



Dubuque Area Congregations United Monthly Newsletter

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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 are just a few of the events sponsored by our DACU congregations and associates. Look inside to learn more!		
April 15	Temple Beth El	Visitors' Night 6:30 PM, Temple Beth El
April 21	Children of Abraham	Conversation -Faces of Our Faiths, St. Luke's, 7:00 pm
April 22	Divine Word College	The Rose Ensemble, 7:00 pm, Divine Word College, Epworth
April 26	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting, First Congregation UCC, 7:00 pm
May 2	Church Women United	RSVP Deadline for May Friendship Day(by 10.00 am). Call for May 6 Brunch/Program(\$6) - 556-6629 or 588-4877
May 6	Church Women United	May Friendship Day Brunch -9:00 a.m. & Program 10:00 am at Shalom Retreat Center.
May 24	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting: "Faith Communities' Response to Mental Illness" at St. Luke's United Methodist 7:00 pm



DACU Delegates' Meeting

Tuesday, April 26

**First Congregational UCC
255 W. 10th St.
7:00 PM**

Program: How to Be A Green Community

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

Upcoming DACU Delegates Meetings

*Join Us! Bring A Friend!
All locations are Accessible*

**May 24: St. Luke's United Methodist Church
1199 Main St., 7:00 PM
Spring Worship Service: Understanding Mental Illness**

June and July: No Delegates' Meetings

**August 23: Dubuque Arboretum Porch
3800 Arboretum Drive, 6:00 PM
Delegate Potluck Picnic & Social**

**September 27: Nativity Church
1225 Alta Vista St., 7:00 PM
Opportunities of Hope**

**October 25: First Baptist Church
2143 Judson Dr., 7:00 PM
DACU Projects**

DACU Board Report

As of March 31, five congregations and one associate member contributed to the work of DACU for 2016. Thank you to Dubuque Friends Worship Group, First Congregational UCC, St. Columbkille Catholic Church, Sisters of St. Francis, St. Peter Lutheran, and Church Women United for their donations to the work of DACU for 2016.

FY 2016 Monthly Balance Sheet Report 03/31/2016			
	March	2016 YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2016
Income	\$ 661.57	\$ 1,209.04	\$7000.00
Expenses	\$ 193.18	\$ 892.98	\$7000.00
Ending Balance as of 03/31/2016: \$4,932.74			

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.

Sincere thanks to the Board of the Dubuque Rescue Mission who donated their monthly Thank Offering to People In Need this month!

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



Dubuque Rescue Mission.

Visit our website to learn the latest news on all of our projects, to learn how you can help, to read our wish list, and to see our new video about the mission.

Also, visit our website <http://dbqrescue.org> to sign up for our newsletter!

DACU Rescue Mission Representative
Maryann Caudill LoGuidice
608.642.1270



Dubuque Food Pantry

Theresa Caldwell Named New Manager for Dubuque Food Pantry

My name is Theresa Caldwell and I have been hired as the Manager of the Dubuque Food Pantry. I am very excited to accept this position. I am a native of Dubuque and have lived here all of my life. I purchased the home that I grew up in and remodeled it 18 years ago.

For the past 20 years, I have been involved in prison and jail ministry in the state of Iowa and locally in Dubuque and Jo Daviess County. I have been blessed to raise funds to supply over 2,300 Bibles to incarcerated women. I've been a licensed minister since 2015. I look forward to this new opportunity to serve my community with the gift of mercy.

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.
**Theresa Caldwell, Manager
583-4440**

DACU Community



Temple Beth El

The **Annual Temple Beth El Visitors' Service** will be **Friday, April 15**. 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!)

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

**Children of Abraham Conversation:
"Faces of our Faiths" - Interfaith dialogue**

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Hosted at St. Luke's United Methodist Church
1199 Main St. (Accessible alley entrance)
On street parking or in lot across from church

Everyone is welcome!

Additional information @ www.cofabraham.org

DACU May Delegates' Meeting

"FAITH COMMUNITIES' RESPONSE to MENTAL ILLNESS"

**Dubuque Area Congregations United (DACU)...
invites delegates & community members**

Tuesday, May 24, 2016 -- 7:00 p.m.

**St. Luke's United Methodist Church
1199 Main Street**

(Parking lot across the street and on street parking)

***Accessible alley entrance**

Program: Understanding Mental Illness

Speaker: Magi Wehner M.A.

**Faith Communities' Response to Mental Illness
Prayer Service**

Everyone is welcome. Fellowship time following!

