further information regarding this position and/or a copy of the Job Description, please call the Church Office at 309-786-2617, or E-Mail Church Office, fbcori@mediacombb.net . If interested, please submit your Resume soon as possible. Web page: www.fbcrockisland.com