



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!		
March 8	St. Luke United Methodist	"By Arrangement" Organ Recital, Dr. Charles Barland, 7:30 pm
March 10	Children of Abraham	Scripture Study, UD Hadley Auditorium, 7 pm
March 10	Presentation Sisters	Bake Sale & Raffle for Relay for Life, 9 am to 2:30 pm
March 19	Boy Scouts	Scouting For Food
March 22	DACU	DACU Delegates' Meeting, St. Peter Lutheran, 7 pm
March 24	St. Luke United Methodist	Living Last Supper 7 pm
March 25	St. Luke United Methodist	Community Ecumenical Good Friday Service 11:45 AM
March 25	Hope House	Contemporary Way of the Cross 9 am
April 3	Center Grove Methodist	Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale 8 am to 12:30 pm
April 15	Temple Beth El	Visitors' Night 6:30 PM, Temple Beth El



DACU Delegates' Meeting

Tuesday, March 22

**St. Peter Lutheran Church
3200 Asbury Road
7:00 PM**

Program: Affordable & Equitable Housing

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

Upcoming DACU Delegates Meetings

*Join Us! Bring A Friend!
All locations are Accessible*

**April 26: First Congregational UCC
255 W. 10th St., 7:00 PM
Program: How to be a Green Community**

**May 24: St. Luke's United Methodist Church
1199 Main St., 7:00 PM
Spring Worship Service: Understanding Mental Illness**

June and July: No Delegates' Meetings

**August 23: Dubuque Arboretum Porch
3800 Arboretum Drive, 6:00 PM
Delegate Potluck Picnic & Social**

**September 27: Nativity Church
1225 Alta Vista St., 7:00 PM
Opportunities of Hope**

**October 25: First Baptist Church
2143 Judson Dr., 7:00 PM
DACU Projects**

DACU Board Report

As of January 31, NO congregations or associate members had contributed to the work of DACU for 2016. Thank you to everyone who contributed for 2015....another year and DACU needs your support!

FY 2016 Monthly Balance Sheet Report 02/29/2016			
	February	2016 YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2016
Income	\$ 425.00	\$ 547.47	\$7000.00
Expenses	\$ 395.00	\$ 679.80	\$7000.00
Ending Balance as of 02/29/2016: \$4,464.35			

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.

This month we thank the organizations and individuals who donated generously. So far we have made a number of assists; the largest number has been for rent emergencies. Please continue to help your neighbors!

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



Dubuque Rescue Mission.

Visit our website to learn the latest news on all of our projects, to learn how you can help, to read our wish list, and to see our new video about the mission.

Also, visit our website <http://dbqrescue.org> to 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. The city wide Scouting for Food will be, Saturday, March 19, 2016. We hope you will be able to support this big event. The Scouts usually bring in between 15,000-20,000 lbs. of food and non-food items in just that one day!

A big thank you to all the churches/congregations that participated in "Souper Bowl" weekend. You donated 168 boxes of crackers and 1093 containers of soup!!! This will help feed many people.

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.

March – Tuna, mac & cheese, apple sauce, salt, toothpaste, deodorant, facial tissues.

April – Rice, ketchup, brownie mix, sugar, graham crackers, pancake mix & syrup, dish soap.

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
Sisters of the Presentation

BAKE SALE & RAFFLE

(Fabulous Prizes)

(Fund Raiser for Dubuque

RELAY FOR LIFE to fight Cancer)

THURSDAY, March 10

9:00 am – 2:30 pm

Presentation Sisters' Relay Team

2360 Carter Road

Dubuque, Iowa



St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Holy Week Events

On **March 24** the 18th year of presenting the **Living Last Supper** based on Leonardo Da Vinci's "Last Supper" and the New Testament gospels will be hosted at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 1199 Main at 7:00 p.m. Performed by a group of Christian men of communities in Dubuque county.

This is a family event. Accessible entrance through alley door entrance.. A free-will offering will support local charities. The community is invited.

