



Dubuque Area Congregations United

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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.

www.DACUonline.org/

EVENTS

DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT
Here's just a few of the events sponsored by our DACU congregations and associates. Turn the page to learn more!		
February 19	Children of Abraham	"Humor", 7:00 PM, University of Dubuque Hadley Auditorium
February 24	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting; Summit Congregational Church, 7PM
March 5	Two events!	Movie <i>Abrazos</i> at Clarke University; Comedian Azhar Uzman at Loras College. 7PM
March 6	Church Women United	World Day of Prayer, 9:30AM, Summit Congregational Church
March 21	St. Columbkille/St. Joseph	"The Marriage You've Always Wanted" Conference, see more page 3
March 24	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting; Grandview United Methodist Church, 7pm
March 27	Temple Beth El	Annual Visitors Service, 6:30 PM Temple Beth El
March 28	Boy Scouts of America	Scouting for Food: Leave a bag of non-perishable food items outside your front door before 9:00 AM; the Scouts will collect it!



DACU Delegates Meeting
Tuesday, February 24
Summit Congregational Church
2885 JFK Road, 7:00 PM

Program: Community Meals
 Presented by meal site providers St. Luke UMC,
 St. Patrick Catholic Church, and
 First Congregational UCC

**Remember: Guests are always welcome! Please
 bring a friend...share the good news about our
 community!**

**You are also encouraged to bring non-perishable
 food and paper goods for the Dubuque Food Pantry.**



Upcoming DACU Delegates' Meetings

March 24: Grandview United Methodist Church
 3342 John Wesley Drive, 7:00 PM
 Program: Growing Food in Dubuque

April 28: St. John Episcopal Church
 14th & Locust (the Parish House), 7:00 PM
 Program: Community Foundation of Dubuque

May 26: Clarke University
 1550 Clarke Drive, Atrium Community Room, 7:00 PM
 Spring Worship Service

June & July: No Delegate Meetings

August 25: Dubuque Arboretum
 3800 Arboretum Drive, **6:00 PM
 Delegate Family Potluck Picnic
 Crop Walk Presentation

September 22: Lord of Life Lutheran
 2899 Hales Mill Road, 7:00 PM
 Opening Doors

October 27: St. Elias Orthodox Church
 1075 Rockdale Road, 7:00 PM
 DACU Projects

November 25: ANNUAL DACU INTERFAITH
 THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE
 7:00 pm, Resurrection Catholic Church

DACU Board Report

As of January 31, one congregation and one associate member had contributed to the work of DACU for 2015. Thank you to St. Matthew Lutheran Church and Church Women United for their generous donations in January!

FY 2015 Monthly Balance Sheet Report			
1/31/2015			
	January	2015 YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2015
Income	\$ 36.36	\$ 36.36	\$6,450.00
Expenses	\$ 220.00	\$ 329.02	\$6,450.00
Ending Balance as of 1/31/2015: \$3,605.53			

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.)

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.

Brrr...Are you feeling the cold? Think about those who can't pay their heating bills. Warm their lives, and your heart, by donating to People In Need. Remember that all donations go directly to those in need; all administrative costs are supported by members of the P.I.N. Board

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



Dubuque Rescue Mission.

Our new Thrift Store # 2 at 2nd & Locust is doing very well... Come and visit! This store carries only furniture and has off-street parking for shoppers.

Solar panels installed on the roof of our main building have cut heating bills by half.

Our website is www.DubuqueRescue.org

DACU Rescue Mission Representative
Maryann Caudill LoGuidice
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Dubuque Food Pantry

Thank you to all who continue to support the Food Pantry with monetary donations and food collections. This month we are collecting "Souper Bowl" items. Thus far 800 cans of soup and 45 boxes of crackers have arrived at the Pantry. We are hoping more will still come as Super Bowl Sunday was a little snowy!! So keep that soup coming.

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.

February –Soup, crackers, ravioli, spaghetti O's, chili, liquid hand soap.

March—Tuna, mac & cheese, apple sauce, salt, toothpaste, deodorant, facial tissue.

Keep an eye out for the upcoming Scouting for Food. This will happen in later in March.

Drop off hours are: Mon., Wed., Fri. from 9:00a.m. to 3:30p.m. and Tues. 9:00-11:45a.m.

God bless you and thank you for your continued support.
Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager
583-4440

Editor's Note: Now is the time to promote Scouting for Food in your congregation! See the note from the Northeast Iowa Council of Boy Scouts later in this newsletter.....Scouting for Food will be Saturday March 28. Put a reminder in your congregation's bulletin or newsletter now!

