



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
Don't see your event listed? Be sure to tell us and we'll put it in! REMEMBER...right now you should assume that many programs have been cancelled, postponed, or moved online. It's wise to call ahead!		
Every Day	ALL OF US	#Black Lives Matter, Speak out against systemic racism in America. Listen, vote, participate, advocate. (See DACU Mission, above...)
June 8	Coalition for Non Violence:	Wear Orange Day, Say No to Gun Violence, 6-7 PM (more p.3)
June 19	Dream Center	Black Lives Matter: Unity Through Mission 5-7 PM (more p.4)
June 30	US Census	Last Day to Apply for a Census Job! (more p.5)
August 25	DACU Delegates Picnic at the Dubuque Arboretum (more in the next newsletters)	



Next DACU Delegates' Meeting: August 25

Dear Friends,

As we continue to move through these unusual times, we hope you are all keeping well. Thanks to all who are working in essential areas, prayers for all who are enduring difficulties and loneliness. We are (still) hopeful that we will gather again on August 25 at the Dubuque Arboretum for our annual Delegates' picnic.

We are continuing our monthly Newsletter to share resources and announcements from our members, our projects, and our community.

Remember, HELPING isn't cancelled! Do what you can to continue caring for one another with donations, phone calls, and acts of kindness. If your organization or congregation has items to share with the community, continue to send them to the newsletter Editor.

DACU 2020 Delegates Meetings

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

Projected Meeting Dates for 2020

August 25, 2020
September 22, 2020
October 27, 2020
November 25, 2020

THANK YOU

- To all of our health care workers, doctors, nurses, staff...and their families
- To the "essential workers" who can't shelter at home because they are keeping grocery stores open, mail delivered, supplies replenished.
- To the staff and residents of our elder care homes, for their kindness and bravery
- To all who have gone the extra mile to re-imagine how we can stay in touch during these difficult times
- To our city government for their commitment to public safety
- To people of faith everywhere for their prayers
- To all who are lifting up their voices in memory of George Floyd and reminding the world that Black Lives Matter.

We will see this through!

DACU Board Report

As of May 31, 7 congregations contributed to DACU for 2020. There were no contributions in May. (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 2020 Monthly Balance Sheet Report			
05/31/2020			
	May	2020 Year to Date	Budget 2020
Income	\$.00	\$ 5,444.63	\$8,466.00
Expenses	\$.00	\$ 5,424.43	\$8,100.00
Ending Balance as of 05/31/2020: \$3,831.69			

Despite no contributions for two months, the Board voted to disperse \$1,000 each to our three projects, as we know they are in need. But that’s all we’ll be able to do until our member congregations donate! The \$3,000 will show in the June financial report. 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

NOTE: We are meeting by conference call right now, but still meeting! If you need to add to the Board agenda or would like to “attend” contact President Jean Holdener at JHoldener@dbq.edu.

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.

Although some utility shutoffs and rent due dates are being extended due to the current COVID 19 emergency, we do anticipate an increase in requests as so many people are newly unemployed. Any help will be appreciated!

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



Dubuque Rescue Mission

The Dubuque Rescue Mission has decided to meet virtually, when needed. The need will be determined by the Executive Committee of the Board in consultation with the Director, the Rev. Rick Mimh who has stated “I’m happy to have another Zoom meeting on Tuesday, June 16th as warranted. I’m also happy to send periodic updates as we move through this pandemic. It seems to me, that our time of meeting in person may be restricted until we have a vaccine – which we hope can happen by the end of the year – optimistically! Until then, we will continue the Zoom format for our abbreviated Board meetings. Rev. Rick welcomes the input of all Board members – including questions/concerns. If members of the DACU Board wish to convey messages or concerns to Rev. Rick you may reach me at maryannuu@fastmail.fm. I join with Rick in asking you to please continue to pray for our men, guests and staff who work daily with our brothers and sisters on the margins. May we have better days ahead. Amen. Please continue to pray for us and those we serve. Please also continue to offer funds, food and spiritual support for all at the Mission. The address for donations is 398 Main St. Dubuque. **Note: The Rescue Mission Thrift Stores are now open!**

Also Note. One of the ongoing and inspiring parts of the Mission are the beautiful vegetable gardens which are prospering – located behind the Canfield Hotel. Their beauty continues to blossom!

