



The Methodist Church Outreach Ministries The Almost Free Shop

312 E Robinson - Phone number - 641.842.5002

Hours are Monday, 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Tuesday, 9:00 am – Noon,
Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

(Donations are accepted during open business hours in the alley behind)

The Almost Free Shop is operated by volunteers from the United Methodist Women (UMW) providing for the low cost sale of clothing items for all ages, toys, seasonal decorations and household merchandise.

We appreciate the caring community members donating these items to the Almost Free Shop enabling the low prices. This has been a blessing to the shoppers and the mainstay to the success of the Almost Free shop (along with the volunteers) in meeting the needs of the community.

Proceeds from the shop are distributed to different community service projects, Helping Hands Food Pantry, KAMA, and various missions, some funds go to building upkeep and repairs etc.

Families and individuals in need such as the homeless, those suffering family problems, loss of job, fire, or flood, are provided clothing, household supplies, and furniture with out charge.

An estimate of over 40,000 items went through the shop last year. Items not sold or given away are regularly taken to Helping Hands, Goodwill, and Bidwell or sent to mission programs in Mexico.

Donations and Almost Free Shop proceeds are used to purchase items needed for the UMCOR health kits, school kits, and layettes packages. The United Methodist Women and other volunteers sort, organize, package, and ship these donated packages to UMCOR. *This year hundreds of kits worth thousands of dollars were sent to UMCOR.*

The **United Methodist** Committee on Relief, (UMCOR) *is a prominent world-wide emergency relief organization.* A nonprofit agency of the United Methodist Church, UMCOR reaches almost 100 countries worldwide to provide relief in five core areas: hunger, health, refugees, emergencies, and relief Supplies. The organization is so designed that 100% of all donations are channeled directly to the earmarked project or relief effort. Therefore, UMCOR does very little advertising and is not as well known as other relief organizations.



First United Methodist Church Activity Center Home for these Out Reach Ministries

308 E Robinson, Knoxville Phone number 641.842. 5002

For Activity Center Reservations call 641.842.3712

Alcoholic's Anonymous (AA) and Al-Anon Support Groups

Normal Meeting times unless posted on the door differently Tuesday 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Wednesday Evenings, Friday Noon – 2:00 pm and Saturday 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

The Knoxville Area Ministerial Association (KAMA)

308 E Robinson, Knoxville Phone calls accepted only during office hours 641.842.5002

Normal office hours depending upon volunteers are - Monday & Wednesday - 1:00 - 3:30 pm

The KAMA office is located in the Activity Center and used to disperse emergency assistance funds. It was organized by the Knoxville Area Ministerial Association with the sole purpose of assisting those persons needing emergency funds to help with food, rent, utilities, etc.



The Salvation Army in the Body of Christ

Funding sources include donations from organizations, individuals, churches in the area and the Salvation Army. At this time the First United Methodist Church organizes and manages the bell ringing activities.

With the help of bell ringers from many churches, community organizations, schools and volunteers from all of Marion County over \$25,000 was raised in 2008 and over \$29,000 in 2009. Ninety percent of the funds raised by the Salvation Army kettle fund drive stay in Marion County. Salvation Army fund vouchers are issued from this office to those in need of financial assistance.

Personal counseling on budgeting and money management is given when requested. It is operated by volunteers two days a week, who work in conjunction with Marion County General Relief and Veterans Affairs and the Red Rock Community Action office.

Good Samaritan Free Medical Clinic

308 E Robinson, Knoxville - Phone calls accepted only during clinic hours at. 641.842.5002

Clinic hours are the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

The Clinic is operated by Knoxville Hospital & Clinics on a first-come first-serve basis. They provide volunteer doctors and nurses to serve the area by providing free medical examinations and free health care for uninsured or hardship cases.

The Free Medical Clinic is part of the Well Child Program, and if necessary provides children with immunizations. The doctors and nurses also assist patients in obtaining needed medication and prescription drug coverage.

They provide referral services to Title 19 and Hawkeye Services. In serious cases patients are usually referred to Iowa City Hospitals for follow up treatment and care.



Habitat for Humanity of Marion County Inc

308 E Robinson P.O. Box 229, Knoxville, IA. 50138– 641.828.8844 - hfhmci@iowatelecom.net

Executive Director: Lisa Houser - **Best to make an appointment by phone or email!**

Hours may vary: Monday 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm, Tuesday 9:00 am – Noon, Thursday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Vision: As an ecumenical Christian organization, we work toward eliminating substandard housing and empowering families in the Marion County area and around the world.

Mission: Working for God and partnering with people to build affordable homes, provide hope, and develop communities.

Habitat for Humanity of Marion County is blessed to have built over 25 homes in our County. We count our blessings by the many volunteers who have helped with home construction, provided food, and served on committees or our board. Your monetary tax deductible contributions are greatly appreciated and because of those gifts we have been able to achieve our mission.

SHARE



Iowa

SHARE (Self Help and Resource Exchange)

Info: www.shareiowa.org

Contact Cora Rathmel - Phone Number 641.828.7017

SHARE is a non-profit volunteer organization which encourages volunteerism. SHARE offers monthly food packages of canned goods, vegetables and meat at up to 50% discounted price for area individuals and families.

There are no income or eligibility guidelines, but you are required to do at least **two hours of volunteer service per month**. The bulk food items are brought to the Activity Center for organization by the volunteers, divided into pre-ordered packages and made available for the families to pick up.

Food orders must be placed the 1st part of the month and are available for pick up the last part of the month.



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NAMI Connection Support Group

Meets on Thursdays from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm – Activity Center

Marion County 4-H Club

A 4-H Club meets the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

The Marion County Historical Society

(Oversees the activities of the Marion County Park Historical Village)

Meet the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30 (except December, January & February)

The Activity Center has been used by Scouts, the Optimist Club, Kiwanis, the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce, Dollars for Scholars, Living Windows, Montgomery Street Preschool, United Methodist Women, and the Knoxville Historical Preservation Commission.

Ministries We Support

Helping Hands Food Pantry

117 W Main, Knoxville, Iowa. Phone Number 641.842.6933
Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The First United Methodist Church supports the Helping Hands Food Pantry with food, clothing, volunteers, and financial contributions. Helping Hands distributes free food on a timely basis. Free clothing is available for pickup by people in need, as well as, limited family lodging facilities is available in case of an emergency.