



# DUBUQUE AREA CONGREGATIONS UNITED

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## APRIL DACU MEETING

BRING  
NON-  
PERISHABLE  
FOOD ITEMS  
FOR THE FOOD  
PANTRY!

### UNDERSTANDING BRAIN HEALTH

OPENING HEARTS - OPENING MINDS

Everyone is welcome!

TUESDAY APRIL 26, 2022 6:30-8:30 PM

HADLEY CHAPEL, 2005 ASBURY RD,  
HILLCREST FAMILY SERVICES CAMPUS

6:30 PM - Brain Health Information

(displays for community support and resources)

### 7:00 PM - Community Speakers

- Brain Health - Historical perspective
- Brain Health Access Initiative
- School Based Services - Dubuque Community Schools
- A New Day Walk-in Center - Hillcrest Family Services
- What, where and how: When help is needed

Hosted by:

Questions:

563-556-1394

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# Community Peace Vigil for the Ukraine held in Dubuque

by: Morgan Frazer

On Thursday March 31st, DACU alongside St. Peter Lutheran Church, provided an opportunity for all faiths to show support in Love and Light for the victims of this horrible war in Ukraine. During the day, individual prayers were heard from many folks in our community. The bell was tolled on the hour. Candles were lit lifting up those prayers.

At 6:30 pm over 100 people the Faith Community gathered for a time of worship and prayer. Folks from the Islamic Community and the Jewish Community gathered with us. We heard prayers in support of peace, care for all who are and have been affected by this war.

The service ended in a candle light vigil, singing the last hymn together, using our Light to Light a Candle for those in Ukraine and those helping in this time of great need. We left the worship space with our candles lit showing solidarity in Light and Love and the church bell tolling.

Special thanks to St. Peter Lutheran Church (ELCA) for hosting and Pastor Karla Wildberger and DACU for organizing this time together.

We encourage the faith community to continue to lift up prayers for the intervention of peace, hope, and justice in the Ukraine and throughout the world.



# DACU 2022 DELEGATE MEETINGS

\* Zoom options will be available for each meeting

Tuesday, May 24, 7:00pm  
**Food Insecurity in Dubuque**  
*Location: TBA*

 This will be our ***last meeting before August 2022!*** You don't want to miss this **FANTASTIC** learning opportunity!

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**APRIL IS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**  
 SUPPORT SURVIVORS!

**APRIL 9 AT 9AM**  
*RUN THE RUNAWAY FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION AT THE DUBUQUE AIRPORT*

**APRIL 21 7:00PM**  
*CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM AT WARTBURG SEMINARY; "BEING HUMAN"*

**APRIL 24 3:00 PM**  
*RIVERBEND BRONZE BELL CHOIR SPRING CONCERT ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 1199 MAIN STREET, DUBUQUE, IOWA.*

### DACU Financial Report

	March '22	YTD	Budget '22
Income	\$50.00	\$775.80	\$8,375.00
Expenses	\$0.00	\$7,014.54	\$7,550.00

**Ending Balance as of 3/31/2022: \$1,550.01**



Help support DACU projects (pg. 4) by sending contributions to:

"Dubuque Area Congregations United"  
 c/o DACU Treasurer  
 P.O. Box 811  
 Dubuque IA 52004

## DACU BOARD UPDATE

The DACU Board met on **Tuesday, March 1st**, via Zoom.

- **The DACU Board is searching for a President-Elect as well as a Treasurer to joining the Board** as Sister Barb transitions. If you are interested in serving, please reach out to any member of the DACU Board. We can share with you more about what these roles entail. Mostly, we are hoping for folks to join us who have an interest in interfaith work and community activism. **DACU's mission** is to "unite people of diverse faiths and beliefs to serve others in cooperation; and to be a supportive presence in the Dubuque area through the sharing of our time, talents, and resources."
- Discussion was held in support of organizing and/or supporting a **prayer service for the people of the Ukraine**.
- Plans for the **March** and **April DACU Delegate meetings** were solidified.
- As always, **The DACU Board is here to serve our community**. Feel free to connect with any of the members listed on the last page of the Newsletter anytime.