Blessings to all, Maryann LoGuidice
DACU Rescue Mission Representative
Maryann Caudill LoGuidice

608.642.1270 <https://www.facebook.com/DBQRescue/>



Dubuque Food Pantry

Greetings!

Are you or someone you know in need of groceries? We are here to help. Some people have never been in this situation before. There is no stigma attached to needing to ask for help. With the overwhelming number of people out of work right now, you don’t have to go hungry. If you have never been here before, just call us direct at 583-4440 or contact Operation New View or the Visiting Nurses Association or any other social agency or church. They will give you a referral to us and you can come down the same day (Monday-Friday). We are here to help!

Theresa M. Caldwell, Manager, Dubuque Food Pantry
dubuquefoodpantry@yahoo.com
563.583.4440

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

REMEMBER...things are opening and closing and re-imagining themselves constantly! Many of our congregations are providing worship remotely via Zoom or Facebook. Just reach out. And thanks to all the creative and engaged folks out there!

Dubuque Coalition for Non Violence

Monday June 8

is

National Gun Violence Awareness Day

STAY AT HOME AND JOIN US ON Zoom

By computer or phone

Save the date and time (6-7PM)

Where: Zoom Registration Opens May 26 (you will receive an e-mail invitation)

We will feature speakers, music, and information for action.

Background: Hundreds of thousands of Americans come together each year to do what they can to support organizations that seek to reduce gun violence. We gather this day to remember Hadiya Pendleton (1998 - 2013) and others who die each day from gunshot wounds. <https://wearorange.org/>

HOW: An e-mail invitation will be sent to you. If you are not on our mailing list send an e-mail to loguidice@fastmail.fm and we will put you on our list.

For further information contact Tim Moothart at timmoot1@gmail.com Check donations or questions and concerns mail to Dubuque Coalition for Nonviolence P.O.BOX 145 DUBUQUE IA 52004-0145

CNV " . . . acts to address the crisis of weapons of violence in order to create a more peaceful and nonviolent community . . ."

The event is co-sponsored by Indivisible Dubuque, Dubuque Branch NAACP, and MOMS

Children of Abraham



Children of Abraham is Zooming!

We have enjoyed several conversations online via Zoom. No further events are scheduled at this time but the Board is meeting to plan the coming year. If you are on the mailing list you'll hear from John Eby as soon as there is news. If you are not on the mailing list but want to be added, just contact John or Alan (below).

www.cofabraham.org

For more information contact John Eby John.Eby@loras.edu or Alan Garfield AGarfield@dbq.edu

Shalom Spirituality Center

Visit our website to check out upcoming programs!

Shalom Spirituality Center

1001 Davis Street, Dubuque, IA 52001

Phone: 563-582-3592

Web: www.ShalomRetreats.org

Email: info@shalomretreats.org

Presentation Lantern Center

A Note from Megan Ruiz, Lantern Center Director:

"The safety and well-being of all of our students, tutors, staff, and community is paramount and therefore, because community spread in the US and Iowa is occurring, we will remain closed at least through the end of July and will revisit reopening discussions prior. In the regard to resuming public tutoring in our organization, the Presentation Lantern Center has and will continue to base decisions on scientific data and reliable projections."

Here's how you can help:

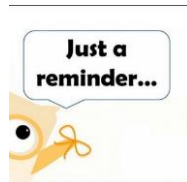
• If you know an immigrant in need, call (563) 557-7134 or email megan@thelanterncenter.org. If urgent, call or text (563) 513-8646.

• Donate to help vulnerable families get through this crisis. Click "Donate" at www.TheLanternCenter.org or mail a check for "immigrant financial need" to Presentation Lantern Center at 900 Jackson St. Ste. LL5-1 Dubuque IA 52001

• **If you'd like to volunteer**, now or in the future, you can apply to be a tutor online at www.TheLanternCenter.org/Volunteer. If you can volunteer with relief efforts, please call and leave a message at (563) 557-7134.

• **Our partner VIATS** is picking up and dropping off food and supplies for immigrants in need. If you have items available, email catcait2003@yahoo.com with your address. Cash donations also accepted. Look for more information on VIATS in our spring newsletter.

