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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
So many events this Spring! Too many to list all here...be sure to check the rest of the newsletter for more info!		
Every Day	ALL OF US	#Black Lives Matter, Speak out against systemic racism in America.
March 5	Temple Beth El	Visitor's Service (virtual) more p.3
March 7	OSF, BVM	Interfaith Prayer Service "Care for Our Common Home" more p.3
March 8	Church Women United	International Women's Day 12-2pm Rockdale Methodist more p.3
March 14	Dubuque Green Coalition	Zoom conversation with IPL Rev. Hendershot, 3 PM more p.6
March 18	Children of Abraham	"Morality & Budgets" more p. 4
March 22	UDTS	Woods Lecture Series, more p. 4
April 2	St. Luke's Methodist	101 st Annual Ecumenical Good Friday Service noon-3pm more p. 4
May 22	DACU	CROP Walk, Murphy Park more p. 5



DACU Delegates' Meeting

Tuesday March 23
7:00 PM via ZOOM platform

TOPIC: Gwen Kirchhof, Executive Director of Almost Home at St. John's will give us a "virtual tour" of the Guest House and Open Closet and lead a conversation focusing on the connection between housing and community health. *Almost Home of St. John's* is located at 1276 White Street, and is known for its community outreach programs.

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@dbq.edu for the link.

ALSO: Even though we are not meeting face to face right now, you are still encouraged to support our Food Pantry with donations, and to invite friends to join us at our virtual meetings...just share the Zoom link you receive or ask Alan (agarfield@dbq.edu) to send them a 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!

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

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 February 28, two member congregations have contributed to DACU for 2021. NO congregations contributed to DACU's work 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 2021 Monthly Balance Sheet Report			
02/28/2021			
	February	2021 Year to Date	Budget 2021
Income	\$ -0-	\$ 208.95	\$8,100.00
Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$7,550.00
Ending Balance as of 02/28/2021: \$2,715.15			

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.

"PIN would like to express our sincere thanks to all of the congregations and individuals that are generously supporting the work of PIN. Please remember that we rely heavily on the assistance of congregations to identify and make referrals to us for individuals and families that are in need of help." –Tom Stovall, P.I.N. President 2021

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



Dubuque Rescue Mission

All is well at the Mission. We continue to hover around capacity for the men's third-floor dormitory. All meals continue to be "to go" except for the elderly and handicapped who can sit down at one of the 8 ft. socially distance tables. We are serving around 200 men, women, and children a day. The two Thrift Stores continue to do business with retail sales and donations to those who cannot afford clothes or other household items. We're hoping to get the mobile food trailer up and running sometime in April – depending on weather. We would begin by serving the Sunday evening meals at Hope House at 6 p.m. From there, we will discern where the gaps are in free meal services and provide accordingly. We are moving forward on a shower room in the basement Covid shelter and possibly beginning some renovations of the Men's Third Floor Dormitory – waiting on news about a grant for that. That's it for now. Can't wait to get beyond the pandemic and begin meeting in person.

At the last Board meeting, it was also reported that the Mulgrew Foundation has provided a \$30,000 donation.

Blessings to all, Maryann LoGuidice

DACU Rescue Mission Representative
Maryann Caudill LoGuidice
563.583.1394

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



Dubuque Food Pantry

Greetings!

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. We are located at 1598 Jackson Street. Please email or phone for more information! We are especially concerned for our elderly neighbors right now. Contact us if you know someone in need!

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

Temple Beth El

Temple Beth El Virtual Visitor's Service

March 5 at 6:30pm

We'll have a brief tour of the Temple and then a short Shabbat service. Go to www.templeBE.org to access the link and download a pdf of the service!

??? Email pgarfie1@dbq.edu or agarfield@dbq.edu

Sisters of St. Francis Canticle of Creation Center



**SUNDAY, MARCH 7
6:30-7:30 PM**

SPONSORED BY:



**interfaith
prayer
service**

Care for our

Common Home

Celebrating

50th Anniversary of Earth Day

5th Anniversary of Laudato Si'

For more information, contact
Nancy Miller, OSF, at
justice@bvmsisters.org

(Here is the Zoom link for the prayer service):
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84828535970?pwd=VEpzcTZONFIkL2hkS3psSmtRSGFyZz09>
Meeting ID: 848 2853 5970 Passcode: 505097.

