



Dubuque Area Congregations United

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We, the members of DACU, people of diverse faiths and beliefs, are united by our belief in God, our concerns for justice and our call to serve others. Through prayerful dependence on God and respectful cooperation with each other, we will make a difference in our world by fostering an awareness and understanding of human need. We will be a supportive presence in this community and beyond through the generous sharing of our time, talents, and resources. Mission Statement adopted 10/22/1996.

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DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT
Here's just a few of the events sponsored by our DACU congregations and associates. Turn the page to learn more!		
November 10 & 24	Hope House	Round Table Discussions on homelessness & affordable housing, 6:00 PM (Mike McFarland Nov. 10, Erica Haugen Nov. 24) 1592 Locust St.
November 23	St. Elias Church	2:00 PM Gallery Opening for Greek Architecture Show, Quigley Gallery @ Clarke University, 1550 Clarke Drive
November 26	DACU	Annual DACU Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, 7:00 PM Resurrection Catholic Church
December 5	Dubuque Food Pantry	Holiday Train, 8:00 PM, Rhomberg & Hawthorne Sts.
December 6	Multicultural Family Ctr.	Multicultural Holiday Celebration 10 AM to 12 Noon, 1157 Central Ave
January 27	DACU	DACU Annual Meeting & Dinner, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church



32nd Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving **Worship Service**

"Reflections on Gratitude"
Wednesday, November 26, 2014
Resurrection Catholic Church
4300 Asbury St.
7:00 P.M.

The speaker will be Rabbi Ann Persin. Music will be provided by Dr. Thomas Dickey. Join your neighbors for a service of song and thanksgiving!

Remember that the offering will go to People in Need (P.I.N.) and is an important source of their funding.

You are also encouraged to bring non-perishable food and paper goods for the Dubuque Food Pantry.

Upcoming DACU Delegate Meetings

December: No Delegate Meeting

January: *Save the Date!*

DACU Annual Meeting & Dinner
Tuesday, January 27
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
1755 Delhi



DACU Board Report

As of October 31, 21 congregations and two associate members had contributed to the work of DACU for 2014. Thank you to Center Grove United Methodist, Sinsinawa Dominicans, St. John's Lutheran, and Summit Congregational UCC for their generous donations in October!

FY 2014 Monthly Balance Sheet Report 10/31/2014			
	October	2014 YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2014
Income	\$ 735.00	\$ 8,543.75	\$6,450.00
Expenses	\$ 49.00	\$ 8,408.00	\$6,450.00
Ending Balance as of 10/31/2014: \$8,118.25			

At the November DACU Board meeting, the board voted to give \$2,000 each to the DACU Projects People in Need; Dubuque Rescue Mission; and Dubuque Food Pantry. In addition, the Board voted \$200. to Faces and Voices to support student scholarships to attend the Dr. Martin Luther King Breakfast in January. THANK YOU to all of the DACU members whose gifts made these gifts possible!

Please help us to support our DACU projects!

Checks should be made payable to "Dubuque Area Congregations United" and sent to:

DACU Treasurer,

P.O. Box 811, Dubuque IA 52004

The DACU Board meets the first Wednesday of each month at 4:15 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Board meetings are always open to the members of DACU.

DACU Projects

People In Need (P.I.N.)

Do you know of someone in need?

Here is the P.I.N. assist number: (563) 581-7995

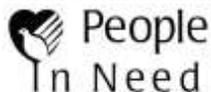
Please leave a message since this is only a recorded line. Potential clients should not call; only social service agencies, churches/congregations and DACU organizations should refer potential clients.

Application via phone only.

**Please send donations to: Tom Stovall, PIN Treasurer,
3345 Tibey Court, Dubuque, IA 52002-2849**

The Board of P.I.N. congratulates Tom Stovall on his retirement as Executive Director of Operation New View and recognizes with gratitude his dedication to P.I.N.

Tom, you have made a difference!



Dubuque Rescue Mission.