# DACU PROJECT UPDATES

## PEOPLE IN NEED



**Do you know of someone in need?**

**Call the P.I.N. assist number: (563) 581-7995**

Please leave a message since this is only a recorded line.

***PIN is celebrating our 40th year of service to the community this year.*** We were created by DACU back in 1982 and the strong support from DACU since the beginning has been critical to PIN achieving its mission. PIN exists to offer limited and emergency assistance to those facing exceptional circumstances through direct payments to clients' creditors, for rent, utilities, medical and other basic needs. P.I.N. operates through referrals from social service agencies, churches/congregations and DACU organizations. Potential clients *cannot* call directly.

Sincerely, P.I.N. President Tom Stovall

Greetings!



## DUBUQUE FOOD PANTRY

As many of you know, we are preparing our new location at 1310 White St. We had hoped to be in there sooner, but the new target date is between June 1 and July 1. We are steadily seeing more people come to the Dubuque Food Pantry, as SNAP benefits have been restored to pre-pandemic amounts. Please don't hesitate to encourage those that are short of groceries, to get a referral and come and see us. We are here for our community.

Blessings!

Theresa M. Caldwell, Executive Director  
Dubuque Food Pantry



## DUBUQUE RESCUE MISSION

We have been serving about 200 men, women and children a day in our "Free Meal" ministry. Our men's third floor dormitory is currently full and we just closed our "Warming Center" which was our dining hall for 12 additional homeless men. That temporary emergency shelter was opened from November of last year to this first week of April when we just closed it. The Transitional Houses at 25th and Elm continue to be a success for the men who transition from the Mission, have employment and now currently live at one of the Transitional Houses.

Our Thrift Stores continue to provide free clothing and other household items to those who are poor. Additionally, we depend on the donations of furniture and other household items from you, our supporters. Please share the word that we are always in need of good, lightly used furniture and household items such as laundry detergent, twin bed sheets, bath towels, and washcloths.

Our commercial greenhouse is in full swing with seed starts and other vegetable items and work on the outside gardens has just begun.

Again, we thank all our supporters and ask for your prayers as we continue to serve the men, women and children who come to us in need. Your prayers and volunteer support are essential as well.

Peace, Rick Mihm, DRM Director



# 111<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

An Ecumenical & Community Event



Friday, April 15th, 2022 | 12 - 3 PM  
Online & In-Person

St. Luke's United Methodist Church  
1199 Main St. Dubuque  
[stlukesdbq.org](http://stlukesdbq.org)

