



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
Don't see your event listed? Be sure to tell us and we'll put it in!		
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 p.3) reservations due MONDAY January 13
January 28	DACU	DACU Annual Meeting and Dinner, 5:30 PM, Westminster Presbyterian Church (see below)
January 30	Children of Abraham	7:00 PM at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 685 Fremont "The Community You Think You Know" (more p. 3)
February 22	Westminster Presbyterian	Westminster Hunger Outreach (more p. 4)
March 27	Temple Beth El	Annual Visitor's Service, 7:00 PM (more p. 4)



DACU Annual Meeting & Dinner

Tuesday, January 28

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2155 University Ave.

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!

Serving both Chicken and Vegetable Fried Rice

created by Chef Rev. Moses Wu

(also salad, home baked bread, desserts, & drinks)

**Join your fellow DACU representatives for food,
fellowship, and our annual Business Meeting.**

We need you!

**Please send reservations (including list of names
attending) and checks payable to DACU, and mail to
DACU, P.O. Box 811, Dubuque, IA 52004-0811 or
call Bob Kraye at 582-5117 (answering machine
available) or bdkraye@aol.com. (Reservations no
later than Monday January 27 please!)**

Invite a friend! Everyone is welcome!

DACU 2020 Delegates Meetings

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

Meeting Dates for 2020

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

January 28, 2020

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 December 31, 22 congregations and two associate members contributed to DACU for 2019. Thanks to Church of the Nativity, Sisters of St. Francis, Sisters of Charity, St. Lukes UMC, and Immanuel UCC 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 12/31/2019			
	December	2019 Year to Date	Budget 2019
Income	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 6,574.87	\$8,000
Expenses	00.00	\$ 7,236.76	\$8,000
Ending Balance as of 12/31/2019: \$3,656.49			

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.

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



Dubuque Rescue Mission

At Mission Thrift Store #2 (998 Central Ave.) business is booming. If you'd like to make a donation call 563.587.8164. Or stop in and check it out! And of course Mission Thrift Store #1, next door to the Mission, is still open as well.

Look for our latest news in the DACU Annual Report, which will be available at the DACU Annual Meeting on January 28...hope to see you there!

DACU Rescue Mission Representative
Maryann Caudill LoGuidice
608.642.1270
<https://www.facebook.com/DBQRRescue/>



Dubuque Food Pantry

Happy New Year!

As we enter into this new year, we are so thankful for the support of the Dubuque Community. Many of your congregations are so generous in your giving, whether it be monthly or yearly.

We served more people than ever in 2019. The total individuals served was 13,445. That's over 1,000 people per month. We couldn't do it without our faithful supporters.

Many are looking to us to help fill the need in their families and we are here to help.

Blessings in this new year!
Theresa M. Caldwell, Manager, Dubuque Food Pantry

P.S. Like us on Facebook! ("Dubuque Food Pantry")
Drop off hours are: Mon., Wed., Fri. from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. and Tues. 8:00 am to Noon

DACU Community

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 Kraye – bdkraye@aol.com or telephone 563/582-5117

Children of Abraham



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

Children of Abraham creates an atmosphere of civic life that builds inter-religious solidarity, cooperation and friendship. It does so through regular monthly topical conversations, service, activities, education outreach, and expressions of cross-cultural hospitality in sacred spaces. Round table discussions and a snack. What could be better?
www.cofabraham.org

Questions? john.eby@loras.edu or aggarfield@dbq.edu

Sept 19: Heavenly Minded and Earthly Good - Loras College, Alumni Center Ballroom.	How does your faith inform your life? The symbolism of food (spiritually and socially). Sukkot dinner starts at 6pm. H2O in Religion and Ecology.
Oct 17: You Are What You Eat - Temple Beth El, 475 W Locust.	How does your faith impact how you live? Hospitality.
Nov 14: Water: Springs of the Spirit? - Clarke University, Jansen Hall.	Stranger things: How do we treat our neighbor?
Jan 30: The Community You Think You Know - Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 685 Fremont.	Personal sentiment or social calling?
Feb 20: The Community You Don't Know - Tri State Islamic Center, 4980 Radford Ct.	Stories of Inspiration and Aspiration.
Mar 19: Reconciliation - Church of the Resurrection, 4300 Asbury.	
Apr 16: Heavenly Gifts and Earthly Talents - U Dubuque, Heritage Center, Straatmeyer.	

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

St. Luke's United Methodist Church



FABULOUS FRIDAYS ARTIST SERIES 2020

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

1199 Main Street, Dubuque, Iowa



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

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| January 10 | St. Luke's Artists: Dr. Charles Barland, organ; Sue Hattel, clarinet; Ann Duchow, violin; David Patterson, cello |
| January 17 | Dr. Randall "Doc" McCauley, 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)

David Patterson (dpatterson2000@gmail.com)

Faces & Voices

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration

Monday, January 20, 2020

"A Current Multi-Cultural Reality Envisioned by Dr. King"

7:00 AM Breakfast, 7:30 AM Celebration

Grand River Center

500 Bell Street

Guest Speaker is Soong-Chan Rah, D.Min, ThD.

Rev. Dr. Rah is a professor of church growth and evangelism at North Park Theological Seminary.

