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## Volunteers Reopen Watertown Pantry



Pat and Mike Tyler read an e-mail asking for six to eight volunteers to reopen the food pantry at 1365 13th Avenue in East Moline that had closed last summer.

“We were the only ones to answer,” Pat said. “We have great volunteers from the Gaines Chapel. But we’re looking for someone at the coordinator level.”

The pantry, open Tuesdays and Fridays from 1-4 p.m., has served a steady flow of new clients since March 3rd. “Now that school is out we’ve definitely seen things pick up,” Pat said. “We’re very neighborhood oriented. A lot of the people walk here.”

Paper products are the greatest need and “anything you can make a meal out of,” Pat said. “Squash soup. Beef tongue. We have more variety than a lot of the food pantries.” Clients can even pick up a birthday bag filled with party needs packed and donated by the youth group from First Presbyterian Church of East Moline.

The Tylers are rewarded in retirement by the people they help at the pantry. “We’re here when they need something,” Pat said.



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## United in Faith Helping People in Need



From July 1st through 31st, help Churches United fill the shelves at our 26 food pantries. Collect and drop off non-perishable food items and paper products in donation boxes at Fareway stores in Bettendorf, Davenport and Moline and QC Core Chiropractic Wellness Center, Caddy's Sports Bar & Grill, K&K Hardware and Dewey's Café at the Library in Bettendorf. Thank you to local food drive sponsor the Iowa Pork Producers!

**Greetings from Winnie's Place!** At the shelter we often hear that we have become like family to the clients. I think much of that has to do with the way they are valued and cared for unconditionally.

Providing a healthy support system is easier said than done and takes time. The reality for many clients is that their family is the perpetrator, the cause of them becoming homeless, the abuser, the people who they need to distance themselves from for a variety of reasons.



Our job here is to teach our clients, provide resources to them, open doors and make connections for them. The staff works the front lines to fully understand all the needs of each client and then help to remove barriers and teach personal responsibility. You provide the daily needs of each person in the shelter. Thank you for being a part of this family!

*Because of Him, Kit*

**Winnie's Wishes Resale Shop** needs volunteers for three hour shifts on Tuesdays from 1 – 4 pm, Wednesdays from 10 – 1 pm and Saturdays from 10 – 1 pm! To apply, please stop by the shop or call 309-764-9466 to request an application by e-mail or mail. **Thank you!**



**We Need You!**

## A Note from Anne

Mass violence seems to be all around us. That society seems to be getting used to it is sad. In the last few years, we have witnessed mass killings in Manchester, Orlando, Oregon High School; San Bernardino, Paris, London, and Sandy Hook; murders in Chicago, Dallas, and other cities; shootings at a Congressional baseball game. While the United States has 5% of the world's population, 31% of all public mass shootings occur in the U.S., according to a 2016 FBI study.

Where are the anti – hate and anti – violence coalitions that once existed here in the Quad Cities? Where are the new younger leaders? Local faith communities are finding it hard to retain volunteers and develop leaders in their own church.

While we are blessed with an amazing group of volunteers, let me also challenge you. Is the Love of God part of your “being”? It's time for us to take inventory of who we are as a person, as a connected human being and as a child of God.

What have we done for the community or for the world lately? What have we done for the Lord? If you feel inspired to be a part of a new and changing world, call or email us [awachal@cuqca.org](mailto:awachal@cuqca.org)

*With Peace, Anne*

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## Member Church Events & Classifieds

**Free Children's Carnival**, 12 noon-1 p.m., and **State of Grace Gospel Rock Concert**, 1-2:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 15th, at First Baptist Church, 3020 30th Street, Rock Island. Call 309-786-2617 for more information.

**Free console piano** to church, school, or home. Call 309-797-6528.