Service in 20-minute segments  
Led by various local religious leaders

**12:15pm 1st Word**

Rev. Stephanie Schlimm, *St. Luke's UMC*

*Music:* DeLano Cain-Watson, oboe; *Vocal:* Heather Williams

**12:35pm 2nd Word**

Jeff Durham, *Grace Point Church*

*Music:* Ann Duchow, violin

**1:00pm 3rd Word**

Rev. Stephanie Ells, *First Presbyterian Church*

*Music:* Amy Streck, vocal

**1:25pm 4th Word**

Samuel Felderman, *Bellevue Presbyterian Church*

*Music:* Sue Hattel, clarinet

**1:45pm 5th Word**

Rev. Lillian Daniel, *First Congregational UCC*

*Music:* First Congregational Vocal Quartet

**2:10pm 6th Word**

Rev. Tom Shinkle, *Grand View UMC*

*Music:* Alec Amonssen, vocal

**2:30pm 7th Word**

Dr. Jake Kohlhaas, *Loras College*

*Music:* Otto Krueger, trumpet

**3:00 pm Tower Chime**

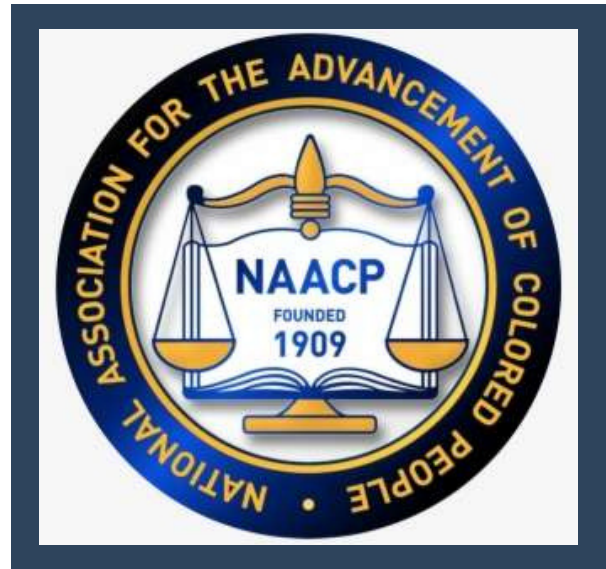
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# RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

in conjunction with NAACP *and* DACU

**Join us** for the meeting of the Dubuque Branch NAACP Religious Affairs Committee just prior to the DACU Delegate meeting **Tuesday, April 26 from 6-6:30 PM.**

The purpose of this committee is to encourage mutual understanding and cooperation between DACU and local NAACP advocates as we all work together for greater justice in Dubuque. If you have questions about joining this committee meeting, contact Sue Hattel, Tom Lo Guidice, or Kathy Sutton.



## RiverBend Bronze Handbell Choir Spring Concerts

Saturday, April 16; 2:30 pm  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
1330 13th Street, Moline, Illinois

Sunday, April 24; 3:00 pm  
St. Luke's United Methodist Church  
1199 Main Street, Dubuque, Iowa

**Creators Camp is a summer-long, once a week opportunity for kids ages 4-12** to learn about God's creativity and how we can live into it! Attendees will learn new skills, hear bible stories, meet new friends, and create new things. Some examples of weekly themes include: baking or cooking, crafting with unique materials, music and movement, and SO much more. **With the help of our very creative and skilled community volunteers, this summer camp is sure to be a hit! Register OR volunteer to help by contacting any of the listed churches!**

## Creators Camp

A Summer Program by First Congregational UCC, First Presbyterian Church, St. Luke's UMC, and Westminster Presbyterian Church.

**Wednesdays, 1-4 PM**  
**June 15th - August 10th**  
**1199 Main St. Dubuque, IA**





# Opening Doors Unveils a New Event!

**Thursday, June 30, 2022**

**7:30 to 9 AM**

**Hotel Julien Ballroom**

**\$35/person**

*Includes Breakfast and a Book!*



**OPENING DOORS** is excited to bring international speaker and award-winning author **ANNIE MEEHAN** to the Hotel Julien on June 30, for an uplifting and transformative event you won't want to miss!

With a delivery guaranteed to inspire, enlighten and energize, Annie will talk about the practical tools she champions to lead a more impactful life.

**Seating will be limited!**

**For more information and to register, visit**  
**[www.OpeningDoorsDBQ.org/Cup](http://www.OpeningDoorsDBQ.org/Cup)**

*Sponsored by* **HOTEL JULIEN**  
 DUBUQUE



All attendees receive a copy of Annie Meehan's award-winning book "Be The Exception" and a coffee themed gift bag!

Opening Doors will bring international speaker and award-winning author Annie Meehan to the Hotel Julien Ballroom on Thursday, June 30 from 7:30 to 9 AM for an uplifting and transformative event. "We are excited to feature Annie Meehan at this new coffee themed event," comments Ann Lorenz, Development & Marketing Director." She adds, "Annie's young life mirrored the stories of the women and children we serve every day at Opening Doors. She escaped a cycle of negativity, poverty and abuse to live an exceptional life."

Opening Doors is a nonprofit organization who helps women and children who are experiencing homelessness. We provide goal setting and life skills training that enable them to achieve their full potential. We offer a hand up in the world, not a handout. Since 2000, Opening Doors has served over 4,000 women and children through a continuum of services.

