



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!		
April 11	Opening Doors	Opening Doors Dash (see more info page 4)
April 12	Center Grove United Methodist	Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale
April 16	Children of Abraham	"The Afterlife" Wartburg Seminary, 7:00 PM
April 18	Multicultural Family Center	Taste of the World, Five Flags Center, 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM
April 23-May2	Presentation Sisters	Bigger & Better Indoor Garage and Bake Sale (see poster page 3)
April 28	DACU	Delegates' Meeting, St. John Episcopal Church 7:00 PM
May 1	Church Women United	May Friendship Day Celebration: Journey of the Caregiver. 9:00 AM at Sisters of the Presentation (more on page 5)



DACU Delegates Meeting

Tuesday, April 28

St. John Episcopal Church

14th & Locust (the Parish House), 7:00 PM

**Program: Community Foundation
of Dubuque**

**Remember: Guests are always welcome! Please
bring a friend...share the good news about our
community!**

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



Upcoming DACU Delegates Meetings

**May 26: Clarke University
1550 Clarke Drive, Atrium Community Room, 7:00 PM
Spring Worship Service**

June & July: No Delegate Meetings

**August 25: Dubuque Arboretum
3800 Arboretum Drive, **6:00 PM
Delegate Family Potluck Picnic
Crop Walk Presentation**

**September 22: Lord of Life Lutheran
2899 Hales Mill Road, 7:00 PM
Opening Doors**

**October 27: St. Elias Orthodox Church
1075 Rockdale Road, 7:00 PM
DACU Projects**

**November 25: ANNUAL DACU INTERFAITH
THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE
7:00 pm, Resurrection Catholic Church**

DACU Board Report

As of March 31, nine congregations and one associate member had contributed to the work of DACU for 2015. Thank you to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Nativity Catholic Church, St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, St. Raphael Catholic Church, and Temple Beth El for their generous donations in March!

FY 2015 Monthly Balance Sheet Report 3/31/2015			
	March	2015 YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2015
Income	\$ 1,059.34	\$ 2,152.32	\$6,450.00
Expenses	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,889.08	\$6,450.00
Ending Balance as of 3/31/2015: \$2,086.49			

"Expenses" shows distribution of \$1,000 to each of the DACU Projects (P.I.N., Rescue Mission, and Food Pantry). The more you can give, the more DACU can help!

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.

P.I.N. made 9 assists in March totaling \$1,694.32. Our balance in the treasury at the end of the month was \$3,040.66. We have made 41 total assists in 2015.

Here's the BAD NEWS! With the end of the winter heating shutoff moratorium on March 31st, we have already made 16 assists in April totaling \$2,246.94. We are down to \$700 in our account and **we have had to stop taking requests for assistance.** ***Donations are urgently needed NOW so we can resume accepting requests for assistance.***

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

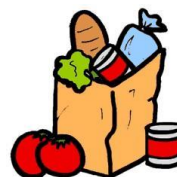


Dubuque Rescue Mission.

Our gardens and greenhouse are getting busy! Come take a look! And visit both of our Thrift Stores, to donate or to shop.

Our website is www.DubuqueRescue.org

DACU Rescue Mission Representative
Maryann Caudill LoGuidice
608.642.1270



Dubuque Food Pantry

Thank you to all who continue to support the Food Pantry with monetary donations and food collections. We just took in close to 20,000 lbs of food and non-food items with the city wide "Scouting for Food" that was held the last Saturday of March. Thanks to the Scouts for all the hard work.

Does your church/congregation want 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.

- April –Rice, ketchup, brownie mix, sugar, Dish soap, ramen noodles, graham crackers
- May—Pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, tuna Toilet tissue, bar soap, laundry soap Garden produce

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

God bless you and thank you for your continued support.
Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager
583-4440

DACU Community

Presentation Sisters

BIGGER & BETTER
INDOOR GARAGE & BAKE
SALE
PLEASE JOIN US!
Presentation Sisters and Associates

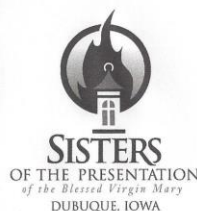
WHERE:

In the gym and garage on the Mount Loretto property
2360 Carter Road, Dubuque IA

WHEN:

