

Dubuque Area Congregations United Monthly Newsletter

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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 are just a few of the events sponsored by our DACU congregations and associates. Look inside to learn more!						
Nov 26-Jan 3	Hillcrest Family Services	Reflections in the Park, 5-10 PM, Murphy Park				
December 10	St. Raphael Cathedral	O Little Town of Bethlehem, 7-9 PM				
January 26	DACU	DACU Annual Meeting and Dinner, 6:00 PM, Mt. Carmel				
January 28	Children of Abraham	Clarke University, 7:00 PM				
January 31	Sinsinawa Mound Center	Songs of the Soul, 3:00 PM, Queen of the Rosary Chapel				



DACU Annual Meeting & Dinner

Tuesday, January 26
Sisters of Charity BVM
1100 Carmel Drive
5:45 PM Social Gathering,
6:00 P.M. Invocation & Buffet Dinner
Dinner Cost: \$8.00

Please send reservations (including list of names attending) and checks payable to DACU, and mail to DACU, P.O. Box 811, Dubuque, IA 52004-0811 or call Bob Krayer at 582-5117 (answering machine available) or bdkrayer@aol.com.

Please place your reservations by January 5, 2016. In an effort not to penalize the host congregation for "no show" reservations, it is requested that all reservations be paid in advance.

If you need to cancel a reservation, please call Bob Krayer at 582-5117.

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

Driving Directions:

1100 Carmel Drive, located at the end of South Grand view Avenue. Go right asw you turn onto Mount Carmel campus. Proceed to Parking Lot 2. Enter at the Roberta Kuhn Center.

Menu: Baked Cranberry Glazed Chicken Breast with Rice Pilaf, Chef Choice Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Angel Food Cake, Beverages. If you have dietary concerns, contact Sue Hattel (563.599.4497)

Agenda: Interfaith Meditation, Introductions of Officers and Delegates, Business Meeting, Election and Installation of 2016 Officers, Benediction

- Learn what DACU is planning this year.
- Enjoy a delicious meal, seasoned as always with the fragrant spice of community and fellowship
 - Receive your personal copy of the DACU Annual Report!
- Welcome new DACU President Sue Hattel and new DACU President Elect Betty Kugi, OP
 - Say THANK YOU to outgoing President Sara McCaw.
 - DON'T Forget!
 Make your reservation soon!!

DACU Board Report

As of November 30, 19 congregations and one associate member had contributed to the work of DACU for 2015. Thank you to St. John Lutheran, Westminster Presbyterian, First Baptist, and Resurrection Catholic Church for their contributions to DACU this month!

FY 2015 Monthly Balance Sheet Report 11/3/2015								
	November		2015 YEAR TO DATE		BUDGET 2015			
Income	\$	2,325.00	\$	7,211.70	\$6,450.00			
Expenses	\$	349.00*	\$	5,433.08	\$6,450.00			
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Ending Balance as of 11/30/2015: \$5,607.87

At the December DACU Board Meeting, the Board voted to disperse \$1,000 to each of the three DACU Projects. These numbers will appear in the December report.

Please help us to support our DACU projects!
Checks should be made payable to "Dubuque Area
Congregations United" and sent to:

<u>DACU Treasurer</u>,
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

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Potential clients should not call; only social service agencies, churches/congregations and DACU organizations should refer potential clients. Application via phone only.

Tom says: What a tremendous month for community support for PIN. We had total donations of \$5,359.00 and our current balance is \$8,597.58. We are now prepared to handle the large number of requests for assistance that usually come in December and the first few months of the new year. (This includes donations of \$2,931.00 given at the Thanksgiving Service!)

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



Dubuque Rescue Mission.

New Location for Thrift Store # 2: Thrift Store #2 has moved to the former Jaeger Hardware building at 10th and Central. This will offer better parking. Come check us out!

Our website is http://dbqrescue.org Sign up for our newsletter!

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. December 14-16 will be the days we hand out 485 Christmas Baskets to those in need. Churches/congregations have been contacted about donating hams for the baskets. We welcome any donations you might provide to us.

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. Don't forget to plan ahead for "Souper Bowl" Sunday coming up the first weekend in February.

December—Hot chocolate, potatoes, graham crackers, can fruit, oil, toothpaste, lotion, toilet tissue

January—Peanut butter & jelly, canned meats, ramen noodles, shampoo, laundry soap, hot chocolate mix.

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

33rd Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Nov. 25: THANK YOU to everyone who helped to make our Thanksgiving Service so meaningful! And thankyou to all who attended....we don't have an exact count, but we printed 250 service bulletins and ran out! It is a true blessing to gather with friends and family to give thanks.

