



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.

www.DACUonline.org/

EVENTS

DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT
Wow! So many events we couldn't put them all on the front page...look inside to find much more!		
November 23- January 1	Hillcrest Family Services	REFLECTIONS IN THE PARK, Louis Murphy Park, 5-10 PM \$10 per car at the gate
January 12	St. Luke Methodist Church	First of "Fabulous Friday" series, 12:05 PM (see more page 3)
January 25	Children of Abraham	Scripture Study at Tri State Islamic Center, 4980 Radford Court 7:00-8:30 PM
February 3	Sinsinawa Mound	Lecture & book signing by Kate Hennesy, granddaughter of Dorothy Day and author of <i>The World Will Be Saved By Beauty</i> 2:30 PM
February 18	Iowa Interfaith Power & Light	The Good Life Redefined, 2-4 PM at Sisters of the Presentation, 2360 Carter Road. Free but registration required (see page 4)



DACU Annual Meeting & Dinner

Tuesday, January 23
Westminster Presbyterian Church
2155 University Ave.
Gather 5:45 PM, Dinner 6:00 PM
Dinner Cost: \$10.00

Save the Date! More info in the January Newsletter!

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 Kraye at 582-5117 (answering machine available) or bdkramer@aol.com.

Please place your reservations by January 17, 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 Kraye at 582-5117.

Upcoming DACU Delegates Meetings

Join Us! Bring A Friend!
All locations are Accessible

No DACU Delegates Meeting in December

January 23: DACU Annual Meeting & Dinner
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Gather 5:45 PM, dinner at 6:00 PM followed by Annual Meeting.

February 27: Dubuque Rescue Mission, 7:00 PM. Poverty, Urban Farming & Food Justice.

March 27: Mount Carmel, 7:00 PM.
Immigration / Refugees: Crossing Borders
Speaker: Mary McCauley, BVM

April 24: Mt. St. Francis, 7:00 PM.
Climate Change: Speaker Meg Gemar, OSF.
Also, Dubuque IIPL Chapter Update

May 22: DACU Spring Worship, University of Dubuque Blades Hall, Speaker TBA, 7:00 PM

DACU Board Report

As of November 30, two congregations contributed to DACU for the month. Thanks to Summit Congregational UCC and St. Luke's United Methodist Church for their contributions to DACU projects! (DACU Bylaws: "Dubuque Area Congregations United will be supported financially by the voluntary contributions of its member congregations and institution, keeping in mind the purposes and needs of the organization").

FY 2017 Monthly Balance Sheet Report 11/30/2017			
	November	2017 YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2017
Income	\$ 200.00	\$ 14,629.11	\$7500.00
Expenses	\$ 200.00*	\$ 12,094.00	\$7500.00
Ending Balance as of 11/30/2017: \$2,135.11			

*DACU Board voted to donate \$200 to the NAACP for their Thanksgiving food collection. 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 4:30 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. Remember, P.I.N. operates through referrals from social service agencies, churches/congregations and DACU organizations only. Potential clients cannot call directly.

The offering for People In Need at the DACU Thanksgiving Service totaled to \$2,108.00. We are most grateful to Dubuque's caring and generous faith community. In addition to these much-appreciated gifts from many individuals, during November PIN also received contributions from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Dubuque, Westminster Presbyterian Church, and Sisters of the Visitation. Again, and on behalf of the people we serve through PIN, we truly appreciate this support.

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



Dubuque Rescue Mission

For all who have helped to ease the suffering of the poor in the Tri-State area this past year, we say Thank you! May our hearts and homes be open this Christmas season to welcome the Christ child in the guise of the poor. Peace to you and yours from the staff of the Dubuque Rescue Mission.

DACU Rescue Mission Representative
Maryann Caudill LoGuidice
608.642.1270

<https://www.facebook.com/DBQRescue/>



*For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given...
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Prince of Peace.
—Isaiah 9:6*

Dubuque Food Pantry

Greetings! The Dubuque Food Pantry is getting festive this Holiday Season!

With the help of churches, congregations, schools, and the general public, we are set to give out 526 Christmas Baskets to those who have signed up to receive one. Thank you to all who helped to make this possible. The distribution will be from 9 - 3, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, December 18, 19, and 20.

The Pantry will be closed Dec. 25 and 26 in observance of Christmas. Have a very blessed and Merry Christmas!