Visit our website to check out more 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*

Church Women United

Virtual 2021 World Day of Prayer-USA Vanuatu Service – Available to View...

In-person World Day of Prayer Vanuatu prayer service will not be held by Dubuque Church Women United in Dubuque on Friday, March 5 due to current COVID precautions.

Virtual WDP USA Vanuatu Prayer Service will be available for viewing March 4, 2021 and throughout the year. WDP-USA Board members produced and led a virtual World Day of Prayer-USA Vanuatu prayer service that may be watched at Youtube.com World Day of Prayer USA. A seven-minute video of beautiful Vanuatu may be viewed now on this YouTube channel!

Sue Hattel Church Women United,
World Day of Prayer USA National Board
shattel220@aol.com



International Women's Day - Global Observance

**Locally Held In-Person Theme: #ChooseToChallenge
Monday, March 8, 2021**


**"Come & Go" between Noon and 2:00 PM *Masks
and Social Distancing Required**

**Rockdale United Methodist Church- 1500 Old Mill
Road Handicap Accessible (Located off Kelly Lane)**

**Self-Guided Reflection & Bell Ringing of Solidarity
+ Recognize achievements of women
+ Commit to a more inclusive and gender-equal
world for girls and women
Community invited!**

**Coordinators:
Area United Methodist Women Units
Dubuque Church Women United
Questions: 563-556-1394**

Children of Abraham



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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

University of Dubuque Theological Seminary



UNIVERSITY of DUBUQUE
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Woods Lecture March 22, 2021

Greetings from UDS;

We are pleased to announce that **Dr. Emerson Powery** will be our guest speaker for this year's Woods Lecture Series. Dr. Powery is Professor of Biblical Studies at Messiah College. He serves on the editorial boards of the Common English Bible and the Journal of Biblical Literature (2005-Present) and is a past regional President of the Society of Biblical Literature (SE Region; 2006-2007). Among his publications are the co-authored *Invitation to the New Testament*, edited volume *True to Our Native Land: An African American NT Commentary*, and *Jesus Reads Scripture*.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions this year's lecture series will take place via Zoom, however pre-registration is required and a zoom link will be emailed to you. Please register by clicking the link provided below.

Monday, March 22, 2021

11:00 a.m. Worship Service "Why are you doing this?"

2:00 p.m. Zoom Workshop "Ethnic Difference, the 'Good Samaritan' and Luke-Acts"

6:00 p.m. Zoom Presentation "Is the 'Good Samaritan' Good? The Cultural Settings of the Parable's Later Witnesses"

Register HERE:

<https://forms.gle/upMmT5z4BV3j7ifBA>

We hope you can join us!

St. Luke's United Methodist Church



110th Community Ecumenical Good Friday Service

Friday, April 2, 2021 Noon – 3:00 PM
St. Luke's United Methodist Church
1199 Main Street, Dubuque
(accessible alley entry)

+ In-Person – Masks and Social Distancing Required, also
+ Live-Streamed at stlukesdbq.org

"Seven Last Words" – 20 minute segments
Led by community religious leaders & musicians

11:45 AM Prelude
Closing Tower Chime – 33 times

Freewill Offering: Supports Community Food Insecurity (St. Luke's Food for the Soul weekly meal, Food Voucher Fund)

Contact: Call/email Church office
563-582-4543 office@stlukesdbq.org

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 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 4: Season of Hope – Saturday, April 10

Native American Book Series (online):

Registration is required. [Click here for registration details.](#) [Click here](#) for more books in our 2021 series

More upcoming programs! For details, fees and registration, click on the program title or call Janice DeMuth: 608.748.4411 ex. 811:

[On Pilgrimage:](#) Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton (Life of Prayer) *Saturday, March 6th, 10-11am* (Registration ends Thursday, 4pm)

[Effigy Mounds: An Interview with David Barland-Liles](#)
Wednesday, March 10th, 7-8pm

