

Dubuque Area Congregations United Monthly Newsletter

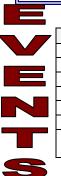
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We, the members of DACU, people of diverse faiths and beliefs, are united by our belief in God, our concerns for justice and our call to serve others. Through prayerful dependence on God and respectful cooperation with each other, we will make a difference 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/



DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT			
Don't see your event listed? Be sure to tell us and we'll put it in!					
December 15	St. Luke's United Methodist	Christmas Cantata 8:30/10:45am (more p.3)			
December 18	Sisters of St. Francis	Winter Solstice Drum Circle 6:30 pm (more p. 4)			
December 21	Sinsinawa Mound Center	Praying with the Seasons: Winter Solstice 6:30 pm (more p.4)			
January 10	St. Luke's United Methodist	Fabulous Fridays Concert Series 2020 begins, 12:05 pm (more p.3)			
January 20	Faces & Voices, MCFC	Dr. Martin Luther King Day, breakfast 7:00 am (more next month!)			
January 28	DACU	DACU Annual Meeting and Dinner, 5:30 PM, Westminster			
		Presbyterian Church			



DACU Annual Meeting & Dinner

Tuesday, January 28
Westminster Presbyterian Church
2155 University Ave.
Gather 5:30 PM. Dinner 6:00 PM

Gather 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:00 PM Dinner Cost: \$10.00

Hosted by the Westminster Mission Team and the Mandarin Speaking Worship Community A little taste of the Lunar New Year! 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 Krayer at 582-5117 (answering machine available) or bdkrayer@aol.com.

Save the date! Invite a friend!

DACU 2019-20 Delegates Meetings

Join Us! Bring A Friend! All locations are Accessible

December: No DACU Delegates Meeting in December

Meeting Dates for 2020 (Programs are being planned now, come to the Annual Meeting for a complete schedule!)

February 25, 2020 March 24, 2020 April 28, 2020 May 26, 2020 August 25, 2020 September 22, 2020 October 27, 2020 November 25, 2020



DACU Board Report

As of November 30, 17 congregations and two associate members contributed to DACU for 2019. Thanks to Sisters of the Presentation, St. Peter Lutheran, and Resurrection Church for their contributions this 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 2019 Monthly Balance Sheet Report 11/30/2019						
	November	2019 Year to Date	Budget 2019			
Income	\$ 350.00	\$ 5,574.87	\$8,000			
Expenses	200.00	\$ 7,236.76	\$8,000			
Ending Balance as of 11/30/2019: (\$1,661.89)						

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 5:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Board meetings are always open to the members of DACU. (No Board Meetings June or July)

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 all who attended the Thanksgiving Service and donated to the work of P.I.N. \$2,332.00 was received!

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



Dubuque Rescue Mission

Thankful to the DACU board for making \$200.00 for the Turkey give away which happened a week before Thanksgiving. Attached is a copy of the Telegraph Herald article. The Rescue Mission also authorized \$250.00 for this event. One hundred sixty- five turkeys were given away. The event took place at the Ruby Sutton Building. Following the give away a lunch was also provided to those in attendance. (The Telegraph Herald did a nice article about this!) It was enlightening to visit with the folks that came for the giveaway and a joy to work with college students that were recruited by Miguel Jackson.

The Mission is currently investigating property -three lots- above Angelia Street. There is hope that we could build a facility for homeless families. We have a very generous contribution (\$200,000) that would provide this project.

An Eagle Scout has completed five additional sets of metal bunk beds for the men's dormitory. This is of assistance since we are currently struggling with an overflow problem caused by the extremes in winter weather.

DACU Rescue Mission Representative Maryann Caudill LoGuidice 608.642.1270 https://www.facebook.com/DBQRescue/



Dubuque Food Pantry

Greetings!

It's exciting here at the Dubuque Food Pantry, as we prepare for the Christmas Season. We have just finished our sign up for our "Christmas Basket Give Away". We will be giving out 500 Christmas Baskets to families in the Dubuque Area.

If you know of anyone falling through the cracks this holiday season, let us know so we can help them out.

May you and yours experience the joy of the season, and hope for the coming new year!

