

# Dubuque Area Congregations United Monthly Newsletter

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We, the members of DACU, people of diverse faiths and beliefs, are united by our belief in God, our concerns for justice and our call to serve others. Through prayerful dependence on God and respectful cooperation with each other, we will make a difference in our world by fostering an awareness and understanding of human need. We will be a supportive presence in this community and beyond through the generous sharing of our time, talents, and resources. Mission Statement adopted 10/22/1996.

www.DACUonline.org/

DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT		
Don't see your event listed? Be sure to tell us and we'll put it in! REMEMBERright now you should assume that many programs have been cancelled, postponed, or moved online. It's wise to call ahead!				
<b>Every Day</b>	ALL OF US	#Black Lives Matter, Speak out against systemic racism in America.		
November 3	EVERYONE	VOTE		
October 24	Church of the Resurrection	Mobile Food Pantry, 8:30-10:00 AM, more p.4		
October 27	DACU Delegates Meeting 7:00 PM on ZOOM, watch at <a href="www.dacuonline.org">www.dacuonline.org</a> or email <a href="mailto:phyllisgarfield@hotmail.com">phyllisgarfield@hotmail.com</a> for a zoom link!			
November 21	Opening Doors Attitude of Gratitude Virtual Eventmore p. 6			
November 25	Dubuque Area 38 <sup>th</sup> Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, watch 7:00 PM online, www.DACUonline.org More information p. 3			



# Tuesday, October 27. 7pm

Join us and be part of our 2nd ZOOM DACU meeting.

Come join us. Topic: the 3 DACU projects.
Dubuque Food Pantry
Dubuque Rescue Mission
PIN (People in Need)

At DACU, "sharing" is "caring".

How? >> Join us live thru Zoom. Email us and we'll send you the ZOOM link.

Email us for a Zoom link: agarfield@dbq.edu or phyllisgarfield@hotmail.com

#### **DACU 2020 Delegates Meetings**

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

October 27, 2020, 7:00 PM (See the poster...be sure to EMAIL for the Zoom link )

# 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Dubuque Area Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Wednesday November 25

Go to <a href="www.DACUonline">www.DACUonline</a> to join us at 7:00 PM for a videotaped service of thanksgiving, reflections, and music from our DACU member congregations and our DACU projects



# **DACU Board Report**

As of Sept 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 09/30/2020				
	September	2020 Year to Date	Budget 2020	
Income	\$ -0-	\$ 6,091.25	\$8,466.00	
Expenses	\$ -0-	\$ 8,624.43	\$8,100.00	
Ending Balance as of 09/30/2020: \$1,278.21				

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 <a href="mailto:JHoldene@dbq.edu">JHoldene@dbq.edu</a>.

# **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. Any help will be appreciated!

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



#### **Dubuque Rescue Mission**

Our men, guests, volunteers and staff have all gotten somewhat used to the Covid 19 measures that we have put in place since March and continue to modify as directed by the CDC/Dubuque County Health Department.

We continue to implement new measures that our called for by the City/County officials and try to keep the men in their rooms and no more than six at a time in the T.V. room. By the grace of God, our measures are working.

We have had no one with the "typical" symptoms of Covid19, but hard telling how many of us may be infected and are asymptomatic.

Our check-in procedure has changed. Check-in for emergency housing is on Mondays and Tuesdays. We allow up to three men to check-in per week. They are put in our Sorting Room basement and are not allowed to leave until their Covid Test comes back negative. All their meals and other essentials are brought down to them. If they have a positive Covid test, they are sent out to the Covid Shelter on the West End – if it is negative, they are then allowed to move to the third-floor dormitory. All-in-all, things are running smoothly.

The mobile kitchen trailer is here, and we are waiting to have it inspected by the City Health Dept. We hope to have it out in the community sometime in October extending our free meal ministry to underserved areas of our community.

St. John's Lutheran and Almost Home-They are hring a Shelter Supervisor and plan to be open for emergency overflow housing come Mid-October. Considering little has changed with spikes in Covid-19 cases, we will have to maintain a 50% reduction in our Emergency Shelter capacity in order to accommodate the required distancing and other CDC recommendations. The City of Dubuque will begin planning sessions — Rev Rick is included — to identify the number of beds needed to house the most vulnerable of our community.