*Theresa Caldwell, Manager
583-4440*

P.S. Like us on Facebook! ("Dubuque Food Pantry")
Drop off hours are: Mon., Wed., Fri. from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. and Tues. 8:00 am to Noon

DACU Community

Thank You to Everyone who helped to make the 35th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service a success! The DACU Worship Committee wishes to thank all who attended Dubuque's 35th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service! There were almost 300 of you! As noted in the P.I.N. report, over \$2,000 was collected for the work of People in Need. A special thanks to Karmella Sellers and the Dubuque Chorale Children's Choir for their inspiring choral presentation, to Dr. Charles Barland and DeLano Cain for organ and oboe prelude/postludes, and to Ann Willets, O.P. for her powerful call to unity. If you would like to join the Worship Committee to plan next year's event, please contact DACU President and Worship Chair Betty Kugi (bkugi@sinsinawa.org)

DACU President Elect Nominations

The DACU Committee on Nominations is encouraging member congregations and institutions to submit names for consideration as candidates to take the office of President-Elect in January 2018. Nominations should be emailed to Bob Kraye – bdkramer@aol.com or telephone 563/582-5117.

CROP Hunger Walk

Crop Hunger Walk 2017 Final Numbers!

CROP Hunger Walk 2017 was a great success. \$13,700 was donated through online and direct donations. Sincere thanks to all who walked, donated, or assisted in planning this event! If you have any questions or need information contact CROP Co-Chairs Sara McCaw and Fr. Dustin Lyon (sara.mccaw@gmail.com or dustin.lyon@gmail.com)



Habitat for Humanity

Meals Are Still Needed!!

Habitat Dubuque continues to need volunteers to supply meals for local build volunteer crews. Please contact Elaine Mitchell dietou@gmail.com for more information.

Cash donations are also always welcome! For more information on what is happening at Habitat this season, contact our office at Dubuque/Jackson Counties Habitat for Humanity, 900 Jackson St., Suite LL5-2E, Dubuque, IA 52001. Phone 563.556.2195.

Director@habitatdubuque.org

St. Luke United Methodist Church

DUBUQUE FABULOUS FRIDAYS ARTIST SERIES 2018



St. Luke's United Methodist Church
1199 Main Street, Dubuque, Iowa



Fabulous Fridays return to St. Luke's United Methodist Church on January 12, 2018. Now in its 27th season, this popular series began in 1992 with musicians from St. Luke's and grew to include locally and nationally recognized artists. More than 200 artists have performed for these informal downtown concerts during the series' history.

St. Luke's UMC is located at the corner of 12th and Main in Dubuque. Performances begin at 12:05 p.m. and are 30 minutes in length. Many in the audience bring their lunch and enjoy time together after the concert in the church Fellowship Hall, where coffee and desserts are available. The concert, coffee and desserts are free, but baskets are available for contributions. Metered street parking is available. Accessible entry is in back of church.

Our winter weather policy is that if the artist can get there, the show is on.





SCHEDULE

Jan 12	St. Luke's Artists – Sue Hattel, clarinet; Caprice Jones, spoken word; Dr. Charles Barland, organ
Jan 19	Dr. Luke Tyler, piano; Laura Southworth, soprano
Jan 26	Rebecca Christian, author
Feb 2	Dubuque Fiddlers – Ann Duchow, director
Feb 9	Dr. Peter Szeibel, organ
Feb 16	Senior High School Jazz Band – Bill Rowley, director
Feb 23	Marcia Martin, bassoon; C. J. Greer, soprano
March 2	University of Dubuque Chamber Singers – Kristen Eby, director
March 9	Hempstead High School Musical Cast – Terry Slade, director
March 16	St. Luke's Artists – Sylvia Ward, piano; Ann Duchow, violin; Andrea Beacham, soprano; David Patterson, cello
March 23	Upper Main Street Jazz Band – Ric Jones, leader

For more information, contact:
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David Patterson at dpatterson2000@gmail.com

Children of Abraham

2017 2018 Schedule!



2017 - 2018 Children of Abraham

Children of Abraham creates an atmosphere of civic life that builds inter-religious solidarity, cooperation and friendship. It does so through regular monthly topical conversations, service, activities, education outreach, and expressions of cross-cultural hospitality in sacred spaces. Round table discussions and a snack. What could be better?

www.cofabraham.org

Sept 14: Star, Crescent, and Cross - Loras College, Alumni Center Ballroom
Oct 12: Scripture Study: Torah – Temple Beth El, 475 W Locust
Nov 16: Responding to the Abuse of Power – 1st Congregational UCC
Jan 25: Scripture Study: Qur'an – Tri-State Islamic Center, 4980 Radford Court
Feb 22: Scripture Study: Bible – Emmaus Bible College, 2570 Asbury Road, Chapel
Mar 22: Violent Passages in the Holy Books – UDubuque, Hadley Aud, Tech Center
Apr 26: Stories, Storytelling, and Peacebuilding – St. Elias Church, 419 N Grandview Ave

7pm Thursdays

All sessions are 7 pm to 8:30 pm.
Questions? Email us:
Alan at agarfield@dbq.edu
John at john.eby@loras.edu
Stacia at anastacia.mcdermott@loras.edu

ALSO....Qur'an Conversations – every Wednesday 5:30-6:30, Loras College Interfaith Prayer Space (Alumni Campus Center 580) – you do not have to prepare or know anything to come to this; you don't even need your own copy of the Qur'an, though if you have one you can certainly bring it.