Blessings,

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

The 37th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service was lovely! We have many sincere "THANK YOUs" to give:

- To Resurrection Church, Father Phil Gibbs, Father Jack Paisley, and the Social Justice team for their warm and generous hospitality
- To Rev. Dr. Craig Nessan for an inspiring message of "Shalom, Salaam, Peace"
- To Dr. Adib Kassas & Tania Kahn for reading and reflections from the Qur'an
 - To the University of Dubuque Singers & Director Kristen Eby
- To the Dubuque Chorale Childrens' Choir & Director Karmella Sellers
 - To Dr. Charles Barland, Organist
 - To DACU President Rev. Ken Halstead & DACU President Elect Dr. Jean Holdener
 - * To P.I.N. President Tom Stovall
 - To all who participated by reading and planning!
- AND...To everyone who attended!

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 2019.

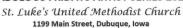
Nominations should be emailed to Bob Krayer – bdkrayer@aol.com or telephone 563/582-5117

St. Luke's United Methodist Church





FABULOUS FRIDAYS ARTIST SERIES 2020





Fabulous Fridays return to St. Luke's United Methodist Church on January 10, 2020, for our 29th 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 accessible for those with accessibility needs. Our winter weather policy is that if the artist can get there, the show is on.

SCHEDULE

January 10	St. Luke's Artists: Dr. Charles Barland, organ; Sue Hattel, clarinet; Ann Duchow, violin; David Patterson, cello			
January 17	Dr. Randall "Doc" McCaulley, keyboard and vocals			
January 24	Kim Yoko, keyboard and vocals; Dennis Williams, saxophone			
January 31	Chuck Bregman, piano			
February 7	Potosa Strings - Ann Duchow, director; Al Williams, lute			
February 14	Laura Southworth, vocal; Leslie Appleby, piano			
February 21	Clarke University Jazz and Melos - Drs. Rob Stull & Amanda Huntleigh, directors			
February 28	University of Dubuque Chamber Singers – Kristen Eby, director			
March 6	Rebecca Christian, poetry and story telling			
March 13	Dubuque Senior High School Jazz Band			
March 20	Marcia Martin, bassoon; Roxanne Rollefson, soprano			
March 27	Upper Main Street Jazz/Swing Band - Ric Jones, leader			

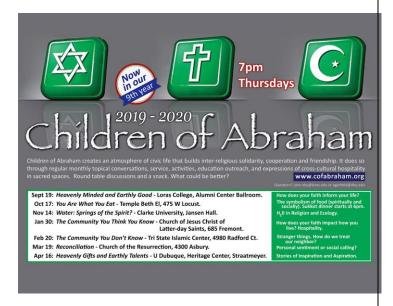
For more information, contact:
Ann Duchow (alduchow@aol.com)
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Children of Abraham



No December C of A Meeting!

Next Meeting: 7:00 PM January 30 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 685 Fremont The Community You Think You Know Everyone is welcome! www.cofabraham.org



For more information contact John Eby <u>John.Eby@loras.edu</u> or Alan Garfield AGarfield@dbq.edu

Sinsinawa Mound Center

See below for upcoming ecological programs at Sinsinawa Mound. For more details click on the title of the event.

Praying with the Seasons: Winter Solstice

Saturday, December 21st, 6:30--8:30pm

Join us in honoring the longest night and shortest day of the year through song and ritual, celebration and contemplation.

Forest Therapy Walk

Sunday, December 22nd - 1--3:30pm

Forest Therapy is inspired by the Japanese practice of Forest Bathing. Forest Therapy is not a naturalist walk. Rather, it is a slow meditative walk in nature that takes a

holistic view to the physiological, mental, emotional, and psycho-spiritual benefits to be derived from an embodied contact with nature.

In the Heart of Turtle Island: An Indigenous History of Sinsinawa Mound

Saturday, February 8th, 2--3:30pm

Come learn Mascouten, Ho-Chunk, Potawatomi, and Meskwaki histories about the land that is Sinsinawa Mound.

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/

Sisters of St. Francis Canticle of Creation Center



December 18, 2019 – Winter Solstice Drum Circle, 6:30 p.m.

Native drums, being made in a circle, represent the earth and life. The beating drum is compared to the beating of a human heart and is said to represent the heartbeat of the earth. Some drums will be provided, but if you have your own, feel free to bring it. All ages welcome; children should be accompanied by an adult. Free will offering. Sign up by emailing Lori Apel at canticle@osfdbq.org or at (563) 583-9786.