Teresa Shelter offers emergency and extended stay programs. Maria House offers transitional housing for up to two years. Francis Apartments offers an opportunity for income-based affordable housing with support services; a combination that has proven to be effective at ending the cycle of homelessness. Opening Doors offers much more than a place to sleep. We provide the opportunity for women to claim their own power and become self-sufficient.

**Drive-through food distribution begins**  
**9:00 am & continues until food is gone**  
*Sharing our love & care for our neighbors*  
**PLEASE STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE**  
**WE WILL LOAD FOOD FOR YOU**

**Westminster Hunger Outreach**  
 Partnering with St. Stephen's Branch of River Bend Foodbank  
**OFFERING FOOD AT NO CHARGE**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022**  
**Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
**2155 University Ave. at Loras Blvd.**





## ADVOCATE FOR A HEALTHIER PLANET

### TIP #1: FOOD BUYING

When you do grocery shopping try to buy fruits and vegetables that are grown locally. Not only will they taste fresher and better, they will also help you to go green and reduce the use of paper, plastics and shipping materials and costs. Support your local Farmers Market. Try buying organic foods and trying out new green recipes to enjoy.

### TIP #2: CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

Did you know that April 22 is Earth Day? In fact, this year is the 52nd Anniversary of Earth Day! Celebrate by getting out and enjoying God's wonderful creation that God has entrusted to our care. Also, do something good to help preserve our planet. And, vow to make every day Earth Day!!



## Green Team Tips

# Dubuque Interfaith Green Coalition



## GET INVOLVED

The Dubuque Green Coalition is a part of the Iowa Interfaith Power and Light (IIPL) organization? The mission of IIPL is to inspire and equip people of faith to become leaders in addressing climate change and finding solutions.

The organization provides support and training to the development of Green Teams in congregations and the organization of local chapters. If you are interested in forming a Green Team in congregation or organization, check out [www.iowaip.org](http://www.iowaip.org) **OR** contact Dubuque's local representative, Paul Uzel, at [uzeldansen@gmail.com](mailto:uzeldansen@gmail.com).



April 19  
7:00-8:00pm (via Zoom)

## Julien Dubuque & the Meskwaki

Julien Dubuque and the Meskwaki (Fox) lived and worked together to forge a center for fur trading and lead mining in the Upper Mississippi River Valley in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Since very little written documentation exists about Julien Dubuque, especially his relations with the Meskwaki, one must sort through the legends and stories passed down through generations. This presentation will provide the bits and pieces of documented evidence as well as the legends so the viewer can better understand why so much of history remains a mystery.

\$10 program fee  
Register by April 4

April 22  
6:00-7:00pm

## Legacy of Agriculture at Sinsinawa

Farming has been a way of life at the Mound since 1847, when Father Samuel Mazzuchelli founded the order of Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa. This talk will walk you through the past legacy of farming at Sinsinawa and explore where the future of farming is taking us. Be prepared to spend this time outdoors, weather permitting.

Freewill offering  
Register by April 184



[www.sinsinawa.org/moundcenter](http://www.sinsinawa.org/moundcenter)

(608) 748-4411

April 26  
6:00pm - 9:00pm

## Canvas Painting: Spring Bouquet

Sarah Barnes will guide you step-by-step in how to paint this spring bouquet on canvas. All supplies will be provided. Bring along your family and friends for an enjoyable and creative evening out! Sarah grew up in Dubuque, studying art at Loras College where she earned her fine arts degree.

\$35/person  
Registration ends on Friday, April 22

April 30  
2:00 - 3:30pm

## Sacred Land-Wild Church: May Day

Fire and song, ritual and community, prayer and quiet: these outdoor, ecumenical gatherings are centered on honoring sacred land and sacred time. In a time of planetary upheaval it is crucial to recover our elemental sense of connection and kinship with Creator and Creation. We are inspired by Celtic tradition and the Wild Church movement..