[Ho-Chunk](#) - Past, Present, Future
Tuesday, March 16th, 7-8pm

[On Pilgrimage:](#) Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton (Love in Action)
Saturday, March 20th, 10-11am

[Slavery and Bondage in the Driftless](#)
Saturday, March 27th, 10-11am

Cover Crops for Soil Health and Increased Profits
(Registration forthcoming)
Tuesday, March 30th, 7-8pm

[Native American Book Series: Robin Wall Kimmerer's Gathering Moss](#)
Tuesday, April 13th, 7-8:15pm

[Black Elk & Healing Colonialism](#)
Wednesday, April 28th, 6:30-8pm

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/>

Dubuque Area CROP Hunger Walk

DUBUQUE AREA
CROP HUNGER WALK
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

Saturday, May 22, 9:30 am

Murphy Park

Join us for a **FUN FAMILY EVENT** to raise money for the hungry people of Dubuque and the world.

The CROP walk starts at Murphy Park, travels down Grandview Avenue to the traffic circle, then back to Murphy Park.

Breakfast snacks will be served during registration, starting at 9:30 am.

The walk begins at 10:00 am with a devotion and dedication to Dorothy Krayer and Sr. Anita Terese Hayes.

Fun activities provided and a sack lunch served after the walk.

Walk with the World—We walk because they walk!



For more information on registering your organization's group, contact Sara McCaw at sara.mccaw@gmail.com or go to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021>

Sisters of the Presentation

Courageous Conversations

Dear Peaceful People,

The Dubuque Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary would like to invite you and your community to our sponsored event, "Courageous Conversations", a virtual non-violence training workshop on Saturday, April 10, 2021. The workshop will be held via Zoom and you can register by clicking this link [http://bit.ly/register MVP Training](http://bit.ly/register_MVP_Training).

Our facilitator is Alan Heisterkamp, Ed.D., Director of the Center for Violence Prevention at the University of Northern Iowa. He will give us background information, ways to individually and collectively raise awareness of nonviolent communication, and practical techniques on how to interact with people of differing viewpoints. We will practice those techniques during the workshop in breakout groups.

Please share this training with your community and feel free to share the registration link to whomever you

feel would benefit. Space is limited, so please register as soon as possible.

We look forward to your participation at the workshop.

Sincerely,
The Sisters of the Presentation

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Westminster Hunger Outreach

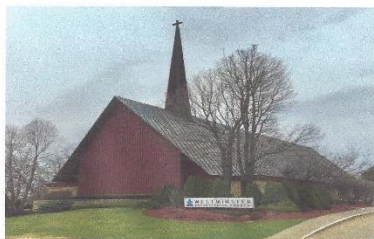
Partnering with St. Stephen's Branch of River Bend Foodbank

OFFERING FOOD AT NO CHARGE

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021

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**

Dubuque Interfaith Green Coalition

A Conversation With Susan Hendershot

Join [Iowa Interfaith Power & Light](#) and the [Dubuque Interfaith Green Coalition](#) for a conversation with [Interfaith Power & Light](#) President Susan Hendershot on **Sunday, March 14th at 3pm using Zoom**. Rev. Hendershot will speak on IPL's federal policy strategy for 2021 as well as coordinated work being done with other faith-based organizations. A panel from the Dubuque Interfaith Green Coalition will ask a few questions, followed by Q&As as time permits.

Rev. Susan Hendershot has served as the President of Interfaith Power & Light since 2018, and is based in Washington, D.C. Prior to this role she served for seven years as the Executive Director at Iowa Interfaith Power & Light. Rev. Hendershot is ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) with an M. Div. from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, a B.A. from Bethany

College in Bethany, West Virginia, and a certificate in Spiritual Direction. Rev. Hendershot has served as a pastor in both Disciples of Christ and United Methodist congregations, focusing on social justice ministries. She also served as the first Heartland Field Organizer for the ONE Campaign on global poverty. Currently Rev. Hendershot serves as co-chair of the Executive Committee for the RE-AMP Steering Committee, a network of more than 150 climate, energy, and environmental organizations throughout the Midwest. Rev. Hendershot believes that climate change is a moral issue, disproportionately impacting those who are most vulnerable in our world. She gets her motivation and inspiration from her two sons.

