



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/

E V E N T S

DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT
December 10	Coalition for Non Violence	Commemorating Sandy Hook: A Vigil in Washington Park (6 th & Locust) 4:30 PM (See p.6)
Daily to Jan 1	Hillcrest Family Service	24 th Annual Reflections in the Park, Louis Murphy Park, 5-10 pm
January 11	St. Luke's Methodist	First Fabulous Friday Concert, 12:05 pm (weekly through March, see p. 3 for more info)
January 29	DACU	DACU Annual Meeting & Dinner, University of Dubuque (see below)
January 31	Children of Abraham	7:00 PM St. Anthony (see p. 3)



DACU Annual Meeting & Dinner

Tuesday, January 29

University of Dubuque Heritage Center

Straatmeyer Hall

Gather 6:00 PM, Dinner 6:30 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 25, 2019.

And please note that the dinner has been moved from the 22nd to the 29th to accommodate our incoming President. If you need to cancel a reservation, please call Bob Kraye at 582-5117.

DACU 2018 Delegates Meetings

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

December: No DACU Delegates Meeting in December

January 29, 2019: DACU Annual Meeting & Dinner
University of Dubuque, Straatmeyer Hall in the
Heritage Center. More information in the January
newsletter!



DACU Board Report

As of November 30, 19 congregations, 2 associates and one private donor contributed to DACU for 2018. Thanks to Church Women United, Summit Congregation UCC, and St. Luke's Methodist for their contribution last month! (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 2018 Monthly Balance Sheet Report 11/30/2018			
	November	2018 Year to Date	Budget 2018
Income	\$225.00	\$7,756.54	\$7325.00
Expenses	\$200.00	\$ 8,177.00	\$7325.00
Ending Balance as of 11/30/2018: \$3,275.76			

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.

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations to P.I.N. at the Thanksgiving service! You allow us to continue to answer emergency requests. We welcome former DACU President Fr. Lyle Wilgenbusch to our P.I.N. board.

Please send donations to: PIN, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2155 University Ave., Dubuque, IA 52001



Dubuque Rescue Mission

Maryann reports that the Mission has welcomed a new kitchen manager, Lucas Wills. All beds are full right now. The Mission Board continues to provide food and service for a meal, and these cold nights have resulted in some cots being set up in the stairwell! A Thanksgiving appeal was mailed out. Please be generous!

At the Mission Thrift Stores #1 and #2 (998 Central Ave.) business is booming. If you'd like to make a donation call 563.587.8164. Or stop in and check them out!

DACU Rescue Mission Representative
Maryann Caudill LoGuidice
608.642.1270

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



Dubuque Food Pantry

The Canadian Pacific Holiday Train was great fun and we appreciate all the generous donations! Our holiday baskets are being distributed. We can always use peanut butter, jelly, and soup!

We wish all of you a blessed holiday season and thank you sincerely for your generosity throughout the year.

Theresa M. Caldwell, Manager
Dubuque Food Pantry

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!!

The DACU Worship Committee extends a sincere thank you to all who attended or participated in the Thanksgiving service! Special gratitude goes to the Dubuque Chorale Childrens' Choir (directed by Karmella Sellers), Dr. Charles Barland, Organist, and of course to Dr. John Eby for his inspiring reflection, "Step into Gratitude". Thanks to Resurrection Catholic Church for their hospitality!

....Betty Kugi, OP, Worship Chair

...and another THANK YOU!!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Sister Sara McAlpin for her many years of service to DACU as our Secretary. Sr. Sara has managed against all odds to make efficient and coherent minutes out of the free-ranging conversations of our Board meetings. We can understand that she might want a rest...but we will miss her wise counsel very much!!!

....Alan Garfield, DACU President

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Fabulous Friday Series Returns!!!



FABULOUS FRIDAYS ARTIST SERIES 2019
St. Luke's United Methodist Church
1199 Main Street, Dubuque, Iowa



Fabulous Fridays return to St. Luke's United Methodist Church on January 11, 2019, for our 28th season. This popular series began in 1992 with musicians from St. Luke's and grew to include locally and nationally recognized artists. Since the inception of Fabulous Fridays, more than 100 artists have performed for these informal downtown concerts.

St. Luke's United Methodist Church is located at the corner of 12th and Main in Dubuque, Iowa. Performances begin at 12:05 p.m. and conclude at 12:35 p.m. 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 to People In Need and the church's Jesus Fund. Metered street parking is available. The alley entrance to the church is handicap accessible. Our winter weather policy is that if the artist can get there, the show is on.