We continue to keep our Store 2 Furniture Store open until the Kalb Family finds a new renter. This is a change from our original request to end our lease October 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. We have it listed on our website and we have been talking to community leaders who may know or have interest themselves in this real estate. The Kalb Family has had some interest and so have we. The Dubuque Rescue Mission still has 3 ½ years on the lease and will be released from that time frame once a new renter is found.

There is no Donna Ginter Thanksgiving meal this year; therefore, the Mission will provide a Thanksgiving meal this year, for the first time, in 58 years! Contributions are invited.

**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!

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

dubuquefoodpantry@yahoo.com

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 Worship Committee**

Help Us Make Our 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service a "Virtual" Success!

The DACU Worship Committee is busy planning our most unusual Thanksgiving Service ever. We need the help of ALL of our Member Congregations! We are looking for video clips (you can even record on your cellphone) from our DACU members sharing words of gratitude. If you'd like more information or you'd like to help pull this together, please contact Phyllis Garfield at <a href="mailto:phyllisgarfield@hotmail.com">phyllisgarfield@hotmail.com</a> or 563.599.4898.

# **CROP Hunger Walk**A Letter from the CROP Walk Committee

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your support of the October, 2019 CROP Hunger Walk. For the safety and well-being of all involved, the CROP Walk Committee of Dubuque Area Congregations United has decided to postpone our planned October 2020 CROP Hunger Walk to April, 2021. Our local recipients, the Dubuque Rescue Mission, the Dubuque Food Pantry, and People In Need, have said they can survive until then without our usual fall contributions.

The national sponsor of CROP Walk, Church World Services, is in great need of funds now, however, as

they also provide resources to those affected by hurricanes. Since they were unable to hold events this spring and summer, they were \$250,000 short at the beginning of August of funds needed to provide hygiene kits and blankets. If you or your congregation has budgeted 2020 contributions to Church World Service/CROP, we suggest you send those funds to them directly.

Since the 2021 walk will be different regardless, we are debating changing to a Saturday morning instead of Sunday afternoon. This would allow pastors and church staff who are very busy on Sundays to be more involved and might appeal to more walkers (and their pets, of course, if they choose to bring them). If registration were to begin at 9:30, with a light breakfast available, the walk could begin at 10, with wrap-up and celebration of lunch at 11;15-11:30, depending on how fast we see people are walking.

We would appreciate feedback on these ideas and suggestions for dates; we are considering April 17<sup>th</sup> at this point but are open to change. Please discuss with your walking group and send comments, suggstions, etc. to Sara McCaw at <a href="mailto:sara.mccaw@gmail.com">sara.mccaw@gmail.com</a>.

The CROP Walk Committee of DACU:
Sara McCaw, Holy Trinity Lutheran, Chair
Morgan Frazer, First Congregational UCC, Treasurer
Karen Candee, Summit Congregational UCC
Sue Hattel, St. Luke's United Methodist
Bob Krayer, Immanuel UCC
Sharon Speckhard, St. John Lutheran
Tammy Wehrspann, First Presbyterian

For more information on our partners:

www.cwsglobal.org

dubuquefoodpantry@yahoo.com

www.dubuquerescue.org

People In Need: call 563.581.7995 for referral or Tom Stovall at 563.581.7220 for information

#### St. Luke's United Methodist Church

#### St. Luke's Chimes!

St. Luke's Tower Chime is played by hand (it is not electrified) nightly on most evenings at this time by one of our four chimers. The chiming heard throughout the downtown area and up the hill may be familiar songs of faith. Chiming also calls us to unity and caring throughout the city and the world.

#### **Church of the Resurrection**

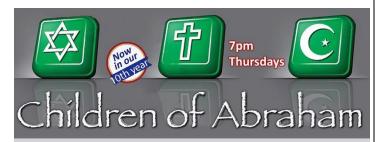
# **Mobile Food Pantry**

4300 Asbury Rd Saturday, October 24

8:30 AM to 10:00 AM (or until all the food is distributed)
This is a drive thru event; no registration or IDs required.
There will be a limit of one food distribution per car.

Mary Moothart, mootfam@msn.com

#### **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@dbq.edu</u>



#### 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 <a href="September 1">September 1</a> 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.

# Politics of Our Rural Land: An Interview with Curt Meine Wednesday, October 28th, 7-8pm

"As rural Wisconsin's fortunes declined, its political importance has grown," writes journalist Dan Kaufman in a recent *New Yorker* article on the importance of Wisconsin ahead of the 2020 election. In this farreaching interview with Curt Meine (environmental historian; co-editor, *Driftless Reader*) we will delve into the political importance of rural Wisconsin, the realities of America's urban-rural divide, the transformation and challenges of today's agriculture, and more.

