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PROGRAM: "COMMUNITY RESPONSES to PANDEMIC FOOD INSECURITY"

Dubuque Area Congregations United DACU Delegates & Community Invited!

Tuesday, May 24, 2022 6:30 pm - 8:15 pm

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2155 University Avenue DBQ Fellowship Hall Accessible

- + 6:00-6:30 pm Religious Affairs Committee
- + 6:30 pm View Church garden and **Food Provider Network displays**
- + 7:00 pm Program Speaker: Jason Neises

Community Development Coordinator-Community Foundation

+ 7:00 pm Zoom link: www.dacuonline.org or ZOOM Meeting ID: 867 1229 1798 Passcode: 673936

Community sharing of food ministries!

DACU contact: 563-581-1200 Everyone is welcome!

BRING NON-PERISHABLE **FOOD ITEMS FOR THE FOOD** PANTRY!

THERE WILL BE A COMBINED JUNE/JULY DACU **NEWSLETTER. All** submissions are due by June 1, 2022. Thank you!

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The April DACU meeting highlighted resources in the Dubuque area that assist with brain health outreach and **healing.** Over 50 folks from the area attended to learn about how they can better understand issues and needs connected to brain health. Attendees heard from the Community Foundation, Hillcrest, Crescent Community Health, Dubuque Community Public Schools, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Mental Health of America Dubuque County, and the groups working with the ENVISION Mental Health Endowment. Many of these groups also had Support Tables available following the presentations. If you, or anyone you know, is dealing with brain health, these are great places to reach out to for assistance of various kinds. You are not alone and there IS hope!

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	APRIL '22	YTD	Budget '22
Income	\$1,250.65	\$2,026.45	\$8,375.00
Expenses	\$0.00	\$7,014.54	\$7,014.54

Ending Balance as of 4/30/2022: \$2,800.66



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, May 3rd*, via Zoom.

- The DACU Board is searching for a President-Elect as well as a Treasuer 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 beliefes to serve others in cooperation; and to be a supportive presence in the Dubuque area through the sharing of our time, talents, and resources."
- 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
- Plans for the Annual DACU Fall Picnic at the Arboretum "Porch" August 23 from 5-9PM 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 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. 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.

During the first 4 months of 2022 PIN has been blessed with generous donations from many *individuals and the following congregations/groups:* Center Grove United Methodist Church, St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Verlo Mattress Factory, Dubuque Area Congregations United, Sisters of the Presentation, Summit Congregational United Church of Christ, Secular Franciscan Fraternity, First Presbyterian Church, Sisters of Charity BVM, Sisters of Charity Peace and Justice Collection, and St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Sincerely, P.I.N. President Tom Stovall



Greetings!

We have an opportunity for our community to **help us get the interior painting done** at the new location at 1310 White St. from 8 - 5 on Saturday, May 14, we will be getting the interior of the building painted. If you have painting skills and would love to help us, call us and let us know. 563-583-4440

We hope to be moved in and relocated by June 1. It may be a little later, but we don't anticipate earlier. It will be so nice to serve our community in a greater way with more space and assistance.

If you are thinking of volunteering on a regular basis, we are in need of more volunteers. There is room for people who would like to just volunteer a couple hours a week to those that would like to volunteer several hours per week.

One of our employees lost her nephew to suicide in January of 2021. There is a Mental Health Awareness Golf Tournament in Memory of Matthew Boland being held on May 14, 2022 at the Timberline Golf Course. There are many ways to contribute. Contact: Diane Conrad at 563-590-2596 or peteconrad7@ad.com. All funds raised go to Almost Home.

Sincerely, Theresa M. Caldwell **Executive Director**



DUBUQUE RESCUE MISSION

The Dubuque Rescue Mission was given a grant to completely renovate our entire Third Floor Men's Dormitory bathroom and shower room. A tremendous gift and much needed rehab of those facilities. The shower room has been expanded to four showers plus a handicapped shower.

We continue to serve around 180 men, women and children breakfast, lunch and supper each day. We always seem to be full for our men's shelter with a waiting list of eight men. The Thrift Store is looking for good/lightly used furniture and mattresses.

Please continue to pray for us and those we serve. Your support is appreciated.