Our new Thrift Store # 2 is open at 2nd & Locust! This second store will feature furniture. Come and visit! Our website is www.DubuqueRescue.org

DACU Rescue Mission Representative
Maryann Caudill LoGuidice
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Dubuque Food Pantry

Thank you to all who continue to support the Food Pantry with monetary donations and food collections. Many thanks to all who have donated garden produce to the Pantry it has been enjoyed by many. The apples that have come in this fall have been a real treat.

Is your church/congregation wanting to know what we could use? Each month I will be listing a few items that we could use so you can plan ahead and get the list in your church bulletin/announcements.

November – Stuffing mix, can pumpkin, hot chocolate mix, rice, bar soap, dish soap.

December—Sweet potatoes/yams, scalloped or au gratin potatoes, soup, toothpaste, lotion, toilet tissue.

We are preparing to hand out 500 Christmas baskets. We hope your church/congregation will be able to help us with 3-5lbs. hams.

Drop off hours are: Mon., Wed., Fri. from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Tues. 9:00 a.m. to 11:45. Closed Thursdays.

God bless you and thank you for your continued support. Happy Thanksgiving!

**Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager
583-4440**



AND...Join us at the Holiday Train, December 5 at 8:00 PM at the railroad crossing at Rhomberg and Hawthorne Streets (on the Rhomberg side). The Holiday train is sponsored by the Canadian Pacific Railroad, and all donations will go to the Dubuque Food Pantry. Donations of cash and food will be accepted on the train! For more information, see the Holiday Train Website.

<http://www.cpr.ca/en/community/holiday-train>

DACU Community



St. Elias Church

The community of St. Elias Church is pleased to announce the opening of the exhibition **“Greek Architects of Istanbul in the Era of Westernization”** which focuses on the contributions of Greek architects to the modernization of Istanbul (ancient Constantinople), Turkey.

A special opening reception, with His Grace Bishop Demetrios of Mokissos (Turkey) will take place on **Sunday, November 23rd, 2:00 PM** at Clarke University’s Quigley Gallery (1550 Clarke Drive). Dr. Bryan J. Zygmunt, assistant professor of art history at Clarke University, will also give an opening talk. The exhibit will remain open to the public through late December.

This exhibit was originally organized by Zographion Lyceum Association of Istanbul, and co-funded by Istanbul 2010 European Capital of Culture, and the John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation. It opened in Istanbul in 2010. Since then, it has traveled throughout the world. Most recently, it has been exhibited at Loyola University in Chicago. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Also.....St. Elias is organizing a bus trip to the Art Institute of Chicago to see the exhibit “Heaven & Earth: Art of Byzantium from Greek Collections” on Saturday, December 13. The cost is \$50 per person and includes bus fare and entrance to the Museum. If you are interested, contact Fr. Dustin Lyon (dustin.lyon@gmail.com, 563.583.5902) right away; space is limited!



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Fair Trade Christmas comes to Westminster Presbyterian Church (2155 University Ave.)

Saturday November 29 AND

Saturday December 6,

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

This event is **open to the public** and will feature unique gifts for the whole family: baskets, ornaments, scarves, jewelry, children’s items, outdoor items



CROP Walk

UPDATE: To date, the 2014 CROP Walk has raised over \$18,000! Stay tuned for the final numbers!

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St. Mark Youth Enrichment

Rotary Santa Cash Raffle Tickets Available!

The Rotary Club of Dubuque Foundation is pleased to announce the start of sales for its \$10,000 Santa Cash Raffle. Proceeds benefit **St. Mark Youth Enrichment**, which provides innovative programs and services to cultivate the educational and social-emotional growth of youth and families, as well as Rotary’s humanitarian service fund, which provides grants to local nonprofits during the course of the year.

The Santa Cash Raffle is limited to the first 300 tickets sold and will continue now through December 16, or until tickets are sold out. Prizes include the grand prize \$10,000, \$1,000, \$500 and numerous non-cash packages. The grand prize drawing will be held on December 19 on Super Hits 106.1 FM.