DACU Community

DACU Annual Meeting

DACU's Annual Meeting and Dinner was held Tuesday January 27 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. THANK YOU to all who attended, to Bob Krayner as always for his hard work on the Annual Report (copies still available), to the women who prepared a delicious dinner, and to Rev. Arnold Flater for an inspiring worship experience.



St. Columbkille Church



“The Marriage You’ve Always Wanted”

Saturday, March 21, 2015

9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

St. Columbkille Church, 1240 Rush Street

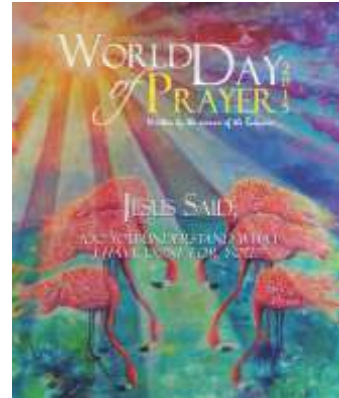
Want to strengthen and enrich your marriage? A grace-filled marriage demands attention! The Pastorate of St. Columbkille & St. Joseph the Worker in Dubuque, is hosting The Marriage You've Always Wanted, led by Dr. Gary Chapman, author of the best-selling The Five Love Languages. Many parishes in the Archdiocese have been participating in the Archdiocesan program, Caring For Your Marriage using Dr. Chapman's book, The Five Love Languages.

Find out YOUR Love Language in advance of the conference: <http://www.5lovelanguages.com/profile/>, then join us to find out just how to show your spouse love in the way that they need to receive it. The conference is not a formal, dry, marriage conference - it's a time of fun and discovery to help you build the love relationship of your dreams. Whether you're getting married in 6 months - or you've been married 60 years,

you'll get solutions you can use. With biblical advice and laughter, Dr. Chapman will give you valuable tips to break unhealthy patterns and to choose steps to develop a God-honoring, happy marriage.

Tickets are \$35 each, \$70 per couple. To purchase tickets, call 563.583.9117 or 563.588.1433. For information on the conference call Pat at 563.451.3557.

You can register online at: www.stcolumbkille.net
Sponsored by St. Columbkille www.stcolumbkille.net and St. Joseph the Worker www.theworker.org.



Church Women United

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Annual World Day of Prayer will be observed on Friday, March 6, hosted at Summit Congregational Church UCC at 2885 John F. Kennedy Road. The worship service, written by the Christian women of The Bahamas will include **“Personal Reflections on The Bahamas”** by Ms. Claudette Bees. Special photos and artifacts of the beautiful natural environment of The Bahamas will be displayed.

The gathering with coffee begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by the 10:00 a.m. service. The snow date will be March 13. The location is handicap accessible.

The women of The Bahamas identify justice issues in their communities of domestic violence, HIV/AIDS, women in the workplace, eco-justice and refugees and migrant workers. The World Day of Prayer, held in over 160 countries, globally joins the prayers of women everywhere for creating a safe, just and joyful world. This year the theme is: “Jesus Said, ‘Do You Understand What I Have Done For You?’”

The World Day of Prayer is sponsored by Dubuque Church Women United. All people are welcome. For more information contact Sue Hattel @ 563-556-1394.



Temple Beth El

The **Annual Temple Beth El Visitors' Service** will be **Friday, March 27**. There will be an informational lecture by Rabbi Anne Persin at 6:30 PM followed by Sabbath Worship at 7:30 PM. Refreshments and a social hour will follow. **Everyone is warmly invited.**

(If you plan to bring a group please let us know in advance so we can bake enough cookies!)

(Contact Cindy Pearce, 563.583.1254 or

Phyllis Garfield, 563.599.4898)

Location: 475 West Locust St.

(With our apologies, Temple Beth El has no off-street parking. Please consider ride-sharing!)

Clarke University



Clarke University to Feature Immigration Film "ABRAZOS"

Thursday, March 5, 7:00 p.m.

Documentary filmmaker, Luis Argueta, will present his new film, ABRAZOS, the second in a trilogy of films on the issue of immigration on Thursday, March 5 at 7 p.m. in the Jansen Music Hall at Clarke University in Dubuque, Iowa. His first film, "abUSED, the Postville Raid" was presented at Clarke two years ago. ABRAZOS, Spanish for "hugs," tells the story of U.S. citizen children from Worthington, Minn., who traveled to Guatemala to see their grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and siblings for the first time. After being separated for nearly two decades, these families reunite and share stories, strengthen traditions and begin to reconstruct their cultural identity.