Registration Deadline Jan 13

\$25/adults, \$10/youth 12 & under

To register and pay online, go to

www.dbqschools.org/facesandvoices

Late registration, pending available space, is \$30 for adults and youth.



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Westminster Hunger Outreach

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

OFFERING FOOD AT NO CHARGE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2155 University Ave. at Loras Blvd.



Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

**Food distribution continues until supplies
are exhausted.**

For more information or to volunteer to help please
contact Tom Stovall at 563-581-7220 or
tomstov@aol.com

Habitat for Humanity House Dedication!

The dedication for the latest Habitat house will be on
Friday January 24 from 2:30 to 4:30pm. The program
will be at 3:45. The address is 1100 Roosevelt St.
Everyone is invited! Questions please call Rachel at the
Habitat office, 563-556-2195.

Elaine Mitchell, DACU Rep for Habitat
dietou@gmail.com

Sinsinawa Mound Center

Winter Book Discussion: *The Thin Places*, by Kevin Koch. Saturday, January 18th, 2-3:30pm

Join us for a discussion of local writer Kevin Koch's *The Thin Places*, a book of creative non-fiction that connects places in Ireland with places in the American Midwest's Driftless Area along themes of Celtic spirituality. No registration required. Free will offering. Copies of the book are available for purchase at the Sinsinawa Book and Gift Gallery.

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



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 January programs!

Shalom Spirituality Center

1001 Davis Street, Dubuque, IA 52001

Phone: 563-582-3592

Web: www.ShalomRetreats.org

Email: info@shalomretreats.org

Temple Beth El



Save the Date!!

**Temple Beth El Annual Visitor Service
Friday March 27, 2020**

7:00 PM with members of Temple Beth-el leading
worship and answering your questions.

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

mikalcink@gmail.com

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

University of Dubuque

Special Note from the University of Dubuque Heritage Center: This spring there are TWO great opportunities to hear some Jewishly-cultural music here in Dubuque!

February 1, 7:30 PM: Shesh Besh, the Arab-Jewish Ensemble: "Shesh Besh is a model of mutual respect in a turbulent, violent Middle East seeking an elusive balance of East and West through music while embodying two cultures living together in harmony. Shesh Besh is comprised of two members of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra alongside three of the finest musicians from Israel's Arab community. Instrumentation will include violin, oud, flute, double bass, and percussion (deff and darbuka). Musically, the ensemble reflects a multicultural context of classical Western music, classical Eastern works, and original compositions."

<https://www.dbq.edu/HeritageCenter/LiveatHeritageCenter/PerformingArtsSeries/CenterStageSeries/SheshBesh/>

April 18, 7:30 PM: Yid Vicious, Klezmer Band

Yid Vicious was formed in 1995 in Madison, Wisconsin, in order to ameliorate the woeful dearth of klezmer in America's otherwise pleasant heartland. Klezmer is Yiddish folk music, music for dancing and celebrating, and Yid Vicious has been spreading its infectious, original blend of freylekh fun throughout the Midwest and beyond for over a decade. Rather than replicate a particular time and place, Yid Vicious celebrates the long-standing tradition of klezmorim and incorporates new musical ideas into an organic and ever-evolving art form. The band's seven members blend their backgrounds in classical, jazz, and world music to create a klezmer experience that will electrify audiences of all ages and backgrounds. Their musical arsenal consists of clarinets, fiddle, horn, vocals, guitar, accordion, tuba, drums, and sometimes theremin.

<https://www.dbq.edu/HeritageCenter/LiveatHeritageCenter/PerformingArtsSeries/BITESizeSeries/YidVicious/>

For tickets, go to the Heritage Center website:

<https://www.dbq.edu/HeritageCenter/PurchaseTickets/>
or stop by the Farber Box Office.

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 Krayner (bdkramer@aol.com)

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 PM
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

"Be still, and know that I am God." ~Psalm 46:10

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.centeringprayer.org>

For more information, contact Jade Angelica: jadeangelica@gmail.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.

Dubuque Community

City of Dubuque

NOTE: Dubuque County is still in need of 300 more census takers! The salary is now \$21/hour! Consider applying online (see below):

JOIN THE
2020 CENSUS TEAM

**BE A CENSUS
TAKER**

APPLY ONLINE!
2020census.gov/jobs

2020 Census jobs provide:
Great pay
Flexible hours
Weekly pay
Paid training

For more information or help applying, please call
1-855-JOB-2020

Federal Relay Service:
1-800-877-8339 TTY: 800-877-8339
www.frsa.gov/fedrelay

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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

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Promote census hiring: Share our 2020 Census recruitment Web site <2020census.gov/jobs> in your communications and on bulletin boards 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 Census 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.

Host an event or invite us to speak: Host a 2020 Census informational or Q&A session and invite other faith leaders and their members. 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 programming.

Tap into your groups: When considering 2020 Census education and outreach, remember groups or associations that work in hard-to-count 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!

Contact us.

Get started at <www.census.gov/partners/join> to share ideas about how we can work together.

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

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www.facebook.com/Dubuqueareacongregationsunited
and “like” and “share”!



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Remember...you can view all DACU Newsletters on our Website at www.DACUonline.org

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