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DACU

**40th Annual
Interfaith
Thanksgiving
Service** (masks encouraged)

Church of the Resurrection 4300 Asbury Road

"Sustaining Creation For All"

Offering: Supports PIN (People In Need emergency assistance)
Non-perishable foods and paper goods
accepted for the Dubuque Food Pantry

Wednesday November 23, 2022 7PM
Guest speaker: Rev. MargaretAnne Overstreet
Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Dubuque

Organist: Dr. Charles Barland
Special Music: Dubuque Chorale
Children's Choir
Director: Karmella Sellers

Live streamed - <https://m.facebook.com/resdbq>

**This is PIN's main fundraiser.
Please be generous.**

Questions?
fpdbq.pastor@gmail.com

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UPCOMING DACU DELEGATE MEETINGS

Wednesday, November 23, 7:00 PM
**DACU's 40th Annual
 Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**
Resurrection Catholic Church
4300 Asbury Road

No December Delegate Meeting

Tuesday, January 25, 2023, 6:00 PM
DACU Annual Meeting & Dinner
Westminster Presbyterian Church

COMMUNITY EVENTS

NOVEMBER 4

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

NOVEMBER 19

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE
GALA

NOVEMBER 25

NATIVE AMERICAN
HERITAGE DAY

DECEMBER 2

TRI-STATE MAYORS
BREAKFAST

DECEMBER 6

CANADIAN PACIFIC
HOLIDAY TRAIN HERE

DECEMBER 7

STRONGER TOGETHER
SUPPORT GROUP

DACU Financial Report

	October '22	YTD	Budget '22
Income	\$979.53	\$5,681.87	\$8,375.00
Expenses	\$1,459.45	\$9,648.99	\$7,550.00

Ending Balance as of 10/31/2022: \$3,818.03



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



HAPPENINGS DUBUQUE CHAPTER NAACP

- The Criminal Justice Team is active in facilitating Restorative Strategies and working with Catholic Charities regarding their local group for family members of incarcerated people.
- The Education Team is planning for the January 23, 2023 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute
- The Religious Affairs Team will begin visiting Congregations at the end of October to explain their work. They have also proposed a community read of the "A New Origin Story: The 1619 Project to the Community Foundation." The read will take place in late Spring 2023.

- November is busy for the Dubuque Chapter. Check the TH for information about the *Turkey Give Away*.
- The Freedom Fund Banquet was held at Grand River Conference Center on November 6th, 2022.
- For current membership information, feel free to contact Fr. Dan Knepper (563-590-0461)

DACU PROJECT UPDATES

PEOPLE IN NEED



Thru October of this year, PIN has provided **64** assists for rent and utilities, totaling **\$39,187**. This is an average of **\$612 per assist**. Nearly 70% of those assists were for rent payments to avoid eviction.

P.I.N. operates through referrals from social service agencies, churches/congregations and DACU.

Potential clients cannot call directly. 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.

PIN is celebrating our **40th year of service** to the community this year. We were created by DACU back in 1982.

During the first months of 2022 PIN has been blessed with generous donations from many individuals and the following congregations/groups. PIN is grateful for the most recent donations from the **Sisters of Charity BVM** and the **Sisters of St. Francis**. Thanks to all for gracious generosity. We are blessed with wonderful support from Dubuque's community of faith.

Sincerely,
Tom Stovall
P.I.N. President

DUBUQUE RESCUE MISSION



This past month has had its ups and downs at the Rescue Mission. We **celebrated 90 years of continuous ministry** at the mission with a *Thank You* dinner at Steeple Square with 180 guests ranging from guests at the mission, volunteers, DRM clients, staff, and donors. There was a slide show presentation of DRM history and stories of the mission.

We ran into **complications** with moving forward with our new building. The building is to be used as an additional warming shelter and a place for overflow in the winter months. The city would not grant the building permit until we put in a sprinkler system. Without the sprinkler system we could not have overnight guests in the building. Work is already underway to install the new sprinkler system.

