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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
Don't see your event listed? Be sure to tell us and we'll put it in! REMEMBER...right now you should assume that many programs have been cancelled, postponed, or moved online. It's wise to call ahead!		
Every Day	ALL OF US	#Black Lives Matter, Speak out against systemic racism in America.
8/19, 8/26, 9/2	Sinsinawa Mound	Webinar Series! See more p.3
August 22	Westminster Presbyterian	Food Distribution 9 am, see more p.3
Ongoing	US Census	You can still Apply for a Census Job! See more p.5
August 25	DACU Delegates Picnic at the Dubuque Arboretum CANCELLED	
September 21	International Day of Peace, see more p. 4	



Annual Delegates' Picnic is Cancelled ☹️

Dear Friends,

As we continue to move through these unusual times, we hope you are all keeping well. Thanks to all who are working in essential areas, prayers for all who are enduring difficulties and loneliness. As COVID 19 continues uncontrolled in our area, the Board has decided that we can't safely gather face to face for the next few months at least. We are planning to go "virtual" with Delegate meetings beginning with September 22. Stay tuned!

We are continuing our monthly Newsletter to share resources and announcements from our members, our projects, and our community.

Remember, HELPING isn't cancelled! Do what you can to continue caring for one another with donations, phone calls, and acts of kindness. If your organization or congregation has items to share with the community, continue to send them to the newsletter Editor.

DACU 2020 Delegates Meetings

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

Projected VIRTUAL Meeting Dates for 2020
(STAY TUNED FOR MORE NEWS!!)

September 22, 2020
October 27, 2020
November 25, 2020

Sincere Thanks:

- To all of our health care workers, doctors, nurses, staff...and their families
- To the "essential workers" who can't shelter at home because they are keeping grocery stores open, mail delivered, supplies replenished.
- To the staff and residents of our elder care homes, for their kindness and bravery
- To all who have gone the extra mile to re-imagine how we can stay in touch during these difficult times
- To our city government for their commitment to public safety
- To people of faith everywhere for their prayers
- To all who are speaking and acting to remind the world that Black Lives Matter.
- **To EVERYONE who is wearing a mask to protect their neighbors!!**

DACU Board Report

As of July 31, 10 congregations contributed to DACU for 2020. THANK YOU to Rockdale United Methodist, Sisters of the Presentation, and St. Peter Lutheran 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 2020 Monthly Balance Sheet Report 07/31/2020			
	July	2020 Year to Date	Budget 2020
Income	\$ 624.22	\$ 6,068.95	\$8,466.00
Expenses	\$ -0-	\$ 8,424.43	\$8,100.00
Ending Balance as of 07/31/2020: \$1,455.91			

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

NOTE: We are meeting by conference call right now, but still meeting! If you need to add to the Board agenda or would like to "attend" contact President Jean Holdener at JHoldener@dbq.edu.

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.

As the COVID emergency continues to challenge families in our area, we anticipate an increase in requests as so many people are newly unemployed and extensions of the relief bills are still unresolved. We are trying to build our reserves for the demand we know is coming. Any help will be appreciated!

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



Dubuque Rescue Mission

We continue to operate in pandemic mode. Masks are required by all who enter the Mission. All staff and volunteers must have face coverings. We continue to space all guests at six feet and have limited our dormitory space to 50% capacity. This allows for only one man per room versus two men per room. And of course, the wipe-down regiment continues. Remarkably, it all seems to be running smoothly. **No Covid 19 outbreaks at the Mission.** We have applied for a grant from the McDonough Foundation to purchase a mobile food kitchen which will allow the Mission to take hot, nourishing meals to underserved areas of our community. Keep us and those we serve in your prayers. Needless to say, it's a challenging time for those who come here in need. Blessings to each of you reading this. Be well. If you have questions, please send a note to Maryann at Maryannuu@fastmail.fm. Please also continue to offer funds, food and spiritual support for all at the Mission. The address for donations is 398 Main St. Dubuque.

Reminder: The Thrift stores appreciate your donations BUT if they are not usable, the Mission has to pay for disposal. Please donate only good condition items!

Blessings to all, Maryann LoGuidice
DACU Rescue Mission Representative
Maryann Caudill LoGuidice

608.642.1270 <https://www.facebook.com/DBQRescue/>



Dubuque Food Pantry

Greetings!

Are you or someone you know in need of groceries? We are here to help. Some people have never been in this situation before. There is no stigma attached to needing to ask for help. With the overwhelming number of people out of work right now, you don't have to go hungry. If you have never been here before, just call us direct at 583-4440 or contact Operation New View or the Visiting Nurses Association or any other social agency or church. They will give you a referral to us and you can come down the same day (Monday-Friday). We are here to help!

