



DUBUQUE AREA CONGREGATIONS UNITED

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DACU ANNUAL MEETING



CALLING ALL DELEGATES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25th

Blades Chapel, University of Dubuque
2000 University Avenue

5:30pm - GATHER begins

6:00pm - DINNER

6:30pm - ANNUAL MEETING:

Dubuque Food Bank Celebration &
Installation of Officers

IMPORTANT DETAILS

- Meal cost is \$10 (pizza, salad, dessert).
- Reservations are needed by January 22.
- To make a reservation, contact Bob Kraye at bdkraye@aol.com **or** 563.348.0278 (cell) **or** 563.584.4920 (home).
- Parking on street and in the lot by Hardees
- Directions will be provided upon arrival for accessible parking & entrance to Blades Chapel
- **ZOOM option will be available**; link to be emailed

MASKS REQUIRED

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DACU 2021 DELEGATE MEETINGS

* Zoom options will be available for each meeting

Tuesday, January 25, 6:00 PM
DACU Annual Meeting & Dinner
Blades Chapel, University of Dubuque

Tuesday, February 22, 7:00 PM
Captain Bob Martin and his legacy
Student Welcome Center Auditorium, University of Dubuque

Tuesday, March 22, 7:00 PM
Caring for God's Creation
 Dubuque Area Green Coalition
 Presenter: Michael Knock
Immanuel UCC Church

COMMUNITY EVENTS

EVERY WEDNESDAY 5:30-7:30PM

TEEN NIGHTS AT THE
 MULTICULTURAL FAMILY
 CENTER - *FREE MEAL*

JANUARY 7

FABULOUS FRIDAYS CONCERT
 SERIES BEGINS

EVERY SATURDAY 9AM-12PM

DUBUQUE WINTER FARMERS
 MARKET @ KENNEDY MALL

JANUARY 20

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM

JANUARY 29

MORNING WITH JULIAN: A
 QUIET RETREAT TO
 ENCOUNTER GOD

JANUARY 29 AT 8:45am

FREE DRIVE-BY FOOD
 DISTRIBUTION AT ST. JOSEPH
 THE WORKER

DACU Financial Report

	December '21	YTD	Budget '21
Income	\$1,219.30	\$6,802.46	\$8,100.00
Expenses	\$993.90	\$3,765.80	\$7,550.00

Ending Balance as of 12/31/2021: \$7,614.46



Help support DACU projects (pg. 3)
 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 Wednesday, January 5, 2021 via Zoom.

- It was heartening to realize we had **19 different congregations** representing a variety of denominations and religions **financially contribute** as members of DACU for 2021. A coordinated and unified effort to assist those in need in the Dubuque community would not be possible without the generosity and commitment of each of your individual congregations and we are so thankful. We take the responsibility of managing these funds and supporting our three main projects (see next page) seriously.
- Discussion was held in regards to plans for DACU Delegate meeting topics in 2022. We'd love to hear from you! **Do you have a topic of interest for DACU delegates?**
- **We are looking for a new Secretary.** Are you passionate about community missions? Detail-oriented? *Join us!*
- The Board is looking forward to the *DACU Annual Meeting and Dinner*. Please plan to attend and connect in-person with your fellow DACU delegates again!
- 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



People in Need (P.I.N) 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. As moratoriums on evictions are lifted and other support systems are relaxed, P.I.N expects requests for assistance to rise, and appreciates any contributions in their effort to care for others. P.I.N. operates through referrals from social service agencies, churches/congregations and DACU organizations. Potential clients *cannot* call directly.

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.

Please send donations to: PIN, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2155 University Ave., Dubuque, IA 52001. The P.I.N Board of Directors, guided by P.I.N. President Tom Stovall, will be good stewards of all that you share with us!



DUBUQUE FOOD PANTRY

Greetings! We hope that everyone is enjoying this Holiday Season!

We just finished up our Christmas Basket give away for 2021. There were 373 families with 784 people in those families. We are always blessed to see so many people happy to receive help at this time.

We have wonderful news of late. We will close on our new property on December 30 of 2021. This new location at 1310 White St., the former Brannon Monument building, has double the square footage of our present building. The Board and Staff had been looking for ways to increase space, whether we would add on to our present building or relocate. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to serve our community in a better way. It will take several months to get the building ready to house the Dubuque Food Pantry, the target date is April.

Have a very wonderful start to your New Year!

~ Theresa M. Caldwell, Manager



DUBUQUE RESCUE MISSION

The Dubuque Rescue Mission would like to thank all those who were so generous to us during 2021 – What a year! The Dubuque Rescue Mission serves dozens of men every day, giving them a place to stay warm, clean, and fed. We have been housing over 52 men at our 398 Main Street building and St. John's Lutheran Church. Hope House and our four Transitional Houses host seventeen men who are working full-time and live there. In 2021, we served 58,744 meals – this includes breakfast, lunch and supper and provided 20,889 bed nights for housing insecure men.