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For more information contact John Eby

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AGarfield@dbq.edu

Hope House

Hope for the Homeless



Hope House Catholic Worker in Dubuque is purchasing and renovating the other half of the building they occupy at 1592 Locust St. to expand their current hospitality to poor and homeless people.

Approximately \$90,000. will be needed to repair and renovate the structure to suit the needs of the men, women, and children that come as guests.

We invite you to join us. Please contact us at dbqcatholicworker@gmail.com or 563-582-9079 if you are able to assist with financial donations and/or volunteer labor.

Please send financial donations to the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque 700 Locust Street, Suite 195, Dubuque, IA 52001 and designate the "Hope House Expansion Fund."

Resurrection Catholic Church

Care for the Caregiver Support Group

Every Monday from 2-3pm in the Upper Room at the Church of the Resurrection. Non-denominational caregivers and loved ones welcome. To provide support and kinship for caregivers living with the responsibilities of caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or any form of dementia. For additional information contact the parish office at 556-7511.

Mary Schmidt, Parish Nurse

Sinsinawa Mound Center

Kate Hennessy, granddaughter of Dorothy Day and author of *The World Will Be Saved By Beauty: An Intimate Portrait of My Grandmother*, will give a lecture at Sinsinawa at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 3, 2018, followed by a book signing and reception. This event will be open to the public, and we encourage you to save the date. More details will be available in the near future.

For more 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

Iowa Interfaith Power & Light

Mark Your Calendars Now! SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18

A Great Event Coming This Spring from Iowa

Interfaith Power & Light

There is no cost BUT...You MUST Register!

Go to www.iowaIPL.org

and click on "Upcoming Events"

The Good Life Redefined

Less Stuff. Live More. Find Joy!
Let's Redefine the Good Life together!

At The Good Life Redefined workshop:

- Learn how our STUFF contributes to climate change
- Reflect on what our faith traditions say
- Make a plan to create a more joyful life that is easier on the planet!

As we make choices that give meaning and joy to the human heart, we will create stronger communities, a more stable climate, and a more just world.

Where: Srs of the Presentation,
2360 Carter Rd., Dubuque, IA 52001

When: Sunday, February 18, 2018, 2-4pm

Cost: Free, thanks to the generous sponsors! Registration required.
Register: iowaIPL.org click Upcoming Events

Sponsored by the Covenant Congregations of the Dubuque Chapter of Iowa Interfaith Power & Light, Dubuque Area Congregations United, and Srs. of the Presentation

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<https://www.facebook.com/iowaIPL>

Download our covenant congregations form here:

<http://iowaIPL.org/donate/covenantcongregations>

Please contact Sarah Paulos at programs@iowaIPL.org for more information

Dubuque Community



Crescent Community Health

Did you know that we opened a 2nd location for dental services for the community? Crescent Community Health Center now has a location at Stonehill Care Center located at 3485 Windsor Avenue here in Dubuque. To schedule your appointment please call our dental team at (563) 690-2852.

AARP



AARP Fraud Watch Network Workshops Available in the Dubuque Area

Every year Americans lose millions of dollars as victims of identity theft and fraud. These crimes can wreak havoc on the lives and finances of individuals and families. That's why AARP has created the Fraud Watch Network, a free community resource for people of all ages to protect themselves against identity theft, fraud, scams and financial abuse.

AARP Iowa Fraud Watch Network volunteer leaders are available in the Dubuque area to conduct workshops and present tips, resources and information on the Fraud Watch Network to community groups and organizations. The workshop programs are available free of charge and include informational handouts as well as discussion about how to spot and avoid identity theft and fraud. Community organizations interested in learning more or scheduling a workshop can contact Tom and Linda Stovall, Fraud Watch Network Volunteers, at tomstov@aol.com or by phone at 563-581-7220.

Workshop participants can become Fraud Watch Network members and get regular real time information on scams, access local fraud warnings, report possible scams and get more information on what to do if they believe they or someone they know or love has been involved in a scam.

