

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
February 10	Iowa Interfaith Green	Iowa Interfaith Green Coalition Meeting
_	Coalition	3:30 PM Resurrection Catholic Church (see p. 3 for more info)
February 21	Children of Abraham	"The Arts", University of Dubuque Hadley Auditorium, 7:00 PM
Weekly through	St. Luke's Methodist	First Fabulous Friday Concert, 12:05 pm (weekly through March,
March		see p. 3 for more info)
February 26	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting, Convivium, 7:00 pm (see below)
February 26	University of Dubuque	Faculty Organ Recital & UD Choir, Dr. Charles Barland, Sinsinawa
-		Mound, 7:00 PM
March 1	Church Women United	World Day of Prayer (more p. 6)
March 16	Boy Scouts	Scouting for Food 9-11 AM; (more p. 2)
April 5	Temple Beth El	Annual Visitor's Shabbat Service 7:00 PM (more p. 4)



Proposed DACU Delegate Meetings for SPRING 2019 (for a final list, attend our February meeting!)

	DACU Delegates Meeting	February 26	Food Desert Convivium Urban	
			Farmstead. 2811 Jackson St	
Date:	Tuesday, February 26, 2019	March 26	Sex Trafficking Kim Hilby, Speaker Hillcrest Family Services	
Time: Location:	7:00 PM Convivium Urban Farmstead	April 23	Earth Day: Caring for God's Creation Speakers: Linda Stovall (Iowa Interfaith Green Coalition) and Gina Bell (City of Dubuque	
	2811 Jackson Street		Resiliency Task Force) Westminster Presbyterian Church	
<u>Program</u> :	Food Deserts PLUSDACU Annual Business Meeting Installation of Officers Approval of 2019 Budget (and other items we missed during the January Polar Vortex!!)	May 21	Restoring the Land Service and program by Ronald Lindblom, Land Stewardship Director for Sinsinawa Dominicans. Sinsinawa Mound Center: County Road Z, Sinsinawa, WI.	
Speakers:	Leslie Shalabi			
		June and July	No meetings	

Remember, donations of non-perishable items for the Food Pantry are always welcome! So are newcomers and guests, why not bring a friend!

DACU Board Report

As of January 31, 2 congregations, and 1 associate contributed to DACU for 2019. Thanks to St. Raphael Cathedral, Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters, and NAACP for their contribution last month! (Also Sisters of St. Francis, Nativity Church, and St. Matthew Lutheran Church contributed in December but were not mentioned 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 2019 Monthly Balance Sheet Report 1/31/2019							
	January	2019 Year to Date	Budget 2019				
Income	\$ 821.10	\$ 821.10					
Expenses	\$ 113.00	\$ 113.00					
Ending Balance as of 1/31/2019: \$4,937.71							

<u>Please help us to support our DACU projects!</u> 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.

For all of us, it's cold outside. For some of us, it's cold inside too....P.I.N., with your help, works with utilities and landlords to keep people in their homes. All of your donations go directly to helping our neighbors.

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



Dubuque Pescue Mission

Extreme cold KILLS! Being homeless also mortally wounds the spirit when you always feel invisible. Your love melts the ice of invisibility. The <u>Dubuque</u> Rescue Mission welcomes the warmth of your love and kindness! Come check us out!

Remember the Mission Thrift Stores #1 and #2 (998 Central Ave.). 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/DBQRescue/



Dubuque Food Pantry

Greetings! We are so happy to serve our community.

In 2018, we distributed 19,000 pounds of produce through the Dubuque Food Pantry. It's so good to have healthy choices for families to choose from. (Keep us in mind as you begin planning your summer gardens!)

This year, with the positive changes at St. Stephen's Food Bank and their partnership with River Bend Food Bank in the Quad Cities, we will be able to purchase and offer a larger variety of all kinds of foods. We purchase much of our product from St. Stephen's Food Bank. Your cash donations make this possible!

REMEMBER Scouting for Food is Saturday March 16, 9 to 11 AM. Leave a bag of food outside your door by 9 AM and the Scouts will pick it up! The goal is 40,000 pounds! It will be delivered to food pantries in our area, including the Dubuque Food Pantry.