Michael Banwarth, Resurrection Catholic Church Rev. Dr. Kenneth Bickel, First Congregational UCC Patty Caraher, O.P.

Laura Chase, Dubuque Chorale Children's Choir Dr. Thomas Dickey, First Congregational UCC Organist & Choir Master

> Alan Garfield, Temple Beth El Toni Harris, O.P.

Dr. Adib Kassas, Tri State Islamic Center Sara McCaw, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, DACU President Father Jack Paisley, Resurrection Catholic Church Intern Pastor Dave Raemisch, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Zvi Alex Silver, Temple BethEl

Members of the Resurrection Youth Leadership Team (Amy Dolan, Director)

Members of the Dubuque Chorale Children's Choir (Karmella Sellers, Director)

Thank you to Resurrection Catholic Church for hosting the service and to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for printing the bulletin.



St. Raphael Cathedral

"O Little Town of Bethlehem: The Birthplace of Christ Today": Thursday, December 10, 7-9 PM, St. Raphael's Cathedral.

This Advent, learn about the Christian city of Bethlehem and the challenges they face in an uncertain Middle East. As conditions in Bethlehem have deteriorated in recent years, the Christians of Bethlehem and Jerusalem composed the Kairos Document, "A Moment of Truth: A word of Faith, Hope, and Love from the Heart of Palestinian Suffering" to confront the realities they face daily in a spirit of charity while also calling all Christians to the pursuit of justice.

This presentation by Dr. John C. Eby and Brenna Cussen Anglada will introduce the situation in Bethlehem specifically and will also provide an overview and discussion of the Palestinian Kairos Document. For more information contact Brenna.Anglada@clarke.edu



CROP Hunger Walk

Dubuque CROP Hunger Walk Coordinator Maryann LoGuidice reports that pledges for the CROP Hunger Walk 2015 currently total \$15,500. Thanks to all who participated. If you'd still like to donate, contact Maryann at maryannuu@fastmail.fm



Sinsinawa Mound Center

Songs of the Soul, January 31, 3:00 PM, Queen of the Rosary Chapel, Sinsinawa Mound Center

This concert provides a unique opportunity to show that religious music, specifically chanting, can reflect community diversity in a positive way, through cultural appreciation, education understanding, and spiritual experience. St. Elias Orthodox Church, the Dubuque Children of Abraham, and the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters aim to enhance the understanding of religious traditions through music. Chant is both heavily engrained in many religious traditions and displays a wide cultural variety of musical traditions. The chant traditions to be performed are from Orthodox Christianity (Byzantine chant), Roman Catholicism (Gregorian Chant), Judaism (Cantillation), and Islam (Qur'an Reading). This concert is to be grounded in civility, a willingness to listen to others, and a commitment to learn and reflect with respect. For more information, contact Guest Services at 608-748-4411 or email center@sinsinawa.org

For information on events at Sinsinawa, call or visit the Mound: 585 County Road Z, Sinsinawa, WI 53824, (608) 748-4411. OR visit their website: https://www.sinsinawa.org/moundcenter/events_retreats.cfm

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! http://www.shalomretreats.org/programs.html



Loras College

Volunteers Needed for Northeast Iowa Certified Respite Provider Program

DUBUQUE, Iowa— Respite Options of Northeast Iowa—providing foster parents with some time off from the day-to-day challenges of parenting—is looking for adult volunteers to complete two-day, free trainings in Waverly or Dubuque. Waverly trainings will be offered January 9 and January 23, with Dubuque trainings taking place February 6 and February 20.

"We need a wider circle of providers, and we're hoping to attract even more college students and other interested adults," said Nancy Magnall, project coordinator.

Respite Options of Northeast Iowa provides foster parents with an in-home certified care provider enabling them to get away for a day, weekend or longer vacation. Previously, they had to leave their children in another foster home when they needed to be away.

The program, started in 2010 in partnership with Wartburg College, has since expanded to serve 23 counties in the northeast quarter of lowa with partnerships with the Loras College and Luther College social work departments. Funded through a contract with the lowa Department of Human Services, the expansion requires more respite providers to serve the additional foster families.

Providers must be at least 19 years of age at the time of application and 20 years old to provide respite, complete an application and certification process, and be able to make a one-year commitment to the program. While this is an unpaid position, respite providers do receive a small stipend and help with mileage costs when they travel to do respite.