Thursday, April 23: 8 am-Dusk
Friday, April 24: 8 am-Dusk
Saturday, April 25: 8 am-1 pm
Thursday, April 30 and Friday, May 1: 8am-Dusk
Saturday, May 2: 8 am-1 pm

Early Bird
7-8 am
Fee \$10.00



WHY:

Proceeds will go to:
Student Endowment Fund, St. Mary School, Storm Lake, IA
Opening Doors, Dubuque, IA

DONATIONS ACCEPTED:

Donated items will be accepted beginning Monday, March 30 until Saturday, April 18. The gym behind Mount Loretto will be open for drop-offs from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm daily EXCEPT Sundays. Please bring gently used items. NOT taking adult shoes, computers/printers or accessories, TVs, baby cribs, baby car seats, Nordic Tracks or treadmills.

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Thank you!

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.

2015 Schedule of Conversations ... Join us for the final meeting of this season!

April 16 – The Afterlife – Wartburg Seminary
7:00 PM

Questions? See the website www.cofabraham.org or email Alan Garfield (agarfield@dbq.edu)



Center Grove United Methodist Church

Center Grove is holding its annual Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale Sunday, April 12, from 8 AM to 12:30 PM. Menu: Fruit, rolls, scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, coffee, orange juice, and milk. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for kids ages 6-12. Proceeds will go toward new windows in the fellowship hall. Help us "let the light in"!

Also, join us for worship at 10:30 AM and enjoy glorious and uplifting music by New Faith Band!

3140 Brunskill Road, Dubuque, IA (563.582.8157)

Web: www.centergroveumchurch.org



Congregational Meal Sites

Participating in any of the Congregational Meal Sites in Dubuque is a great opportunity for your congregation or organization to come alongside many different communities of folks in Dubuque! Meals are served and help is needed all summer.

- St Patrick's Catholic Church serves each Wednesday night from 4 to 5:30 PM. To help, call Ann Schroeder at 563.583.9749.
- First Congregational UCC serves each Thursday evening from 4:30 to 5:30. To help, contact the Church office at 563.582.3648
- St. Luke United Methodist Church serves 5:30 PM each Saturday. Call Marcia Young at 563.580.9650 to help
- In addition, Hope House serves a Sunday evening meal (For more information, please

email or phone Tom Johnson at 56
dbgcatholicworker@gmail.com

- And of course the Dubuque Rescu serves meals throughout the week Mission at 583.1394.



Habitat for Humanity

Volunteers are still needed to supply lunches for 10-15 workers each Saturday, now through May at least.

If your congregation would like to help, contact Elaine at 581.5919 or diettou@gmail.com. After this house is finished, Habitat will continue through the summer with "Brush with Kindness" smaller rehab projects (so the need for Saturday lunches will continue!)

Friends at Habitat for Humanity are currently supporting "**Camp Life Tree, Dubuque County, 2015**", a one-week work camp to help people grow in their Christian faith through service. Individuals and youth from around the country will spend one week in our community performing hand-on home repair projects for elderly, low-income, and disabled families. They will be housed at the University of Dubuque. Each project will be completed by a team of five young people and at least one adult leader. They will represent many Christian denominations. Labor and materials will be free to qualifying households. If you or someone you know has a need for this assistance, please call 563.517.7711 for more information or mail to Camp Life Tree, c/o 15356 Abbey Circle, Peosta, Iowa 52068.



Shalom Spirituality Center

Franciscan Center for Hospitality, Prayer, & Spirituality
1001 Davis Dubuque, IA 52001
Phone: 563/582-3592
Web: www.shalomretreats.org
Email: info@shalomretreats.org

Read about upcoming events in Shalom's own
information-filled online newsletter!

www.shalomretreats.org/2015wintershalomspiritnl.pdf



Opening Doors

Saturday, April 11 Opening Doors Dash

When: Saturday, April 11

Time: 8 am Registration, 8:30 am 1/2 mile Kids Fun Run, 9 am 2 mile fun run/walk

Children's activities run from 8-10 am inside the Kehl Center

Where: Clarke University Kehl Center, Clarke Dr. Dubuque, IA

You can be a hero to homeless women and children in your community! Grab your running shoes, throw on your cape, and get ready for Super Hero themed fun for all ages! . This event will feature a kids fun run, 2 mile run/walk, photo booth, costume contest, and children's activities. You will also have a chance to meet Batman and hear Wonder Women sing the national anthem.