DACU Worship Brochure



It is time for our annual update of the **DACU Worship Brochure** which we distribute to local hotels and hospitals. We want to list your congregation, its address, phone contact, email or website, and worship and religious school schedule. **This year the brochure will list the congregations we have but include a very clear reminder that many are still holding remote worship, and encouraging folks to call ahead....**

Please send updates to the DACU Worship Committee, attention Phyllis Garfield, phyllisgarfield@hotmail.com. To check how your congregation is currently listed, go to www.DACUonline.org and click on "Worship Brochure".

(Remember! Even if your congregation is not a member of DACU, we are still happy to list your services in our brochure. Just let us know!)

Sinsinawa Mound Center

Sinsinawa Mound Center Closed to Visitors

Sinsinawa Mound Center will be closed to the public and all programs, events, concerts, meetings, and retreats have been canceled effective immediately through June 15 in order to adhere to the guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to prevent the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States. We hold our world in prayer as we all work to slow the COVID-19 pandemic and appreciate your cooperation. (UPDATE: Many of the scheduled summer programs continue to be cancelled. Check the website for latest information! You can visit the Giftshop online, with curbside pickup however.)

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/>

Sisters of St. Francis Canticle of Creation Center



Visit our website to check out upcoming programs at the Canticle of Creation Center, 3390 Windsor Ave., Dubuque. To register, contact Sr. Shell at 563-583-9786 or canticle@osfdbq.org. www.osfdbq.org/canticleofcreation

Multicultural Family Center



Dear Community Members,

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The Multicultural Family Center (MFC) is dedicated to furthering an equitable and inclusive community and to eradicating prejudice and discrimination. We are proud of the strength diversity brings to our community and are equally proud of the vast majority of residents of our community who share a desire to be inclusive and welcoming.

The killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis last week stirred in all of us a deep pain for the state of our world. We felt outrage at yet another brutal loss of life and the underlying history of trauma and injustice that continue their impacts today. We felt despair that things might never really change. One moment we are encouraged by the massive numbers of peaceful protests with coherent messages of unity and concrete actions to address inequities that continue to plague our communities, and the next, we are overcome with fear and sadness as violence erupts.

Today we remind ourselves, in the words of Langston Hughes, that we must "hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die life is a broken-winged bird that cannot fly." We are determined to hold onto our dreams and to live out our mission of empowering all families and community members of Dubuque to reach their potential and build unity through diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Now is the time for us to stand unified and in solidarity with black and brown communities who are directly affected and hurting. It is also time to acknowledge that true unity demands accountability for the ways in which systemic inequities and disparities are limiting the ability of our families and community members to reach their potential. Our only true hope for unity first lies in refusing to be constrained by the status quo.

We will let neither fear nor despair incapacitate us. We will continue our work throughout the community to educate and to expand difficult dialogue in order to bring forth constructive change. We will redouble our focus on our youth and the better world that we owe to them. We encourage Dubuque residents to be part of creating a community that is not falsely unified, but is instead unified precisely because its members are able to recognize the value of diversity, are willing to include people in hard conversations that affirm our shared humanity, and are committed to taking action to work for change that advances equity.

Sincerely,

MFC Board of Directors

Dubuque Community

Dream Center




Juneteenth: Day of African-American Freedom

Date: June 19th, 2020
Time: 5:00 PM -7:00 PM
Location: TBD

BLACK LIVES MATTER:
Unity Through Mission!

*Local Food Vendors + Community Speakers +
Musical Performances + Student Performances +
Next Generation Student Speakers + Panel Q & A + Call to Action

*Food is limited so we ask that you RSVP:
<https://tinyurl.com/ydccb9r8>



United States Census 2020

We are Still Hiring!

Local US Census Recruiter Linda Stovall says that due to the COVID 19 emergency, the US Census is still hiring workers through June 30. The wage is \$21.00 per hour. mileage is .575 cents a mile. It is between 15-20 hours a week and works with your schedule. You will be provided mask and gloves. To apply, go to the website www.2020census.gov/jobs.



Jobs Coming Soon

Once operations for the 2020 Census resume, we will need thousands of workers to fulfill the Constitutional duty of completing the Census. Census data helps communities thrive.

Help your community by applying for a Census job at 2020census.gov/jobs

Shape your future
START HERE >



History Makers Needed

Earn extra income, work flexible hours, and work within your neighborhood and community. There are various field and office positions available for full and part-time jobs. Be a history maker and help get funding for your community.

