

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!				
May 10	Sinsinawa Mound Center	"Fracture" by author Taylor Brorby 7 PM Free; everyone welcome		
May 14	Dubuque Rescue Mission	Grand Opening Mission Store 2, 12-3 PM, 998 Central Ave.		
May 14	Unitarian Universalist	Final Historic District Coffee House this season, 7-9:30 PM		
	Fellowship of Dubuque	1699 Iowa St. No charge; everyone welcome		
May 19	Multicultural Family Ctr.	Support Teachers in Kenya: Fundraiser 5:30-7 PM 1157 Central Ave		
May 22	Holy Trinity/IPL	IPL Conversation on Covenant 2-3:30 PM Holy Trinity Lutheran		
May 24	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting: "Faith Communities' Response to Mental		
		Illness" at St. Luke's United Methodist 7 PM		
May 26	Crescent Community	Treasure Your Health Expo 4:30 – 7 PM,		
	Health	Steeple Square Event Center		



MAY DACU 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) will have a resource display table.

Questions? 563-556-1394

Upcoming DACU Delegates Meetings

Join Us! Bring A Friend! All locations are Accessible

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

November 23: Annual Dubuque Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. Details TBA

REMEMBER: You are always encouraged to bring non-perishable food and paper goods for the Dubuque Food Pantry to every Delegates Meeting!

DACU Board Report

As of April 30, nine congregations and one associate member contributed to the work of DACU for 2016. Thank you to St. John's Lutheran, St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, St. Luke's United Methodist Church, and Lord of Life Lutheran Church for their donations to the work of DACU for April, 2016.

FY 2016 Monthly Balance Sheet Report 04/30/2016							
	April	2016 YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2016				
\$	549.63	\$ 1,758.67	\$7000.00				
\$	00	\$ 872.98	\$7000.00				
	\$	04/30 April \$ 549.63	04/30/2016 April 2016 YEAR TO DATE \$ 549.63 \$ 1,758.67				

Ending Balance as of 04/30/2016: \$5,482.37

Please help us to support our DACU projects!
Checks should be made payable to "Dubuque Area Congregations United" and sent to:

<u>DACU Treasurer</u>,

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.

Grand Opening
Dubuque Rescue Mission Store 2
Saturday, May 14 Noon- 3pm
998 Central Ave., Dubuque

Fun: \$1.00 Raffle Chances to win:
1st Prize: Stained Glass Window (\$150 value)
2nd Prize: \$75 Furniture Item of YOUR Choice
3rd Prize: Gift Basket of (\$25 Value)

Food: Brats/hotdogs Bag of Chips, Bottled Water*
*Suggested food donation \$3

50/50- CARD DRAWINGS:
Winner & DRM each receive \$25--Draw a Joker &
Receive an additional prize

DACU Rescue Mission Representative Maryann Caudill LoGuidice 608.642.1270



Dubuque Food Pantry

Thank you to all who continue to support the Food Pantry with monetary donations and food collections. With the beginning of summer I just want to remind everyone that garden produce is always welcome. So if you or someone you know has too much rhubarb, tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, etc... the Pantry would be glad to have it.

May—Pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, tuna, toilet tissue, bar soap, laundry soap. Garden produce

June—Juices of any size, pancake mix & syrup, ramen noodles; lotion, liquid hand soap, bath gel. Garden produce

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

DACU TREASURER POSITION

Sister Dolores Zieser PBVM, will be retiring from her volunteer position as DACU Treasurer on June 1st. The treasurer of DACU is a member of Dubuque Area Congregations United Board. She has faithfully prepared monthly financial reports and attended monthly board meetings, sharing her reports for 5 years. (DACU Board does not meet in July.)

Audit of Dubuque Area Congregations financial records will be completed during the first week in June; Sister Dolores will assist to transition the position to her successor.

Nominations are gratefully being accepted at this time for the position. A background in financial reporting is preferred for this volunteer position.

Interested individuals may contact me and suggested nominees, with the approval of the nominee, may be submitted to me. As a board we hope to fill the position in the near future.

Sue's contact information is: shattel220@aol.com Cell: 563-599-4497 H: 563-556-1394. (I will return your call as soon as possible)

We are very thankful and appreciative to Sister Dolores Zieser for her commitment as DACU treasurer and a member of the DACU Board. We wish her a few more hours of "enjoyable free time" each month in her upcoming retirement!!

Blessings, Sue Hattel, President of DACU

More News from Our DACU President?

