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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!		
September 18	Children of Abraham	7:00 PM Loras College "Science and Religion"
September 20	Clarke University	2-6 PM, Kehl Center, "This is How We BBQ in DBQ"
September 21	Dubuque International Day of Peace	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM Lecture by Jacob Krapfl, "Bullets and Buddies, The Language of Coming Home", Alumni Ballroom, Loras College
September 23	DACU	Dacu Delegates Meeting, Rockdale Methodist Church, 7:00 PM
October 5	CROP	CROP Walk, 1:00 PM, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
October 25	Operation New View	Andrew Connolly Make A Difference Day
October 28	DACU	Dacu Delegates Meeting, Rescue Mission, 7:00 PM
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



DACU Delegates Meeting

Date: Tuesday, September 23, 2014

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Location: Rockdale Methodist Church
1500 Old Mill Road

Join us to learn about Catholic Charities and the latest on the Drug Court initiative in Dubuque; also an update from Mary Sawyer, Dubuque Non-Violence Coalition

NOTE: Please bring cleaning supplies to the September delegate meeting. Deacon Bill Hixon will be speaking about "Drug Court" and prison ministry. One of the things he does is furnish cleaning supplies to those going into apartments after being released from jail/prison. Other items they can use are toilet tissue, paper towels, sponges, dish clothes, dish soap, etc..... I will bring the scrub pails to go with all the cleaning supplies. Let's see how many buckets we can fill on Sept. 23^d.

Sister Lynn Wagner, DACU President

Upcoming DACU Delegates Meetings:

September 23, 2014 (7:00 PM)
Rockdale Methodist Church
1500 Old Mill Rd.
"Catholic Charities; Drug Court"

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

December: No Meeting

REMEMBER....Guests are ALWAYS welcome!

DACU Board Report

As of July 31, sixteen congregations and two associate members had contributed to the work of DACU for 2014. There were no donations from congregations in August. Even so, DACU made a \$500 donation to the work of Make A Difference Day.

FY 2014 Monthly Balance Sheet Report			
8/31/2014			
	August	2014 YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2014
Income	\$ 00.00	\$ 3,508.75	\$6,450.00
Expenses	\$ 656.00	\$ 8,359.00	\$6,450.00
Ending Balance as of 8/31/2014: \$3,132.25			

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

Please Help! NEW Members needed for the Worship Committee! We are beginning to plan for our Thanksgiving Service. If you are interested or would like more information contact Phyllis Garfield (phyllisgarfield@hotmail.com)

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.)

Treasurer Tom Stovall reports that as of July 31, P.I.N. made 115 assists for a total \$27,000. In 2013, we made just 118 assists for the entire year! Clearly, the needs continue!
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.

The greenhouse is flourishing!. Veggies are coming in beautifully. Needs continue to be ground beef, milk, and coffee. The website is www.DubuqueRescue.org

DACU Rescue Mission Representative
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Dubuque Food Pantry

Thank you to all who continue to support the Food Pantry with monetary donations and food collections. Many thanks to all who have donated garden produce to the Pantry it has been enjoyed by many and we know it's not over yet.

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

September –Potatoes any kind, sugar, mac & cheese, tuna, laundry soap, dish soap, **garden produce.**

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

Drop off hours are: Mon., Wed., Fri. from 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. and Tues. 9:00-11:30a.m.

God bless you and thank you for your continued support.
Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager
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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

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.



CROP Walk

The CROP 2014 Rally was held Thursday September 4th at Immanuel UCC, 1795 Jackson Street. If your church did not get its sign up packets, contact Maryann! The CROP Walk will be Sunday October 5 starting at 1:00 PM from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (1755 Delhi St.)

THANK YOU to Sisters of Sinsinawa who are promoting CROP at their Saturday Farmer's Market food booth (downtown Dubuque)!

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St. Luke's United Methodist Church

October 4, 2014 Blessing of the Pets Service

Front steps of St. Luke's United Methodist Church at
1199 Main Street

Service: 10:30 -11:00 a.m

Rev. Okitakoyi Lundula and Rev. Robert
Armstrong, presiding.

Pets must be leashed or in cage.

Hosted in partnership with Dubuque Humane Society.



St. Raphael Cathedral

UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN – OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

Dear Pastors and Congregants,

“Put your ear to God’s Heart, listen carefully, and follow freely no matter what the cost.” (Carol Zinn) As People of God we are challenged by the Gospel, the Word of God, to care for those in need with respect for each one’s dignity in a spirit of compassion, justice, inclusivity and hospitality. Our unaccompanied children, members of our extended human family, need our compassion and hospitality. It is, what we, as Church, are good at. Let us live it well. Will we say “Come in” or “There is no room in our inn” (cf Lk.2:7) ?