****National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
resource display table.**

Church Women United

2016 May Friendship Day—Finding Grace at the Table

Church Women United will host the 2016 May Friendship Day event entitled "*Finding Grace at the Table*" on Friday, May 6 at Shalom Retreat Center, located at 1001 Davis Street in Dubuque.

Brunch at 9:00 a.m. will be followed by a celebration service, with Fellowship of the Least Coin and the program "I was an immigrant/refugee, and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25). Speakers will be BVM Sisters Mira Mosle, Mary McCauley and Mary Martens. Sister Mary McCauley will be recognized with special Human Rights Award. Reservations for 9:00 a.m. brunch (\$6) are due by May 2nd at 10:00 am by calling Gretta 556-6629 or Marcia 588-4877.

Beverage tab donations will be accepted to support educational opportunities for Iowa women prisoners at Mitchellville, Iowa.

Everyone is invited. Questions call 563-556-1394.



Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity – Dubuque/Jackson Counties

900 Washington St. Suite LLS-2E

Dubuque, Iowa 52001

Phone (563) 556-2165

habitat@habitatdubuque.org

Mission: Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope.

Vision: A world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Exciting news: 2 home builds are planned to begin in June 2016 in Dubuque:

- 1) 2902 Elm Street by the Builders Association between June 6-10 (if weather permits.)
- 2) 767 University will be a FAITH BUILD.
 - 1) Volunteers will be needed for each Saturday until finished. (individuals or teams.)
 - 2) Meals for the workers are also needed, and
 - 3) Donations for the funding of the build.

Consider getting your congregation, parish or faith community to help with these needs. Donations and volunteers are already starting to come in. We thank those who are already helping. Contact: Elaine Mitchell of Habitat Board 563-588-1691 with questions or the Habitat Office 563-556-2165.

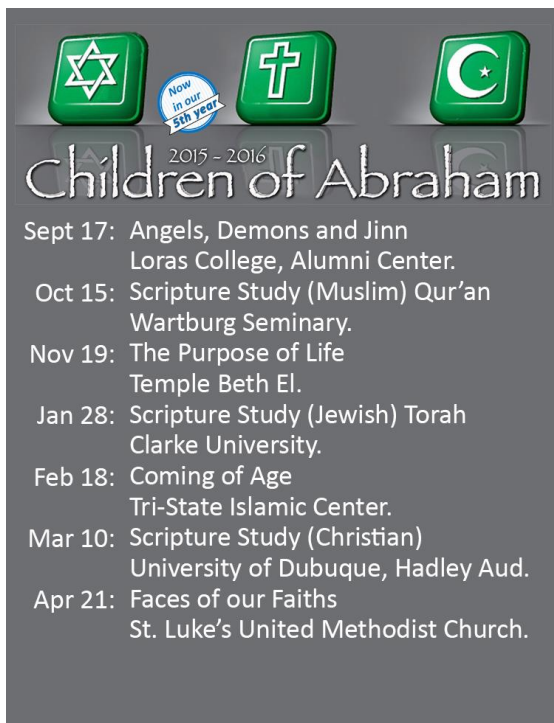
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

The final UUFD sponsored Historic District Coffee House evening this season is May 14 from 7 – 9:30 PM. in our sanctuary at 1699 Iowa Street. This event is an open mike venue for tri-state performers and is free and open to the public. Poets and musicians interested in performing are asked to contact Bruce Schmidt to reserve performance time--1-608-220-3067.

Children of Abraham

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.

Meetings are always Thursdays. We start at 7pm and end at 8:30pm. Everyone is welcome and there is never a charge.



The graphic features three religious symbols in green boxes: a Star of David, a cross, and a crescent moon with a star. A blue circular badge says "Now in our 5th year". Below the symbols, the text reads "2015 - 2016 Children of Abraham".

Sept 17: Angels, Demons and Jinn
Loras College, Alumni Center.

Oct 15: Scripture Study (Muslim) Qur'an
Wartburg Seminary.

Nov 19: The Purpose of Life
Temple Beth El.

Jan 28: Scripture Study (Jewish) Torah
Clarke University.

Feb 18: Coming of Age
Tri-State Islamic Center.

Mar 10: Scripture Study (Christian)
University of Dubuque, Hadley Aud.

Apr 21: Faces of our Faiths
St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

Questions, just email Alan Garfield at agarfield@hotmail.com

Dubuque Ministerium

The Dubuque Ministerium is open to all religious leaders in Dubuque and the surrounding area. The Ministerium meets the second Tuesday of each month at 12:00 Noon. Lunches are provided with a requested donation of \$5. Here is the schedule:

April 12th - Rev. Dianne Grace at Hospice of Dubuque (1670 JFK Road)

May 10th - Fr. Tom Toale at St. Raphael Cathedral Center (231 Bluff St.)