SCHEDULE

January 11	St. Luke's Artists: Dr. Charles Barland, organ; Ann Duchow, violin; Sue Hattel, clarinet
January 18	St. Luke's Artists: David Patterson, cello; Roxanne Rollefson, soprano; Sylvia Ward, piano
January 25	Laura Southworth, soprano; Leslie Appleby, piano
February 1	Potosa Strings – Ann Duchow, director
February 8	Luke Tyler, piano; Al Williams, lute
February 15	Dubuque Senior High School Jazz Band – Bill Rowley, director
February 22	University of Dubuque Chamber Singers – Kristin Eby, director
March 1	Rebecca Christian – Time to Rhyme: The Power and Beauty of Poetry
March 8	Wartburg College Castle Singers – Dr. Nicki Bakko Toliver, director
March 15	Marcia Martin, bassoon; Marcus DeJesus, guitar
March 22	Dr. Peter Szeibel, harpsichord
March 29	Upper Main Street Jazz Band – Ric Jones, leader

For more information, contact:
Ann Duchow (alduchow@aol.com)
David Patterson (dpatterson2000@gmail.com)

Children of Abraham

2018 2019 Schedule

Now in our 8th year

2018 - 2019

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 27:	Seeking Truth - Temple Beth El, 475 W Locust (Sukkot+Dinner starts at 6pm)
Oct 18:	Prayer, Body and Soul - Multicultural Family Center, 1157 Central Ave
Nov 15:	Evil - Loras College, Alumni Center Ballroom
Jan 31:	Forgiveness - St. Anthony's Church, 870 St Ambrose St
Feb 21:	The Arts - University of Dubuque, Hadley Auditorium, Tech Center
Mar 21:	Death and Dying - Tri State Islamic Center, 4980 Radford Court
Apr 11:	Superheroes of Faith - Emmaus Bible College, 2570 Asbury Road, Chapel

7pm Thursdays

All sessions are 7 pm to 8:30 pm.
Questions? Email us:
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Stacia at anastacia.mcdermott@loras.edu

- **Jan. 31 – “Forgiveness” (St. Anthony)**
- **Feb. 21 – “The Arts” (University of Dubuque)**
- **Mar. 21 – “Death and Dying” (Tri-State Islamic Center)**
- **Apr. 11 – “Superheroes of Faith” (Emmaus)**

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For more information contact John Eby

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AGarfield@dbq.edu

C of A Announces a Book Group!

We are going to offer a book discussion group in the Spring for anyone who is interested in participating. In five sessions, we will discuss *The Sabbath* by Abraham Joshua Heschel. This book is one of the spiritual classics of the twentieth century, a book that offers a transformative perspective on our manner of living in the world. It is short and full of profound insight and wisdom.

We will meet at Temple Beth-El at 10 a.m. to discuss short sections of the book on the following Saturdays:

- February 9
- February 23
- March 9
- March 30
- April 13

If you know you would like to participate, please notify Father Dustin Lyon (dustin.lyon@gmail.com), but of course you may show up any time even without notification – you don't even have to read ahead of time. We recommend that you order the book through River Lights Bookstore – you can call them (563-556-4391) or email them (riverlights.indielite.org) to request a copy and receive a discount! (Just tell them you are with the Children of Abraham book club). Book discussion will last about an hour.

For more information contact John Eby

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Sinsinawa Mound Center

There are many AMAZING Events coming up at the Mound for December/January!!

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/>

Shalom Spirituality Center

Winter Breakfast

Theme: "Dark Night To Daybreak"

Tuesday, December 18, 7:30AM-8:30AM

It's cold and dark outside, but it's warm and bright inside our dining room, so come and enjoy our usual array of delectable breakfast goodies.

Offering: \$10

Women's Christmas — An Evening Of Rest & Restoration (And Presents!)

Epiphany Mini-Retreat

Sunday, January 6, 5:30PM-7:30PM

This evening mini-retreat is a good time to rest, reflect, and restore as you map out a plan for the new year.

Offering: \$15

Wishing you Shalom... peace, wholeness, integrity, & well-being!

Shalom Spirituality Center

1001 Davis Street

Dubuque, IA 52001

Open to everyone regardless of religious affiliation, belief system, or faith background!

Phone: 563-582-3592

Web: www.ShalomRetreats.org

Email: info@shalomretreats.org

Grandview United Methodist

Call To Prayer For Our Dubuque Area Schools-2018-19 December 2018-Prayer For Students

"He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." Psalm 91:1
Most High God,

We bring the children in our Dubuque area schools before Your throne of grace and intercede on their behalf. May they respect the wisdom of their parents and be willing to be taught by them. May they also have the desire to be taught by the teachers You bring into their lives. Let them find favor and have fruitful and respectful communication with their teachers and other authority figures. Connect everything in their brains the way it is supposed to be so they have clarity of thought, organization, good memory, and strong learning skills.