### 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

# Story, Place, & Indigenous Spirituality: An Interview with Jim Bear Jacobs (via Zoom)

In this interview with Mohican storyteller Jim Bear Jacobs, we'll learn about the connect between story and place, be challenged by Native American spirituality, and learn what non-native people can do to decolonize.

Wednesday, November 11, 7-8 p.m. CST \$10/per person. Registration deadline is Tuesday, Nov. 6 at 4 p.m.

# Hope and Healing for Alzheimer's: An Invitation to Recognize the Inherent Worth and Dignity of Every Person (via Zoom)

This presentation is designed to open minds and hearts in new ways, to provoke thought by challenging our cultural conditioning about a difficult topic that touches many of us, and to offer hope and consolation to those who accompany loved ones through the journey of diminishing cognitive capacities that are the hallmark of Alzheimer's and other diseases of dementia. Join us and

discover that a person is never completely lost to dementia --- their hearts and souls remain with us, alive and well.

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Jade Angelica's education and training include a Masters of divinity from Harvard Divinity School, a Certificate from the Shalem Institute Spiritual Guidance Program, a Doctor of Ministry in Faith, Health and Spirituality from Andover Newton Theological School, and a Diploma from Improv Boston University that deems her "perfectly OK not knowing what in the world is going on!" Her most important and most rewarding ministry, to date, has been caring for her mother, Jeanne, who died from Alzheimer's in 2011. Jade is author of the book, Where Two Worlds Touch: A Spiritual Journey Through Alzheimer's Disease, the CD, Meeting Alzheimer's: Companionship on the Journey, and the audio play now available on YouTube, The Forgiving & The Forgetting: Hope and Healing for Alzheimer's.

Thursday, November 12, 7-8:15 p.m. The Zoom link will be sent via email on the morning of the event. \$15/per person fee. Registration deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 4 p.m.

# St. Hildegard, the Divine Feminine, and the Greening of God (via Zoom)

Today St. Hildegard is known especially for her visions and lyrics concerning the feminine Divine and her prescient ecological awareness. After a short introduction, this webinar will focus on her visions of divine Love (Caritas) and Lady Wisdom. It will also explore her urgent prophetic message about cosmology, ecological balance, and the effects of human sinfulness on the environment.

Saturday, November 14, 2-3 p.m. \$10/per person. Registration deadline is Thursday, Nov. 12 at 4 p.m.

# **Canvas Painting: Skating Snowperson**

Sarah Barnes, artist and owner of Create It Art Studio in Dubuque, Iowa will guide you step-by-step in how to paint on canvas. All supplies will be provided. Bring along your friends for an enjoyable and creative evening out! Space will be limited to 10 people with one person at a table. All participants will need to wear a mask and have their temperature taken upon arrival.

Tuesday, November 17, 6-9 p.m. Registration deadline is Nov. 13, 2020.

Class Fee: \$40

# Buddhist Teachings for Deep Ecology: Part One (via Zoom)

It is painfully evident that the life support systems of planet Earth are in crisis. The web of life for all species, including humans, is in peril. Buddhist teachings and Deep Ecology agree that we humans will not change the behaviors causing such suffering unless we transform the send of our identity. Such transformation brings the capacity to act with wise compassion; we now realize we are Earth protecting itself. During this webinar, we explore this Buddhist wisdom and its overlap with Deep

Ecology. The awakening of humanity to liberate our planetary suffering depends on our personal awakening. Wednesday, November 18, 7-8:15 p.m. \$15/per person. Registration deadline is Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 4 p.m.

You Are Not Alone: Songs and Practices with Liz Rog - \$15 Saturday, November 21st, 10-11:30am
We need songs and songs need us, and there are perfect songs for times such as this. They are simple, meaningful, amd powerful songs that you can learn easily and then carry with you through your days: songs to call and sing to a friend who's lonely, sad, grieving; songs to comfort, to inspire, encourage; songs to sing to the trees and the creatures; songs for gratitude and joy

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**

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 <a href="Megan@thelanterncenter.org">Megan@thelanterncenter.org</a> 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 <a href="mailto:megan@thelanterncenter.org">megan@thelanterncenter.org</a>. 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.