2016 - 2017 Season:

September 13th - Pastor Lou Alfalah at Dubuque Seventh-day Adventist Church (2505 Mineral St)

For more information contact Fr. Dustin Lyon, Ministerium President, at 563-583-5902 or dustin.lyon@gmail.com



NAACP

Source of Income and Other Ways of Meeting Housing Needs: Taking Action

Overcoming poverty is not a task of charity. It is an act of justice. Like slavery and Apartheid, poverty is not natural. It is man-made and it can be overcome and eradicated by actions of human beings. Sometimes it falls on generation to be great. You can be that great generation.

Let your greatness blossom--Nelson Mandela

Ten Actions You Can Take

1. Advise the Mayor, City Council and the Department of Housing and Economic Development that you are concerned with the limited rental housing options available to participants in the voucher program (section 8). Let them know steps need to be taken so that more than 17% of landlords participate in offering rental housing.
2. Support a Voucher Ordinance that requires all landlords to participate in the voucher program.
3. Attend summer meeting on Sources of Income and rental housing. Contact Housing and Economic Development to learn the meeting dates <http://www.cityofdubuque.org/618/Housing-Community-Development>
4. Advise the Director of Housing and Community Development that you support the Community Development Block Grant Program and wish to be kept up-to-date
5. Advise the Director of Housing and Community Development that you support the Voluntary Compliance program with HUD and wish to see growth in Fair Housing including racial integration in housing in Dubuque
6. Express your willingness to meet with the Director of Housing and Community Development on a quarterly

basis. Join the Friends of the NAACP Housing Committee. Contact loquidice@fastmail.fm. to express your interest.

7. Contact the City of Dubuque initiatives in Housing-Human Rights Commission, Inclusive Dubuque. Ask them to work in concert with the Director of Housing and Community Development.
<http://www.cityofdubuque.org/215/Human-Rightshttp://inclusivedbq.org/>

8. Ask other groups that you are a part of -E.G. Project Concern, Rescue Mission, Maria House, Habitat for Humanity, Landlords Association- to work in concert.

9. Let every group you contact know the nature of the problem (see the information sheets attached) and that the Dubuque Housing Problem is solvable. An additional 200-300 additional low income housing units would solve our problem.

10. Stress in every contact you make that low-income housing is an economic driver. Vouchers bring \$6 million a year in income to our community. Good housing is an attraction to newcomers and to inviting new business to Dubuque.

Sample Letter or E-Mail

Dear _____

I am writing to you because I am concerned with improving housing options for low-income renters and future home owners in Dubuque.

I am concerned that (use information from the Inclusive Dubuque sheet)

Action is necessary to make improve low income housing in Dubuque. We need to make housing an important economic driver in Dubuque. Therefore I urge..... (chose the actions you support)

Sincerely,

Your Name and contact information

The People to Contact

The Mayor and -City Council

Mayor Roy D. Buol can be reached at 563.564.5455 or by [email](mailto:rdbuol@cityofdubuque.org) (rdbuol@cityofdubuque.org)

At-Large Councilman Ric Jones can be reached at 563.556.3490 or by [email](mailto:rjones@cityofdubuque.org) (rjones@cityofdubuque.org)

At-Large Councilman David Resnick can be reached at 563.582.9217 or by [email](mailto:dresnick@cityofdubuque.org) (dresnick@cityofdubuque.org)

Ward One Councilman Kevin Lynch can be reached at 563.582.2655 or by [email](mailto:klynch@cityofdubuque.org) (klynch@cityofdubuque.org)

Ward Two Councilman Luis Del Toro can be reached at 563.513.0835 or by [email](mailto:ldeltoro@cityofdubuque.org) (ldeltoro@cityofdubuque.org)

Ward Three Councilwoman Joyce Connors can be reached at 563.582.3843 or by [email](mailto:jconnors@cityofdubuque.org) (jconnors@cityofdubuque.org)

Ward Four Councilman Jake Rios can be reached at 563.513.4242 or by [email](mailto:jrios@cityofdubuque.org) (jrios@cityofdubuque.org)

Contact Housing and Community Development

Alvin Nash

Phone: 563.589.4230

Director 350 West 6th Street

Suite 312 DBQ 52001 Email Anash@cityofdubuque.org

For More Information contact Rev. Lindsay James, DACU Rep for NAACP (lindsayjames05@gmail.com) or Tom Lo Guidice, Alternate DACU Rep for NAACP (loquidice@fastmail.fm)



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!

