



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.

www.DACUonline.org/

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DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT
January 13	IIPL	Iowa Interfaith Power & Light Dubuque Chapter Meeting 3:30 PM Westminster Presbyterian Church (see p.3 for more info)
January 21	Faces & Voices	MLK Breakfast, Grand River Center, 7:00 AM (reg. by Jan. 14) (see p.6 for more info)
Weekly through March	St. Luke's Methodist	First Fabulous Friday Concert, 12:05 pm (weekly through March, see p. 3 for more info)
January 29	DACU	DACU Annual Meeting & Dinner, University of Dubuque (see below)
January 31	Children of Abraham	7:00 PM St. Anthony (see p. 3)
March 1	Church Women United	World Day of Prayer (more info next month)



DACU Annual Meeting & Dinner

Tuesday, January 29

University of Dubuque

Steffens Hall, Myer Administration Center

(corner of Algona & Grace Streets)

Gather 6:00 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM

Dinner Cost: \$10.00

(pizza buffet, salad, drinks, dessert)

Please send reservations (including list of names attending) and checks payable to DACU, and mail to DACU, P.O. Box 811, Dubuque, IA 52004-0811 or call Bob Kraymer at 582-5117 (answering machine available) or bdkramer@aol.com.

Please place your reservations by January 25, 2019.

And please note that the dinner has been moved from the 22nd to the 29th to accommodate our incoming President. If you need to cancel a reservation, please call Bob Kraymer at 582-5117.

DON'T Forget!

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

WHY should you attend the DACU Annual Meeting???

Because it just won't be the same without you!

Agenda: Interfaith Meditation, Introductions of Officers and Delegates, Business Meeting, Election and Installation of 2019 Officers, Benediction

- Be the first to see the schedule of all DACU delegate meetings for the coming year
- Enjoy a delicious meal, seasoned as always with the fragrant spice of community and fellowship
- Receive your personal copy of the DACU Annual Report directly from Bob Kraymer himself!
- Welcome our new officers!
- Say THANK YOU to outgoing President *Alan Garfield* for a wonderful year of service

PARKING at University of Dubuque:

You can park in the Visitor's Lot at the corner of Algona & Grace Streets OR in the Bennett Street lot

DACU Board Report

As of December 31, 24 congregations, 2 associates and one private donor contributed to DACU for 2018. Thanks to Church Women United, Sisters of St. Francis, St. Joseph the Worker, Sisters of Charity, Immanuel Congregational UCC, Unitarian Universalist, First Congregational UCC, First Baptist, and Nativity Church for their contribution last month! (DACU Bylaws: "*Dubuque Area Congregations United will be supported financially by the voluntary contributions of its member congregations and institution, keeping in mind the purposes and needs of the organization*").

FY 2018 Monthly Balance Sheet Report 12/31/2018			
	December	2018 Year to Date	Budget 2018
Income	\$1,178.85	\$8,746.50	\$7325.00
Expenses	\$250.00	\$ 7,677.00	\$7325.00
Ending Balance as of 12/31/2018: \$4,204.61			

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 4:30 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. Remember, P.I.N. operates through referrals from social service agencies, churches/congregations and DACU organizations only. Potential clients cannot call directly.

Donations from the Thanksgiving Service totaled \$2,382.05! Thanks to all for your generosity! You allow us to continue to answer emergency requests.

Please send donations to: PIN, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2155 University Ave., Dubuque, IA 52001



Dubuque Rescue Mission

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members. A great of grace, and a soul generated by love." Coretta Scott King

These words reflect what the Rescue Mission means to me as a Board member and a place where I am made to feel welcome and useful to all who enter for support. I am sure other Board members share this feeling as well.

In December the Board members were asked to participate in a morning event at NICC organized by David Minnihan, professor and his students. Six participants from the Board along with Rick came to work on a Business Plan for the Mission. It was a very useful morning. More details will be forthcoming. Good participation and welcome ideas came forth.