Sincerely, Rick Mihm

DRM Director



ADVOCATE FOR A HEALTHIER PLANET

TIP #1: SAVE ENERGY & GET PAID

Are you buying a new energy
efficient refrigerator or freezer but
aren't sure what to do with the
old one? You can recycle it and
get \$50 from Alliant Energy per
appliance. Plus, they will pick it up
and haul it away for free.

TIP #2: BUY A PLANT

Buy a plant for the inside of your home. The plant will produce oxygen and improve your indoor air quality.

You can choose a flower, herb, or a plant that bears fruit such as tomato, pepper or strawberries.



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

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.





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.

Healthy and Well Kids of Iowa (Hawki) insurance provides an opportunity to decrease the financial burden of medical and dental insurance for families with children 0-18. Income guidelines are higher for Hawki than for Medicaid. For instance, a family of 4 can have a yearly income of up to \$83,808 and still be eligible for Hawki insurance.

Dental only insurance is also available. In addition to the generous income guidelines, no family will ever pay over \$40 per month for their premium, no matter how many children they have.

Cristee' Miner is the Hawki Outreach Coordinator for your area and would welcome the opportunity to assist families in providing insurance for their children.

Please refer anyone in need to the Dubuque Visiting Nurses Association at 563-556-6200 ext 1934 or reach out through email to Cristee.Miner@unitypoint.org



Know someone struggling to provide health and dental insurance for their children?

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



CREATOR'S 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!

From the Port of Dubuque
to the shores of
Lake Michigan,
Church Life invites you to join
as we recognize with
gratitude and thanks to God
the ministry of:

The Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel Senior Pastor

Farewell Reception

Sunday, June 12, 2022 11 AM-1:30 PM Mississippi River Museum Train Depot Room 350 E 3rd Street Dubuque, IA 52001

Complimentary admission to the River Museum included! Hors d'oeuvres Cash Bar

1st Congregational Church
10th & Locust Dubuque, Iowa
1stcongucc.org





SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Thursdays at 7:00pm

June 2 The Tri-State Wind Symphony

Glenn Pohland, Conductor

Alliant Amphitheater (600 Star Brewery Dr.)

June 9 German Band

Eagle Point Park (2601 Shiras Ave.)

June 16 The Tri-State Wind Symphony

David Resnick, Conductor Alliant Amphitheater

June 23 Big Band Express

Eagle Point Park

June 30 The Tri-State Wind Symphony

Rod Matthews, Conductor

Alliant Amphitheater

July 7 Americana Band

Eagle Point Park

July 14 The Tri-State Wind Symphony

Nolan Hauta, Conductor

Alliant Amphitheater

July 28 The Tri-State Wind Symphony

Alliant Amphitheater

Title V African American Doula Project

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/allenwomens-health-1.aspx

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) has recognized disparities in Maternal Health outcomes among African American/Black-identifying individuals in Iowa. IDPH seeks to reduce these disparities by modifying, expanding and enhancing Iowa's Maternal Child Health Title V Service Delivery System to include a community-based, culturally congruent doula program as a service offering.

RENEWING A MUSIC LEGACY 1964-2022







THE WPC PIPE ORGAN RENOVATION PROJECT

THE PROJECT CONTRACTOR

The work to renovate, clean and tune Westminster's M.P. Möller sanctuary pipe organ will be performed by the highly-acclaimed Dobson Pipe Organ Builders, of Lake City, Iowa. In April, 2021, Dobson dedicated their new Opus No. 97 pipe organ in John and Alice Butler Hall, at the University of Dubuque's Heritage Center. It is a stunning instrument, both visually and harmonically, and is the largest pipe organ in Dubuque.

OUR LOCAL VOLUNTEERS

"WRANGLERS" will assist Dobson crews to disassemble the organ, lift and carry organ pipes and components, and provide general physical labor.

"PIPE CLEANERS" will gently clean the exterior of each wood and metal organ pipe with a soft cloth.

"HOSPITALITARIANS" will plan, prepare and serve refreshments and a free lunch for workers on site.



DISASSEMBLY AND CLEANING

Eleven large wind reservoirs and three smaller concussion bellows units, made of wood and leather, will be removed, packed into Dobson's truck along with individual components needing attention, and taken to the company shop for repair, rebuilding and a careful craft known as "re-leathering".