Tickets sell for \$100 and can be purchased through any Rotary member as well as at the following locations: St. Mark Youth Enrichment, Dubuque Arboretum and Botanical Garden, Doland Jewelers, Graham’s Style Store and the Hot Spot. Information can be found at www.dubuquerotary.org.

The Rotary Club of Dubuque has been in existence since 1915 and is the largest service club in the area with over 180 members. The club motto is “service above self” and the club lives that motto through completion of more than 10 annual service projects and fundraisers.

Jessica Pape, Director of Development
jpape@stmarkyouthenrichment.org

Operation: New View Community Action Agency

Operation New View announced the December retirement of Executive Director Tom Stovall (see the article in the Telegraph Herald, November 3, 2014)

The DACU Board of Directors extends congratulations and sincere thanks for the many years that Tom has devoted to our community in so many ways. Best wishes on this new chapter Tom!



Shalom Spirituality Center

Celebrating 25 years • 1989 – 2014
1001 Davis Dubuque, IA 52001
Phone: 563/582-3592
Web: www.shalomretreats.org
Email: info@shalomretreats.org

Centering Prayer

Monday, Nov. 17, 7:00 – 8:00pm
Registration not required.

Reading That Matters Book Discussion

Breakfast at Sally's by Richard LeMieux
Tuesday, Nov. 18, 7:00 – 8:30pm
Offering: \$6. Register by Nov. 17.

Making Time for Advent: A Retreat for Busy People
Friday, Nov. 21, 5:30pm – Sunday, Nov. 23, 2:00pm
Presenters: Trisha Day and Iowa City artist Mary Merkel-Hess. Advent is a time for listening in our hearts but we may be too busy to be attentive. Weekend will focus on practical suggestions for slowing down and applying contemplative values and practices to everyday life. We will explore the Advent themes of light and darkness through the visual sculptures on display.
Offering: \$175, includes overnights, meals and snacks. \$50 deposit. Register by Nov. 17.

Shalom Winter Breakfast: Entering Advent & Winter with a Heart Full of Expectation
Wednesday, Dec. 3, 7:00 – 8:00am, Mass at 8:15am
Presenter: Dorothy Schwendinger OSF
Advent and winter are about waiting and about darkness, and we as both Christians and Americans find it hard to welcome either. Come treat yourself to some reflections/experiences that might move us to wax and wane more gracefully with the lunar cycles and the sacramental seasons.
Offering: \$9. Register by Dec. 1.

Celebrating the Holidays in a New Way: Dinner, Sharing and Prayer for Those Who Have Lost a Spouse or Significant Other
Thursday, Dec. 4, 5:00 – 7:30pm
Facilitators: Barbara Meloy Callahan & Marci Blum OSF
Holidays can be a difficult time for those who have lost a spouse or significant other. Yet in the company of others, life is shared and made new. Join friends or make new friends while tipping a sparkling beverage, sharing stories, enjoying a festive meal and concluding with Advent Taize Prayer. Offering: \$23, includes dinner. Register by Dec. 1.

Advent Taize Prayer: "My Soul in Stillness"
Thursday, Dec. 4, 7:00pm.
Registration not required.

In Quest of the Jewish Mary

Saturday, Dec. 6, 9:00am – 3:00pm
Presenter: Mary Christine Athans, BVM, Ph.D
In her quest for the Jewish Mary, Mary Christine Athans, BVM draws on the latest in historical research, theological and spiritual reflection, the fruits of post-Vatican II Jewish-Christian dialogue, and the insights of feminist theology. Using the method of Ignatian contemplation, she offers meditations integrating Hebrew prayers which might have been extant in the first century in order to rediscover the Jewish Mary – a woman of enormous courage, strength and prayers.
Offering: \$50. Register by Dec. 1.

Coming Into the Light: Shalom's Annual Advent Evening for Women Monday, Dec. 8, 6:00 – 9:00pm
Presenters: Ruth Jackson SVM and the group "Lydia"
The tradition continues! Once again, Sr. Ruth and her friends will lead us in a prayerful and inspirational celebration of the season. Join us for conversation and friendship around a relaxing social and dinner followed by prayer and song in chapel. Offering: \$23, includes social & dinner. Register by Dec. 3.