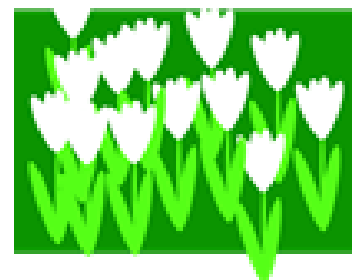
<http://www.shalomretreats.org/programs.html>

Sinsinawa Mound Center

For information on events at Sinsinawa, call or visit the Mound: 585 County Road Z, Sinsinawa, WI 53824, (608) 748-4411. OR visit their website:

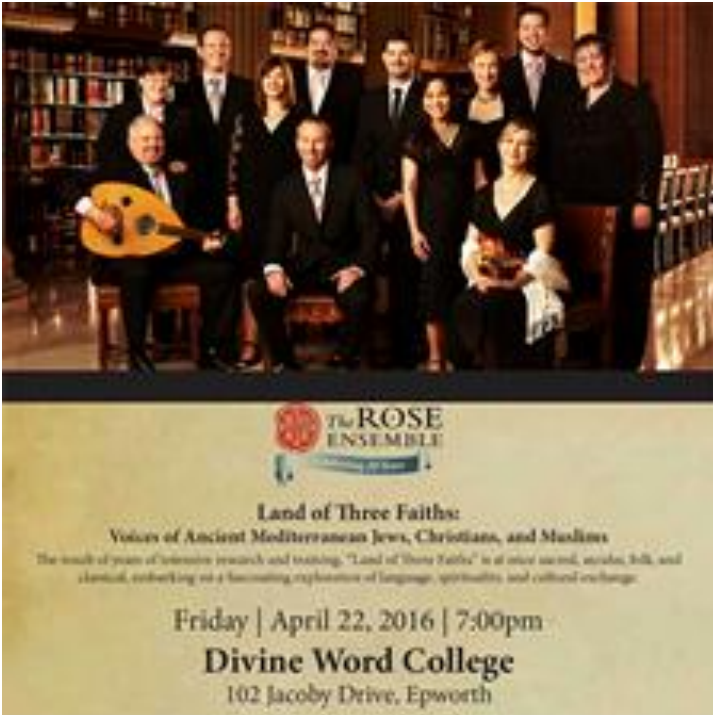
https://www.sinsinawa.org/moundcenter/events_retreats.cfm

***Don't Forget the Summer Organ Concert Series, starting in June!



Dubuque Community

Divine Word College



For more information, contact **Sandy Wilgenbusch**
Divine Word College, 563-876-3353 x302,
wilgenbu@DWCI.EDU, www.dwci.edu



Boy Scouts of America

59th Annual Order of the Arrow Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast

(Dubuque, IA.) – May 8, 2016 – The Order of the Arrow and the Northeast Iowa Council (NEIC), Boy Scouts of America invite you to our Annual Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast held on Sunday, May 8th, 2016 from 8 AM to 1 PM. The breakfast will be held at the Riverfront Pavilion at Eagle Point Park in Dubuque, and will include pancakes, eggs, sausage, beverages, etc. The breakfast will benefit the NEIC's local Order of the Arrow Lodge, which is the National Honor Society for youth Scouts. Funds will help the Lodge's activities and service projects, including many at Camp C.S. Klaus.

Tickets are available at all Dupaco Community Credit Union locations or can be purchased the day of at the breakfast. Adult tickets are \$8.00, youth tickets (ages 5-

12 and Senior tickets (ages 63 & up) are \$5.00, and kids ages 4 & under are FREE! The NEIC Boy Scouts of America thank you for your continued support.

The Boy Scouts, Northeast Iowa Council serves 2,312 youth in six counties in Iowa and Illinois. The Council, supported by 1,081 volunteers, is headquartered in Dubuque, IA.

For more information, contact Matt Klutzaritz
Scout Executive/CEO, (563) 556-4343

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Dubuque Transgender

Social Game Night

Every second Thursday of each month we will be getting together at The Smokestack (62 E. 7th st) from 6 - 8 pm for a fun night of board, card, and any games you might like to bring with you.

This is a FREE event to meet new people and diverse members of our community. Teens and adults only (no children please). Food and beverages are available to purchase through our sponsor Smokestack. Hope to see everyone there Feb 11th for information contact Dubtrans@live.com

Dubuque Transgender
563-599-6735
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Would you like your event, volunteer opportunity, or organization publicized in the DACU Newsletter?

Just email the editor at phyllisgarfield@hotmail.com

We'll do our best to include anything in harmony with DACU's mission.



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Remember...you can view all DACU Newsletters on our Website at www.DACUonline.org

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