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We, the members of DACU, people of diverse faiths and beliefs, are united by our belief in God, our concerns for justice and our call to serve others. Through prayerful dependence on God and respectful cooperation with each other, we will make a difference in our world by fostering an awareness and understanding of human need. We will be a supportive presence in this community and beyond through the generous sharing of our time, talents, and resources. Mission Statement adopted 10/22/1996.

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DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT
Here's just a few of the events sponsored by our DACU congregations and associates. Turn the page to learn more!		
October 13	Hope House	Join Dubuque Peace 4:00 PM Washington Park to show solidarity for Ferguson
October 18	Rockdale Methodist	Fall Auction 4:00-6:00 PM 1500 Old Mill Road
October 23	Children of Abraham	7:00 PM Temple Beth El "Hospitality and Genesis 18"
October 25	Sisters of the Presentation	Arts & Crafts Boutique, 8AM-4PM, 2360 Carter Road
October 25	Operation New View	Andrew Connolly Make A Difference Day
October 28	DACU	Dacu Delegates Meeting, Rescue Mission, 7:00 PM
October 30	Operation New View	Dinner & a Movie to support Keep Our Neighbors Warm, 5-7:30 PM Dubuque Eagles Club, 117 Century Drive
November 7	Church Women United	World Community Day, 9:30 AM, Immanuel UCC Church, 1795 Jackson St.
November 26	DACU	Annual DACU Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, 7:00 PM Resurrection Catholic Church



DACU Delegates Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2014

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Location: Dubuque Rescue Mission
398 Main Street

St. Elias Church will be hosting at the Rescue Mission. Join us to hear updates on DACU Projects as well as a message from Mary Sawyer, Dubuque Non-Violence Coalition

REMINDER: We accept donations of canned food for the Food Pantry at every DACU Delegates' Meeting. Thank you for your generosity!

Upcoming DACU Delegates Meetings:

October 28, 2014 (7:00 PM)
(Note new location) Rescue Mission
398 Main St.

Update on P.I.N., Rescue Mission, Food Pantry

November 26, 2014
Resurrection Catholic Church
4300 Asbury Road

Annual DACU Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
Speaker: Rabbi Anne Persin

Music: Dr. Thomas Dickey

Freewill Offering to support P.I.N.

Join your neighbors to support your neighbors!

December: No Meeting

January: DACU Annual Dinner and Business Meeting (TBA)

REMEMBER....Guests are ALWAYS welcome!

DACU Board Report

As of September 30, eighteen congregations and two associate members had contributed to the work of DACU for 2014. Thank you to Westminster Presbyterian Church and Grand View United Methodist Church for their generous donations in September!

FY 2014 Monthly Balance Sheet Report			
9/30/2014			
	September	2014 YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2014
Income	\$4,300.00	\$ 7,808.75	\$6,450.00
Expenses	\$ 00.00	\$ 8,359.00	\$6,450.00
Ending Balance as of 9/30/2014: \$7,432.25			

Please help us to support our DACU projects!
Checks should be made payable to "Dubuque Area
Congregations United" and sent to:
DACU Treasurer,
P.O. Box 811, Dubuque IA 52004

The DACU Board meets the first Wednesday of each month at 4:15 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Board meetings are always open to the members of DACU.

DACU Projects

People In Need (P.I.N.)

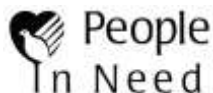
P.I.N received a generous gift from Kiwanis of Dubuque this month. This month, the majority of assists have been for rent. Do you know of someone in need?

Here is the P.I.N. assist number: (563) 581-7995

Please leave a message since this is only a recorded line. Potential clients should not call; only social service agencies, churches/congregations and DACU organizations should refer potential clients.

Application via phone only.

**Please send donations to: Tom Stovall, PIN Treasurer,
3345 Tibey Court, Dubuque, IA 52002-2849**



Dubuque Rescue Mission.

Our new Thrift Store # 2 is open at 2nd & Locust! This second store will feature furniture. Come and visit! Our website is www.DubuqueRescue.org

DACU Rescue Mission Representative
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Dubuque Food Pantry

We are in need of Boxes!! The ideal sizes are: no bigger than fruit boxes like the ones apples or oranges or reams of paper come in. Some that are a little smaller als also OK for our use.

