

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 | | |
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| Don't see your event listed? Be sure to tell us and we'll put it in! REMEMBERright 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. | | |
| Nov 26-Jan 3 | Hillcrest Family Services | Reflections in the Parkmore info p 3 | | |
| December 16 | Temple Beth El (sponsor) | What is the White Power Movement (free Webinar) more p. 4 | | |
| January 26 | DACU Annual Meeting (via Zoom) | | | |
| Dear friends: Right now many of our cherished holiday events will be virtualdon't be discouraged! Look on your | | | | |
| congregations' websites for more information. | | | | |



DACU ANNUAL MEETING Tuesday January 26 7:00 PM

Due to COVID, there will be no annual dinner, but we will gather via Zoom to celebrate our community and to plan for the coming year.

Delegates will vote on the proposed budget, approve the Board officers for the coming year, and hear from our members regarding their goals for 2021.

Delegates will receive the Zoom link via email; but if you are not a delegate and would like to attend you are very welcome! Just email our Technology Manager Alan Garfield at agarfield@hotmail.com for the link.

DACU 2021 Delegates Meetings

Traditionally we do not hold DACU meetings in December. At this time, we are assuming most of our Spring 2021 meetings will need to be via Zoom, but if conditions improve we'll joyfully reconvene in person!

January 26, 7:00 PM DACU Annual Meeting

February 23, 7:00 PM Dubuque CROP Hunger Walk

March 23, 7:00 PM Almost Home (Gwen Kirchoff)

April 27, 7:00 PM
Dubuque Coalition for Non-Violence
(Tim Moothart)

May 25, 7:00 PM
Cultivating Peace in Our Lives
(Stacia McDermott & Hannah Eby)

June and July, traditionally no Delegate meetings.

August 24, we pray, will be our annual Delegate Picnic at the Arboretum. Details to follow.

DACU Board Report

As of November 30, 11 congregations contributed to DACU for 2020. (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 11/30/2020 | | | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------|----------------|--|--|
| | November | 2020 Year to Date | Budget 2020 | | |
| Income | \$ -0- | \$ 6,091.48 | \$8,466.00 | | |
| Expenses | \$ -0- | \$ 8,624.43 | \$8,100.00 | | |
| Ending Balance as of 11/30/2020: \$1,278.44 | | | | | |

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 JHoldene@dbq.edu.

DACU Projects

Deople In Need (D.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. The DACU Thanksgiving Service, virtual this year, was well attended and donations are coming in. We'll have final numbers next newsletter! Thank you to all for your generosity.

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



Dubuque Rescue Mission

Thanksgiving meals "to-go" was a success. From 10-2 on Thanksgiving Day there was a steady stream of folks in need coming for a holiday meal. Rev. Rick Mihm, Director, also reported on other efforts in the Dubuque Community. For example, meal deliveries for shut-ins & elderly were cooked by the Q Casino and then packaged up at and delivered from the Knights of Columbus Hall. Faith Temple also organized "to-go meals" that were be picked up at the KC Hall on Thanksgiving Day.

In the spirit of the holiday Rev. Rick said "On behalf of myself and my family, we wish you and your family a blessed and safe Thanksgiving Holiday. As so many of you have already noted, despite the rather grim place we find ourselves in as a nation/world, we still have some many things to be grateful for. And for me, each of you is close to the top of my list. May our Just and Loving God protect every one of you and our loved ones from all evil and harm. "

The plans for the December holidays and New Year's will be done by the Mission Board after this newsletter goes to "press". Look for an e-mail from DACU about the arrangements to come.

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

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

Yes -Mission Store No.2 is still open!
Dubuque Rescue Mission & Store 1-398 Main St
Store No 2-998 Central (furniture and housing needs)

Dubuque Food Pantry

Greetings!

It's been a very busy time at the Dubuque Food Pantry. We gave Thanksgiving Baskets out last week and will be distributing our Christmas Baskets on Dec. 21 and 22.

Thank you Dubuque for sustaining us through this very difficult year. We hope and pray that you and yours stay safe through this season and the new year!