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

St. Luke's United Methodist Church



FABULOUS FRIDAYS ARTIST SERIES 2019



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

Fabulous Fridays continues at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Now in its 28th 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:

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. Nick Bakko Tollver, Director

March 15: Marcia Martin, Bassoon; Marcus

DeJesus, Guitar

March 22: Dr. Peter Szeibel, Harpsichord
March 29: Upper Main Street Jazz Band, Ric

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Jones, Leader

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

Dubuque Interfaith Green Coalition

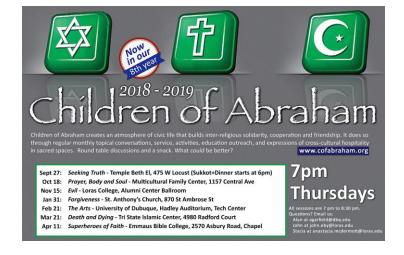
Next meeting is February 10
Resurrection Catholic Church
4300 Asbury Road
3:00 – 4:30 pm
Annual Planning Meeting – Priorities for 2019
Election of Officers for 2020
Everyone Welcome!

Our speaker will be Gina Bell, Sustainable Community Coordinator for the City of Dubuque. (AND, did you notice? The Dubuque Chapter of Iowa Interfaith Power and Light (IIPL) has been renamed to *Dubuque Interfaith Green Coalition*. New name, same green mission!

Mary Jo McDermott, Secretary todmarjo@yousq.net

Children of Abraham

2018 2019 Schedule



- Feb. 21 "The Arts" (University of Dubuque)
- Mar. 21 "Death and Dying" (Tri-State Islamic Center)
- Apr. 11 "Superheroes of Faith" (Emmaus)

www.cofabraham.org
For more information contact John Eby
John.Eby@loras.edu or Alan Garfield
AGarfield@dbg.edu

NEW: Children of Abraham 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 <u>John.Eby@loras.edu</u> or Alan Garfield <u>AGarfield@dbq.edu</u>

Temple Beth Fl



Save the Date!! Temple Beth El Annual Visitor Service Friday April 5, 2019

7:00 PM with Rabbi Jim Sagarin, including a special Holocaust remembrance

Social Hour with Refreshments will follow the service.

Everyone is welcome! If your congregation plans to bring a group, please let us know so we make enough cookies! Contact President Cindy Pearce at mikelcinkc@gmail.com

*Consider carpooling! Parking is limited @.....

Sinsinawa Mound Center

Sinsinawa Dominicans Take Action on Climate Change

SINSINAWA, Wis.—The Sinsinawa Dominican Congregation recently approved a corporate stance in recognition of climate change and is committed to improving our relationship with Earth.

The stance states the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters believe that our present relationship with Earth and the resources provided by Earth are grievously imbalanced and harmful to the planet itself. The impact of human action stresses and overwhelms the self-sustaining and self-correcting capacities of our environment, narrows bio-diversity, and threatens the capacity of Earth to support future generations. The Congregation realizes

that the reality of global climate change negatively impacts the community of life in ways beyond human understanding and that the negative impact on the human community is experienced more forcefully by those living in poverty and those living in fragile ecosystems.

At least two-thirds of a simple majority of the Congregation must agree upon the stance to achieve passage. Seventy-seven percent of sisters voted, and all agreed to support the stance. "We believe that we are called to protect the vitality, diversity, and uniqueness of Earth and the community of life sustained here," said Sinsinawa Dominican Peace and Justice Promoter Sister Reg McKillip, OP. "Our corporate stance compels us to act individually and together on behalf of Earth to support the sacred life of future generations. Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters and Associates have been involved in offering education and support in reducing our carbon footprint upon the planet, and we encourage others to do the same."

The Sinsinawa Dominicans are committed to joining others in creating awareness and action toward a more sustainable future by working for systemic change and promoting legislation to protect the environment and the community of life. Sisters have already invested in supporting the development of sustainable energies and advocating for more environmentally responsible corporate policies and practices. For example, the sisters recently installed three solar arrays at Sinsinawa Mound which will save the organization over \$35,000 annually in utility costs. By 2022, the Congregation hopes to restore most of the savanna ecosystem. convert 15 acres of manicured lawn to prairie, and restore and protect over 50 acres of forest, all at Sinsinawa where the Sisters also continue to expand their organic farm operation known as Sinsinawa Mound Collaborative Farm.

Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters invite you to learn more about their work by visiting their website at www.sinsinawa.org. The Sinsinawa Dominicans are part of a worldwide Dominican family, the Order of Preachers. For over 800 years, Dominicans have continued to preach the Gospel in word and deed. Today, thousands of sisters, nuns, priests, brothers, associates, and laity minister in more than 100 countries around the world.

Reg McKillip, OP Sinsinawa Dominican Peace and Justice Office 2117 Monroe St. Madison, WI 53711 708-724-7424 608-748-4411 ext. 164 opjustice@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/

Shalom Spirituality Center



Prayer Project: Coffee, Conversation, and Intentional Prayer

Tuesdays, 9:00AM-10:00AM
January 22, 29; February 5, 12, 19, 26; March 5
Facilitator: Mary Potter Kenyon

Based loosely on *The Weekly Prayer Project* book and following seven types of prayer found in the Bible, from gratitude and thankfulness to prayers of lament and intercession, each session of this seven-week series invites participants to be intentional in how they seek God as they pray for themselves and others in the group with specific prayer requests.

You Are Welcome To Attend Just Some Of The Sessions, Or All Of Them.

Offering: Freewill

Registration Is Appreciated, But Not Required

To Register:
Call: 563-582-3592
Email: info@shalomretreats.org
Browse: shalomretreats.org

February 11: Beading For Beginners with Erin Neiers. Have you always wanted to learn how to make that beautiful necklace in the store window or the gorgeous earrings you spotted on a woman at a party? Learn basic stringing & wire techniques to make your own one-of-a-kind creation. (add \$20 materials fee)

March 12: Participatory Art Piece with John Schlimm. Join international award-winning author and artist John Schlimm in making a participatory art piece inspired by his THE SMILE THAT CHANGED THE WORLD (is yours) that was installed at The Westmoreland Museum of American Art in June 2016, and has been toured elsewhere around the USA and in Canada. (add \$5 materials fee)

April 1: Whimsical Painting with local artist Mary Jacobsen. On this April Fool's Day, there's no such thing as a foolish painting, but there is something to painting with whimsy. That means exploring acrylic painting. Bring a photo or idea of what you'd like to paint. (add \$20 materials fee)

May 6: Repurposed Art with Kristina Beytien of Upcycle Dubuque. Kristina will discuss her business that

specializes in recycling items into art that would otherwise end up in landfills and share some examples of these upcycled art projects.Offering: \$10 Base Price Per Session. Plus Additional Materials Fees Where Noted.

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



Sisters of St. Francis

Sister Water Project

The Sister Water Project (SWP) was founded by the Sisters of St. Francis in 2006 to bring safe water to villages in Tanzania and Honduras. The initial goal was to raise \$42,000.

That goal was met by April 2007! As a result, nine Simm tanks (water holding tanks) were built in Tanzania and 30 volunteers traveled to Honduras in the fall of 2007 to help dig trenches for pipes to bring water to homes. Then an amazing thing happened...and continues to happen! Donations continued coming in for the SWP! To date, 212 wells have been installed in villages in Tanzania to bring clean water to people. Donations have also supported over 20 well projects in Honduras. Additionally, five more service groups have traveled to Honduras since 2007.

This all happened because of generous donors! In May 2018, Sr. Kathy Knipper spoke about SWP at your DACU meeting. We are grateful for the donations that were received as a result of that speaking opportunity! SWP continues to welcome opportunities to speak at your churches, faith sharing groups, book clubs, etc. If your group would like a SWP speaker, please contact Sr. Kathy at knipperk@osfdbq.org or feel free to learn more on the SWP website at http://osfdbq.org/sisterwaterproject.

Sisters of St. Francis Canticle of Creation Center



Here are the February 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.

THE THIN PLACES: A Reading by local author, Kevin Koch

Tuesday, February 12, 2019 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Kevin Koch's new book *The Thin Places*, connects places in Ireland with places in the American Midwest's Driftless Area along themes of Celtic spirituality. It explores a spirituality of nature that draws from the Catholic Christian tradition, pre-Christian and Christian Celtic culture, Native American traditions, and contemporary post-Christian thought. Come hear the author read selections and join the conversation. Copies will be available for sale for \$20. **FREE-WILL**

OFFERING

---Kevin teaches in the English: Creative Writing program at Loras College. He is the author of several books and also writes a nature column for The [Dubuque] Telegraph Herald.