Does your church/congregation want to know what we could use? Each month I am listing a few items that we could use so you can plan ahead and get the list in your church bulletin/announcements.

October – Canned fruit, soup, coffee, tea, jelly, ketchup, paper towels, shampoo.

November—Stuffing mix, canned pumpkin, evaporated milk, bar soap and dish soap.

Drop off hours are: Mon., Wed., Fri. from 11:00a.m. to 3:45p.m. and Tues. 8:00a.m. to noon. Closed Thursdays.

God bless you and thank you for your continued support.

**Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager
583-4440**

NOTE: *Faces & Voices*, who organize the Dr. Martin Luther King Breakfast and other events commemorating Dr. King, are looking for a DACU representative to join their committee. They meet monthly, every 2nd Thursday. If you would be willing to serve in this way, please contact Tom LoGuidice at 608-642-1264.

DACU Community



Sisters of the Presentation

Art & Crafts Boutique and Bake Sale!

Saturday, October 25, 2014
8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Sisters of the Presentation Motherhouse
2360 Carter Rd. Dubuque
(Use Lakeside Door Entrance)

This sale is a benefit to support charitable ministries:

St. John's Lutheran Church Guesthouse (Dubuque)
Our Lady of Tepeyac School (Chicago)



St. Elias Church

The community of St. Elias Church is pleased to announce the opening of the exhibition **"Greek Architects of Istanbul in the Era of Westernization"** which focuses on the contributions of Greek architects to the modernization of Istanbul (ancient Constantinople), Turkey.

A special opening reception, with His Grace Bishop Demetrios of Mokissos (Turkey) will take place on Sunday, November 23rd, 2:00 PM at Clarke University's Quigley Gallery (1550 Clarke Drive). Dr. Bryan J. Zygmunt, assistant professor of art history at Clarke University, will also give an opening talk. The exhibit will remain open to the public through late December.

This exhibit was originally organized by Zographion Lyceum Association of Istanbul, and co-funded by Istanbul 2010 European Capital of Culture, and the John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation. It opened in Istanbul in 2010. Since then, it has traveled throughout the world. Most recently, it has been exhibited at Loyola University in Chicago. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Our delegate from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Craig Beytien, reports that the movie Meet The Mormons is at the AMC Star Theatres in Dubuque.

The movie is 1 hour, 20 minutes and will be shown at 12:55PM, 3:05PM, 5:15PM and 7:35PM for a limited time. For dates please check the AMC Star website, www.amctheatres.com

Meet the Mormons examines the very diverse lives of six devout members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Filmed on location and across the globe, Meet the Mormons takes viewers on a journey into the day-to-day realities of individuals living in the U.S., Costa Rica, Nepal and beyond. From their individual passions to their daily struggles, each story paints a picture as rich and unique as the next while challenging the stereotypes that surround the Mormon faith.



Rockdale United Methodist Church

Fall Auction! October 18

Lunch 4:30 PM, Auction, 6:00 PM

Gift certificates, homemade Fall and Christmas decorations, canned goods and MORE. Yummy homemade candies, pies, and lots more yummy baked goods!

1500 Old Mill Road (South end of Kelly Lane)

We are disabled accessible



CROP Walk

The 2014 CROP Walk stepped off Sunday October 5 starting at 1:00 PM from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (1755 Delhi St.) with a flawless autumn blue-sky day and many willing walkers. Watch this space to learn how much was raised! Thanks to all who worked to make this successful.

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St. Raphael Cathedral

Ecumenical Garage Sale Report

The 3rd Ecumenical Garage Sale was held in the St. Raphael's Cathedral Center on Saturday, September 13, 2014. With your support the sale raised \$5376.91 benefitting St. John's Lutheran Church "Almost Home" shelter for men. With a tremendous match from Thrivent Financial Lutheran Services, that amount rose to **\$8065.00**. It couldn't have happened without the wonderful volunteers and the many people from Cathedral/St. Patrick's and other churches who donated household items and furniture. It was also heartwarming to be able to assist several families in distress with household items. Pastor Jay Ilten of St. John's stated, "That is an incredible amount coming from incredibly, loving, compassionate and giving brothers and sisters".