As many of you may have read in the local papers, one of our guests at the mission ended his own life, unable to cope with the burdens he was facing. A beautiful service of remembrance was held in the gardens at the mission. It was a reminder to us all the burdens some of our guests experience and a huge reminder of why we are **called** to this ministry of being **respectful and loving** to everyone regardless of our differences.

Morgan Frazer
Board President

DUBUQUE FOOD PANTRY



Greetings!

We hope that you and yours are doing well! We are excited here at the Dubuque Food Pantry that we are serving more clients than ever. **We knew that the need was increasing for families due to the increased cost of most grocery necessities.** Here at the DFP we include milk and eggs with every food order. With the cost of those items alone our budget has gone up considerably. We are confident that our community will continue their support of those less fortunate, especially at this time of thanksgiving and giving.

Sign up for our Christmas Baskets will start on the Monday following Thanksgiving. The baskets can be picked up between 10am-3pm on Mon. 12/19, Tues. 12/20, and Wed. 12/21.

The Canadian Pacific Holiday Train will be stopping in Dubuque on Tues. 12/6 at 8:30pm at the railroad tracks at Hawthorne and Rhomberg Avenue. This is a great community event. We will have caroling at 7:30pm and warm beverages will be served as we wait the arrival of the Holiday Train. Santa & Mrs. Claus will be making a special appearance for our kiddos! The community is asked to bring canned non-perishable goods.

Blessings!!
Theresa M. Caldwell
Executive Director

Blue Christmas

A Community Service of Healing and Hope
for anyone feeling blue this season

**Wednesday
December 14th
6:30 PM**

Hosted by First Presbyterian Church
1684 Iowa St | Dubuque, IA

Childcare Provided

Participating Churches:

First Presbyterian Church, St. Luke's UMC,
First Congregational Church UCC, Immanuel UCC,
Holy Trinity ELCA, Westminster PC(USA)...**All are welcome**

Community Christmas Worship

All are welcome to worship with us.

Sunday, December 25th | 10 AM

Hosted by St. Luke's UMC

1199 Main St. | Dubuque, IA

Participating Churches:

St. Luke's UMC, First Presbyterian Church,
First Congregational Church UCC,
Holy Trinity ELCA, Westminster Presbyterian,
Immanuel UCC, St. John's Episcopal Church

First Congregational Church UCC

Theology on Tap

Jubek's New World Brewery ~115 W 11st St Dubuque

Contact: Michael Sivill michaelzivill@gmail.com



What is Theology on Tap?

A weekly Adult Bible Study group that meets and has discussions and reflections on the scripture that is going to be preached on the following Sunday.

WESTMINSTER HUNGER OUTREACH

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2022

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Drive-thru food distribution
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www.scottcountyia.gov/health



DONATIONS REQUEST



MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

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electrical items.

We are also interested in plumbing,
flooring and lumber.

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SUPPORT THE PROTECTION OF GOD'S CREATION!

TIP #1: *Remember the three "R's"*

Reduce the use of items that harm God's creation. Reuse or repurpose items rather than throwing them away. Recycle those things that can be. And, here is a 4th R – Rot, which means to compost those things that can be and keep them out of the landfill.