At the Mission Thrift Stores #1 and #2 (998 Central Ave.) business is booming. If you'd like to make a donation call 563.587.8164. Or stop in and check them out!

DACU Rescue Mission Representative
Maryann Caudill LoGuidice
608.642.1270
<https://www.facebook.com/DBQRescue/>



Dubuque Food Pantry

We had a very nice holiday and were able to fill many baskets. Please remember we can always use peanut butter, jelly, and soup!

We thank all of you for your generosity through the holiday season and throughout the year. Thanks for helping us make sure that everyone has a happy new year!

Theresa M. Caldwell, Manager
Dubuque Food Pantry

P.S. Like us on Facebook! ("Dubuque Food Pantry")
Drop off hours are: Mon., Wed., Fri. from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. and Tues. 8:00 am to Noon

DACU Community

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Fabulous Friday Series Returns!!!



FABULOUS FRIDAYS ARTIST SERIES 2019

St. Luke's United Methodist Church
1199 Main Street, Dubuque, Iowa



Fabulous Fridays return to St. Luke's United Methodist Church on January 11, 2019, for our 28th season. This popular series began in 1992 with musicians from St. Luke's and grew to include locally and nationally recognized artists. Since the inception of Fabulous Fridays, more than 100 artists have performed for these informal downtown concerts.

St. Luke's United Methodist Church is located at the corner of 12th and Main in Dubuque, Iowa. Performances begin at 12:05 p.m. and conclude at 12:35 p.m. Many in the audience bring their lunch and enjoy time together after the concert in the church Fellowship Hall, where coffee and desserts are available. The concert, coffee, and desserts are free, but baskets are available for contributions to People In Need and the church's Jesus Fund. Metered street parking is available. The alley entrance to the church is handicap accessible. Our winter weather policy is that if the artist can get there, the show is on.

SCHEDULE

January 11	St. Luke's Artists: Dr. Charles Barland, organ; Ann Duchow, violin; Sue Hattel, clarinet
January 18	St. Luke's Artists: David Patterson, cello; Roxanne Rollefson, soprano; Sylvia Ward, piano
January 25	Laura Southworth, soprano; Leslie Appleby, piano
February 1	Potosa Strings – Ann Duchow, director
February 8	Luke Tyler, piano; Al Williams, lute
February 15	Dubuque Senior High School Jazz Band – Bill Rowley, director
February 22	University of Dubuque Chamber Singers – Kristin Eby, director
March 1	Rebecca Christian – Time to Rhyme: The Power and Beauty of Poetry
March 8	Wartburg College Castle Singers – Dr. Nicki Bakko Toliver, director
March 15	Marcia Martin, bassoon; Marcus DeJesus, guitar
March 22	Dr. Peter Szeibel, harpsichord
March 29	Upper Main Street Jazz Band – Ric Jones, leader

For more information, contact:
Ann Duchow (alduchow@aol.com)
David Patterson (dpatterson2000@gmail.com)

Iowa Interfaith Power & Light (IIPL)

Next meeting is **January 13!**

Westminster Presbyterian Church

3:00 – 4:30 pm

Annual Planning Meeting – Priorities for 2019

Election of Officers for 2020

Everyone Welcome!

Also... Weatherization Volunteers Needed!!

We are partnering with Green Iowa Americorps to do a weatherization project on Martin Luther King Day, January 21, 2019 as part of the nationwide day of service. We are still looking for a minimum of nine volunteers to assist with this project. Volunteers would be doing window caulking, application of window plastic, etc. and training for these tasks will be provided after our January 13, 2019 chapter meeting at Westminster Presbyterian Church, from approximately 4:30-6:30PM.