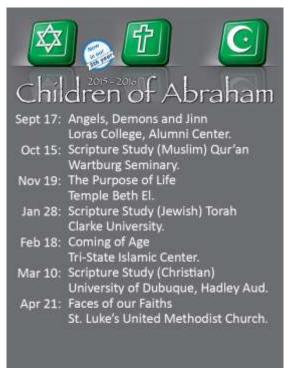
Attendance at both days of training is required. Potential respite providers must also complete CPR/First Aid training and training for Mandatory Reporters of Child Abuse. All of the training is provided free of charge. Those interested in becoming certified respite providers should contact Magnall at (877) 467-4100, (319) 352-3600 or magnall_ifapa@msn.com.



Children of Abraham

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.

Meetings are always Thursdays. We start at 7pm and end at 8:30pm. Everyone is welcome and there is never a charge.



Questions, just email Alan Garfield at agarfield@hotmail.com

Dubuque Ministerium

The Dubuque Ministerium is open to all religious leaders in Dubuque and the surrounding area. The Ministerium meets the second Tuesday of each month at 12:00 Noon. Lunches are provided with a requested donation of \$5. Here is the schedule for the coming year:

December 8th - Rev. Rick Mihm and Rev. Maryann LoGuidice host at Dubuque Rescue Mission (398 Main Street).

January 12th - Karen Knepper hosts at Shalom Spirituality Center (1001 Davis Street)

February 9th - Tom Bond hosts at KFXB/CTN (744 Main St.)

March 8th - Rev. Okitakoyi Lundula hosts at St. Luke's (1199 Main St)

April 12th - Rev. Dianne Grace hosts at Hospice of Dubuque (1670 JFK Road)

May 10th - Rev. Fr. Dustin Lyon hosts at St. Elias (1075 Rockdale Rd.)

For more information contact Fr. Dustin Lyon, Ministerium President, at 563-583-5902 or dustin.lyon@gmail.com



Would you like your event, volunteer opportunity, or organization publicized in the DACU Newsletter?
Just email the editor at phyllisgarfield@hotmail.com
We'll do our best to include anything in harmony with DACU's mission.

Dubuque Community



Hillcrest Family Services

Don't Forget to Attend Reflections In the Park!

This holiday light display in Murphy Park is a December tradition in Dubuque. Open nightly from November 26 to January 3, 5 to 10 PM. Cost is \$10 per car at the park, \$8 if purchased at Hillcrest or Dubuque Bank & Trust. Proceeds support the work of Hillcrest Family Services.

Multicultural Family Center

Check our website! Sign up for classes, share new cultures and foods, and more! http://www.mfcdbq.org/

SPICE: CULTURAL COOKING NIGHTS
3rd Thursday monthly from 5:30pm-7pm
Nov. 19 - Thanksgiving (Activity # 5900.527)
Dec. 17 - Holiday Celebration (Activity # 5900.528)
Pre-registration is required. Space limited. Cost: free;
Everyone is welcome including families, adult individuals and young adults (ages 13+).Come meet community members from diverse backgrounds and learn something about their culture! Program includes making and enjoying a favorite meal. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult (program best suited for children over the age of 8).



Crescent Community Health Center

Want more information about your health insurance options? Call Angela at (563) 552-8080 or Laura at (563) 690-2856 to schedule your appointment today!

Volunteers are needed to assist with various projects at Crescent. Interested persons may request an application from Erin at (563) 690-2419.

United Way of Dubuque



Volunteer Centers of Iowa in partnership with the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service is pleased to announce an online volunteer management training series that begins on January 27, 2016.

The online volunteer management series will enhance best practices training and provide a consistent curriculum to be used throughout the state. The webinar series is live, interactive and the online classes are presented by leading experts across the state.

Your involvement in this training series will connect you with other volunteer coordinators/ managers throughout the state and provide an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of this advanced curriculum.

VMTS is geared toward individuals that are fairly new to managing or coordinating volumeers for nunprofits, schools, government sector, faith-based organizations or service organizations.

Volunteer Management Training Series includes six sessions:

- Understanding Volunteering: Exploring the Heart of the Volunteer Sector
- 2. Planning: Building A Solid Foundation
- Recruiting and Placement: Matching Volunteer Skills with Service Needs
 Training and Orientation: Achieving
- Service Excellence

 5. Supervision: Maximizing the Volunteer
- Experience
 6. Evaluation: Improving Results Using Data

Dates: January 27 – April 6 Time: 9-10:30 a.m.

Cost: \$125 for all six sessions

and Feedback

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT VOLUNTEER CENTERS OF IOWA http://www.volunteeriowa.org/Organizations/Volunteer-Centers

TO REGISTER

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/volunteer-centers-of-iowa-volunteermanagement-training-series-webinar-winter-2016tickets-18615349010

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