Being a Green Faith Community -April 26, 2016

Countless "green initiatives" and "green stewardship suggestions for our environment" were shared by the 4 speakers and each attendee at the April 26th DACU meeting hosted at First Congregational UCC. THANK YOU to the following GREEN TEAM Speakers:

Eric Coffman of First Congregational UCC

emphasized the support of the top leadership of their faith community and approval of the Trustees to move forward as a GREEN community. An energy audit was completed by Alliant and now tracking utility bills to monitor the church energy efficiency. Church's 4 components of environmental responsibility: Energy & Water Conservation; Waste Management/Recycling/Composting; Local/ Healthy Foods and Congregant Education for all ages. Green team participated in the Cool Congregations workshop provided by Iowa Interfaith Power & Light (IIPL)

Pete Bellaver of St. Joseph the Worker shared the certified PETAL Project of his faith community that is based on environmentally friendly practices of: waste reduction; energy conservation, pollution prevention, staff education, and water conservation. Congregation is committed to the as well as staff to implement procedures and is ongoing to reduce the church's overall carbon footprint.

Tim Moothart of Resurrection Catholic shared a brief summary of 14 years of History of Sustainability focused by their Environmental Stewardship (Green Team) since 2003 and their congregation and school. 13 initiatives include elimination of Styrofoam use and of purchased water bottles on Res Campus; manage a Rain Garden, elimination/gave up use of plastic bags and much more.

Mary Purdy of St. Luke's United Methodist Church share that weekly Saturday night Food for the Soul Meals(FFS) are served, our church garden in Galena is planted/tended and produce used at FFS and extras shared; our community Wading Pool Garden project has over 70 participants growing produce; Promoting "Edible Landscaping" in our community- she has grant applications for faith communities and non-profits; waste management/recycling/composting used throughout church; worship services on April 25 focused Care of Creation with table displays and film NOURISH shown between services.

During announcements, **Dubuque Rescue Mission** garden manager Ashley Neises shared about its community garden and upcoming events. The green house is at 300 lowa Street. Stop by and visit!!

Blessings, Sue Hattel, President of DACU

St. Mark Youth Enrichment



Prudential Continues to support Service Learning at St Mark Youth Enrichment

St Mark Youth Enrichment is happy to announce the continued support by Prudential with \$15,000 to support our before/after school educational enrichment programs and "Heroes Academy" Summer Learning Program. St. Mark's critical programs ensure that underprivileged and struggling students and their families are given opportunities to succeed in academics and character development/social emotional growth.

Prudential's support will provide opportunities for the students of St Mark connect in the community by volunteering locally. This support is focused on transportation and supplies for these volunteer

experiences. These service projects are essential in helping to connect "classrooms" to community.

Prudential will also supply volunteers during St Mark "Heroes Academy" Summer Learning Program.

Volunteers will work hands on with students to assist with STEAMM (science, technology, engineering, arts, math, and music) projects and curriculum during school year and summer programs.

Prudential volunteers will also support St. Mark in providing t-shirts to all summer program students displaying the St. Mark and Prudential logo. These t-shirts enable St. Mark students to be easily and proudly identified during public community field trips/experiences and will promote our partnership with Prudential. We are grateful to Prudential for their continued support in helping students succeed.

To find out more about St. Mark Youth Enrichment, call 563-582-6211 ext. 102 or visit www.stmarkyouthenrichment.org

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. Here are some ideas....you could donate roof trusses in honor of your retirement, or a toilet for your friend's "special" birthday!!!

\$2,000	Framing Lumber
\$2,275	Roof Trusses
\$1,450	Siding Package
\$1,575	Roof Shingles
\$3,250	Vinyl Window Package
\$2,150	Kitchen Cabinets/
	Counters
\$1,050	Drywall
\$1,000	Carpeting
\$800	Light Fixtures/Fans
\$600	Tub w/ Shower
\$500	Paint

\$475	Fasteners & Nails
\$400	Electric Water Heater
\$350	Ceramic Tile
\$325	Front Door
\$300	Bathroom Vanity
\$200	Toilet
\$125	Interior Door

You could also donate any amount and designate what it's for...just contact Habitat!

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. ALSO...there is a need to supply meals for the Saturday volunteers. 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 lowa 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.



St. Stephen's Food Bank

St. Stephen's Food Bank is launching a new crowdfunding campaign to raise money to buy "seconds" from local farmers to distribute to the various meal sites and pantries throughout their network. ISU Extension is assisting them in this endeavor. If you'd like to help, contact Carolyn Scherf.