We will meet inside the main entrance and proceed outdoors.

Free will offering; no registration required.

# SHALOM SPIRITUALITY CENTER

For questions regarding programs or registrations, please **contact:** 563.582.3592 or  
**email:** [info@shalomretreats.org](mailto:info@shalomretreats.org)

## THE BEAUTY AND ILLUMINATION OF HOLY ICONOGRAPHY

Monday, April 11 and Monday, April 25, 6:30-7:45 pm, in-person or via Zoom

Facilitator: Magdalene Grace Deane

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Holy Iconography, an ancient form of Christian art, is filled with rich symbolism and theology. Professor of Byzantine Iconography and Master Iconographer, Magdalene Grace Deane speaks, illustrates, and guides us through its history, its use in prayer, and its relevance for today. Enrich your Holy Week journey with this venerable liturgical art understanding; as well as through iconography's prayerful, divinely-ordered technique.

Cost \$35 per session; please register for each individual session online at [shalomretreats.org](http://shalomretreats.org) or by calling 563.582.3592.

## KINDNESS ROCKS

Three-part series: Wednesdays, April 6, 13, and 20, 4:00-5:15 pm, in-person

Facilitators: Lori Apel and Mari Hammel

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An intentional series to create kindness for unsuspecting recipients. Join the Kindness Rocks project in their grassroots kindness movement in making the world a kinder place. This series is open to students in grades 3- 8.

This event is FREE of charge; please RSVP online at [shalomretreats.org](http://shalomretreats.org) or by calling 563.582.3592.

## CONVERSATIONS FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE

Wednesday, April 28 from 6:30-7:45 pm; in-person or via Zoom

Facilitator: Jason Denlinger

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Jason Denlinger, Dubuque County Conservation Department's new naturalist, will present his diverse experiences while serving as a research manager at Gorongosa National Park in Mozambique, Africa. A Dubuque native, Jason will bring to life his encounters with nature's best, from elephants and environmental science to what is happening around the world in conservation in Iowa and Africa and around the world.

Cost \$15 per person; please register online at [shalomretreats.org](http://shalomretreats.org) or by calling 563.582.3592 by April 20, 2022



The Presentation Lantern Center is a drop-in center offering hospitality, educational opportunities, and advocacy to immigrants as well as to others who are striving to improve their lives. The Center is sponsored by the Sisters of the Presentation of Dubuque, Iowa.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



WE WELCOME YOU TO COME VISIT US!

Monday Wednesday Friday 10 am-3 pm  
Tuesday Thursday 1-7 pm

900 Jackson St., Ste. LL5-1  
Dubuque IA 52001



## WE'RE HIRING!

Do you want to help immigrants learn English and citizenship! Apply to be our Lantern Center Education Director!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

<https://thelanterncenter.org>





## MANY FAMILIES IN THE COMMUNITY STRUGGLE TO PAY HIGH PREMIUMS FOR HEALTH AND DENTAL COVERAGE.

- **Hawki insurance provides health and dental coverage for children up to the age of 18** who do not financially qualify for Medicaid, but may meet other income guidelines.
- Guidelines are based on household size and income, and many working families may qualify. ***For example, a family of 4 can make up to \$80,030/year and qualify for Hawki coverage.***
- Cristee' Miner is the new Hawki Outreach Coordinator for the VNA and is ready to assist with questions or the application process.
- **Hawki premiums continue to be waived**, and disenrollments are no longer in effect while the public health emergency is in place.

**PLEASE refer families needing assistance to the VNA  
at 563-556-6200  
or email [cristee.miner@unitypoint.org](mailto:cristee.miner@unitypoint.org)**



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**Interested in becoming a DACU Member?** Membership in DACU is open to all who share DACU's mission. *Contact DACU President Morgan Frazer*

## DACU BOARD INFORMATION

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**Does your organization or congregation have items you would like to include in the DACU Newsletter?**

We are happy to share any information that is in keeping with our DACU mission statement!

*Contact Rev. Stephanie Ells*  
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