Vincent and Betty Vanden Heuvel

St. Raphael's/St. Patrick's Social Justice Committee



St. Luke's United Methodist Church

A Request... If your congregation regularly videotapes your worship services to assist congregants who cannot attend, we would like to talk to you! We'd like to create an informal group of folks here in Dubuque who do this so we could share information and "best practices" regarding the technology involved in this. If you are interested please contact Bobby Martin at flaggtx@juno.com and put "Technology Group" in the "subject" line.



Church Women United

Friday, November 7: World Community Day

Hosted by Immanuel UCC Church

1795 Jackson Street. Off street parking.

9:30 a.m. Gathering/Coffee

10:00 a.m. Through God Our Hands Can Heal

Speaker: Mary Ann Zollman, BVM "**Given the Gift of Hands, Giving the Gift of God**"

Donations of beverage tabs will be collected to support Iowa women prisoners' education opportunities.

Everyone is welcome!

Sue Hattel, CWU Leadership Team 556-1394



Operation: New View Community Action Agency

Andrew Connolly Make A Difference Day:

For the past several years, DACU has been one of the official sponsors of this huge community-wide service project to help elderly, disabled, veteran and low-income households in the community. Now in its 8th year, this year's event is on **Saturday, October 25th** and will be hosted by Westminster Presbyterian Church. Dubuque's faith community has traditionally given strong support to the event by providing volunteer teams and helping to identify homes that need service.

If your congregation would like to create a team, or if you know of households who need help, please contact Amanda Hohmann at 563.556-5130 ext. 14.

Dinner and A Movie:

The Dubuque Eagles Club is sponsoring Eat for Heat Burger Night! Money raised will go to the "Keep Our Neighbors Warm Fund" to assist local, low income households with their winter energy costs.

When: Thursday, October 30, 5:00 to 7:30 PM

Where: Dubuque Eagles Club,
117 Century Drive, Dubuque

AND, please join us after dinner for a FREE showing of *American Winter* an award winning HBO documentary that follows previously middle class families struggling to provide basic needs and having to ask for help for the first time.

When: Thursday, October 30, 7:30 PM

Where: Mindframe Theatre
555 John F. Kennedy Rd. #105

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Shalom Spirituality Center

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Centering Prayer

Monday, Oct. 20, 7:00 – 8:00pm

Registration not required.

11th Annual Shalom Shenanigans

Friday, Oct. 24, 5:30 – 9:00pm

Social • Fine Dining • Silent Auction • Entertainment by Ralph Kluseman • Raffle

Event Tickets: \$50. Register by noon, Oct. 17.

Raffle tickets: \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Grand Prize: \$500.

Other prizes - gifts cards: \$260 KwikStar, \$100

Theisen's Home-Farm-Auto and \$100 Hy-Vee.

The "More Than" in Daily Life: Co-sponsored by Hillcrest Family Services & Shalom Spirituality Center. Tuesday, Oct. 28, 7:00pm in the Hillcrest Chapel. Presenter: Lynn Underwood, Ph.D.

For more information, visit: www.shalomretreats.org or www.hillcrest-fs.org.

Hope and Inspiration: Spiritual Support for Alzheimer's & Dementia Caregivers

Thursday, Oct. 30, 5:30 – 8:45pm

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Jade Angelica, Workshop Leader & Author of *Where Two Worlds Touch: A Spiritual Journey Through Alzheimer's Disease*

This mini-retreat is designed specifically for those who love and care for someone who has Alzheimer's or another form of dementia. The evening begins with a nourishing supper. Then in a safe and supportive environment, the group will explore spirituality as a way of finding healing in the face of an incurable illness. Participants will have the opportunity to acknowledge and share their feelings of confusion, frustration and grief with others who understand. By exploring our images of God and identifying our fears regarding Alzheimer's and dementia, we will uncover new ways of praying.

Offering: \$25. Register by Oct. 27. Minimum of 15 required.

Centering Prayer and Visio Divina Retreat Day Saturday, Nov. 1, 9:00am – 12:30pm & 1:00 – 3:00pm Presenters: Marilyn Dansart: Centering Prayer; Marci Blum OSF: Visio Divina

Marilyn's presentation will include an explanation of the history, benefits, and the "how to" of Centering Prayer. We will focus on this form of contemplative prayer, using Scriptural images and stories. Time will be given to a group experience of Centering Prayer followed by the opportunity to reflect on and ask questions regarding this prayer experience.