Because they were born in the U.S., children of undocumented parents are entitled to the same rights and freedoms as all Americans; many have grown up with the fear of being separated from their parents through parental deportation. There are 4.5 million U.S. citizen children who are living with at least one undocumented parent. Because they have never met their grandparents or other family members, they do not

have a clear sense of who they are or of their heritage. ABRAZOS is the story of 14 of these children.

"ABRAZOS touches the heart and puts a human face on the issue of immigration," said Sr. Mary McCauley, BVM of Crossing Borders, Dubuque. "Its clear and soul-stirring message has the power to transform hearts. In so doing, it has the potential to influence a change in current immigration policy."

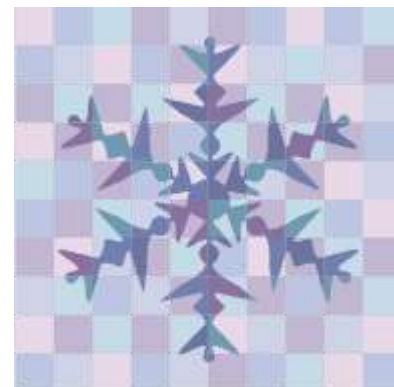
Following the 45-minute screening there will be an opportunity for questions and answer facilitated by Argueta. A small reception will follow.

The screening is free and open to the public. There will be an opportunity to participate in a free-will offering to support future presentations of the film.

A public screening will also be held March 5 at 2:30 p.m. at the Clare House of the Sisters of St. Francis, 3340 Windsor Ave., in Dubuque.

The film's presentations are sponsored by: Clarke University, Archdiocese of Dubuque, the Sisters of Charity, BVM; Dominican Sisters - Sinsinawa, Wis.; Sisters of the Presentation, Sisters of St. Francis, Sisters of the Visitation, Crossing Borders of Dubuque, Resurrection Catholic Church Social Justice Committee, and individual donors.

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Shalom Spirituality Center

Franciscan Center for Hospitality, Prayer, & Spirituality
1001 Davis Dubuque, IA 52001

Phone: 563/582-3592

Web: www.shalomretreats.org

Email: info@shalomretreats.org

Read about upcoming events in Shalom's own information-filled online newsletter!
www.shalomretreats.org/2015wintershalomspiritnl.pdf

Habitat for Humanity

Friends at Habitat for Humanity are currently supporting “**Camp Life Tree, Dubuque County, 2015**”, a one-week work camp to help people grow in their Christian faith through service. Individuals and youth from around the country will spend one week in our community performing hand-on home repair projects for elderly, low-income, and disabled families. They will be housed at the University of Dubuque. Each project will be completed by a team of five young people and at least one adult leader. They will represent many Christian denominations. Labor and materials will be free to qualifying households. If you or someone you know has a need for this assistance, please call 563.517.7711 for more information or mail to Camp Life Tree, c/o 15356 Abbey Circle, Peosta, Iowa 52068.

Unitarian Universalist

Hope and Healing for Alzheimer’s: A DVD Project

The Healing Moments Alzheimer’s Ministry is raising funds to create a DVD of a dramatic performance of *The Forgiving & The Forgetting* that will be performed in Chicago in March, 2015. This original theatre performance, written by Dubuque residents Jade Angelica and Amy Ressler, depicts the journey into and through Alzheimer’s as experienced by two siblings and their mother. Reflecting universal truths of this disease, *The Forgiving & The Forgetting* provides a spiritual lens for discovering meaning and purpose in the presence of the challenging realities of Alzheimer’s. In addition, the performance demonstrates the importance of compassion for this vulnerable population, and teaches effective communication skills designed to enhance the lives of persons with Alzheimer’s and dementia, their families, and their caregivers.

To raise funds to produce the DVD, a crowd funding campaign has been created on a site sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Association:
<http://www.faithify.org/projects/forgiving-forgetting-hope-healing-alzheimers/>

All donations are tax deductible, and those donating \$100 or more will receive a free DVD. The message of the play is about hope, healing, and transformation; it’s about what remains for persons with dementia and those who love them, instead of what is lost. We anticipate that this theatre experience and DVD will plant consciousness-raising and hope-inspiring seeds in the hearts and minds of a substantial number of our audience members, and that they will carry this message to others in our communities through their words and actions. With the worldview-shifting insights found in *The Forgiving and The Forgetting*, this project could have a positive systemic impact on society.

The Faithify site will accept funds until March 7. Checks are also welcome and can be sent to Jade Angelica, 775

Groveland Place, Dubuque, Iowa 52001. For more information, contact Jade Angelica: jadeangelica@gmail.com. Thank you for helping Healing Moments make a difference!