You are invited to hear Rev. Hendershot on Sunday March 14 at 3:00 PM via Zoom, but you **MUST** register at this link:

<https://iowaip.l.salsalabs.org/susanhendershotconvo/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=f4439162-f60d-4d8a-aa01-5994dc495fd7>



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!

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Dubuque

UU Fellowship of Dubuque Starts Monthly Race Dialogue

In an effort to promote learning and action around racial justice, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Dubuque (UUFD) has started hosting monthly ADORE™: A Dialogue On Race & Ethnicity sessions. ADORE is a dialogue group designed to create an environment for building community and multicultural competencies through a constructive dialogue on race, ethnicity, identity development, and institutional change.

Paula Cole Jones founded ADORE in 1999 and was hired to help start the UUFD ADORE group in the fall of 2020. Paula is a co-leader for adoption of the 8th Principle and a management consultant/diversity strategist with over twenty years of experience in designing and facilitating workshops and dialogues for leaders and organizations. Throughout fall the UUFD group discussed topics such as the 8th Principle, Widening the Circle of Concern, and Community of Communities, and dialogues will continue monthly. Visit the [UUFD ADORE](http://UUFDADORE) webpage to learn more.

-- Tamara Prenosil



Shalom Spirituality Center



Scripture In Times of Disruption

Wednesday evenings, 7 p.m.

Online Program Via Zoom

Facilitator: Sr. Sarah Kohles, OSF

We are currently living in a time in which we are experiencing disruption in every aspect of our lives and in every nation on earth. The Scripture in Times of Disruption series offers an opportunity for people to encounter the Bible anew and consider its connection to their own lives. Sr. Sarah is a scripture scholar with a PhD from Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley and an MA from Catholic Theological Union. She has served as an adjunct professor at Loras College and Wartburg Theological Seminary.

To register, please contact info@shalomretreats.org for the Zoom link.

International Women's Day Book Discussion: Thea Bowman Monday, March 8, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Online Program Via Zoom

Facilitator: Sr. Pat Clemen, OSF

International Women's Day seems an appropriate occasion to celebrate Sister Thea Bowman, an African American born in 1937 in Yazoo City, Mississippi, whose life's mission was to share her rich cultural heritage and the Gospel of Jesus Christ through song, prayer, teaching, and preaching. Thea converted to Catholicism as a child, choosing a life as a Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration as an adult. She was able to cross cultural boundaries and share her culture and spiritual gifts while uplifting the cultural gifts of others. Join Sr. Pat Clemen for a discussion of the book, Thea Bowman, In My Own Words.

\$6 for discussion, does not include book. Book is available through River Lights bookstore. Registration and payment due by Friday, March 5. Register at shalomretreats.org or call 563.582.3592.

FAITH WRITERS: Monthly Writer's Group

Third Tuesday of every month: April 20, May 18, 6:30 – 8 p.m. Online Program Via Zoom

Facilitator: Mary Potter Kenyon

Monthly writer's group allows time to share up to two pages of writing with an opportunity for feedback and critique from other members.

Contact Mary Potter Kenyon at

mkenyon@shalomretreats.org for more information.

Spring Coffee Chat: "Sisterhood of Spring" with Lori Apel Tuesday, March 23, 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Online Program via Zoom.

Join us for a seasonal morning coffee via Zoom. Grab a cup of coffee, and invite your sisters to join us for a

program with Lori Apel, Canticle of Creation Center Director. Your attendance enters you into a drawing for a Spring basket of goodies.

\$10 per person. Please register and pre-pay by Friday, March 19. Register at shalomretreats.org or call 563.582.3592.

Abide In Me: Living in God's Word

Mondays, 6:30 p.m., March 29, April 5, 12, 19, and 26
Online Program Via Zoom.