Visio Divina will focus on "looking" at St. John's Collegeville Bible pictures. While lectio divina is a way of praying with Scripture, visio divina (Latin for "divine seeing") is a way of praying with images. This is a time for meditation, quiet time, praying with a Scriptural image and group sharing.

Offering: \$40, includes lunch. Register by Oct. 28.

Grieving the Loss of a Loved One: How Can Life Go On? Tuesday, Nov. 4, 7:00 – 8:30pm

Facilitator/Sharer: Mary Potter Kenyon

If you are grieving the loss of someone dear to you, we invite you to join us for an evening of supportive sharing. Author and presenter Mary Potter Kenyon intimately knows what it is to face grief. In the space of three years she lost a mother, a husband and a grandson. Mary will speak of finding hope and healing in the midst of the darkness of loss, and share excerpts from her newly-released book, *Refined by Fire: A Journey of Grief and Grace.* After the presentation, those present will be invited to share, in small groups, as much as they wish of their own stories. The evening will close with a brief prayer service.

Free will offering. Register by Nov. 3.

Lunch and Learn: Yoga – Balance

Wednesday, Nov. 5, 12:00 – 1:00pm

Presenter: Deb May, Certified Yoga Instructor

Offering: \$13, includes a healthy lunch.

Register by Nov. 3.

The Writings of Francis & Clare Day of Reflection

Saturday, Nov. 8, 9:00am – 3:30pm

Presenter: Teresine Glaser OSF

"How can one be called 'Franciscan' without having read and meditated on, first of all and above all the 'writings' of brother Francis and sister Clare of Assisi?" —Grado Giovanni Merlo

Presentations will begin with historical and personal experiences which undergird Francis and Clare's writings. This will be followed by exploring the nature and message of the writings themselves within the context of the charism entrusted to Francis and Clare. There will be a total of four one-hour sessions.

Offering: \$40, includes lunch. Register by Nov. 5.

Canticle of Creation

Monday, Nov. 10, 6:30 – 8:30pm

Facilitators: Michaela Galles OSF, Ginny Helderfer OSF & Lisa Schmidt

Shalom, for 25 years, has provided a Franciscan space for quiet and prayer. We will present meditative slides on the Canticle of Creation by St. Francis of Assisi.

Free will offering. To register call Shalom at 563-582-3592 by Nov. 6.

Reading That Matters Book Discussion

Breakfast at Sally's by author Richard LeMieux

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 7:00 – 8:30pm

Offering: \$6. Register by Nov. 17.

Making Time for Advent: A Retreat for Busy People

Friday, Nov. 21, 5:30pm – Sunday, Nov. 23, 2:00pm

Presenters: Trisha Day and Iowa City artist Mary Merkel-Hess

Advent is a time for listening in our hearts but we may be too busy to be attentive. Weekend will focus on practical suggestions for slowing down and applying contemplative values and practices to everyday life. We will explore the Advent themes of light and darkness through the visual sculptures on display.

Offering: \$175 per person, includes overnights, meals and snacks. Register by Nov. 17.



Dubuque Community

Dubuque Coalition for Nonviolence

“Creating A Safe Community: Working Together to End Gun Violence”

Nicole Hockley, whose son Dylan was one of 20 first graders killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newton, Connecticut, has become an important advocate for turning tragedy into transformation through love. She will share her story October 30, 7:00 PM at the Loras College Alumni Campus Center (Marie Graber Ballroom). Parents, educators, high school and college students, and community members are encouraged to attend.

This event, hosted by the Dubuque Coalition for Non Violence, is free and open to the public.

For more information contact Stacia at 563.588.7056 or cnvcoalition@gmail.com



Hope House

We are re-arranging our October Round-Table Discussions in order to show local solidarity with those who are gathering in St Louis on the weekend of October 10-13. More details about that action are available at the website: <http://fergusonoctober.com/> On **Monday, October 13**, local organizers are planning to gather with members of Dubuque Peace, which rallies every Monday from **4:00-5:00p at Washington Park** in downtown Dubuque. You are welcome to join with Loras students at their Campus Ministry, # 460 in the Campus

Alumni Center at 3:00p to make signs for the Ferguson Solidarity action. Please bring materials for making signs, if you have some. Their plan is to march from Loras to Washington Park.