A WIND RESERVOIR

REASSEMBLY, REGULATING, VOICING AND TUNING

In August, Dobson technicians will return with the rebuilt, re-leathered wind reservoirs and other components.

A smaller crew of volunteers will again gather, and the entire instrument will be reassembled in the Sanctuary pipe chambers. This step should take a week, perhaps less.

Finally, two Dobson specialists will meticulously voice and tune every pipe, and adjust and regulate the system to complete the project.



WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US IN THIS SUMMER'S ADVENTURE.

MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS MAY BE MADE VIA THE "ONLINE PAYMENT"

OPTION OF OUR CHURCH WEBSITE, OR CHECKS MAY BE MAILED OR DELIVERED

TO THE CHURCH OFFICE. (SEE CONTACT INFO ON THE FRONT OF THIS BROCHURE.)

TO VOLUNTEER FOR A "HANDS-ON" ROLE IN ON SITE WORK IN JUNE OR AUGUST, CALL OR WRITE THE CHURCH OFFICE AND LEAVE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION. WE'LL BE IN TOUCH AS THE WORKDAYS APPROACH.

FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT OUR TREASURED MÖLLER PIPE ORGAN AND OUR RENOVATION PROJECT, YOU ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT:

MERRILL CRAWFORD

563.580.2162

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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, lowa.

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

SHALOM SPIRITUALITY CENTER

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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Thursday, May 12, 10:00am - 12:00pm in-person Facilitator: Mari Hammel, Program Assistant

Mari and her mother have woven many prayers into their prayer shawl ministry, which serves in and outside the community. Mari will share and show how this ministry supports our connections with others using fabric and textiles. Join us as we share fellowship and shawl making. Newcomers to the ministry and knitting welcome (we will teach you)!

You are invited to stay for lunch; please register with meal at registration for an accurate count. Cost \$5 per person (no meal), \$19 per person (with meal); please register online at shalomretreats.org or by calling 563.582.3592 by May 7, 2022.

WELCOMING WEEDS

Monday, May 23, 6:30-8 pm In-person in the Canticle of Creation Center Facilitators: Lori Apel and Mari Hammel

Welcome the weeds! Before you pull another weed, join us and discover their potential benefits! This interactive session helps you discover the holistic and healing potential of common yard weeds. In addition, participants will develop their very own all-purpose salve as a take-home gift. You will never look at weeds the same way again!

Cost \$10 per person; please register online at shalomretreats.org or by calling 563.582.3592 by May 19, 2022.

GRANDPARENT TEA

Thursday, June 2, 9:30-11:00am; in-person

Facilitator: Lori Appel

Let's celebrate the gift of grandparenthood over a cup of tea! This monthly group will meet to share stories, ideas, and unique family dynamics while musing over the joys of grandparenting!

Freewill donation; please RSVP.

May 17 6:00-9:00pm

Canvas Painting: Bees & Gnome

Sarah Barnes will guide you step-by-step in how to paint 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 May 13 Proof of vaccination required May 25 6:30-7:30pm

Fragments from a Life: reflections on poetry, war and immigration by women composers

With interpretations described as "full of life, flexibility, gripping rhythms and a richness of dynamic shadings" (Milan Bátor, Český rozhlas) and a skill at engaging audiences in the musical dialogue, Dr. Katelyn Bouska is a frequent solo and collaborative musician. Her unique programming combining rarely-heard Czech and American music with music being written for her by rising composers has found an audience throughout the United States and on the international concert stage.

Queen of the Rosary Chapel Freewill offering will be accepted Proof of vaccination required



June 21 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Sacred Land-Wild Church: Summer Solstice

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

June 28

7:00 - 8:00pm (Zoom)

A Spiritual Ecology: Connecting Contemplation With the Cry of the Earth

At bottom, the planetary challenges we now face are spiritual. This presentation will explore the ways we may more profoundly understand and respond to those challenges by drawing on contemporary ecological thought, Christian theology, Indigenous spirituality, Pope Francis' Laudato Si', and from Anglada's own experience living with the land. The goal of our time together is to forge a way of being within the world that is so old it looks new.

\$15/person Registration ends on June 27



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?

Shelter Board

Tom Stovall

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

Contact Rev. Stephanie Ells

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