Green Iowa Americorps will be conducting the energy audits prior to the service date and volunteers will be divided into 3 groups lead by a staff member from Green Iowa Americorps who will provide assistance and direction as needed. If you can spend a few hours on January 21st to participate in this worthwhile project, please contact Linda Stovall at linstov@aol.com or Mary Jo McDermott at Todmarjo@yousq.net as soon as possible but before December 26, 2018 so final preparations can be made. Also let us know if you would be available for the whole day or just morning or afternoon. Our goal is to weatherize at least 3 homes for this project. If Green Iowa Americorps cannot find three homes, please let Linda or Mary Jo know if you would be interested in having your home included in the project or know of someone who would.

Find us on Facebook at Dubuque Chapter of Iowa Interfaith Power and Light!

Children of Abraham

2018 2019 Schedule

2018 - 2019
Children of Abraham

Children of Abraham creates an atmosphere of civic life that builds inter-religious solidarity, cooperation and friendship. It does so through regular monthly topical conversations, service, activities, education outreach, and expressions of cross-cultural hospitality in sacred spaces. Round table discussions and a snack. What could be better?
www.cofabraham.org

Sept 27:	Seeking Truth - Temple Beth El, 475 W Locust (Sukkot+Dinner starts at 6pm)
Oct 18:	Prayer, Body and Soul - Multicultural Family Center, 1157 Central Ave
Nov 15:	Evil - Loras College, Alumni Center Ballroom
Jan 31:	Forgiveness - St. Anthony's Church, 870 St Ambrose St
Feb 21:	The Arts - University of Dubuque, Hadley Auditorium, Tech Center
Mar 21:	Death and Dying - Tri State Islamic Center, 4980 Radford Court
Apr 11:	Superheroes of Faith - Emmaus Bible College, 2570 Asbury Road, Chapel

7pm Thursdays

All sessions are 7 pm to 8:30 pm.
Questions? Email us:
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- Feb. 21 – “The Arts” (University of Dubuque)
- Mar. 21 – “Death and Dying” (Tri-State Islamic Center)
- Apr. 11 – “Superheroes of Faith” (Emmaus)

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For more information contact John Eby

John.Eby@loras.edu or Alan Garfield

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NEW: Children of Abraham Book Group!

We are going to offer a book discussion group in the Spring for anyone who is interested in participating. In five sessions, we will discuss *The Sabbath* by Abraham Joshua Heschel. This book is one of the spiritual classics of the twentieth century, a book that offers a transformative perspective on our manner of living in the world. It is short and full of profound insight and wisdom.

We will meet at Temple Beth-El at 10 a.m. to discuss short sections of the book on the following Saturdays:

February 9
February 23
March 9
March 30
April 13

If you know you would like to participate, please notify Father Dustin Lyon (dustin.lyon@gmail.com), but of course you may show up any time even without notification – you don't even have to read ahead of time. We recommend that you order the book through River Lights Bookstore – you can call them (563-556-4391) or email them (riverlights.indielite.org) to request a copy and receive a discount! (Just tell them you are with the Children of Abraham book club). Book discussion will last about an hour.

For more information contact John Eby
John.Eby@loras.edu or Alan Garfield
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Sinsinawa Mound Center

Re-Creating Our Relationships On and With Turtle Island—The Continent
January 25-27th, Sinsinawa Mound, WI
[Click here for registration details](#) (scholarships available)

Sisters Priscilla and Eva Solomon will present a reflective weekend workshop for those seeking to understand the impact of colonization for native and non-native peoples on this continent and to explore spiritual paths for a future of healing and reconciliation. Based on their own personal integration of indigenous spirituality, they will incorporate story, ceremony, traditional teachings, [the Blanket Exercise](#), as well as small group work.

Sisters [Eva](#) and [Priscilla Solomon](#) are Anishinaanbe sisters by blood, as well as members of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Sault Ste. Marie. They work for indigenous justice and many other justice issues in Canada.

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/>

Temple Beth El



Save the Date!!
Temple Beth El Annual Visitor Service
Friday April 5, 2019
7:00 PM
More info in February's Newsletter!!