Apply today at 2020census.gov/jobs

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NOTE: EVERYONE needs to complete the census form on paper or online! Make your voice heard!

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Census 2020

Don't forget to complete your census form online or on paper, as soon as you can. Census information is used to allocate hundreds of billions in Federal aid and funding, and to assign Congressional representation. It is pretty important!! For more check out the website:
<https://2020census.gov/en/census-data>

Help us spread DACU good news on Facebook!
Go to:
www.facebook.com/Dubuqueareacongregationsunited
and "like" and "share"!

Society of St. Vincent DePaul

St. Vincent has a new website!

<https://www.svdpdubuqueiowa.org>

Please visit the official website of the Dubuque, Iowa Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. We aspire to be a leading provider of volunteer-based, human services to people experiencing hunger, homelessness, and poverty in the Dubuque area. A charitable non-profit organization, St. Vincent de Paul enlists the support of local volunteers in the delivery of its services.

St. Vincent de Paul helps people meet their basic needs and helps improve their quality of life by providing a wide range of services including:

- Emergency Food Distribution
- Clothing Distribution
- Emergency Financial Assistance
- Referrals to Transitional and Permanent Housing
- Referrals to Domestic Violence Support and Counseling

The services of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Dubuque are open to all people in need regardless of their income, religious beliefs, race, or sexual orientation.

We can be reached at (563) 582-3733.

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 Dr. Jean Holdener (jholdene@dbq.edu) or Administrator Bob Krayner (bdkramer@aol.com)

Food Resources in Dubuque

Here is a list compiled by St. Luke Methodist office; there may be updates by now so please continue to check. Thank you to all who are helping keep folks safe and fed!

Free Takeout Meals at Churches

St. Luke's UMC
1199 Main St.
Saturdays 5:00-6:00 p.m.

First Congregational UCC
255 W 10th St.
Thursdays at 4:30-5:30 p.m.

St. Patrick's Church
1425 Iowa St.
Wednesdays at 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Hope House Catholic Worker
1592 Locust St.
Sundays at 6:00 p.m.

Dubuque Rescue Mission Meal Hours

398 Main St.
Breakfast at 7:30 a.m.
Lunch at 11:30 a.m. (no Sundays)
Dinner at 5:00 p.m. (Mon, Tues, Fri only)

EVICTIION INFORMATION

FOR NON-PAYMENT OF RENT

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

After May 27, 2020, Iowa's eviction moratorium is scheduled to end. Below is information to help you know your rights.

- If you get a call from your landlord saying you have to move out; OR
- If you get a notice from your landlord saying you have to move out; OR
- Your landlord tells you that your rental agreement is not being renewed and you have to move out; OR
- Your landlord tells you that you have to move out because the Governor has lifted the eviction moratorium...

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO MOVE. ONLY A JUDGE CAN LAWFULLY EVICT A TENANT.

IOWA LAW REQUIRES

A tenant who does not pay rent on time must get a notice from the landlord.

1. The notice must be in writing.
2. The notice has to say the lease will end if rent is not paid within 3 days.
3. The notice has to be properly served to you.
4. This 3-day period gives you a "right to cure" by paying the rent within those three days.
5. If you pay the full amount of rent in three days, the landlord cannot legally evict you.

IMPORTANT FACTS

If you cannot pay the rent within 3 days, **you do not have to move out right away.**

The landlord must first file an eviction action in court.

ONLY A JUDGE CAN LAWFULLY EVICT A TENANT.

RESOURCES

IOWA LEGAL AID

Iowa Legal Aid provides help to low-income Iowans facing eviction.

To apply for help from Iowa Legal Aid:

- Call 800-532-1275
- Iowans age 60 and over, call 800-992-8161
- Apply online at: www.iowalegalaid.org

Information will be coming soon about options for paying back rent.



Does your organization or congregation have items you would like to include in the DACU Newsletter? Just email the editor at phyllisgarfield@hotmail.com

We are happy to share any information that is in keeping with our DACU mission statement.

If you want to know how you can support #Black Lives Matter just look around...there are so many opportunities through many organizations. Contact your own congregation, look online, do your research. One great new organization here in Dubuque is Queens for Peace, a group of moms who have been organizing protests for the past few weeks. Find them on Facebook at Switching Places Foundation, @queens4peace.





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