Dubuque Community



AmeriCorps/VISTA City of Dubuque

Get books into every home in Dubuque! AmeriCorps VISTAs with the City of Dubuque Campaign for Grade-Level Reading are conducting a book drive from January 20 to February 20. New and gently used books for ALL ages are being accepted at the following locations: Hy-Vee, Kwik Stops, American Trust & Savings banks, US Banks, Kennedy Mall, United Way, Roshek Building, St. Vincent DePaul, or Multicultural Family Center.

VISTAs will also share the joy of reading and books with kids at the Kennedy Mall play area every Tuesday and Saturday during the book drive (Jan. 20 - Feb. 21). Come out and join us for some reading adventures at the following times:

- City of Dubuque Fire Department reads Tuesday mornings at 10:30-11am
- Dubuque Noon Lion members read Tuesday evenings 5:30-6pm
- Story time and activity provided by Girl Scouts (Feb. 7), AmeriCorps VISTA (Feb. 14), and Fire Dept (Feb. 21) on Saturdays 1-3pm!



Rick Steines, City of Dubuque Fire Chief, reads to children during Story Time at Kennedy Mall every Tuesday from 10:30 to 11:00 am. Hear an old favorite or discover a new book!

To learn more about this great event and to get involved, contact Stacy Seyer at sseyer@cityofdubuque.org or (563) 690 – 6048



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

Northeast Iowa Council Boy Scouts of America

The Northeast Iowa Council Boy Scouts of America needs our help! The scouts will be collecting food for the less fortunate in our community. **Scouting for Food** will take place on **Saturday March 28, 2015** from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Scouts will begin collecting food at 9:00 am and taking it to the **Hy-Vee Food Store at 2395 NW Arterial**. It will be boxed up and shipped to the Dubuque Food Pantry and other neighboring food pantries. Our Goal is to collect 40,000 pounds of food in one morning. With our help they will reach their goal. **Please leave a bag of food outside your door on Saturday morning March 28, 2015 before 9:00 am.**

The scouts thank you as well as our entire community.

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.

2015 Schedule of Conversations ... Join us.

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

March 5: Special Performance! Comedian Azhar Usman at Loras College (Marie Graber Ballroom), no charge. 7 pm.

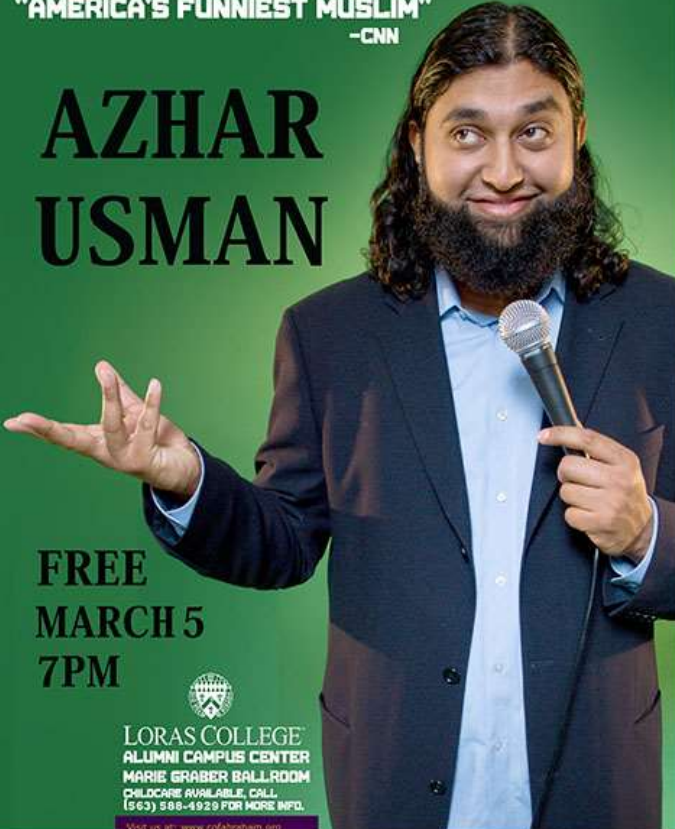
March 19 – Scripture Study (Islam) – Tri-State Islamic Center

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

Questions? See the website or email Alan Garfield (agarfield@dbq.edu)

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM PRESENTS
"AMERICA'S FUNNIEST MUSLIM"
 -CNN

AZHAR USMAN



FREE MARCH 5 7PM

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 CHILD CARE AVAILABLE. CALL (563) 588-1929 FOR MORE INFO.
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Remember...you can view all DACU Newsletters on our Website at www.DACUonline.org

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