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MARCH DACU GATHERING

"CARING FOR GOD'S
CREATION"



TUESDAY, MARCH 22nd

6:00pm - NAACP Religious Affairs
Committee meeting:
(all welcome to attend)

6:30pm - GATHER *

7:00pm - PRESENTATION BEGINS
Speaker: Dr. Michael Knock

BRING
NON-
PERISHABLE
FOOD ITEMS
FOR THE FOOD
PANTRY!

***Immanuel Congregational
United Church of Christ***

1795 Jackson Street, Dubuque

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PRESENTED BY:

*Dubuque Interfaith Green
Coalition*

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DACU 2022 DELEGATE MEETINGS

* Zoom options will be available for each meeting

Tuesday, April 26, 7:00pm

Brain Health

Hadley Chapel

Tuesday, May 24, 7:00pm

Food Insecurity in Dubuque

Location: TBA

COMMUNITY EVENTS

MARCH 8

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

MARCH 14, 7:00PM

MARCUS ERIKSEN LECTURE,
"LIFE ON THE MISSISSIPPI: A
JOURNEY FROM LAKE ITASCA
TO WAIKIKI RIVER TO SAVE
OUR SYNTHETIC SEAS"
UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE
HERITAGE CENTER

EVERY TUESDAY 5:30-7:30PM

TEEN NIGHTS AT THE
MULTICULTURAL FAMILY
CENTER - FREE MEAL

EVERY SATURDAY 9AM-12PM

DUBUQUE WINTER FARMERS
MARKET @ KENNEDY MALL

DACU Financial Report

	February '22	YTD	Budget '22
Income	\$0.00.	\$725.80	\$8,375.00
Expenses	\$6,739.05	\$7,014.54	\$7,550.00



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

Ending Balance as of 2/28/2022: \$1,500.01

DACU BOARD UPDATE

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

- Using funds donated by delegates, faith communities, and other organizations, DACU was able to **distribute a financial gift of \$ 2,246.35 each to the Dubuque Food Pantry, Dubuque Rescue Mission, and People in Need.** Thank you for your generosity in supporting the essential aid of these organizations.
- People in Need**, one of our primary projects, would like to invite more interested individuals to join in their work by serving on their board. PIN is a group of caring individuals who enjoy working together in addressing human needs in the Dubuque area. The Board reviews the assistance policies and finances, partners with other helping organizations, and work on ways to get the word out about our services and referrals. PIN meets regularly on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:15 p.m. for about an hour, currently by Zoom. Please consider joining in this mission! If you have questions or would like more information please contact Tom Stovall at 563-581-7220 or at tomstov@aol.com Thanks!
- 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



On behalf of the People In Need (PIN) Board of Directors and all of the people we serve, please accept our sincere thanks for DACU's recent donation to the work of PIN in the amount of \$2,169.35. As you all know, there are a lot of our neighbors experiencing extreme need right now. This generous gift will help us to lend a hand to families facing emergency situations with nowhere else to turn.

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 All,



DUBUQUE FOOD PANTRY

We are continuing to prepare for our move to our new location at 1310 White St., the former location of Brannon Monument. This new location will give us two times the space that we presently have. It will be so nice to be able to do some of the things that we have been thinking of doing for some time.

We are still operating at the present location at 1598 Jackson St. Distribution of our Senior deliveries will increase when we move to the new location. We will also add hours to help working families.

If you know of family or neighbors who are in need of some groceries, please have them call us and we will get them in touch with an agency to get a referral. No one has to go without food in our community.

Blessings!

Theresa M. Caldwell, Executive Director
Dubuque Food Pantry



DUBUQUE RESCUE MISSION

The Dubuque Rescue Mission continues to faithfully serve dozens of men every day, giving those facing housing insecurity a place to stay warm, clean, and fed (breakfast, lunch and supper is served). We have been housing men at our 398 Main Street building and St. John's Lutheran Church.

Hope House and our four Transitional Houses host men who are working full-time and live there. Not only that, but 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.

Most recently, we have embarked on a remodel of our bathroom facilities which will allow us to provide hygiene opportunities for our residents in a dignified manner. The remodeling has required us to shift some of the sleeping arrangements and hold our DRM Board meetings online; but the results will be worth the wait!

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.