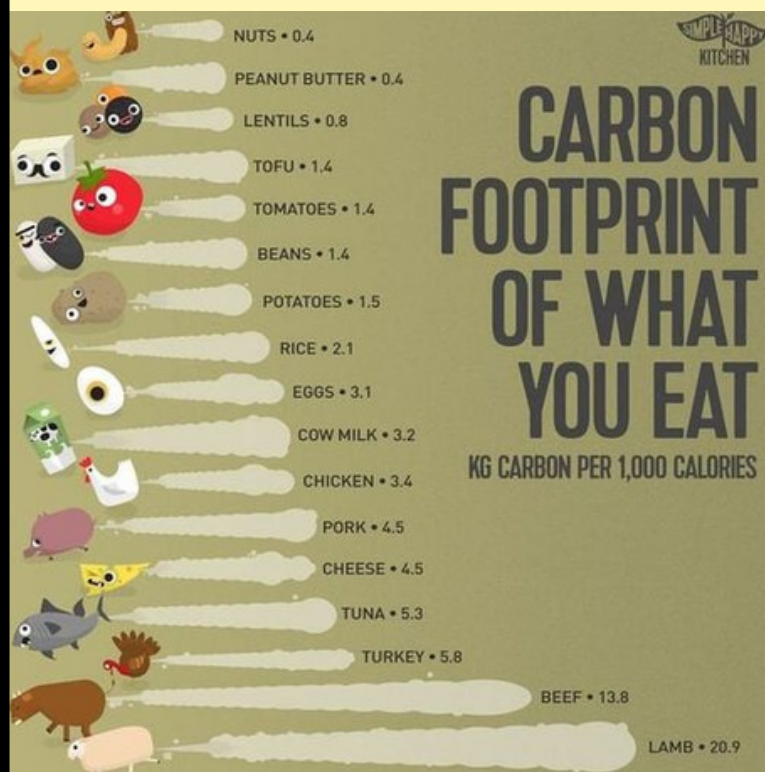
TIP #2: *Paper Products?*

Make a commitment and plan to reduce your use of paper and other disposable items. Trade in those single-use-throw-away items (paper plates, cups, napkins, utensils, straws, plastic bottles, plastic bags, etc.) for the real thing—real reusable items that can be cleaned and used over and over again without damage to our environment.



Green Team Tips

Dubuque Interfaith Green Coalition



For information about this group, contact: Paul Uzel at uzeldansen@gmail.com



November 15
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Healing Grounds: Connecting Regeneration, Farming, and Reparations (Zoom)

Liz Carlisle will present on a powerful land movement happening in this country: she has followed the story of four Indigenous, Black, Latinx, and Asian American regenerative farmers who are reviving their ancestors' methods of growing food—techniques long suppressed by the industrial food system. Carlisle will show how this kind of regenerative farming will require reckoning with our nation's agricultural history—a history marked by discrimination and displacement. And it will ultimately require dismantling power structures that have blocked many farmers of color from owning land or building wealth. She will help us understand that we can not only heal our planet, we can also heal our communities & ourselves.

\$10/person.

Registration ends on 11.14.

November 30
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

An Advent Journey: Traveling to Bethlehem with Mary & Joseph

Mary experiences an invitation from an Angel and she visits her cousin Elizabeth who is with child. Joseph meets an angel in his dreams and vows to support Mary in any way he can. This holy couple have much to teach us as we journey through the weeks of Advent. Come join Christa Cunningham, OP & Jean Tranel, OP for an evening of prayer and reflection as you begin your Advent Journey with Mary & Joseph on the road to Bethlehem.

\$10/person.

Registration ends on November 28.
Proof of vaccination is required.



www.sinsinawa.org/moundcenter

(608) 748-4411

December 4
1:30 pm - 2:30pm

Remembering Our Loved Ones at Holiday Time

This ecumenical memorial service will be held to honor family and friends who have died. We are planning to honor our deceased loved ones by displaying a personalized ornament on a tree in our Queen of the Rosary Chapel. During this service you will be invited to receive the ornament as your loved one's name is called. This service is a living memorial and provides an opportunity for you and your family to experience a new and meaningful ritual.