Visit our website to check out upcoming programs at the Canticle of Creation Center, 3390 Windsor Ave., Dubuque. (Follow the signs for parking behind the building, enter through the grey door by the fire escape)

To register, contact Sr. Shell at 563-583-9786 or canticle@osfdbq.org

. www.osfdbq.org/canticleofcreation



Shalom Spirituality Center

Visit our website to check out November programs!
Shalom Spirituality Center
1001 Davis Street, Dubuque, IA 52001
Phone: 563-582-3592

Web: www.ShalomRetreats.org Email: info@shalomretreats.org

Meal Sites in Dubuque

Many of our congregations either host or help with weekly meal sites. Thank you to all of you! The weather and the economy are making these resources ever more important. Here's a current list; feel free to share as needed!

- 1. Saturdays at 5:30 PM: St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 1199 Main Street (563.582.4543)
- 2. Sundays & Mondays at 6:00 PM: Hope House Catholic Worker, 1592 Locust Street (563.582.9079)
- 3. Wednesdays at 5:00 PM: St. Patrick's Church, 1425 Iowa Street (563.583.9749)
- 4. Thursdays at 5:30 PM: First Congregational UCC, 255 W. 10th St. (563.582.3648)
- 5. Dubuque Rescue Mission, 398 Main St. (563.583.1394):
 - a. Breakfast Every day 7:30 AM
 - b. Lunch: Monday-Saturday 11:30 AM
 - c. Dinner: Monday, Tuesday, & Friday 5:00
- 6. Fifth Sunday each month: Lunch at Noon, St. John Episcopal Church, 1458 Locust St. (563.556.0252

First Congregational UCC



CENTERING PRAYER

A Community Outreach Program of 1st Congregational United Church of Christ 255 W. 10th Street, Dubuque, IA



A FREE MONTHLY MEDITATION GROUP IN THE TRADITION OF CHRISTIAN CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER "Re still and know that I am God

1st Thursday of the Month:

10/3/2019, 11/7, 12/5, 1/2/2020, 2/6, 3/5, 4/2, 5/7, 6/6

In the Parlor:

Enter through the courtyard door on Locust Street between 10th and 11th Streets.

7pm - 8pm
For security reasons, the door will be locked at 7pm Starting 11/7, those new to Centering Prayer are invited to arrive by 6:45 for brief instruction.

LED BY JADE ANGELICA, MDIV, DMIN SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR AND CENTERING PRAYER PRACTITIONER

This meditative practice is called "Centering Prayer" in response to Thomas Merton's description of contemplative prayer as prayer that is "centered entirely on the presence of God."

"The root of prayer is interior silence. We may think of prayer as thoughts or feelings expressed in words. But this is only one expression. Deep prayer is the laying aside of thoughts. It is the opening of mind and heart, body and feelings – our whole being – to God, the Ultimate Mystery, beyond words, thoughts and emotions." (OM, 136) —from http://www.centeriowa.org

For more information, contact Jade Angelica: jadeangelica@mail.com or 563-582-4724; or contact Nikki Ketchum at First Congregational: 563-582-3648. This is a fragrance-free program. So that all may attend in good health, please refrain from wearing perfume, cologne, after shave, or other scented personal care products.

Sisters of Charity (BVM)

Angels Everywhere

Sr. Georgeann Quinlan, BVM, has recently relocated to Dubuque from Colorado. She brings with her a popular program, "Angels Everywhere" which she has presented over 500 times to congregations, service groups, senior living facilities, and many more. She has published two books of the stories collected in these sessions and has a website, www.SisterGAngelsEverywhere.com. She would love to share this program here in Dubuque! There is no charge. For more information you can email her at gquinlan@bvmsisters.org

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 Rev. Ken Halstead, kahalstead@hotmail.com or Administrator Bob Krayer (bdkrayer@aol.com)

Help us spread DACU good news on Facebook! Go to:

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

Dubuque Community

City of Dubuque



Why Your Faith Community Should Become a 2020 Census Official Partner

The 2020 Census is fast approaching, and faith leaders play a key role in this important effort. The U.S. Constitution requires a complete count of the nation's population every 10 years. Census data impact decisions at the national, state, tribal, and local levels-from congressional representation to the annual allocation of more than \$675 billion. These resources are essential to the well-being of all of our neighbors, supporting schools, hospitals, fire departments, and more.