Shalom Spirituality Center

Spiritual Vision Board: Mind-Mapping And Envisioning God's Plan For Your Life
Saturday, January 19, 9:00AM-11:30AM
Presenter: Mary Potter Kenyon

A vision board is a tool that can empower you to visualize your direction in life, guiding your walk with God. We'll begin the session with prayer as we meditate on Philippians 4:8, followed by a brief mind-mapping exercise as we brainstorm hopes, dreams, and goals for our future. We'll then focus on aligning our will with God's plans for us, using pictures from magazines and cork bulletin boards. Feel free to bring a copy of a Bible verse, inspirational quote, or photo to use as the central focus of your board. Bible verses on cardstock and bulletin boards provided. Offering: \$20. Includes All Materials. Register & Prepay By Wednesday, January 16th

February 11: Beading For Beginners with Erin Neiers. Have you always wanted to learn how to make that beautiful necklace in the store window or the gorgeous earrings you spotted on a woman at a party? Learn basic stringing & wire techniques to make your own one-of-a-kind creation. (add \$20 materials fee)

March 12: Participatory Art Piece with John Schlimm. Join international award-winning author and artist John Schlimm in making a participatory art piece inspired by his THE SMILE THAT CHANGED THE WORLD (is yours) that was installed at The Westmoreland Museum of American Art in June 2016, and has been toured elsewhere around the USA and in Canada. (add \$5 materials fee)

April 1: Whimsical Painting with local artist Mary Jacobsen. On this April Fool's Day, there's no such thing as a foolish painting, but there is something to painting with whimsy. That means exploring acrylic painting. Bring a photo or idea of what you'd like to paint. (add \$20 materials fee)

May 6: Repurposed Art with Kristina Beytien of Upcycle Dubuque. Kristina will discuss her business that specializes in recycling items into art that would otherwise end up in landfills and share some examples of these upcycled art projects. Offering: \$10 Base Price Per Session. Plus Additional Materials Fees Where Noted.

Wishing you Shalom... peace, wholeness, integrity, & well-being!
Shalom Spirituality Center
1001 Davis Street
Dubuque, IA 52001

Open to everyone regardless of religious affiliation, belief system, or faith background!
Phone: 563-582-3592
Web: www.ShalomRetreats.org
Email: info@shalomretreats.org

Sisters of St. Francis Canticle of Creation Center



January 15, 2019 – **Everyday is Earth Day Movie Night: “Happening: Clean Energy Revolution,”** 6:30 p.m. Filmmaker James Redford embarks on a colorful personal journey into the dawn of the clean energy era as it creates jobs, turns profits, and makes communities stronger and healthier across the U.S. This film explores issues of human resilience, social justice, embracing the future, and finding hope for our survival in the clean energy era. Krissy Juarez, Social Justice Promoter for the Dubuque Franciscans and BVM Sisters, will introduce the film and lead a brief discussion after. Free will offering. Walk-ins welcome but RSVPs are appreciated by Friday, January 11.

February 19, 2019 – **Everyday is Earth Day Movie Night: “Before the Road,”** 6:30 p.m. Presented by National Geographic, this film features Leonardo DiCaprio on a journey as a United Nations Messenger of Peace, traveling to five continents and the Arctic to witness climate change firsthand. Come learn the dramatic changes now occurring and actions we can take. Free will offering. Walk-ins welcome but RSVPs are appreciated by Friday, February 15.

For more information about the Canticle of Creation Center, contact Sister Michelle Balek, OSF or Lisa Schmidt by phone at (563) 583-9786 or by email at balekm@osfdbq.org or schmidt1@osfdbq.org.