Most recently, we engaged in the immediate shelter, clothing, and feeding of families from the Canfield Building here in town when a fire displaced them in cold weather. It took several days for the Red Cross to arrive and provide services, and thankfully, we could stand in the gap.

We continue to creatively work with the men to re-enter the workforce and engage with stable housing through other programs like the Bicycle Repair Shop, Mission Gardens, and our partnership with the New Hope Catholic Worker farm where meat, eggs, butter, and milk from the farm become part of the Mission Meal Ministry.

The DRM could not do what we do without your support. We do not receive any government funding, and rely completely on congregations and organizations in the community to serve our clients. We are always in need of good, lightly used furniture and household items such as laundry detergent, twin bed sheets, bath towels, and washcloths. Your prayers and volunteer support are essential as well.

Peace, Rick Mihm, Director



Hosted in collaboration by St. Luke's UMC,
First Congregational UCC, First Presbyterian,
and St. John's Episcopal

Saturday, January 29, 2022

A Morning with St. Julian:

A quiet retreat to
encounter God

Join us for

Reflection

Prayer

Rest

Music

and a light lunch

... as guided and inspired by
the readings of Scripture and
St. Julian of Norwich

10:00am - 12:30pm

First Congregational Church, 255 W 10th St



TO REGISTER:

Contact Rev. Stephanie Ells at fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com
OR leave a message at 563.583.4494

*A suggested donation of \$10 is appreciated to cover the cost of supplies and food.

**If you have special dietary needs for lunch, please let us know.

It's our 11th year of active conversation. Join us in person or watch us on Facebook.



Meet in person or
on our Facebook
page.

For your and
everyone's safety,
we encourage
getting the vaccine
and wearing a mask.



2021-2022 Children of Abraham

MISSION STATEMENT: Dubuque's Children of Abraham creates an atmosphere of civic life that builds inter-religious solidarity, cooperation, and friendship. It does so through regular monthly topical conversations, service, activities, education outreach, and expressions of cross-cultural hospitality in sacred spaces.

JANUARY EVENT

January 20

7:00pm

"Family & Kinship"

Clarke University

Questions?

Email us!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 17: St. Luke's Methodist Church; *Marriage*

Mar. 17: Tri-State Islamic Center; *Money & Interest*

April 21: Wartburg Seminary; *Being Human*

<http://www.cofabraham.org/>



RESOLVE TO ADVOCATE FOR A HEALTHIER PLANET IN 2022!

TIP #1: LIGHT BULBS

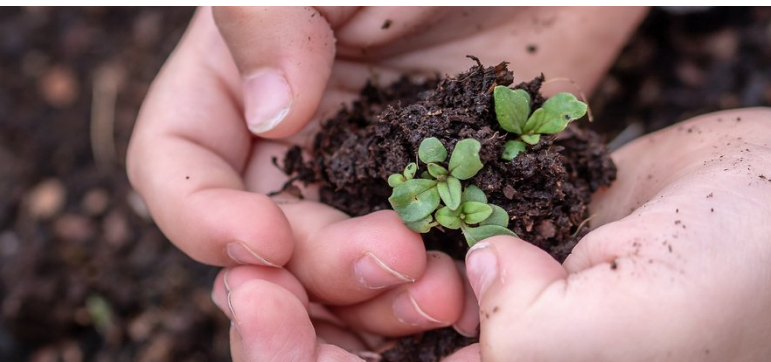
Change your light bulbs! LED light bulbs use 75% less energy than incandescent bulbs. Changing just one of the light bulbs in your home to an LED light bulb could make a serious impact on your energy consumption and your electric bill.

TIP #2: CLOTHES WASHING & 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.

TIP #3: 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 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.iowaippl.org OR contact Dubuque's local representative, Paul Uzel, at uzeldansen@gmail.com.

FABULOUS FRIDAYS

2022 CONCERT SERIES

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

- Jan 7 St. Luke's Artists: Sue Hattel, clarinet;
Ann Duchow, violin; Chuck Barland, organ
- Jan 14 Al Williams, lute; Sharon Jensen, piano
- Jan 21 JeeHae Ahn, piano
- Jan 28 Rebecca Christian, author
- Feb 4 Marcia Martin, bassoon; Chuck Barland, organ
- Feb 11 Marcus DeJesus, guitar
- Feb 18 Laura Southworth, soprano; Leslie Appleby, piano
- Feb 25 Clarke University String Trio
- Mar 4 Potosa Strings (Ann Duchow, director)
- Mar 11 Loras College Faculty:
Jeremiah Cawley, voice; Michael Bagby, piano
- Mar 18 University of Dubuque Choir (Kristen Eby, director)
- Mar 25 Upper Main Street Jazz/Swing Band (Ric Jones, dir)

FRIDAYS AT 12:05 P.M.

JANUARY 7 - MARCH 25, 2022

For health & safety, masks are **REQUIRED**
and there will be no luncheon afterwards.

FREE CONCERTS but donations accepted for
St. Luke's Jesus Fund & People In Need (P.I.N.)