Thank you for your consideration,

Carolyn Scherf Local Food Coordinator Dubuque County ISU Extension & Outreach 563 583 6496

Multicultural Family Center



Thursday, May 19th, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Multicultural Family Center 1157 Central Avenue, Dubuque, IA 52001

Join us for this fundraiser event to support a two-day conference for elementary school teachers in a rural county in Kenya June 27 & 28, 2016. The conference aims to improve education in impoverished rural areas. Taste Kenyan cuisine as you learn about the importance of this conference.

Event organized in partnership with African International Foundation for Education Excellence (AFFEE) and the Multicultural Family Center

> All donations are tax deductible and checks can be made payable to: African International Foundation for Education Excellence (AIFEE)





Your support will enable between 120-150 teachers to attend the two-day conference free of charge.

al is to raise \$2,000-\$3,000 for conference expe

- Instructional and conference supplies Lonch for the two days (contreed by a local restaurant) and to a breaks refreshments Securing the worse for the conference and other mis-cellaneous expenses

If you are not able to attend the fundraising event, you can still support the conference by sending your donation to the Multicultural Family Center payable

mwgatua@gmail.com or (563)213-7810

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:

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



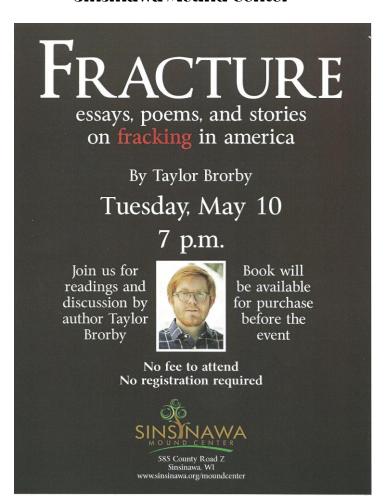
Shalom Spirituality Center

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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 Sinsinawa Summer Organ Concert Series, starting in June! 7:00 PM Every Wednesday All Summer

Children of Abraham

Children of Abraham is on summer vacation! The Board is currently planning the 2016-2017 season and as soon as we have a schedule it will be posted in the DACU Newsletter! Thank you for your participation this past year.

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

NAACD

NAACP is offering an opportunity to learn more about racism as it relates to mass incarceration. Reverend Lindsay James (Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church and NAACP Religious Affairs Chair) will be hosting discussions on the book "The New Jim Crow" by Michelle Alexandar on Saturday April 30th and May 14th from 9-11a.m. Please contact Reverend Lindsay if you would like to join the conversation at lindsay@wpcdbq.org

Dubuque Community

Crescent Community Health Center



Please join Crescent Community Health Center staff and board members as we present, "Treasure your Health" an expo featuring services provided at the health center. The event will be held on **Thursday, May 26**th from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at Steeple Square Event Center located at 1584 White Street. Refreshments and healthy snacks will be provided. The community is invited to attend. For more information please call (563) 690-2884.



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.

Iowa Interfaith Power & Light



Dear Friends, Please Join Us!

lowa Interfaith Power & Light (IPL) is beginning to explore the possibility of forming Covenant Chapters around the state in communities where there is interest from the faith community in working together to take action on climate solutions.

Many participants at the Food, Faith, Climate workshop held by Iowa IPL in February in Dubuque expressed interest in forming an Iowa IPL Covenant Chapter in Dubuque.

As a result Iowa IPL will hold a conversation about the possibility of forming an Iowa IPL Covenant Chapter pilot in Dubuque on **Sunday, May 22 at 2-3:30pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church** at 1755 Delhi Street, Dubuque, Iowa 52001.

This Covenant Chapter would be a citywide, faith-based, interfaith "green team" made up of members from local area congregations and religious organizations. The purpose would be to build the network of people of faith concerned about climate change and to deepen and strengthen the faith community's efforts in Dubuque to pursue solutions to climate change. It would be a mutually beneficial relationship between Iowa IPL and the local Covenant Chapter.

Participants in the May 22nd meeting would be invited to discuss forming a Covenant Chapter as a pilot in Dubuque and contribute to the conversation in shaping a draft Covenant Chapter agreement.

Please register for this free event at this link.

Download a copy of this letter to print and share with members of your congregation here.

Please contact Sarah Paulos at programs@iowaipl.org for more information.

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! For information contact Dubtrans@live.com

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

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