



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/

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.
January 18	Faces & Voices	Martin Luther King Birthday Celebration 7:30 AM live broadcast www.dbgschools.org/facesandvoices
January 21	Children of Abraham	7:00 PM via Zoom "Sacred Texts and Prejudice"
January 26	DACU Annual Meeting (via Zoom)	



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

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, 17 congregations and 1 Associate contributed to DACU for 2020. Thank you to December contributors Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa, Summit Congregational UCC, Church of the Resurrection, St. Joseph the Worker, Church of the Nativity, Sisters of St. Francis, St. Luke's United Methodist Church, and Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

(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 12/31/2020			
	December	2020 Year to Date	Budget 2020
Income	\$ 2,350.00	\$ 8,466.48	\$8,466.00
Expenses	\$ 122.24	\$ 8,591.67	\$8,100.00
Ending Balance as of 12/31/2020: \$3,506.20			

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

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.

The DACU Thanksgiving Service, virtual this year, was well attended and raised a record \$4100! It will be quickly used during these next few difficult months. Thank you to all!

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



Dubuque Rescue Mission

Holiday meals were served as "take-away" and were much appreciated, thanks to all who helped with this.

We are preparing a van that will be able to deliver meals off site as well. More information in the next newsletter!

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!

This New Year of 2021 is so welcomed! We had a great end of 2020 seeing 366 Families receive Thanksgiving Baskets and 347 Families receive Christmas Baskets.

We have also received a grant to put in a lift from the basement to the main floor and another grant to replace 2 refrigeration units.

The Dubuque Food Pantry is here to serve you and your family, friends, and neighbors. In these trying times, know that we are here to help.

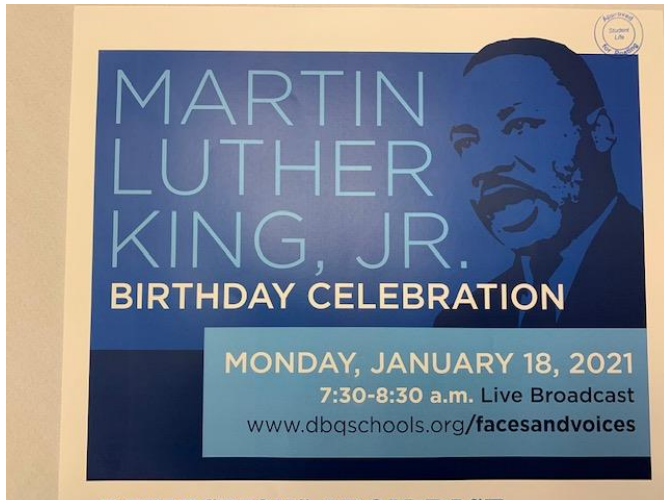
Sincerely,
Theresa M. Caldwell, Manager
Dubuque Food Pantry
dubuquefoodpantry@yahoo.com
563.583.4440

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

Welcome to a new year...we pray that 2021 will bring at least a partial return to in person gathering but for now we keep one another safe through our virtual togetherness! We hope you will join us for the Annual Meeting on January 26 and hear how DACU congregations and projects continue to make a difference in our community!

Faces & Voices MLK Celebration



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Hunger Outreach

Partnering with St. Stephen's Food Bank - Providing food at no charge

Saturday, January 23rd, 2021

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

1755 Delhi Street

Outdoor Pantry



Indoor Pantry



Distribution from 9 am to 11 am (while supplies last)
NO Registration Required

**PLEASE STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE
WE WILL BRING THE FOOD TO YOU**




ALSO available at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

A mini food pantry mounted on a post in front of the church

A food cabinet inside the church entryway.

BOTH ACCESSIBLE All day, every day!

Children of Abraham



Now in our 10th year

7pm
Thursdays

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 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 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 ecologically-oriented events at Sinsinawa Mound via zoom. Please note that for Wednesday webinars, registration closes Tuesday at 4pm. For more events, [check www.sinsinawa.org/moundcenter/events](http://www.sinsinawa.org/moundcenter/events) for details. (Editor's note: There are SO MANY online events listed! You need to take a look!)

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

Native American Book Series (online):

Registration is required. [Click here for registration details.](#)

The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee: Native America from 1890 to the Present - by David Treuer (Leech Lake Ojibwe) Tuesday, February 9th, 7-8:15pm

[Click here](#) for more books in our 2021 series

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

Visitor's Shabbat Service: YES! We are hoping to offer our annual visitor's service this year, although it will be VIRTUAL. Date will be March 5, at 6:30 pm. Save the Date! More info in the February Newsletter!