COSTS for Fun Run/Walk (Runners/Walkers)

\$35.00 Adults (age 18 and up) Registered after April 1st
\$15.00* College Students. Students must show their school I.D. at registration.

\$5.00* Kids 6-12 Kids Run

Teens 13-17 2 mile \$10 with t-shirt

FREE* Kids 5 and under (no shirt) or \$10 with t-shirt

** children may participate in the walk free with an adult registration, but over age 5 must pay to participate in the kids 1/2 mile fun run or to receive a t-shirt. No registration is necessary for children's activities inside Kehl Center.

COSTS for Children's Activities inside the Kehl Center

\$5.00* Children's Activities

\$15.00* Family rate (3+ kids)

*Does not include a free t-shirt

Children's Activities include face painting, coloring booth, guess the number of candy in a jar, Kryptonite kick, making a super hero mask, and Super Hero training certificate. All children will receive take home goodies!

PHOTO BOOTH- \$1 per photostrip/time in booth

There will be a **costume contest** for adults, children, groups, and families judged by local heroes like police officers, fire fighters, a doctor, military, and athletes. Winners will receive movie passes to Mindframe Theaters.

Shoe Collection

Opening Doors will also have boxes available for a used shoe collection (no flip flops, bedroom slippers, or individual shoes without a mate please). These shoes will be recycled and Opening Doors will receive payment for them. Help us out and clean out your closets at the same time!

We hope to see you there! You can be a hero for homeless women and children in your community and have some family-friendly fun at the same time. For more information or to register please visit www.openingdoorsdbq.org/dash or www.getmeregistered.com. Same day registration is available, but t-shirts aren't guaranteed with same day registration.



Church Women United

May 1, 2015 : May Friendship Day Celebration
hosted by Dubuque Area Church Women United
Theme: Journey of the Caregiver

Where: Sisters of the Presentation at 2360 Carter Rd. Off and on street parking. Entrances: Doors under canopy on Carter Road. Or doors up steps between pillars at circle drive by pond.

Brunch (\$5.00 donation): 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. in Dining Room (* Brunch Reservations by April 27) Call Presentation Desk at 563-588-2008 (Desk open 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.)

Worship Celebration and Program: 10:00 a.m. in the Presentation Center

- Dedication of Fellowship of the Least Coins(pennies)
- **Guest Speaker:** Mary Potter Kenyon
When author Mary Potter Kenyon's husband David was diagnosed with cancer in 2006, she searched libraries and bookstores for books on cancer and the caregiving experience. What she discovered was a plethora of technical and medically-oriented books or those written by a caregiver whose loved one had died, a scenario she refused to contemplate. While serving as her husband's companion during Wednesday chemotherapy treatments and

accompanying him to doctor's appointments, she became more than wife and caregiver. She became a medical advocate. As she journaled about their experience as a couple navigating the labyrinth of cancer, she realized she was writing the very book she had searched for upon his diagnosis.

Mary's speech combines passages from the book "Chemo-Therapist: How Cancer Cured a Marriage," (Familius, April 2014) with a power point presentation that explores caregiving statistics, along with hints and tips for caregiving relationships.

Beverage tab donations accepted to support education opportunities for Iowa women prisoners funded by Friends of Iowa Women Prisoners at Mitchellville, Iowa..

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Questions: 563-556-1394

....And Save these Dates!

September 11 Human Rights Celebration

Dubuque Arboretum Porch
3800 Arboretum Dr.
9:30 a.m. Gather/Coffee
10:00 Celebration
Theme: Journey Toward Peace

November 6 World Community Day

Rockdale United Methodist Church
1500 Old Mill Road
9:30 Gather/Coffee 10:00 Celebration
Theme: Our Journey Together
Sue Hattel, CWU Leadership Team 556-1394



OPERATION: NEW VIEW COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

It's Your Money!
Earn It, Keep It, Save It!

LAST CALL for Tax Time!

Do you have EARNED INCOME from working in 2014? You may qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit— even if you do not owe any taxes. Even if you don't qualify you can file your tax return for FREE at a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Site! For a list of VITA sites, visit the Operation: New View website: <http://www.operationnewview.org>

Dubuque Community

Crescent Community Health Care -It's Time to Think Spring!