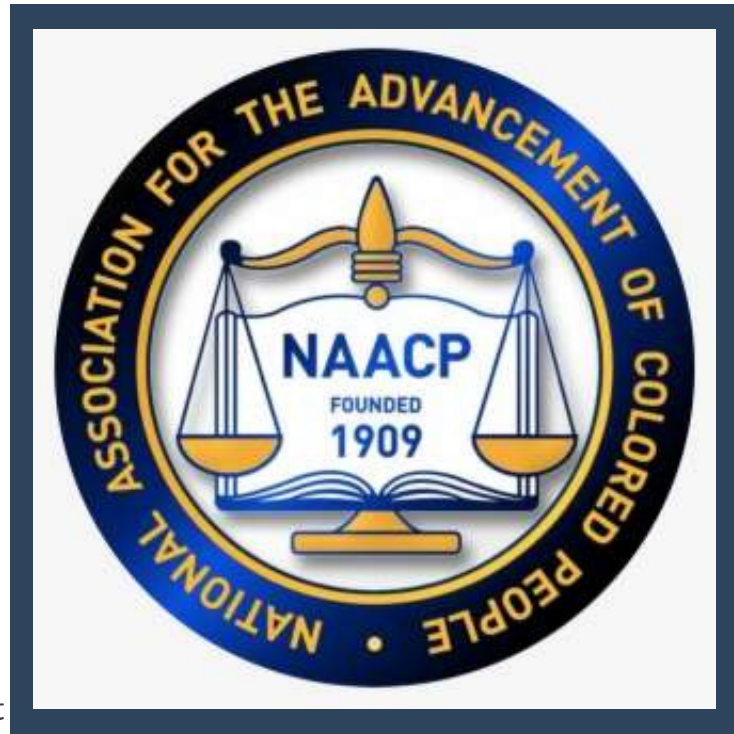
Peace, Rick Mihm, Director

RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

in conjunction with NAACP *and* DACU

Join us for the FIRST meeting of the Dubuque Branch NAACP Religious Affairs Committee just prior to the DACU Delegate meeting **Tuesday, March 22 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.



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! Hosted in partnership by St. Luke's UMC, First Presbyterian, and Westminster Presbyterian Church, 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! Watch for coming details!**



- 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

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

DACU CELEBRATES WOMEN - MARCH 8

By: Sue Hattel and Marcia Young

International Women's Day (IWD) is a global day to celebrate achievements of women and to raise awareness to accelerate equality for women and girls. The 2022 theme of the IWD observance is **#BreakTheBias**. It challenges all women and men to call out bias, question stereotypes and discrimination when encountered within our communities, work places, schools and universities.

At 1:00 P.M. on March 8, 2022, St. Luke's United Methodist Church tower bells will be heard ringing throughout the community proclaiming support of the achievements of women and girls in female-owned businesses, arts and culture, political leadership, sports, education and health fields to name a few. You may also experience the tower bell ringing at 1:00 P.M. or by live stream at <https://youtu.be/4TRrAZ5Qryc> or at stlukesdbq.org.



Check out these **AMAZING** programs in support of women in our community. ***Know anyone who would benefit from them?*** Contact the VNA for a referral.

The Maternal Health Program is a free, family centered, community based service. It is intended to provide pregnancy health and educational services for pregnant women, new mothers and their babies. It is available to Medicaid eligible and under insured women in Allamakee, Clayton, Delaware, Dubuque, Howard or Winneshiek counties.

You Deserve the Very Best Pregnancy Support

Do you want help during pregnancy, childbirth & after baby arrives?

- ✓ Birth Plan Education & Labor Support
- ✓ Breastfeeding Support
- ✓ Help Navigating the Health Care System

Call Us for Information About Free Birth Doula Support Services for African American and Black-Identifying Pregnant People in Iowa



Dubuque Visiting Nurse Association
(563) 556-6200, ext. 1916
vicki.gassman@unitypoint.org

Allen Women's Health
(319) 235-5090
www.unitypoint.org/waterloo/allen-womens-health-1.aspx

 **UnityPoint Health**
Visiting Nurse Association

660 Iowa St. Dubuque, IA 52001
Phone: (563) 556-6200
Fax: (563) 557-6414



ADVOCATE FOR A HEALTHIER PLANET

TIP #1: BAG IT

Take your own reusable tote bags with you when you shop for groceries and everything else. Stop using single-use plastic bags as they are dangerous to our environment. Educate yourself on what harm plastic causes to our planet.

TIP #2: ENVIRONMENTALLY-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!



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 OR contact Dubuque's local representative, Paul Uzel, at uzeldansen@gmail.com.

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.

MARCH EVENT

March 17

7:00pm

"Money & Interest"

Tri-State
Islamic Center

Questions?

Email us!

John

john.eby@loras.edu

Alan

agarfield@dbq.edu



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 21: Wartburg Seminary; *Being Human*

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

March 12
10:00am - 12:00pm (via Zoom)

Catherine of Siena: Spiritual Director & Pastoral Theologian

Catherine of Siena was a fourteenth century Dominican mystic. Although best known as the author of the Dialogue, it is in her letters we discover Catherine the spiritual director. Her letters reveal a warm, tender and understanding person. She wrote to prisoners and Popes, royalty and social outcasts. She shows extraordinary understanding and compassion.

\$10 program fee
Register by March 10

March 16
7:00-8:00pm (via Zoom)

A Prayer to Praise What We Become: Poetry for the Lenten Journey

Through classic and contemporary poetry, Sisters Mary and Priscilla will explore some of the themes of Lent – forgiveness, renewal, conversion, and hope.

\$10 program fee
Register by March 14



www.sinsinawa.org/moundcenter
(608) 748-4411

March 19
2:00 - 3:30pm

Sacred Land-Wild Church: Spring Equinox

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.

March 29
6:00 - 9:00pm

Wood Painting: Bunny

Sarah Barnes will guide you step-by-step in how to paint this bunny on wood. All supplies will be provided. Bring along your family and friends for an enjoyable and creative evening out!.