The U.S. Census Bureau partners with the faith community to get the word out about the importance of the count. Faith leaders are trusted voices in their communities. You know how to reach your congregation and members; hard-to-count families, individuals and children; other national and local leaders; and key stakeholders. By being a 2020 Census partner, you can inspire your community to support a complete and accurate count.



What is a 2020 Census partner?

Your community of faith or faith-based organization would join a network of nonprofit, corporate, public sector, and community organizations working to educate the public about the 2020 Census and encourage households to fill out their census form. Together, we can develop solutions to reach everyone. Faith community partners—including religious denominations, faith communities, and national and regional faith-based organizations and institutions, governing bodies and councils, and local congregations and members—are important 2020 Census voices.

What does a partner do?

You can make a difference in the places we live, work, and worship. We ask you to join us in ensuring we count everyone living in the United States once, only once, and in the right place, including helping us reach hard-to-count members of the community. The Census Bureau will provide resources that make it easy to help, including social media posts; handouts and posters; and e-mail, bulletin, and newsletter content.

CONTACT US TODAY! CENSUS.PARTNERS@CENSUS.GOV 2020CENSUS.GOV/PARTNERS

Here are some of the ways you can help:

Communicate to your members: Highlight the 2020 Census in e-mails, bulletins, newsletters, and mailings to increase awareness of why the census is important. Hang posters in common area like the cafeteria. Link to <2020Census.gov> on you Web site and include 2020 Census messages on social media and in faith-based media.

Add your voice: Write a blog, op-ed, or letter to the editor on why participating in the 2020 Census is important to those you serve. Mention the 2020 Census in speeches. Tape a public service announcement or testimonial and post it to your Web site or share it with faith-based media. Serve on or support a Complete Count Committee, or start one of your own. (Visit <2020census.gov/partners> and click on Complete Count Committees to learn more.)

Shape vour future START HERE >

Promote census hiring: Share our 2020 Census Host an event or invite us to speak: Host a recruitment Web site <2020census.gov/jobs> in your communications and on bulletin boards invite other faith leaders and their members. and employment Web pages. Encourage your members, such as youth and retirees, to apply Invite us to table or exhibit at your next job fair.

Donate space or translate materials: Provide testing and training sites and Internet access, and assist with translation of 2020 Census materials to help reach immigrant populations and those with limited English language skills.

Participate in Census Worship Weekend This census-themed weekend is March 27-29, 2020—for your community, it could be Cens Sunday, Census Shabbat, Census Sabbath,

or Census Friday Prayers ahead of Census Day on April 1, 2020. These are examples and we encourage you to join the 2020 Census promotional weekend in any way that resonates with your practice or tradition. Educate your congregants or members about the importance of completing the census as part of your sermon or message, stressing that everyone in the household should be counted. Host a location where people can respond to the census online on service days too.

Be social: Launch social media campaigns or host Twitter chats or Facebook Live events on the 2020 Census. Retweet and repost Census Bureau social media content.

Stress that the 2020 Census is safe, secure, and confidential: Highlight the privacy and confidentiality of the 2020 Census and share materials in hard copy and online. Responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law. They cannot be used against respondents in any way.

2020 Census informational or Q&A session and Invite us to speak at your conference, festival, or community gathering. Add 2020 Census materials to event information and invite us to host a table or exhibit

Focus on children: Connect us to your childcare center and school leadership. About one million young children weren't counted in the last census—the highest of any age group. The Census Bureau also provides free classroom resources through the Statistics in Schools program that can be incorporated into weekend education classes or summer camp

Tap Into your groups: When considering 2020 Census education and outreach, remember groups or associations that work in hard-tocount areas, such as the boards you sit on, alumni chapters, mission leaders, and youth and grandparent groups.

When should I become a partner?

Today! We are recruiting partners and workers now. Help us get the word out. We look forward to welcoming you as a 2020 Census partner!

Get started at <www.census.gov/partners/ioin> to share ideas about how we can work together. Northeast Iowa Community College



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