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## Year End Gifts Touch the Lives of Many



Rev. Dr. Melvin Grimes has witnessed the ebb and flow of Churches United from a fledgling mainly Protestant ministry to an ecumenical Christian association of 136-plus member churches representing over 20 faith traditions.

“We are the vehicle in the community that is able to meet the shelter and food needs of people,” said Rev. Grimes, treasurer on the Churches United Board of Directors.

“A gift to Churches United enriches the lives of countless numbers of people the donor may never know . Hungry people who have fallen through the cracks. Victims of domestic abuse who are trying to get their lives on track. If people need help, we’re here.”

The Pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Moline believes blessings freely given are returned. “In order to be blessed, we have to be a blessing. If all of our member churches would take that position, we could easily do ministry at a greater magnitude than we do now. Member churches that put Churches United in their budget will be blessed and see more resources come in.”

Rev. Grimes quotes one of his favored passages from the Gospel of Luke: *Give and it shall be given to you.* “Small gifts help,” said Rev. Grimes, “and so many people need help.”

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The 2018 year end appeal asks 100% participation from member churches, increased giving from current donors and first time gifts from supporters new to Churches United to reach a \$40,000 goal.

“Meeting people, giving them warm compassion and care, putting a human face on need, that’s what our shelter, our pantries and meal sites do,” Rev. Grimes said. “We are not concerned about statistics. Boots on the ground is ministry. That’s what ministry and mission is all about.”

Rev. Grimes credits member churches, volunteers and donors for doing a good job of taking up slack. “But there’s more slack we could take up,” he added. “Do what Christ told us we are supposed to do and we can touch the lives of so many.”

Greetings from *Winnie’s Place*! I can’t tell you how many times that I have heard, “I just can’t imagine \_\_\_\_”. That blank can be filled with: being degraded that way, being abused, being introduced to drugs by my parents, being in jail, having my kids taken, not putting my children’s needs first, becoming an alcoholic, losing my job, losing my home, getting so sick that I lost everything, getting in debt this way, having to go to a shelter, having no family support, having someone control my every move, fearing my spouse, making my children celebrate Christmas in a shelter, etc...the list goes on and on. You are blessed if you have not had any of the above traumas touch your life in one way or another. Please be mindful of those who have survived those traumas and have been served through *Winnie’s Place*. We need your help, to brighten their Christmas, through our Christmas Adoption Program. If you or your group is interested in adopting a family or special shelter needs, please contact Pauline at 309-764-9466. We will also have special needs for our Santa Party!! Thank you, you will be blessed by blessing others! *Because of Him, Kit*



*Winnie’s Place* **needs** mayo, coffee creamer, parmesan cheese, Italian dressing, pickles, butter, Clorox Clean Spray, dishwasher detergent, garbage bags, paper towels, IL. bus tickets, dressers, twin size **bed bug** mattress encasements, hamburger, pizzas, frozen veggies & potatoes, and grocery store gift cards. Call us at 309-764-9466 if you can help. **Thank you!**



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## Member Church Events & Classifieds

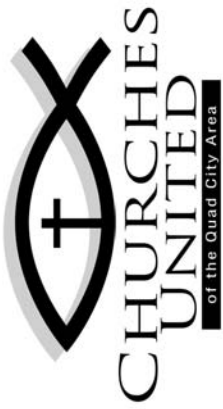
**Head Church Organist needed** at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 115 W. 12th Ave., Milan. If interested, call Dean at 309-798-2599 for details and an interview.

**World Community Day**, Friday Nov. 3rd at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 24th Street and 31st Avenue, Rock Island. Registration at 9 a.m., Bible Study and Program on "PEACE" at 9:30.

**GRIEF SHARE: Surviving the Holidays**, Wednesday, Nov. 8th from 1-3 p.m. and 5:30-7 p.m., Asbury United Methodist Church, 1809 Mississippi Blvd., Bettendorf. Classes offered especially for those who are grieving a loved one's death. Call 563-355-5218 to sign up.

**Cookie Walk**, Saturday, Nov. 18th from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, 1230 5th Ave., Moline. Cookies, crafts and gift baskets!

**Open House** to see the renovations made at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 312 1st Street W., Milan, on Friday, December 1st beginning with a prayer service at 5 p.m. Light refreshments and stories shared by parishioners in the Parish Center. Entertainment by Manny Lopez Quintet from 6-8 p.m. in the gym. Visit [facebook.com/ambrosemilanillinois](https://facebook.com/ambrosemilanillinois) for more information.



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