Theresa M. Caldwell, Manager, Dubuque Food Pantry
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563.583.4440

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

DACU: We Are Still Here!

These are challenging times for everyone, and yet even as we practice “physical distancing” our members are busy showing how we can socially connect in new ways. DACU has been able to disperse \$1,000 each to our DACU projects, thanks to your donations. DACU has endorsed “#AllofUs Dubuque” (see www.allofusdubuque.com for great stories of folks in our community.) At our August meeting the Board voted to again support the International Day of Peace, which will be online this year. See more on p. 4. We are hoping to “zoom” our September Delegates’ meeting and are even working on a virtual Thanksgiving Service. Our friends with the CROP Hunger Walk tell us they are making plans now for a safely distanced event on October 4 (look for more news next month!!).

We are still here, we are still together. Stay in touch, let us know if you have items for the newsletter.

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Westminster Presbyterian Church Hunger Outreach
Partnering with St. Stephen’s Branch of River Bend Foodbank

*******PROVIDING FOOD AT NO CHARGE*******

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2020

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2155 UNIVERSITY AVE. AT LORAS BLVD.

***Drive-through food distribution begins at 9:00 a.m.
and continues until food is gone.***

No registration required.

***Please stay in your vehicle.
We will load food for you.***

Children of Abraham



Children of Abraham is Zooming into Fall!
We have enjoyed several conversations online via Zoom. The Board is meeting to plan the coming year. If you are on the mailing list you’ll hear from John Eby as soon as there is news. If you are not on the mailing list but want to be added, just contact John or Alan (below).

www.cofabraham.org

For more information contact John Eby John.Eby@loras.edu or Alan Garfield AGarfield@dbq.edu

Sinsinawa Mound Center

Sinsinawa Mound Center Closed to Visitors

Sinsinawa Mound Center will be closed to the public and all programs, events, concerts, meetings, and retreats have been canceled effective immediately through September 1 in order to adhere to the guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to prevent the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States. We hold our world in prayer as we all work to slow the COVID-19 pandemic and appreciate your cooperation.

UPDATE: Sinsinawa Mound is launching a webinar series. Note that all webinars require registration. Space is limited, so register soon! Check www.sinsinawa.org/moundcenter for details

Wednesday, August 19th, 7-8pm - \$10

Towards Right Relationships with Native Peoples
An Interview with Paula Palmer and Jerilyn DeCoteau (Turtle Mountain Chippewa)

Join us for this hour-long interview to learn about building relationships among Native and non-Native communities based on truth, respect, justice and our shared humanity. We’ll learn to challenge and support each other as we work toward right relationships that address more than 500 years of genocide, colonization, and forced assimilation of Native peoples.

Wednesday, August 26th, 7-8pm - \$10

Ecology of Silence

Our lives are too often caught up in the distractions of noise and busyness. This webinar will explore the role of silence and noise in our lives and our society. We’ll look to silence as a way to re-connect with Creation and the Divine. Presentation and discussion will be facilitated by Eric Anglada (Ecological Programming Coordinator).

Wednesday, September 2nd, 7-8pm

Backyard Herbalism

Learn to identify and use nature's gifts in our own backyards. This short course will provide a brief overview of the medicinal properties of 10 native midwest plant species. Learn how to turn your "weeds" into medicine! This webinar will be presented by Shannon Renne, clinical herbalist in Madison.

For information on events at Sinsinawa, call or write the Mound: 585 County Road Z, Sinsinawa, WI 53824, (608) 748-4411. OR visit their website: <https://www.sinsinawa.org/moundcenter/events/>

REMEMBER...things are opening and closing and re-imagining themselves constantly! Many of our congregations are providing worship remotely via Zoom or Facebook. Just reach out. And thanks to all the creative and engaged folks out there!

Presentation Lantern Center

A Note from Megan Ruiz, Lantern Center Director:

"The safety and well-being of all of our students, tutors, staff, and community is paramount and therefore, because community spread in the US and Iowa is occurring, we will remain closed at least through the end of July and will revisit reopening discussions prior. In regard to resuming public tutoring in our organization, the Presentation Lantern Center has and will continue to base decisions on scientific data and reliable projections."

Here's how you can help:

- **If you know an immigrant in need**, call (563) 557-7134 or email megan@thelanterncenter.org. If urgent, call or text (563) 513-8646.
- **Donate to help vulnerable families get through this crisis.** Click "[Donate](#)" at www.TheLanternCenter.org or mail a check for "immigrant financial need" to Presentation Lantern Center at 900 Jackson St. Ste. LL5-1 Dubuque IA 52001
- **If you'd like to volunteer**, now or in the future, you can apply to be a tutor online at www.TheLanternCenter.org/Volunteer. If you can volunteer with relief efforts, please call and leave a message at (563) 557-7134.
- **Our partner VIATS** is picking up and dropping off food and supplies for immigrants in need. If you have items available, email catcait2003@yahoo.com with your address. Cash donations also accepted. Look for more information on VIATS in our spring newsletter.