Church Women United

Save the Date!
World Day of Prayer 2019
Slovenia
March 1, 2019
Gathering 9:30 AM; Service 10:00 AM
Location: TBA

Grandview United Methodist

**Call To Prayer For Our Dubuque Area Schools
2018-19
January 2019-Prayer For Support Staff**

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”
Galatians 6:9

Eternal God, who sees all and knows all,

As one community of believers, we lift up all those in our schools who dedicate themselves to serving and supporting our administrators, teachers and students, and keep our schools running smoothly. Those who might, at times, go unnoticed, including office staff, bus drivers, janitors, maintenance crews, food prep staff, counselors, teachers' aides, IT staff, special service providers, and volunteers, we bring before Your throne.

You have placed each person in his/her position of service for Your glory. Bestow on each one a gracious, good-natured spirit, an unwearied forbearance and a patient heart in all of their interactions throughout the day. Though they often work “behind the scenes,” help them to know the work they do is essential to the care and education of our students. You see the fruits of their labor, Lord; bless them now, even as You will reward them with an inheritance later. Prompt those who interact with our valuable support staff to also notice them, and to treat them with respect and appreciation.

Fill all our school support staff with Your unending love, strength, and encouragement when they grow weary, discouraged, or overwhelmed. Pour out Your Spirit upon them, continually calling them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Anoint them for all that You've called them to be and do, right where they are.

In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

For more information contact Becky Specht at bspecht@yousq.net or 563-543-5411.
Grandviewdubuque.org 563.582.8875

Dubuque Community



Convivium Urban Farmstead

Learn to Compost!!
Join Convivium Urban Farmstead and Dubuque Metropolitan Area Solid Waste Agency (DMASWA) in a

project to measure and minimize food waste in Dubuque, Iowa. Our four week composting class, instructed by Convivium's Farm Manager, A.J. Shultz, will teach you how to turn your kitchen scraps and yard waste into fertile compost. As a participant, you will:

- gain an in-depth knowledge of the compost ecosystem and outdoor composting basics
- build and take home a dual compartment outdoor compost bin
- build and take home a kitchen scrap countertop collector
- learn about vermicomposting and take home a worm bin
- be connected to a network of past class participants and Convivium staff who will provide support and advice during and after the completion of the program
- be reimbursed your \$40 class deposit upon submission of your food waste log

In order to successfully measure our impact, participants will be expected to:

- attend all four Complete Composting class sessions
- utilize your dual compartment outdoor compost bin or vermicompost bin
- measure and record the amount of food waste you compost for three months after completion of the class (scales will be provided)
- submit your food waste log to Convivium and receive your \$40 deposit back!

Sign up now to be a part of this group effort to create a culture of composting here in Dubuque!

There are only 20 slots available between two class sessions: January 23 – February 13 and March 27 – April 17. Classes will be held Wednesday evenings.

CLASS DEPOSIT: \$40*. (Scholarship slots available based on need. Contact natalie@convivium-dbq.com for scholarship information or with any questions.)

*the \$40 class deposit will be returned to you upon submission of your food waste log, recording the weight of composted material for three months.

2811 Jackson Street, Dubuque, Iowa 52001
563-557-2900

REMEMBER: Membership in DACU is open to all who share DACU's mission. If you wish more information about how your congregation or organization can become involved, just contact DACU President Alan Garfield (agarfield@hotmail.com)

Multicultural Family Center

MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2019

Grand River Center 500 Bell Street, Dubuque, Iowa

7:00 a.m. Breakfast 7:30 a.m. Celebration

An Antidote for America's Agitation



KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Vincent Bacote, Ph.D.

Dr. Bacote is a theology professor at Wheaton College, ethics center director, ordained minister, speaker and author.

Read his complete bio at www.dbqschools.org/facesandvoices



REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
January 14, 2019

REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE AT:
www.dbqschools.org/facesandvoices

Payment with cash or check may also be made at the door the morning of the event.

COST:

\$25/Adults
\$10/Youth 12 and under

All registrations after January 14 are \$30 and on a space-available basis.

HOSTED BY:



SUPPORTED BY:



and these community partners:

Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque
Dubuque Branch NAACP
First Baptist Church, Dubuque

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