Facilitator: Mary Potter Kenyon

Drawing near to God requires a special kind of presence. We invite you to breathe in the Word of God with reflections, lectio divina, and group discussion. To abide in God means using scripture as our constant guide and monitor. When God's word dwells within our spirit, soul, and body, it will shape our thoughts, words, and actions so that we bear fruit. Join us for this weekly program that utilizes Macrina Wiederkehr's book, Abide: Keeping Vigil with the Word of God.

\$25 per person, does not include book. Please register and pre-pay by Friday, March 26. Register at shalomretreats.org or call 563.582.3592.

Earth Whispers Mystery Box: Discover Nature's Secrets

Co-sponsored with Canticle of Creation Center

Wednesdays, April 7, 14, 21, 28, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Online Program Via Zoom

Facilitator: Sue Schuerman and Felecia Babb

Deepen your connection to mother earth with this four-week program. Each week Earth Whispers sisters Sue and Felecia will open one mystery box during this live Zoom event. The contents remain a closely guarded secret and there is only one way to find out what is in the box, by reserving your place in this workshop. Discover what Earth is whispering to you during this period of time in history. \$20 per person, includes a chance at winning a nature journal each week. Please register and prepay by Monday, April 5. Register at shalomretreats.org or call 563.582.3592.

Many-cultural Shades in Dubuque: Up against Change

Thursday, April 8 at 4:00 p.m.

Online Program via Zoom.

Facilitators: Mary Potter Kenyon, Caprice Jones

We end our Lenten 40-day challenge of opening up our minds to racial inequity that began with a February Facebook Live event featuring Caprice Jones. Join the Fountain of Youth founder and Director with some of his clients for a Zoom panel discussion on issues affecting some of our marginalized Dubuque citizens.

Freewill offering, please register for Zoom link by Wednesday, April 7. RSVP at shalomretreats.org or call 563.582.3592.

Visit our website to check out more upcoming programs!

Shalom Spirituality Center
1001 Davis Street, Dubuque, IA 52001
Phone: 563-582-3592

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

Westminster Presbyterian Church



Green Team Tip – Go Green in 2021!

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!**

3/7 Green Team Tip – Repurpose and Reuse

If you have accumulated items around the home that you no longer need, don't throw them away. Maybe you can repurpose them to another use. Or, consider giving them to someone who could use them or donating them to a thrift store or to Westminster's Rummage Sale. Or, sell them at a garage sale and put some cash in your pocket.

3/14 Green Team Tip – Energy Efficient Practices

Buy energy efficient appliances for your home. Be sure to have your furnace and air conditioner regularly maintained and in good working order. This saves energy and money. Use programmable thermostats and set them to comfortable and efficient levels. Consider having an energy audit of your home along with suggestions for improvements.

3/21 Green Team Tip – Reusable Tote Bags and

"BAG IT!" Take your own reusable tote bags with you when you shop for groceries and everything else. Use your Westminster Green Tote Bags! Stop using single-use plastic bags as they are dangerous to our environment. You can educate yourself on what harm plastic causes to our planet by checking out the DVD of the movie "BAG IT!" from the church office.

3/28 Green Team Tip – Environmental-Friendly

Shopping When shopping look for products that are less damaging to the environment. There are lots of such products on the market. For example, household cleaning products made from natural ingredients and less caustic to the environment. Look for recycled products. Avoid products that are over-packaged, especially in plastic. Buying goods in bulk usually has less packaging. Be an eco-consumer!

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.

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

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

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

Looking for Vaccine Information in Iowa?

<https://coronavirus.iowa.gov/pages/vaccineinformation>



Looking for help with tax preparation?

<https://www.irs.gov/individuals/irs-free-tax-return-preparation-programs>

Winter Farmers' Market!



Breaking News!

Remember to Support the Rescue Mission by shopping and donating to our two Thrift Stores!

Dubuque Rescue Mission & Store 1-398 Main St

Store No 2-998 Central (furniture and housing needs)

Contact: (563) 583.3443

The Telegraph Herald's "Thirsty Thursday Couch Concert Series" will feature the Irish band The Lads on March 11 from 7-8 PM. The concerts are live through the Telegraph Herald's Facebook page and there will be a link for donations on the page. All donations from that performance will go to People In Need (P.I.N.) !



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