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Dubuque IA 52001

- If you'd like to volunteer, now or in the future, you can apply to be a tutor online at <a href="https://www.TheLanternCenter.org/Volunteer">www.TheLanternCenter.org/Volunteer</a>. 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 <a href="mailto:catcait2003@yahoo.com">catcait2003@yahoo.com</a> 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 <a href="mailto:canticle@osfdbq.org">canticle@osfdbq.org</a>
. www.osfdbq.org/canticleofcreation

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

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

# **Shalom Spirituality Center**

**Hope & Healing Grief Retreat,** Saturday, November 14, 10:00 a.m.-3:30 pm. via ZOOM

Due to the COVID virus, this day long retreat event has moved online. Join Mary Potter Kenyon, certified grief counselor and author of *Refined by Fire: A Journey of Grief and Grace* and the recently released *Called to Be Creative*, Jaimie Hanson of H3R Journey (Hurt, Hope, Reflect, Heal) and award-winning photographer David LaBelle, author of *Lessons in Death and Life*, for a day of finding healing through creativity. Workshops on No Rules writing, photography as a healing practice, a heart connection craft, ideas for getting through the holidays and discussion and reflection time. \$35 includes materials and the Zoom link. Register by Thursday, November 12.

Thanks to the generosity of private donors and grants there are scholarships available for this retreat. Contact Mary Potter Kenyon at mkenyon@shalomretreats.org or 563-582-3592 with questions, or to apply for a scholarship.

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**





Our silent auction opens November 1 and closes at Noon on November 23. Our event will be virtual on Saturday, November 21 from 6:30 to 8. The link for both is www.qtego.net/qlink/openingdoorsdbq

**Ann Lorenz**, Development & Marketing Director alorenz@openingdoorsdbq.org



# **St. John Lutheran**News from Almost Home Guest House and the Open Closet

The Guest House opens in October to accept overflow from the Rescue Mission. Due to COVID they are able to house a smaller number, 9 men rather than 12 at the moment. The Open Closet is closed to walk-ins now but will take appointments. They are also not taking donations but if you bring donations to Stuff Etc. and they sell, the proceeds are donated to the Guest House.

# 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, faithbased 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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# **Dubuque Community**

#### **United States Census 2020**

EVERYONE needs to complete the census form on paper or online! Make your voice heard! If we want our fair share of services and funding in our own city, EVERYONE must be counted! NOW extended to October 31.





Don't forget to complete your census form online or on paper, as soon as you can.: https://2020census.gov/en/census-data

# **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 <a href="https://dhs.iowa.gov/hawki">https://dhs.iowa.gov/hawki</a> 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.

# **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: <a href="https://crescentchc.org/">https://crescentchc.org/</a> or phone 563,690,2850

#### Society of St. Vincent DePaul

St. Vincent has a new website! https://www.svdpdubuqueiowa.org

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.

#### 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: <a href="https://www.testiowa.com">https://www.testiowa.com</a> More info: <a href="https://coronavirus.iowa.gov">https://coronavirus.iowa.gov</a> www.dubuquecounty.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 (<a href="mailto:jholdene@dbq.edu">jholdene@dbq.edu</a>) or Administrator Bob Krayer (<a href="mailto:jbdkrayer@aol.com">jbdkrayer@aol.com</a>)

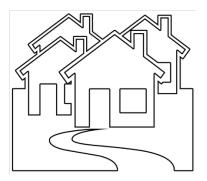
# **Dubuque Renters, Know Your Rights!**

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/2019-ncov/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



# Dubuque Arboretum & Botanical Gardens

Just a reminder – The Dubuque Arboretum & Botanical Gardens could use your volunteer help in the gardens, the office and in the gift shop. Our Visitor Center requires that masks are worn to protect our volunteers. If you have any interest, contact Barb Block, Volunteer Coordinator at 563-556-2100.

Sandi Helgerson Executive Director Dubuque Arboretum & Botanical Gardens 3800 Arboretum Dr. Dubuque, IA 52001 563-556-2100

# **Flection Day November 3**



For more information: https://www.dubuquecountyiowa.gov/189/Elections

https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterreg/pollingplace/sea rch.aspx (find your lowa polling place)

https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/ (Wisconsin)

Does your organization or congregation have items you would like to include in the DACU Newsletter? Just email the editor at <a href="mailto:phyllisgarfield@hotmail.com">phyllisgarfield@hotmail.com</a>
We are happy to share any information that is in

keeping with our DACU mission statement.

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

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



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# **DACU Board and Project Contact Information**

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