As Pope Francis said, “Mercy (compassion) is a way of life. Who am I to judge?” We stand in the midst of lamentations in our world. We see journalists “martyred” to bring us truth. May we know who we really are, as Christians, and who we are really called to become. Will we welcome, protect, provide a family atmosphere and embrace our unaccompanied children in our arms of compassion? Will we die for the Truth? Will we be freely available to the poor, single-minded in justice and witness God’s Presence on the peripheries? “Come all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest” (Mt.11:28).

We must counter-act secularism and BE all we are called to BE. We must take the risk and live the prophetic life. Can we drink from this cup? It is our salvation.

We in DACU are an ecumenical community in solidarity with God, our Courage, and each other. Will we widen our tents and offer the best within and beyond our hearts in ways that will transform us? In the silence

of our hearts we listen to God, are encouraged by the Holy Spirit and venture out in faith believing He is with us. We must be vulnerable, humble, honest and loving as we build new relationships with our extended family. BE COMPASSION!

Aids to assist you will be available at our September DACU Meeting: "The Pastor's Tool Kit", recent legislation, and "Becoming Welcoming Communities".

Sister Patricia Conlan, RSM
St. Raphael's/ St. Patrick's Social Justice



First Baptist Church

Shall We Gather at the River - 2014

October 23 & 24 at the Grand River Center

Come gather with other Christian leaders from around the area at the beautiful Grand River Center located at 500 Bell St, Dubuque, Iowa on the banks of the Mississippi River. Presenters and participants will delve into issues of race and ethnicity in the church. This highly interactive conference will feature experienced speakers and will include worship and group discussions. Time will also be spent looking at the book of Ephesians, and how Paul addresses the division of Jews and Gentiles, from the perspective of race and ethnicity in our contemporary world. The conference is designed to result in:

- Inspiration to view racial reconciliation as an essential part of ministry in the local church
- Encouragement to begin or continue good works in addressing racial divisions in the church and community
- Development of a future vision and next steps as you return to your ministry

Consider bringing a leadership team from your church or ministry or perhaps connecting with another church or ministry from your area and attending the conference together. We will gather at the river to be encouraged and challenged as we study this difficult issue and develop strategies to build unity in the Kingdom of God by identifying and knocking down barriers.

Conference Schedule: Thursday, October 23.
Registration at 1:00 pm – Program through 8:30 pm
Friday, October 24 from 8:30 am to 5:00

Cost: \$129 per person (includes dinner Thursday and lunch Friday)

For More Information: fbcdbq@gmail or call 563-495-2924

To Register:
<https://www.regonline.com/shallwegatherattheriver2014>



Church Women United

October 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Mental Illness- "Bridges of Hope"

St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 1199 Main
Presenter: Magi Wehner, NAMI FaithNet member

-Promoting caring faith communities

-Understanding mental illness

-Creating stronger connections and safety nets for people living with serious mental illness

Sponsored by St. Luke's United Methodist Women and Dubuque NAMI(National Alliance on Mental Illness)

All interested are welcome.

Questions: Sue Hattel, 563-556-1394.

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

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.

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Temple Beth El Sukkot Celebration

Our interfaith family is invited to share in the observance and joy of the Jewish holiday of Sukkot on Wednesday, October 8, from 5pm, at Temple Beth El, 375 W Locust Street in Dubuque.

Sukkot is a 7-day festival, beginning on the 15th day of Tishri, which in the modern calendar is always the 5th day after the most solemn of Jewish holy days, Yom Kippur. By contrast, then, Sukkot is unreservedly joyful. We will be celebrating it by (1) building/decorating the Sukkah (a temporary little wooden booth outside the Temple) and (2) eating together after Sukkot prayers are said.

The Sukkah is a temporary structure built during the Jewish festival of Sukkot to commemorate the 40 years that Jews spent wandering the desert (Biblical times). It is a symbolic wilderness shelter, symbolizing both the frailty and transience of life and God's presence always in our lives. Most of us live in houses or apartments built by others. Most of us eat bread baked by professionals. Sukkah-building gives us the chance to enjoy the fruits of our own labor, decorated with harvest-time crops. It shouldn't be an elegant structure (don't worry, it won't be); it should be a rough shack built by many hands. This will be a joyous joint activity. We invite our friends from Children of Abraham to join with Temple Beth El members to build this temporary structure and then decorate it. We'll have flowers, branches, corn stalks, fruits, and vegetables – all sorts of Fall Harvest symbols to decorate the Sukkah. The temporary nature of the structure is part of the tradition; it is important to have walls but also to see the sky thru the roof.