International Day of Peace



Theme for 2020: Hope from the Ashes: 75 Years After Hiroshima and Nagasaki

On August 6, 1945, a U.S. plane dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, killing as many as 166,000 people. Three days later the U.S. dropped a similar bomb on neighboring Nagasaki, with up to 80,000 more deaths. Many generations later, nations still threaten nations with nuclear weapons. To create lasting peace, we need to create the public will to address nuclear weapon proliferation, unsafe nuclear waste storage, and related problems.

Join us for an evening with this year's keynote speaker Kathy Kelly, a peace activist and writer who has traveled to war zones and lived alongside ordinary people in Afghanistan, Iraq, Gaza, Lebanon, Bosnia and Nicaragua. To avoid paying for nuclear weapons and war, she has kept her income beneath the taxable level since 1980. Convinced that land is meant to grow crops and not harbor nuclear weapons, she and her companions planted corn on top of nuclear weapon silo sites, an action for which she served one year in federal prison.

Monday, September 21, 2020, 7:00 PM – FREE
To accommodate Covid-19 restrictions, this will be a live virtual event. As the date approaches, watch for connection information on our website:

DbqDayofPeace.org

Coordinating Committee:

Eric Anglada, New Hope Catholic Worker Farm	Evelyn Nadeau, Clarke University
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Shalom Spirituality Center

Visit our website to check out upcoming programs!
Shalom Spirituality Center
1001 Davis Street, Dubuque, IA 52001
Phone: 563-582-3592
Web: www.ShalomRetreats.org
Email: info@shalomretreats.org

Opening Doors



2020 marks Opening Doors 20th year of helping women and children experiencing homelessness. Help us celebrate with a gift to our 20th anniversary GiveFest even. We'll have a special online celebration on September 23 & 24.

If you would like to make an advance gift, visit us at www.OpeningDoorsDBQ.org/GiveFest, or mail a check to 2100 Asbury Road #8, Dubuque 52001. Thanks for your continued support!

Sisters of St. Francis Canticle of Creation Center



Visit our website to check out upcoming programs at the Canticle of Creation Center, 3390 Windsor Ave., Dubuque. To register, contact Sr. Shell at 563-583-9786 or canticle@osfdbq.org or www.osfdbq.org/canticleofcreation

Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary & Sisters of St. Francis

Events Postponed

Due to the Corona Virus pandemic, the two events sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis and the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be rescheduled.

The Interfaith Prayer Service "Earth is our Home" originally scheduled for Sunday, September 20th will be rescheduled for early Spring of 2021.

The "Care for our Common Home" Panel Discussion will take place virtually via technology on Sunday, September 20th at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited. Further information will be coming.

Peace and all good,
Nancy Miller, OSF
Social Justice Coordinator
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Clarke University University of Dubuque

Community Through Women's Eyes

Call for Personal and Scholarly Essays for Edited Book: Community Through Women's Eyes

We are seeking personal essays and scholarly articles from a variety of perspectives for an edited anthology on community. Featured groups can be historical or present-day profiles of daily life in a community; we also welcome historical and sociological analyses of movements. The book seeks to explore women's voices on the topic of life in community broadly construed, including but not limited to families, neighborhoods, faith-based groups, ancestral and ecological communities, music or civic organizations, and online support groups. Critical reflection, first person essays, detailed descriptions, and scholarly theoretical analyses are all welcome. Our plan is to submit the manuscript to a publisher in the spring of 2021. Submissions should be no more than 1,000-3,000 words and submitted as an attached Word document.

Deadline: December 15th, 2020

Email: communitythroughwomenseyes2021@gmail.com

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CRISIS AND THE CHURCH

Ecclesiastical and Pastoral Responses

Throughout its history, Christ's church has confronted crises, both internal and external, both institutional and individual.

In this Doctor of Ministry cohort, we will explore ways the church has addressed crises in the past to develop the theological perspectives and pastoral skills necessary to equip congregations and their members in the present to witness to the hope of the gospel in times of crisis.

COHORT LEADERS

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Dubuque Community

United States Census 2020

LATEST: The US Census IS CONTINUING TO HIRE!