CONTACT:
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Unity Point Health Finley Hospital



UnityPoint Health
Finley Hospital

Volunteers Needed!!

Acute Rehab Unit- This unit needs support during meal times assisting with water and tray passes, meeting with patients to complete "Getting to know you" forms, and provide comfort rounding. Seeking volunteers for the

following shifts: Mon, Thurs and Fri mornings (7:30-9am), Mon-Fri (12-2pm) and (5-7pm) shifts.

Art/Music/Certified Pet Therapy volunteers- Seeking volunteers for the Behavior Health Unit and Acute Rehab Units. Flexible shifts

Behavior Health Unit- Volunteers needed to during meal and group times. Seeking volunteers for Monday-Sunday: (8-10am), (12-2pm), and (5-7pm) shifts.

Emergency Department- is seeking volunteers to provide comfort care to patients and family members for all shifts. Flexible shifts

Escorts- Volunteers are needed to assist patients and visitors to their destination. Must be able to walk a fair distance and push wheelchairs. Shifts are Mon-Fri: (7-9:30am), (9:30-12:30pm) (12:30-3:30pm) and (3:30-5:30pm)

Human Resources- Volunteers needed to greet people, scan documents, assist with making badges, filing and making folders for new hires. Seeking volunteers for Mon-Friday (anytime between 7:30-4pm)

Material Management-Volunteers are needed to assist staff with stocking of supplies. Mon, Weds and Friday mornings

Newspapers Delivery- Volunteers to assist with delivering newspapers and mail to patients. Seeking volunteers for Monday mornings.

SHIP Office Assistants-Volunteers needed to assist with greeting clients, scheduling appointments, answering phone calls and filing. Seeking volunteers Mon-Friday(4 hours shifts)

Surgical Waiting- Volunteers are needed to provide information and support to patients and family members. Shifts are (7-11am) and (11-3pm)

Urgent Care-seeking volunteers to provide comfort care to patients and families everyday 8-10am and 3-5pm.

5Med/Surg- This unit is in need of volunteers to provide comfort care to patients and assist with *MyChart* registration. Flexible shifts.

If you are interested in exploring any of these areas, please complete an online application at <http://www.unitypoint.org/dubuque/volunteer.aspx> or contact Mariah at Mariah.Schmelzer@unitypoint.org or 563-589-2643.



Support for Alzheimers/Dementia

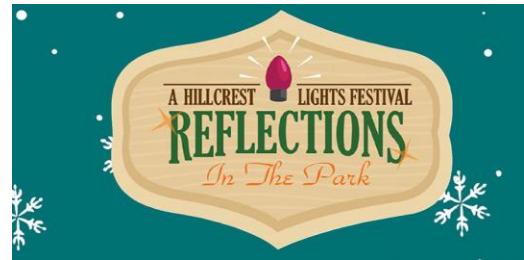
We want you to know that there is Dubuque area programming for memory families.

- 1) **The Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group**, last Wednesday of each month, 3-4 PM at Asbury County Library, 5290 Grand Meadow Drive. (Please note that we do not meet in December)
- 2) **In the Mind's Eye**, museum-based experiences for early- and mid-stage people with dementia and their caregivers, meets the 4th Friday of each month, 10-11:30 AM at the Dubuque Museum of Art, 701 Locust St. (Please note that we do not meet in December) Registration is required!
- 3) **A Place For Friendship Memory Café** meets the second Thursday of each month, 10 AM to Noon at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1755 Delhi (Registration is not required.)

For more information, please contact:

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Remember...if you have items for the Newsletter, email them to phyllisgarfield@hotmail.com



Reflections in the Park

November 23, 2017–January 1, 2018 @ 5–10 PM
Louis Murphy Park (1700 S Grandview Ave)

Join Hillcrest Family Services for the 23rd annual Reflections in the Park, Festival of Lights! Drive through the park and enjoy the beauty of the twinkling lights this holiday. You can pick up advanced tickets for \$8 at any Hillcrest or DB&T location or pay \$10 per car at the gate. For more information, visit hillcrest-fs.org or call 563-845-0378.



LULAC

Are you considering end of year donations?
Consider the League of United Latin American Citizens Scholarship Fund
<http://lulac.org/programs/education/scholarships/>
For more information you can contact Luis Rojas with Lulac Iowa (www.lulaciowa.org)



God has given us many faiths but only one world in which to co-exist. May your work help all of us cherish our commonalities and feel enlarged by our differences (Rabbi Jonathan Sacks)

Best wishes for a blessed holiday season, and thank you for all you do to welcome and care for your neighbors in our community and in our world!
...from your DACU Newsletter Editor



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