Please plan to come at 5pm to help build and decorate the Sukkah – adults and children are all very welcome. At 5:30pm, we'll have a short (10 minute) service after which we'll proceed to the Temple's Social Hall to share a meal.

Participants are asked to bring a dish to share. In order to ensure that we keep kosher, please do not bring any meat. We request that each family/person bring a non-meat (a dairy dish or fruit dish) to share with 5 people.

We'll have drinks and dessert for all. This is a time for laughing, praying, sharing and thanking.

For more information contact Alan Garfield at agarfield@dbq.edu

Dubuque Community

Dubuque Coalition for Nonviolence

The Dubuque Coalition for Nonviolence (CNV, formerly CNVCC) meets the first Monday of each month, 2:00 PM, at St. Patrick's Church. Come join us in our ongoing discussion and planning to address gun reform and safety issues!

For more information contact Mary Sawyer (sawyer8@gmail.com)



Dubuque's United Nations International Day of Peace Festival

The War Always Comes Home

Now in our fifth year, the 2014 focus is on how the war on terror is impacting the lives of young people. We are planning additional events affirming the 30th anniversary of the UN Declaration on the Right of Peoples to Peace. The Festival is from September 12 to 28, 2014, while the Day of Peace is recognized around the world every September 21.

Featured Event: At 7:00 pm on Sunday September 21 at Loras College Alumni Center, Jacob Krapfl, a young local army veteran who served two tours of combat duty in Iraq will speak on "**Bullets and Buddies, The Language of Coming Home**". Mr. Krapfl is an author and he teaches Communication at Northeast Iowa Community College.

...And Don't Miss: "This is How We BBQ in DBQ", Saturday September 20, 2-6 PM at the Kehl Center at Clarke University. Food, games, live (family friendly) music, all at no charge. A community event!

For more information, and additional events, visit our website: www.dbqdayofpeace.org

Hope House

Please join us at Hope House on Monday, September 22, 2014 for a Round-Table Discussion on human trafficking and an exploration as to how race is a factor in human trafficking.

The presenter and facilitator for the discussion will be Suzanne Wright, a local abolitionist who works with NightLight International to fight global trafficking and is active in Set Free – Dubuque, which is a local non-profit that seeks to educate, advocate against, and eliminate human trafficking in the name of Jesus. Suzie is also the newest member of Hope House staff.

You are welcome to come for dinner at 6:00pm. The presentation will begin shortly after the meal.

Hope House, located at 1592 Locust St, is a Catholic Worker House of Hospitality, offering free food and lodging, free meals for the community twice a week, welcoming drop-in visitors, hosting a free food pantry, and round-table discussions on a variety of topics twice a month. Call 582-9079 for more information.



Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa

Hello, my name is Angela Stark and I am the Outreach Coordinator for the Girl Scouts. Our Outreach program seeks out girls who have had barriers to joining traditional girl scout troops. We then bring scouting to the girls through 6-8 week programs. There is a great need for programs such as DACU and Girl Scouts in the Comisky Park area of Dubuque. We have been working strongly to make our presence felt in the area and were hoping we could get help from your organization to bring a girl scout camping experience to these at risk girls. I need a building to have a two week summer camp. This would be five days a week for those two weeks. We would require a small kitchen facility, as we would provide breakfast and lunch for the girls. It would be nice if there were also an outside play area close by. If the location is having their own camp during the summer partnering would be a great way to promote both programs. I am having trouble finding a partner and location for our camp and would greatly appreciate any help you could give us.

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Dubuque Community YMCA/YWCA

My name is Jennie Weber & I am the Program Director for the **Reach & Rise** Mentoring Program with the Dubuque Community YMCA/YWCA. **Reach & Rise** is a 1-on-1, community-based, goal-driven mentoring program providing well-trained mentors to area youth at risk for not reaching their full potential. While **Reach & Rise** is a national YMCA program established over 20 years ago, it only started in Dubuque in March and is the **ONLY Reach & Rise** program offered in all of Iowa.

In order to serve the youth who are struggling, we need to provide them with adult mentors who care about them and want to see them succeed. This of course means recruiting quality individuals willing to dedicate their time & talents to serve in this role. I, for one, feel that the potential for finding mentors with high moral values, dedication to service, and care for our area youth could be greatest coming from Dubuque churches.

I welcome the opportunity to talk to ANY church groups privately about Reach & Rise. I could come meet with small groups to provide more information and could also - if the response is strong enough – conduct mentor trainings on site at any of the churches.

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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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