Local US Census Recruiter Linda Stovall says that due to the COVID 19 emergency, the US Census continues to hire workers. The wage is \$21.00 per hour. mileage is .575 cents a mile. It is between 15-20 hours a week and works with your schedule. You will be provided mask and gloves. To apply, go to the website www.2020census.gov/jobs.



NOTE: EVERYONE needs to complete the census form on paper or online! Make your voice heard! This is even more important as the Census has shortened their canvassing time to Sept. 30. If we want our fair share of services and funding in our own city, **EVERYONE** must be counted!

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Don't forget to complete your census form online or on paper, as soon as you can. Census information is used to allocate hundreds of billions in Federal aid and funding, and to assign Congressional representation. It is pretty important!! For more check out the website:
<https://2020census.gov/en/census-data>

Help us spread DACU good news on Facebook!

Go to:

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

Dubuque Visiting Nurse Association



Does your child need health and/or dental coverage? During these unprecedented times many families have had a decrease in income and may qualify for either Medicaid or Hawki for their children. Coverage includes medical, dental, and vision services. A family of four can make up to 79,124/ year and qualify for either Medicaid or Hawki for their children. Dubuque Visiting Nurse Association has staff who can assist families apply for Medicaid or Hawki. For more information on the Hawki program go to <https://dhs.iowa.gov/hawki> or call 1-800-257-8563. You may also contact your local Hawki Outreach Coordinator at Dubuque Visiting Nurse Association at 563-556-6200, ext. 1933.

Society of St. Vincent DePaul

St. Vincent has a new website!

<https://www.svdpdubuqueiowa.org>

Please visit the official website of the Dubuque, Iowa Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. We aspire to be a leading provider of volunteer-based, human services to people experiencing hunger, homelessness, and poverty in the Dubuque area. A charitable non-profit organization, St. Vincent de Paul enlists the support of local volunteers in the delivery of its services.

The services of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Dubuque are open to all people in need regardless of their income, religious beliefs, race, or sexual orientation.

We can be reached at (563) 582-3733.

Crescent Community Health Center



A MASK IS THE NEW SMILE!



WE'RE WEARING MASKS FOR
THE COMMUNITY'S WELLNESS

For more information, or to read a copy of the Crescent Community Health Center's 2019 Annual Report, go to their website: <https://crescentchc.org/> or phone 563.690.2850

Test Iowa: Crush the Curve!!!

Right now, it doesn't seem like we have managed to control our rise in COVID-19 cases here in Iowa. One thing YOU can do is WEAR A MASK when you are outside your home. If you want to be tested for COVID through the Test Iowa program, the first thing is to take the assessment online, and then go to one of the test sites. We do have a site in Dubuque. Hours are varying so be sure to check the website. Help us to Crush The Curve: <https://www.testiowa.com>
More info: <https://coronavirus.iowa.gov>
www.dubuqucountry.org/COVID19

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 Dr. Jean Holdener (jholdene@dbq.edu) or Administrator Bob Krayner (bdkrayer@aol.com)

Dubuque Renters, Know Your Rights!

EVICTIION INFORMATION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF RENT

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

After May 27, 2020, Iowa's eviction moratorium is scheduled to end. Below is information to help you know your rights.

- If you get a call from your landlord saying you have to move out; OR
- If you get a notice from your landlord saying you have to move out; OR
- Your landlord tells you that your rental agreement is not being renewed and you have to move out; OR
- Your landlord tells you that you have to move out because the Governor has lifted the eviction moratorium...

**YOU DO NOT HAVE TO MOVE.
ONLY A JUDGE CAN LAWFULLY
EVICT A TENANT.**

IOWA LAW REQUIRES

A tenant who does not pay rent on time must get a notice from the landlord.

1. The notice must be in writing.
2. The notice has to say the lease will end if rent is not paid within 3 days.
3. The notice has to be properly served to you.
4. This 3-day period gives you a "right to cure" by paying the rent within those three days.
5. If you pay the full amount of rent in three days, the landlord cannot legally evict you.

IMPORTANT FACTS

If you cannot pay the rent within 3 days, you do not have to move out right away.

The landlord must first file an eviction action in court.

**ONLY A JUDGE CAN LAWFULLY
EVICT A TENANT.**

RESOURCES

IOWA LEGAL AID

Iowa Legal Aid provides help to low-income Iowans facing eviction.

To apply for help from Iowa Legal Aid:

- Call 800-532-1275
- Iowans age 60 and over, call 800-992-8161
- Apply online at: www.iowalegalaid.org

Information will be coming soon about options for paying back rent.



Does your organization or congregation have items you would like to include in the DACU Newsletter? Just email the editor at phyllisgarfield@hotmail.com

We are happy to share any information that is in keeping with our DACU mission statement.



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