Blessings, Theresa M. Caldwell, Manager Dubuque Food Pantry <u>dubuquefoodpantry@yahoo.com</u> 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

The 38th Annual Dubuque Interfaith Thanksgiving Service "premiered" on the DACUonline.org website on Wednesday Nov. 25...BUT if you missed it, the link is still live, and we encourage you to enjoy the reflections and musical talents of your Dubuque neighbors. We want to say THANKYOU to all who participated with words of gratitude and welcome, especially to Rev. Stephanie Ells, Rabbi Natalie Shribman, Dr. Bonnie Sue Lewis, Dr. Charles Barland, Prof. Kristen Eby, Hannah and Alex Eby, members of the Julien Chorale, and musicians of Tapestry. And of course to Prof. Alan Garfield for producing our online virtual service!

The service was dedicated to the memory of Dorothy Krayer, longtime DACU volunteer and beloved wife of DACU Administrator Bob Krayer, who passed away on November 20. Our sympathies and prayers go to Bob, his family, and to all who have lost loved ones during these difficult times. May their memories remain a blessing.

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Westminster Hunger Outreach

Partnering with St. Stephen's Branch of River Bend Foodbank

OFFERING FOOD AT NO CHARGE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2020

Westminster Presbyterian Church 2155 University Ave. at Loras Blvd.



Drive-through food distribution begins 9:00 am

& continues until food is gone.

No registration required.

PLEASE STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE
WE WILL LOAD FOOD FOR YOU

Hillcrest Family Services



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 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.

See below for several upcoming ecologicallyoriented events at Sinsinawa Mound via zoom.

Please note that for Wednesday webinars, registration closes Tuesday at 4pm. To register or for more info on any event, simply click on the title. Stay tuned for more webinars around Buddhism, deep ecology, and much more. For more events, **check**

www.sinsinawa.org/moundcenter for details.

Pause: A Season to Breathe (via Zoom)

Like the seasons of the Earth that shift and change in nature, our lives of faith are also cyclical and invite us to "pause," breathe into and appreciate the season. This four session virtual micro-retreat will invite participants to be attentive, compassionate, pause and appreciate each faith based "season" as it mirrors the natural changing cycle of seasons. From the "ordinary" time of NOW

through the anticipated promise of HOPE, these sessions will be both reflective and engaging. Each session will include an invitation to carry the session focus into further reflection as personal practice.

Each session is \$25/per person and runs from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Session 1: Season of Change & Resilience-Saturday, Nov. 7

Session 2: Season of Waiting - Saturday, Dec. 12 Session 3: Season of Release- Saturday, Feb. 27 Session 4: Season of Hope - Saturday, April 10

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/

Temple Beth El

NOTE: Temple Beth El has joined organizations in the Quad Cities to sponsor this important free webinar on December 16. We hope you will consider registering to attend! Please read the description!

What is the white power movement and why should you care? Free webinar offers insight

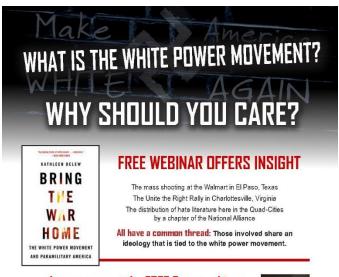
Did you know there is a common thread between the mass shooting at the Walmart in El Paso, Texas, the Unite the Right Rally in Charlottesville, Va., and the distribution of hate literature here in the Quad-Cities by a chapter of the National Alliance? All the individuals involved share an ideology that is tied to the white power movement

Learn what the white power movement is and the threat it poses when One Human Family of the Quad-Cities Area presents "The White Power Movement and Paramilitary America," a *free* Zoom webinar from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16. The featured presenter will be Dr. Kathleen Belew, assistant professor of U.S. history at the University of Chicago and the author of "Bring the War Home: The White Power Movement and Paramilitary America."