The Crib: Impossible Hope?

An Evening of Advent & Christmas Music & Readings
Monday, Dec. 15, 6:00 – 9:00pm. Presenters: Carol Hemesath OSF and your favorite Dubuque Area Musicians. With glad hearts we gather to enjoy a bountiful meal! Then we nourish our spirits with the joyful music, readings and prayer of the season. Join us for a joyful evening that will hopefully open our hearts and minds to the realization of God within us and around us. Offering: \$23, includes dinner. Register by Dec. 10.



Multicultural Family Center
**Multicultural Holiday Celebration! Saturday,
December 6, 10 AM to 12 Noon, 1157 Central Ave.**
This family event features dance performances, displays, and refreshments which celebrate the different traditions represented in the Tri-State area such as

Kwanzaa, Islamic New Year, Lunar New Year, Diwali, Las Posadas, Hanukkah, and Christmas. Join us for this multicultural holiday experience! All ages welcome, Cost is free BUT registration is required. You can register online at www.cityofdubuque.org/recreation or by calling the Multicultural Family Center at 582-3681.

...*Would you like to help host this celebration?*
Would you like to share your cultural traditions?
Contact Dora Serna at dserna@cityofdubuque.org.

Dubuque Community

Hospice of Dubuque

Hospice of Dubuque takes the opportunity during November, National Hospice Month, to inform the community on the benefits of hospice care. This year we are also providing a grief presentation on November 13. We have incorporated both into one insert. We understand it is not always possible, but please include the following information in next week's church bulletin if you feel there is room. Thanks for your time and support of our organization.

November is National Hospice Month, an opportunity to raise awareness on the benefits of hospice care. For 31 years Hospice of Dubuque has fulfilled a mission of *providing compassionate care for the terminally ill and their loved ones* with expertise in pain and symptom management. Hospice of Dubuque addresses the patient's physical needs, as well as their emotional and spiritual needs, to enable patients and families to focus on what really matters—living.

In conjunction with National Hospice Month, a grief presentation and book signing will be held November 13 in the Theisen Education Center of the Hospice of Dubuque office at 1670 JFK Road. Mary Potter Kenyon will speak on *Finding Hope and Healing in Grief* at 6:30 pm, to be followed by the signing of her newly-released book, Refined by Fire: A Journey of Grief and Grace. There is no charge for this event; the public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Join Hospice of Dubuque during National Hospice Month and share your story of how Hospice of Dubuque helped your family, friend or neighbor live in comfort and dignity, enjoying the last season of life. For more information, call 563.582.1220 or visit www.hospiceofdubuque.org. A special thank you to Egelhof, Siegert & Casper Westview Funeral Home, the advertising sponsor for this year's National Hospice Month.



Hope House

Why are People Homeless?

What are the socioeconomic reasons why about 3.5 million people in America don't have a place to call home? What can be done to advocate with people who are in need of decent, affordable housing in Dubuque? Hope House will host two Round-Table discussions this month. On November 10, Mike McFarland will lead our discussion shortly after the 6:00p meal, in which we strongly encourage you to share.

On November 24, Erica Haugen, the Community Development Specialist for Dubuque's Housing & Community Development Office, will lead a conversation about how city government might better assist Dubuquers, including those in need of decent, affordable housing. More information about citywide efforts during the month are available at : <http://project-concern.org/index.php>

Hope House, located at 1592 Locust St, is a Catholic Worker House of Hospitality, offering free food and lodging, free meals for the community twice a week, welcoming drop-in visitors, hosting a free food pantry, and round-table discussions on a variety of topics twice a month. Call 582-9079 for more information.

Peace,
Tom Johnson
Hope House
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(563) 582-9079



Volunteer Iowa

Volunteer Iowa is pleased to honor Clare Vosberg, a 9 year old from Dubuque, Iowa. Clare from Clare Cares will be featured as a "Face of Volunteerism" for one week starting Thursday 10/30/14.