On **March 25** the 105th **Community Ecumenical Good Friday Service** will be hosted at St. Luke's United Methodist Church at 1199 Main Street. Music prelude will begin at 11:45 a.m. Three hour service "Seven Last Words" will be held from noon -3:00 p.m. with twenty minute segments of scripture, message and special music with music interludes for arrival and departure. Tower Chime will ring 33 times at 3:00 p.m.

Area faith leaders and musicians will participate. Free will offering will be directed to People In Need (P.I. N.) which serves emergency needs in the community.



Musical Events at St. Luke's in March

All of these concerts are held in the sanctuary at St. Luke's United Methodist Church at 1199 Main Street. and are free and open to all.

"By Arrangement", a Faculty Organ Recital by Dr. Charles Barland, Chair of Fine & Performing Arts at the University of Dubuque. March 8, 7:30 pm. There will be special appearances by Pianist Alpin Hong and the UD Concert Choir. This concert is free and open to the public.

Fabulous Fridays Concert March 11 will feature the Senior High School Jazz Combo (Bill Rowley, Conductor). 12:05 – 12:30 pm.

Fabulous Fridays Concert March 18 will feature Upper Main Street Jazz (Ric Jones, Director). 12:05-12:30 pm.

Center Grove United Methodist



**Pancake Breakfast
and Bake Sale**

Sunday, April 3, 2016

8:00am – 12:30pm

Includes: fruit, rolls, scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage—coffee, orange juice, and milk.

Adults: \$8 | Children (6-12): \$4



Kids 3-12 join us for Sunday School at 9:30am.

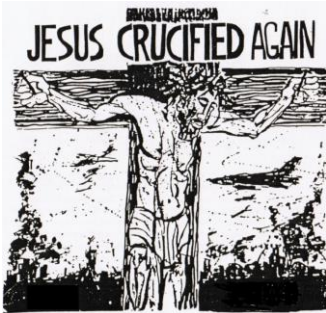
Stay and Worship with us at 10:30am.

Center Grove United Methodist Church

Children's Sunday School: 9:30am | Worship: 10:30am
3140 Brunskill Road, Dubuque, IA | 563-582-8157

Web: centergroveumchurch.org | Facebook: [Facebook.com/centergroveunitedmethodistchurch](https://www.facebook.com/centergroveunitedmethodistchurch)

Hope House Catholic Worker



A Contemporary **Way of the Cross: Good Friday March 25, 9:00 a.m.**

Hope House Catholic Worker, St. Isidore Catholic Worker Farm, and St. Raphael-St. Patrick Churches are sponsoring an outdoor commemoration of Jesus' passion and death as it is lived out in contemporary

social injustices and the lives of poor and marginalized people on Good Friday, March 25, from 9:00 am until about 11:00 a.m. During the service participants will walk or drive, as able, to fourteen locations in Dubuque, pausing for prayer and reflection at each.

The first station is located at Diamond Jo Casino main entrance on Bell Street in the Port of Dubuque. Participants may park in the ramp there. We will gather at the front entrance on Bell Street around 9:00 a.m. The remainder of the prayer will be on foot and travel approximately 2½ miles, ending at Hope House, located at 1592 Locust St., where light refreshment and rides back to the casino parking ramp will be provided. For more information, please contact Hope House at: **(563) 582-9079**.

Join us for our Roundtable Discussion:

Stories of Addiction

Friday, March 18

Does your life center around a particular substance or habit? Come share your story with us as we explore the phenomenon of addiction. Catholic Worker Ben Johnson will lead the discussion.

The discussion will begin about 6:45 after the 6:00p meal, to which you are invited. Please let us know if you want to dine with us.

Hope House offers free food and lodging, free meals for the community twice a week, welcomes drop-in visitors, a free food pantry, and hosts monthly round table discussions on a variety of topics. Please join us in prayer, service, and learning.



Hope House
Catholic Worker House of Hospitality
1592 Locust Street
Dubuque, IA 52001
(563) 582-9079
dbqcatholicworker@gmail.com



Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

There will be two more UUFD sponsored Historic District Coffee House evenings this season. These events are held in our sanctuary at 1699 Iowa Street on Saturdays March 19 and May 14 from 7:00-9:30pm. This event is an open mike venue for tri-state performers and is free and open to the public. Poets and musicians interested in performing are asked to contact Bruce Schmidt to reserve performance time--1-608-220-3067.