The Washington Neighborhood offers many opportunities to grow your own food and start your own garden. There will be 2 informational meetings held on May 2nd at 11:00 a.m. and another May 7th at 4:00 p.m. at the Dr. John Viner Community Garden located at 465 Lincoln Avenue. Tools, supplies and seeds are provided. To reserve your spot for one of the informational meetings please call (563) 690-2860 to reserve your spot today!

The Health Insurance Marketplace has opened up a Special Enrollment Period that will allow persons without health care coverage to enroll.

You may obtain a Special Enrollment period to enroll in 2015 coverage if you

- * Aren't currently enrolled in coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace for 2015,

- * Were subject to owe the fee on your 2014 federal income tax return for not having health coverage in 2014, and

- * Attest that you were unaware of, or didn't understand, the ACA (Affordable Care Act) requirement to maintain minimum essential coverage until after February 15, 2015 (the end of the 2015 open enrollment period)

- * This Special Enrollment Period will start on March 15 and end at 11:59 p.m. EST and end on April 30, 2015 In addition you may also qualify for a Special Enrollment Period if you had a life change such as

- * Getting married, having a baby, adopting a child or placing a child for adoption or foster care, losing other health coverage (minimum essential coverage) , permanently moving outside your plans coverage area, gaining citizenship or lawful presence in the U.S., gaining or continuing status as a member of an Indian Tribe or an Alaska Native shareholder or leaving incarceration.

- * For people already enrolled in Marketplace coverage o Having a change in income or household status that affects eligibility for premium tax credits or cost-sharing reductions

Crescent Community Health Center can assist with reviewing your health care options and enrollment. Please contact Angela at (563) 552-8080 or Laura at (563) 690-2856.



Would you like your event publicized in the DACU Newsletter? Just email the editor at phyllisgarfield@hotmail.com

Rev. Piotr Nawrot, SVD

Baroque of the Bolivian Rainforest

Baroque music from the Chiquitania Indians of South America

Musicologist and missionary, Fr. Piotr Nawrot, has been on mission in South America for nearly 25 years. While doing research in Bolivia, he discovered scores of beautiful 16th Century Baroque-style music compositions, created by the Native-American, Chiquitanias people. Father Piotr Nawrot, has painstakingly restored 27 volumes of music, a treasure trove that he calls his "second conversion."



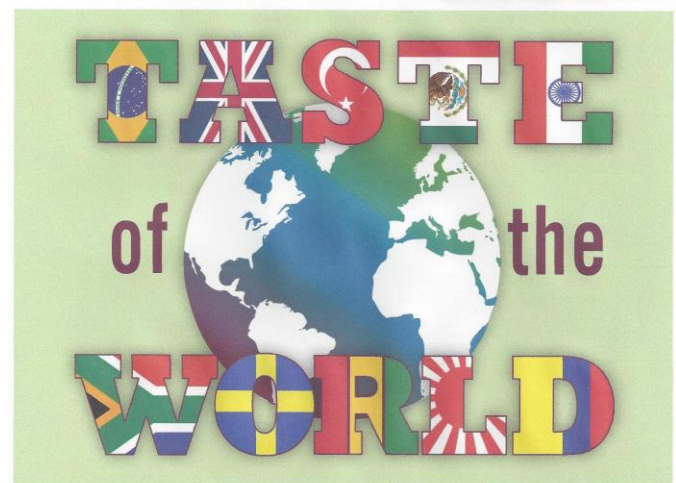
*Featured on NPR and CBS Sunday Morning

7 p.m.
Friday, April 24

Divine Word College
Epworth, Iowa
www.dwci.edu



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Celebrating Dubuque's Diversity

At the Five
Flags Center
405 Main Street

Suggested donation of
\$5 per person or \$15 per family

Experience entertainment, food and activities
from over 20 countries around the world

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH
11:30 AM to 2 PM

Opening Ceremony at 11:30 am. Food Samples
and Performances from Noon to 2 pm.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR EVENT SPONSOR

Multicultural Family Center
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Email: info@mfcdbq.org

Phone: (563) 582-3681
www.mfcdbq.org





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