Loving Father, shelter our students in the shadow of Your wings. Protect them from accidents, disease, injury, or any mental or emotional abuse, especially while at school. Let Your all-encompassing love explode into every part of our students' minds and hearts. Give them empathy and understanding for one another that will lead them to freely offer assistance, encouragement, and grace to others.

Help them to be safe, loved and accepted where they are. Most importantly, manifest Your love and presence in their lives today and pursue them to receive it. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

For more information contact Becky Specht at bspecht@yousq.net or 563-543-5411. Grandviewdubuque.org 563.582.8875

Iowa Interfaith Power & Light (IIP&L)

Next meeting is January 13!

Westminster Presbyterian Church

3:00 – 4:30 pm

Annual Planning Meeting – Priorities for 2019

Election of Officers for 2020

Everyone Welcome!

Also...Weatherization Volunteers Needed!!

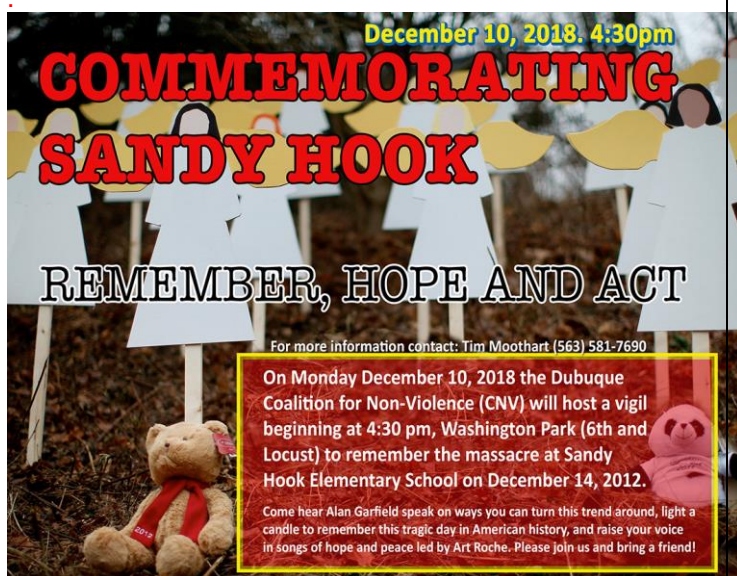
We are partnering with Green Iowa Americorps to do a weatherization project on Martin Luther King Day, January 21, 2019 as part of the nationwide day of service. We are still looking for a minimum of nine volunteers to assist with this project. Volunteers would be doing window caulking, application of window plastic, etc. and training for these tasks will be provided after our January 13, 2019 chapter meeting at Westminster Presbyterian Church, from approximately 4:30-6:30PM.

Green Iowa Americorps will be conducting the energy audits prior to the service date and volunteers will be divided into 3 groups lead by a staff member from Green Iowa Americorps who will provide assistance and direction as needed. If you can spend a few hours on January 21st to participate in this worthwhile project, please contact Linda Stovall at linstov@aol.com or Mary Jo McDermott at Todmarjo@yousq.net as soon as possible but before December 26, 2018 so final preparations can be made. Also let us know if you would be available for the whole day or just morning or afternoon. Our goal is to weatherize at least 3 homes for this project. If Green Iowa Americorps cannot find three homes, please let Linda or Mary Jo know if you would be interested in having your home included in the project or know of someone who would.

Find us on Facebook at Dubuque Chapter of Iowa Interfaith Power and Light!

Dubuque Community

Dubuque Coalition for Non-Violence



Dubuque Visiting Nurse Association

hawk-i offers free and low – cost healthcare coverage for kids ages 1-19. Coverage includes medical, dental, and vision services and many working families qualify!!

A family of four can make up to \$75,302 per year and qualify for **hawk-i**. Children and teens who have health insurance are healthier than those who are uninsured.

For more information go to www.hawk-i.org or call 1-800-257-8563. You may also contact your local **hawk-i**

Outreach Coordinator at Dubuque Visiting Nurse

Association at 563-556-6200, ext. 1933 or

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REMEMBER: Membership in DACU is open to all who share DACU's mission. If you wish more information about how your congregation or organization can become involved, just contact DACU President Alan Garfield (agarfield@hotmail.com)

Help us spread DACU good news on Facebook!

Go to:

www.facebook.com/Dubuqueareacongregationsunited
and "like" and "share"!



Reflections in the Park

Daily through January 1, 2019 from 5–10 PM
Louis Murphy Park (1700 S Grandview Ave)

Join Hillcrest Family Services for the 24th 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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Remember...you can view all DACU Newsletters on our Website at www.DACUonline.org

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