Our plan is to march to Hope House, after the gathering in Washington Park, to share in a **6:00p community meal**.

A round-table discussion about race relations in Dubuque will follow shortly after the meal, ending at 8:00p. Our round-table on Pope Francis, previously-scheduled for October 13, will happen on October 27. I hope you will consider joining us for all or part of the events we are planning. Please contact Eric Anglada at 556-0987 for the latest information.

Peace,
Tom Johnson
Hope House
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Dubuque Circles Initiative

Greetings from The Dubuque Circles Initiative! We would like to give you the opportunity to experience firsthand what a Circles community meeting is like and to explore the ways you can help Circles impact poverty in the Dubuque area. In particular we would like to invite you to join us for an exciting and informative event the night of **Tuesday, October 28th**, where we will be discussing local homelessness.

Guest presenter Malia Dunn of Project Concern will address homelessness and barriers to stable housing in Dubuque. The night is part of our Big View programming, which endeavors to address systemic issues which contribute to poverty.

The presentation will occur as part of Circles weekly community meeting. As such it will be at our usual location and will follow our usual Tuesday meeting format:

Prescott Elementary
1296 White St., Dubuque, IA
5:45-Arrival, Community Supper, & Visitor Orientation
6:30-8:30, Community Meeting

Please join us at 5:45 to sign in and connect with one of our Recruitment & Retention team members. He or she will be your guide for the night to answer any questions you may have and discuss the volunteer opportunities our program offers over our free community meal. For smoothest pairing with team members RSVP is

encouraged, though not required. Please email circles@cityofdubuque.org or call 563-690-6109

Unable to make it 10/28? One of the great things about Circles is the flexibility of our community. Our doors are open every Tuesday at Prescott Elementary School. Supper and childcare are provided. Please feel free to stop in.

"Circles" is a great way to make a difference in the Dubuque community. Come visit us to build your personal network and seek out new perspectives while working to end poverty!



Crescent Community Health Center

Are You Ready?

Crescent Community Health Center is providing the Dubuque Community with education, enrollment and determining eligibility for the Health Insurance Marketplace and the Iowa Health and Wellness Plans (Medicaid) for individuals.

Iowa Health and Wellness Plans (Medicaid) can be done year round at our office.

Every health insurance plan in the new Marketplace will offer "essential health benefits", including doctor visits, preventative and wellness services, hospitalization, prescriptions, mental health and substance abuse disorders, laboratory, ambulatory services, emergency services, rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices, pediatric services, maternity and newborn care.

Open enrollment will begin on November 15, 2014. You can find out more information about enrollment and eligibility through a Certified Application Counselor at Crescent Community Health Center. Please call (563) 552-8080 or (563) 690-2856 to schedule an appointment today.

Website: www.crescentchc.org.

Angela Petsche, Outreach and Enrollment Coordinator

Children of Abraham



The Children of Abraham is a series of conversations, entering its fourth year, by folks representing the three different Abrahamic religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam. At each meeting, a topic is explored. First, briefly, the three religious speakers present an interpretation on that subject. Then the attendees break up into groups to talk about the subject and what they heard. Finally, the group comes back together to share observations. Everyone is welcome and there is never a charge.

Mission Statement: Dubuque's Children of Abraham creates an atmosphere in civic life that builds inter-religious solidarity, cooperation, and friendship. It does so through regular monthly topical conversations, service activities, educational outreach, the creative use of sacred space, and expressions of cross-cultural hospitality.

The dates are always Thursdays. We start at 7pm and end at 8:30pm.

2014-2015 Schedule of Conversations ... Join us.

September 18 – Science and Religion – Loras College

October 23 – Scripture Study (Jewish) "Hospitality and Genesis 18" – Temple Beth-El

November 20 – Noah – Clarke University

January 29 – Scripture Study (Christian) – "The Sermon on the Mount – Love for Others" – St Anthony's Church

February 19 – Humor in the 3 Traditions – Hadley Auditorium, University of Dubuque

March 19 – Scripture Study (Islam) – Tri-State Islamic Center

April 16 – The Afterlife – Wartburg Seminary
(to be confirmed)



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