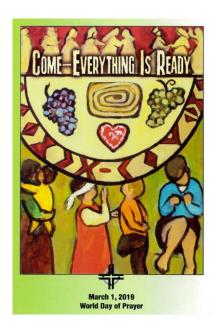


Everyday is Earth Day Movie Night: <u>"Before the Flood,"</u>

February 19, 2019 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Presented by National Geographic, this film features Leonardo DiCaprio on a journey as a United Nations Messenger of Peace, traveling to five continents and the Arctic to witness climate change firsthand. Come learn the dramatic changes now occurring and actions we can take. Free will offering. Walk-ins welcome but RSVPs are appreciated by Friday, February 15.

For more information about the Canticle of Creation Center, contact Sister Michelle Balek, OSF or Lisa Schmidt by phone at (563) 583-9786 or by email at balekm@osfdbq.org or schmidtl@osfdbq.org.



Church Women United

World Day of Prayer 2019 Explore Slovenia

March 1, 2019 (Snow date March 8)
Gathering 9:30 AM; Service & Program 10:00 AM
St. Peter Lutheran Church
3200 Asbury Road (accessible)
Hosted by Church Women United
All are invited! Call 563,556,1394

Grandview United Methodist



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

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!

- 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 PM
- 6. Fifth Sunday each month: Lunch at Noon, St. John Episcopal Church, 1458 Locust St. (563.556.0252)

Dubuque Community

Crescent Community Health

Looking Forward to an Exciting 2019!

This year will truly be a transformative year at Crescent Community Health Center. We begin 2019 in our original location, and will end the year across the street at our brand new site doubling our space and expanding our services to meet the rapidly growing need for care. This move will enable us to continue our mission providing high-quality, respectful, and affordable medical and dental care to improve the health and well-being of our community.

Of course, our success will continue to depend on the talented staff who make up the Crescent team providing high-quality, patient-centered care to our over 6,500 patients a number which is projected to grow to over 8,500 patients in just a few years.

I am excited for Crescent's future and truly believe we've never been better positioned to deliver on our commitment to make a difference and achieve our vision of "quality care for all, resulting in a healthy community." Stay tuned as we continue to share updates on our move and exciting clinical quality metrics with you, our valued community partners, in the months to come!

Warm Regards, Brooke Gomez Interim CEO

Multicultural Family Center

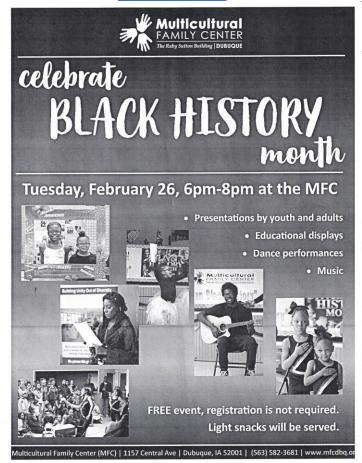
MFC Needs TABLES!!

We are in need of 25-30 tables to use for the MFC Food Pantry and other events that take place next door in "MFC South". Do you know of any church or organization that may have extra tables we could use until the fall? Please share and help spread the word. Thanks!



ALSO....Check Out These Great Events at the MFC! For more information, go to their website:

www.mfcdbq.org







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

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

Hospice of Dubuque

Hospice of Dubuque will soon be sponsoring two sixweek bereavement support groups. They will be open to anyone in the tri-state area who has experienced the loss of a loved one, through death, within the past twelve months. It is suggested that participants wait at least three months after a loss before attending.

The groups will meet on Tuesdays, beginning February 12 through March 19. A morning group will be offered from 10 – Noon, and an evening group will be offered from 6 – 8 pm. Groups will meet at the Hospice of Dubuque office in the Theisen Education Center, 1670 JFK Road. The sessions are meant to be both educational and emotionally supportive.

There is no requirement to have had a previous connection with Hospice of Dubuque. Group size is limited so pre-registration is required by February 5. Attendance at each weekly session is strongly encouraged. Please contact the hospice office at (563) 582-1220 for a registration form. Although there is no fee for the group, a contribution to defray the cost of materials would be appreciated."

Thank you for helping communicate this information to the Dubuque and surrounding area.

Sincerely,
Jessica Edge, LMSW
Bereavement Coordinator

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)



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