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.

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!

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: www.ShalomRetreats.org
Email: info@shalomretreats.org

Dubuque Interfaith Green Coalition

Friends,

This is an invite from your neighbors, not some organization seeking funds from afar, not some organization seeking to enlist you to the exclusion of all other activities. We ARE, however, as a Dubuque organization, seeking to invite you in a truly global cause!

With the New Year (2020 thankfully behind us), and as 2021 progresses with the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines, we at the Dubuque Interfaith Green Coalition (DIGC) are looking forward to a year of increasing attention to one of the three most critical issues facing our world. Certainly, the COVID-19 infection is one, as is the crisis in our democracy (from whatever viewpoint you take). But most (98%) of scientists agree that the climate crisis is so critical for our planet that we will see its effects, and may have already experienced some of those.

So, what can a person of faith do? The answer is that a person of faith, in 'congregation' with others, can do much. The DIGC is a chapter of Iowa Interfaith Power and Light (IIPL) organization which, in turn, is a part of the national Interfaith Power and Light (IPL). IPL is *not* a producer of power and light, but an organization dedicated to addressing the issues of climate change in a matter that will ensure 'power' and 'light' for all future generations and for all living on our endangered planet. DIGC, in turn, has three goals for 2021. The first is encouraging congregations and groups of other persons of faith to make a specific address to these issues and, in particular, forming 'green teams' to do so'. We have access to programs for individual congregations to assess their 'carbon footprint', to make changes to reduce that 'footprint', to encourage members of those congregations to assess and reduce their own footprint, and to join with others of faith in bringing our society and especially our local communities into a better relationship with our endangered planet.

The second is encouraging organizations not usually considered as 'churches' or 'congregations' to join with us. IPL was originally designed for worshiping congregations, and that still is at the core. But particularly in Dubuque, we have many people of faith in other 'formations' than 'church congregations'. There are many in religious orders as well as institutions of learning which embody a 'community' able to join in this process.

The third is a specific aim to bring our society, and, again in particular, our communities into compliance with a 'zero waste' standard. We have several members working assiduously on this as well.

My invitation to YOU is to join with us. We have monthly meetings, currently on the Zoom platform, on the second Sunday of the month at 3 pm. IIPL and Westminster Presbyterian have made their Zoom platforms available to us as have member individuals. We hope to use the

IIPL platform this coming Sunday and will be glad to provide you with the link if you respond to me with your interest.

Without you, without all people of faith working together, the avarice which has led us to this crisis in climate will continue unabated. But *with you and all of us working together*, we can present to our God (however you and your congregation envision God) an earth improving in health as we together begin to improve our "COVID-19 health". Please join us and let me know of your need for the link!

Peace, stay safe, and stay masked!
Paul Uzel, chair of DIGC for 2021, retired
Presbyterian clergy

Next Meeting: February 21, 3 PM!

Email for the Zoom link!

Kim Glaser, Secretary
[**kglaser@ecia.org**](mailto:kglaser@ecia.org)

Westminster Presbyterian Church



Green Team Tip – Go Green in 2021!

Among your New Year's resolutions please consider doing more to care for God's creation by going green this year. You can probably do much more than you think you can. There are many simple and easy things we all can do for our planet. WPC will be offering a few Green Tips each month!

Green Team Tip - Light Bulbs

Change your light bulbs! Changing just one of the light bulbs in your home to an LED light bulb could make a serious impact on your energy consumption and your electric bill. Imagine what could happen if you change them all!

Green Team Tip – Clothes Washing and Drying

When washing clothing, make sure that you use cold water or warm water. Using hot water will take the washing machine longer to fill while consuming more water and using more energy. Also, use less energy by hang drying your clothes rather than using the dryer.

Green Team Tip – Save Water

Make it a point to check for and repair leaky faucets and toilets in your home. Even a small leak can waste a lot of water over time and cost you on your water bill. You can also reduce the amount of water used for a bath in the tub or reduce the time you take in the shower. Don't rinse dishes before putting them in the dishwasher.

Green Team Tip - Save Electricity

Turn off lights when they are not needed or not being used. Turn off or unplug electric appliances and electronics when they are not being used. This alone

can greatly reduce energy costs. Turn off computers and other electronics at night. Even when they are on energy saving mode they are using a lot of energy.

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.

Dubuque Community

Crescent Community Health Center



Keeping Our Community Healthy

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 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.dubuquecounty.org/COVID19

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

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

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)

Winter Farmers' Market!





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