1199 MAIN ST | STLUKESDBQ.ORG

January 12 - February 5

8:00am - 7:00pm

Art Gallery Exhibit: The Beauty of Liturgical Design: *Holy Fabrics*

This exhibit will run daily. We're featuring original designs and handmade liturgical vestments and other items by Dominican Sisters Felix Plouf, OP (1888-1979), and Angelique Sabourin, OP (1867-1957). They had extensive backgrounds in textiles, design, sewing, applique, and needlework. The Book and Gift Shop is also open Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

January 11

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

No Unsacred Places: Berry, Levertov, and Merton

In 1967, three of the most important ecological writer-activists of the 20th century met as friends on the grounds of the Trappist Abbey of Gethsemani in Kentucky: farmer Wendell Berry, poet Denise Levertov, and monk Thomas Merton. Delve into the intertwining lives of the three, exploring their poetry and prose, with specific attention to their engagement with the land.

\$15 program fee
Register by January 10



www.sinsinawa.org/moundcenter

(608) 748-4411

January 25

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

Sacramental Agriculture: An Interview with Mike Miles

Are you feeling hopeless about the state of the planet? Then be sure to attend this virtual, wide-ranging interview with Wisconsin regenerative farmer Mike Miles to talk about hope, farming, spirituality, and ... woolly mammoths. We'll explore his important land practices of sinking carbon, building topsoil, and raising nutritious food.

\$10/person

Register by January 24

February 5

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Natura Divina Wild Church: St. Brigid/Imbolc

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.



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!

VOLUNTEER TUTORS: We have students who are waiting for tutors! Please call us (563) 557-7134 or email info@thelanterncenter.org if you have current availability to pair with a student or to substitute.

WELCOMING OUR AFGHAN SISTERS AND BROTHERS:

Currently, about 13,000 Afghans are living at Fort McCoy, about 125 miles north of Dubuque. To help local Afghan refugees who are starting a new life here in the U.S, you can:

- **Spend a week volunteering** at Fort McCoy. Apply at <https://catholiccharitiesdubuque.org/FortMcCoy>. Accommodations, training and meals will be provided, but you must travel there on your own.
- **Purchase needed items online** at: <https://cclse.org/afghanistan-refugee-assistance>
- Also, at <https://cmc-cr.org/An-Update-on-Afghanistan-Humanitarian-Parolees-and-the-Afghan-Parole-Assistance-APA-program> you can **find a link to a Google form where you can indicate interest** in helping Afghans come home to Eastern Iowa, including as a landlord, employer or English tutor.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

<https://thelanterncenter.org>

SHALOM SPIRITUALITY CENTER

For questions regarding programs or registrations, please **contact:** 563.582.3592 or
email: info@shalomretreats.org

READING THAT MATTERS

January 31, 2022 6:30pm - 08:00pm

"The Little Coffee Shop of Kabul" by Deborah Rodriguez

With the influx of thousands of Afghan refugees into this country, it seems important to understand something of the culture from which they come and the issues they faced there. In a departure from the usual true stories we have used in Reading That Matters discussions, this novel is a look into the everyday culture in the city of Kabul, Afghanistan, and centers around an American ex-pat and the people she gets to know at her coffee shop. The author, who wrote this book about 10 years ago, also ran a coffee shop in Kabul for several years and based the story on her experiences there. She wrote the book as a novel rather than a memoir so that she could include more examples of the people and real issues she met in Kabul, as well as a desire to protect the people she knew there.

Books are available for purchase at Riverlights Bookstore and the Shalom gift shop.

\$6 per discussion does not include the book; register by Monday, January 24th.

MOVING TOWARD RACIAL EQUITY

Monday evenings, February 7, 21, March 14, 28

6:30 - 7:45 p.m. (CST) via ZOOM

Facilitators: Lori Apel, Nancy Miller, OSF, Nancy Knipper

"Moving Toward Racial Equity" is a 4-part series held via Zoom striving to address the injustices of racism.

Session One (February 7): How do we address our own prejudices? What do we do about ourselves? Presenter: Dr. Katrina Neeley Farren Eller, Assistant Professor of Public Relations at Loras College, Dubuque, IA

Session Two (February 21): How do we effectively communicate with others regarding racial injustice? A dialogue with Dave Heiar, Jackson County Economic Alliance Senior Advisor, and Anderson Sainci, Director of Shared Prosperity and Neighborhood Support, City of Dubuque.

Session Three (March 14): How does racism affect the quality of life in your neighborhood? With Dr. Mary Gitau, Associate Professor of Social Work at Clarke University, Dubuque, and Clara Lopez Ortiz, Equity Coordinator, Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, Dubuque.

Session Four (March 28): What can we do within our sphere of influence to address and effect necessary changes to impact systemic racism. Presenter: Sr. Patricia Chappell, SNDdeN, Member of US East-West Leadership Team of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur

Cost: \$20 per person includes all four sessions. Register online at shalomretreats.org or by calling 563.582.3592 by Friday, January 28, 2022.



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**



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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*

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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!

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