\$35/person
Register by March 25

SHALOM SPIRITUALITY CENTER

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

THE FOUR AGREEMENTS

Thursday, March 10, 6:00-7:30 pm, via Zoom

Facilitator: Lori Apel, Program Director

Invite more peace and joy into your life by embracing "The Four Agreements"; be impeccable with your word; don't take anything personally; don't make assumptions, and always do your best. These tenets of ancient Toltec wisdom offer powerful lessons to bring love, truth, freedom, and true happiness during these modern times.

Cost is \$10 per person; register online at shalomretreats.org or by calling 563.582.3592 by March 7.

SPRING BREAKFAST: THE MUSIC OF SPRINGTIME

Tuesday, March 22, 7:30-8:30 am, Shalom Dining Room

Guest Speaker: Julie Tebbe

Julie Tebbe serves on the Franciscan Charism Team as Inviting & Discerning Minister.

She grew up in a very musical family in a small town in Eastern Iowa, where she started playing guitar at her parish when she was in 2nd grade. Julie's heart and soul are music. Her past careers have included K-8 music teacher and campus minister for college, elementary, and middle school students where she was able to share her gift of music in the classroom and at liturgy. Julie will share with you her love of music and springtime in celebration of the resurrection season-a season of surprise, new life, and joy.

\$15 per person, including lunch, GPS book, and workbook; please register online at shalomretreats.org or by calling 563.582.3592 by March 15.

MEXICAN-AMERICAN MULTICULTURAL DINNER & MOVIE

Tuesday, March 29, 4:00-8:00 pm, Shalom Dining Room

When Cortez began the conquest of Mexico in 1519, he was accompanied by missionaries of the Franciscan Order. By the end of the century, more than 1000 Franciscans ministered to Indian converts and Spanish citizens throughout the colony. In 1998 the Catholic Church commemorated the 400th anniversary of its arrival in New Mexico, taking special note of the important role played by Franciscans in that long and challenging history. Celebrate that rich history with a smorgasbord of Mexican American food, complete with the ambiance of Mexican-Hispanic music from the Dave Overby band.

\$30 per person (includes dinner, movie, and music); please register online at shalomretreats.org or by calling 563.582.3592 by March 22.

JOIN THE SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS



Sister Water Walk March 15-22, 2022

**FOR IT IS IN
GRATITUDE THAT WE
MARK FIFTEEN YEARS OF THE
SISTER WATER PROJECT &
REJOICE IN THE PRECIOUS
GIFT OF WATER IN
TANZANIA & HONDURAS**

1

In 2022, the Sister Water Project is celebrating 15 years of water projects in Honduras and Tanzania. Between March 15 and March 22, walk in some way to honor 15 – whether this be 15 minutes a day, 15 miles, or 15 blocks – make it your own distance. This can be in your neighborhood park, trail or even on a treadmill. It can be done all at once or over the course of several days. While you walk, think about the men, women, and children who walk daily to obtain clean water. If you'd like to take a photo of yourself walking share it with us to post on social media, email it to communications@osfdbq.org or use the hashtag #WalkForSisterWater.

2

From March 15-22, follow the Dubuque Franciscans on Facebook and Twitter to witness 15 stories of individuals who have been impacted by the Sister Water Project.

3

After your walk, consider making a donation to the Sister Water Project by mail:
3390 Windsor Ave.,
Dubuque, IA 52001

Or online:
www.osfdbq.org/swpdonate

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Sister Maureen Leach at (563) 583-9786 or leach@osfdbq.org

Visit the Sister Water Project website at www.osfdbq.org/sisterwaterproject

The Loras College Spiritual Life Department presents

Blessed are the Peacemakers (Matt 5:9)

A Lenten Exploration of Gospel Nonviolence and Why it Matters
Tuesday's 7 PM CST, March 1-April 12(Lent 2022)

March 1: Jesus: Through the Lens of Nonviolence

Fr. John Dear

March 8: Nonviolence and the Web of Creation

Daniel Moriarty and Tania Avila Meneses

March 15: Panel Discussion with Social Change Activists and Peacebuilders Committed to Nonviolence

Michelle Sherman, Eliane Lakam, and Luis Miranda

Panel moderated by Colleen Dulle

March 22: Nonviolent Action! Engaging Faith and Social Enterprise

Dr. Kit Evans-Ford

March 29: Nonviolence and Laudato Si'

Christina Leaño

April 5: Dorothy Day and Gospel Nonviolence

Martha Hennessy

April 12: The Church Returns to Gospel Nonviolence

Marie Dennis

NO COST FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS
TO REGISTER

Questions? Call Dave at 920-809-4282





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 are in need of volunteer tutors! Volunteer for once-a-week sessions where you help an immigrant learn English or citizenship. We welcome our immigrant brothers and sisters! Since 2002, we have helped 97 Dubuquers become U.S. citizens and helped more than 1,400 of our neighbors improve their English skills. Last year, we served 253 immigrants.

If you are interested in volunteering in some way, email info@thelanterncenter.org OR call (563) 557-7134.

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**



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LIKE us on FACEBOOK!



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!

Contact Rev. Stephanie Ells
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