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.



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Children of Abraham

Sept 17: Angels, Demons and Jinn
Loras College, Alumni Center.

Oct 15: Scripture Study (Muslim) Qur'an
Wartburg Seminary.

Nov 19: The Purpose of Life
Temple Beth El.

Jan 28: Scripture Study (Jewish) Torah
Clarke University.

Feb 18: Coming of Age
Tri-State Islamic Center.

Mar 10: Scripture Study (Christian)
University of Dubuque, Hadley Aud.

Apr 21: Faces of our Faiths
St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

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:

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



Temple Beth El

The **Annual Temple Beth El Visitors' Service** will be **Friday, April 15**. There will be an informational lecture by Rabbi Anne Persin at 6:30 PM followed by Sabbath Worship at 7:30 PM. Refreshments and a social hour will follow. **Everyone is warmly invited.**

(If you plan to bring a group please let us know in advance so we can bake enough cookies!)
(Contact Cindy Pearce, 563.583.1254 or

Phyllis Garfield, 563.599.4898)

Location: 475 West Locust St.

(With our apologies, Temple Beth El has no off-street parking. Please consider ride-sharing!)

Sinsinawa Mound Center

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>

Dubuque Community



Boy Scouts of America

The Northeast Iowa Council Boy Scouts of America needs our help! The scouts will be collecting food for the less fortunate in our community. **Scouting for Food** will take place on **Saturday March 19, 2016** from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Scouts will begin collecting food at 9:00 am and taking it to the **Hy-Vee Food Store at 3500 Dodge St.** It will be boxed up and shipped to the Dubuque Food Pantry and other neighboring food pantries. Our Goal is to collect 40,000 pounds of food in one morning. With our help they will reach their goal. Please leave a bag of food outside your door on Saturday morning March 19, 2016 before 9:00 am.

The Scouts thank you as well as our entire community.

Melissa Neuhaus | Exploring/Marketing Executive

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA Northeast Iowa Council

10601 Military Rd | P.O. Box 732
Dubuque, IA 52004-0732
P 563.556.4343

Greater Dubuque Development Corporation

Free Classes for Newcomers

Do you have individuals or families in your congregation who are new to the community? Encourage them to take a fun, informational and free class for newcomers, called Distinctively Dubuque. Hosted by Greater Dubuque Development Corporation and Northeast Iowa Community College, this class provides a wide variety of information about the area (history, recreation, arts and culture, volunteer opportunities, and more) as well as delicious local food and fun activities. Classes are designed for adults to learn about and enjoy their new home and meet other newcomers.

For more information and to register, contact Jan Powers at Greater Dubuque Development Corporation at 563-557-9049 or janp@greaterdubuque.org

Visit the web site for more information:
www.greaterdubuque.org/relocate/distinctively-dubuque

Dubuque Transgender

Social Game Night

Every second Thursday of each month we will be getting together at The Smokestack (62 E. 7th st) from 6 - 8 pm for a fun night of board, card, and any games you might like to bring with you.

This is a FREE event to meet new people and diverse members of our community. Teens and adults only (no children please). Food and beverages are available to purchase through our sponsor Smokestack.

Hope to see everyone there Feb 11th for information contact Dubtrans@live.com

Dubuque Transgender
563-599-6735
dubtrans@live.com

PIED BEAUTY by Gerard Manley Hopkins

Glory be to God for dappled things –
For skies of couple-colour as a brindled cow;
For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;
Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings;
Landscape plotted and pieced – fold, fallow, and
plough;
And áll trádes, their gear and tackle and trim.

All things counter, original, spare, strange;
Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?)
With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim;
He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change:
Praise him.

Source: *Gerard Manley Hopkins: Poems and Prose*
(Penguin Classics, 1985)



**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.**

Editor's Note: We had some empty space this month!
We want to wish everyone a hopeful and blessed month.
If you are observing Holy Week and Easter, may you
have a meaningful celebration. If you are hoping for
spring, we are almost there!