Clare is a 9 year old who wants to change the world by building friendships to end bullying and to make the community a better place.

Clare began Clare Cares on January 22, 2014 with a goal to have a Buddy Bench put on her school's playground to help build friendships to end bullying. As of today, Clare has inspired her community and has raised funds to provide a Buddy Bench on not just her playground, but 35 elementary playgrounds in the tri-state area. There is a Clare Cares Buddy Bench on every elementary playground in Dubuque and West Dubuque school district. Additionally, Clare sponsors monthly Buddy Play Dates where the entire community is welcome. At each Buddy Play Date she does a give back to the community. The Give Back Recipients have

been: Almost Home Homeless Shelter, National Mississippi River Museum, Dubuque Regional Humane Society, Toys for Tots etc.

Clare spends many hours monthly speaking to schools and organizations about her mission. Additionally, she has many meetings to arrange her buddy play dates and the give back work. She has put in more than 100 hours since the start of Clare Cares in January 2014. Clare has a "friendship group" on facebook that has grown to 3,500 friends. More information can be found at www.facebook.com/clarecaresdbq.

People look at Clare and say, "if a 9 year old can do this, what can I do?" She excites and inspires everyone who meets her.

Clare is being featured this week at www.volunteeriowa.org as part of Governor Branstad's "A Call to Service" initiative, designed to challenge and encourage Iowans to give back to their communities through volunteerism and service.

About the ICVS (or Volunteer Iowa)

The Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service and its partner agencies work with organizations and individuals on three main fronts. The first is to help agencies develop quality programs that use service as a strategy to fulfill their missions and address Iowa's greatest areas of need. The second is to help engage Iowans in their communities by promoting service and expanding the volunteer base. Finally, the third area of work is to connect individuals with appropriate service opportunities by building the volunteer infrastructure. More information is available at www.volunteeriowa.org.

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Children of Abraham



The Children of Abraham is a series of conversations, entering its fourth year, by folks representing the three different Abrahamic religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam. At each meeting, a topic is explored. First, briefly, the three religious speakers present an interpretation on that subject. Then the attendees break up into groups to talk about the subject and what they heard. Finally, the group comes back together to share observations. Everyone is welcome and there is never a charge.

Mission Statement: Dubuque's Children of Abraham creates an atmosphere in civic life that builds inter-religious solidarity, cooperation, and friendship. It does so through regular monthly topical conversations, service activities, educational outreach, the creative use of sacred space, and expressions of cross-cultural hospitality.

The dates are always Thursdays. We start at 7pm and end at 8:30pm.

2014-2015 Schedule of Conversations ... Join us.

September 18 – Science and Religion – Loras College

October 23 – Scripture Study (Jewish) "Hospitality and Genesis 18" – Temple Beth-El

November 13 – Conversation with Carrie Newcomer—University of Dubuque (Hadley Auditorium)

November 20 – Noah – Clarke University

January 29 – Scripture Study (Christian) – "The Sermon on the Mount – Love for Others" – St Anthony's Church

February 19 – Humor in the 3 Traditions – Hadley Auditorium, University of Dubuque

March 19 – Scripture Study (Islam) – Tri-State Islamic Center

April 16 – The Afterlife – Wartburg Seminary
(to be confirmed)

Questions? See the website or email Alan Garfield
agarfield@dbq.edu



Move To Amend

"Move to Amend" was on the November ballot in many states, and was very successful!

"Move to Amend" is a coalition of hundreds of organizations and hundreds of thousands of individuals committed to social and economic justice, ending corporate rule, and building a vibrant democracy that is genuinely accountable to the people, not corporate interests.

The organization is calling for an amendment to the US Constitution to unequivocally state that inalienable rights belong to human beings only, and that money is not a form of protected free speech under the First Amendment and can be regulated in political campaigns.

For more information, and to download a petition, go to www.MoveToAmend.org or contact Sr. Betty Kugi at BKUGI@sinsinawa.org



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