To order your personalized ornament, contact Janice DeMuth at 608-748-4411, ext. 811 **by Nov. 25.** *There is no fee.*

December 21
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Sacred Land – Wild Church: Winter Solstice

Fire and song, ritual and community, prayer and quiet: this ecumenical gathering is centered on honoring the sacred time of Winter Solstice, the shortest day and longest night of the year. Our "Sacred Land-Wild Church" gatherings draw on the liturgical calendar, Celtic spirituality and its calendar, as well as the growing Wild Church and Forest Church movements. Be prepared to spend some time 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

The Healing Oils of Gratitude

Monday, November 14, 6-7:30 pm

Facilitator: Mari Hammel

Essential or aromatic oils have been used by many cultures around the world for centuries. These plant-based oils have been used for cosmetic as well as spiritually and emotionally uplifting properties. In this session, participants will create a blend of Gratitude oil which we will apply to diffuser beads on a bracelet. Mari will also share how spending a few minutes a day to acknowledge and absorb life's positive attributes can significantly impact one's overall well-being. This is a perfect way to journey through this season of thanks! Participants will receive one bracelet, a roller bottle of the essential oil blend, and one Gratitude journal.

Cost is \$20 per person; please register by Friday, November 11.

Meditation & Music: Sound Healing Meditation

Monday, November 21, 6:30 – 7:30 pm & December 19, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Facilitator: Morgan Noel

Experience a deep meditative state as you surrender to the healing sound frequencies of Crystal Singing Bowls. This practice helps to cultivate a calming and relaxing experience for participants. No prior experience is needed. Please wear comfortable clothing, and feel free to bring a pillow, blanket, or anything else that will make you more comfortable. Facilitator Morgan Noel is a practitioner of Singing Bowls and is Usui Reiki 1 & 2 Certified.

Cost is \$10; please register by November 18 or December 15.

The Flight into Egypt: A Refugee Perspective

Wednesday, December 7, 6:30-7:30 pm

Hybrid, In-person Shalom Spirituality Center, Zoom

Presenter: Sr. Frances Nosbisch

The story of Jesus, Joseph, and Mary is a story of a refugee family. Their early years living in Egypt were not one of choice but an escape into the night from persecution and imminent murder. When the time seemed safe from danger, they returned to their country and were allowed to choose their ultimate home in Nazareth. Without these basic human rights of freedom of movement, both internally and externally from their country, there may not have been a Christmas Story as we know it. Join us as Sr. Frances shares the story of the holy family through the lens of refugees.

Cost is \$10 per person; please register by Monday, December 5.



2022-2023 Children of Abraham

Children of Abraham creates an atmosphere of civic life that builds inter-religious solidarity, cooperation and friendship. We do this through careful listening and generous sharing of ideas and traditions. Normally, we're in person.

www.cofabraham.org

September 15: Describing the Divine - Loras College Ballroom (Alumni Campus Center)
October 27: Does Everything Happen for a Reason? - Temple Beth El
November 17: Jealousy - University of Dubuque

January 19: Does Religion Evolve? - Westminster Presbyterian Church
February 16: Ethical Consumerism - Emmaus Bible College
March 16: Holy Days - Tri-State Islamic Center
April 20: Animals - Resurrection Church



Live Musical Performances

12:05 pm - 12:35 pm
 Jan. 6 - Mar. 24, 2023

*Reception following
 with free **fabulous**
 dessert*

***Donations accepted
 for community outreach.

FABULOUS FRIDAY COMMUNITY ARTIST SERIES 2023



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NOVEMBER 19, 2022

All proceeds support Opening Doors—the nonprofit organization that operates Teresa Shelter, Maria House, and a permanent supportive housing program at Francis Apartments.

Grand River Center, Dubuque

Doors Open: 4:30 PM

Program/Dinner: 6:30 PM

Tickets: \$75

Sponsored Table of 10: \$800

Sponsorship Levels

\$7,500, \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,500,
\$1,000, \$800, and \$500



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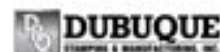
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Interested in becoming a DACU Member? Membership in DACU is open to all who share DACU's mission. *Contact DACU President Morgan Frazer*

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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!

JAN. 2023 SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 1.1.2023

Send submissions to: *Rev. Stephanie Ells*
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