The event, co-sponsored by the Davenport-Bettendorf American Association of University Women, the Metrocom NAACP of Davenport, Metropolitan Community Church of the Quad Cities, One Human Family Macomb, Progressive Action for the Common Good, Quad Cities Interfaith, **Temple Beth El of Dubuque** and Temple Emanuel of Davenport, also is made possible in part by grants from the Doris & Victor Day Foundation and the Puffin Foundation.

To register for this free program, go to https://www.eventbrite.com/e/130318194227 or go to Eventbrite.com and search for "Kathleen Belew."

For more information, contact the Rev. Rich Hendricks at richhendricks@msn.com.



Learn more at the FREE Zoom webinar:

"The White Power Movement and Paramilitary America" 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 16



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Sisters of Charity BVM



Mount Carmel Bluffs, a shared ministry of the Sisters of Charity, BVM and Presbyterian Homes & Services, a new senior community in a beautiful and serene location atop the bluffs of Dubuque, lowa, overlooking the Mississippi River.

If you have a desire to honor God by enriching the lives and touching the hearts of older adults, consider answering the call and join our Team!

Certified Nurse Aide Certified Medication Aide LPN/RN

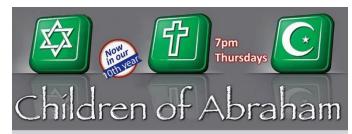
Dining Services (Cook or Server)

Competitive pay, opportunities for advancement, ongoing training, and incredible benefits like education assistance and nursing loan forgiveness.

For more information please visit www.preshomes.org/employment

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Children of Abraham



Worldview in Times of Crisis

www.cofabraham.org These Thursdays, 7pm

September 17: Anxiety, Fear, and Faith

October 15: Crisis & the Common Good: Civic Virtue November 12: How faith stumbles: When our religious traditions get it wrong

January 21: Sacred Texts and Prejudice February 18: Reconciliation and Repair March 18: Is a Budget a Moral Document?

April 8: Artistic Expressions of Healing and Joy

Pandemic or not - it's our 10th year of active conversation. Come *Zoom* with us.

If you would like to listen/participate on Zoom, email one of us to get the Zoom link:

John (john.eby@loras.edu)

Alan (agarfield @dbq.edu).

Or, just view our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/cofabraham.

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

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

The Presentation Lantern Center will remain closed, because Dubuque County is still a designated "red zone" for COVID-19. We will continue to operate in alternative ways to keep our students, volunteers and staff as safe as possible. Therefore, we will continue to welcome, educate and assist local immigrants and support our volunteer tutors with online tutoring. Many of our students have been severely impacted financially by COVID, so we have been delivering emergency food assistance, diapers, rental assistance and more. You can help with this kind of assistance by contacting the Lantern Center.

While we would love nothing more than to reopen our physical space to the public, we will only do so when it is safer. Megan Ruiz, executive director can be reached at Megan@thelanterncenter.org or by leaving a voicemail at the Center, (563) 557-7134.

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.

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
. www.osfdbq.org/canticleofcreation

Peace and all good, Nancy Miller, OSF Social Justice Coordinator justice@bvmsisters.org

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: <u>www.ShalomRetreats.org</u> Email: <u>info@shalomretreats.org</u>



Dubuque Interfaith Green Coalition

Highlights from November Meeting!

Kim Glaser will be taking over the Secretary duties from Mary Jo McDermott in 2021. Thank you for your two years of service Mary Jo! Please note; we are still seeking a volunteer for the Secretary elect position to assist in 2021 and then take over the duties in 2022.

Also effective 2021 Paul Uzel will be assuming the duties of Chairperson from Linda Stovall. Thank you for your two years of service Linda! At this time Michael Knock will serve as the Chairperson elect in 2021 and assume the duties in 2022.

Tom Stovall will continue the duties as Treasurer. Thank you Tom!

Lastly, a tip passed along from one of our members: "The Dubuque County Energy District is offering reusable cloth wrapping paper for holiday gifts for a \$5 donation — might be something people in our group would be interested in."

Kim Glaser, Secretary kglaser@ecia.org

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

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keeping with our DACU mission statement.

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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 Dr.Jean Holdener (jholdene@dbq.edu)

Dubuque Community

St. Vincent DePaul Society

St. Vincent DePaul has been helping in Dubuque since 1859, over 150 years. We currently have a Voucher Center at 1351 lowa Street that serves the brothers and sisters in need.

Due to the Pandemic our hours are reduced to Tuesday 9 – 11 AM, Wednesday 2 - 4 PM and Saturday Morning 9 -11 AM. To request assistance for food, furniture, clothing, utilities or rent phone 563 584-2226. This is an answering machine and we need to know your; name, address, phone number and what type of assistance we can help you with.

We are also looking for volunteers to help either at the Voucher Center, but more critical right now due to the limited hours at the Voucher Center, at the Radford Road store 4990 Radford Ct. We could use up to 10 people per day any amount of time doing various jobs. If you do have volunteers we would like to have a heads up of when they would come and how many.

Jim Rolling jughead718@aol.com

Crescent Community Health Center



Keeping Our Community Healthy

Dear Friends of Crescent Community Health Center,

This has certainly been a challenging year for all of us with a pandemic that continues to loom, local and regional economic setbacks across all industries, and racial tensions from the summer months.

Crescent is steadily moving forward with growth plans and other strategic milestones which we set out to accomplish in conjunction with the move to our new building nearly one year ago. We have continued our growth trajectory by completing the remaining three dental operatories and six medical exam rooms. We also are under construction to capture additional space needed to accommodate the growing demand for brain health services. Our dental practice is now fully staffed with four dentists and four hygienists. Our demand for all services has enabled us to look at expanded services.

Crescent's dental practice has always led the other lowa health centers in that more than 54% of our visits are from dental patients. This compares to nearly 23% for all of lowa's health centers. By a margin more than 2:1, the demand and need are real and we are strategically positioning to keep these services thriving for our patients. We recently determined that we could bring back a plan for denture services and we are very excited for this capability.

A smile helps build confidence for a job seeker, a patient experiencing life-long dental struggles, or a person simply trying to navigate day to day, but their smile holds them back due to missing teeth. We have many self-pay patients seeking this treatment. Partials can cost \$550 and a complete device can cost \$850. We would really like to build a fund to support this program given our high demand for these expanded services.

Our brain health usage has increased substantially due to COVID-19 and the economic uncertainty of recent months. We are not alone according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), during late June 40% of American adults aged 18 and older were struggling with brain health or substance abuse disorder issues.

To accommodate this increased demand, we are moving the brain health offices and treatment areas to the second floor which will more than double the space currently occupied. This is intended to be completed sometime in November 2020 and we look forward to accommodating more patients in our new setting. We are on track to see nearly 2,900 brain health visits in fiscal year 2020 and are planning for nearly 6,000 visits in fiscal year 2021. This is an important component of our integrated care model complementing medical and dental services.

Join me as we continue to grow in our new health home, serving an area that includes the following counties: Dubuque, Allamakee, Clayton, Delaware and Jackson in Iowa, Jo Daviess in Illinois, and Crawford, Grant, Iowa and Lafayette in Wisconsin. We look forward to continuing to serve our nearly 6,500 patients and welcome them to thrive with their care here at Crescent!

In health and with gratitude, Gary Collins Chief Executive Office

A MASK IS THE NEW SMILE!



WE'RE WEARING MASKS FOR THE COMMUNITY'S WELLNESS

For more information, go to the website: https://crescentchc.org/ or phone 563.690.2850

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.

Test lowa: 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.dubuquecounty.org/COVID19

Dubuque Renters, Know Your Rights!

The CDC has issued a moratorium on residential evictions through the end of December 2020 to help prevent the further spread of COVID-19. Renters facing eviction must present a signed copy of this declaration form to their landlord:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019ncov/downloads/declaration-form.pdf

You can read the complete declaration in the Federal Register:

https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/09/04 /2020-19654/temporary-halt-in-residential-evictions-toprevent-the-further-spread-of-covid-19



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