



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.
November 21	Opening Doors Attitude of Gratitude Virtual Event....more p. 3	
November 25	Dubuque Area 38 th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, watch 7:00 PM online, www.DACUonline.org	
November 26	Dubuque Rescue Mission is serving Thanksgiving dinners to carry away, 10:30 am – 1:30 pm	

38th Annual Dubuque Area Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Wednesday November 25

Go to www.DACUonline.org to join us at 7:00 PM for our virtual service of thanksgiving!

Highlights will include:

Music by Dr. Charles Barland
Instrumental & Vocal music by Tapestry
Vocal music by members of the Julien Chamber Choir

Meditations by new Dubuque clergy:
Rev. Stephanie Ells (First Presbyterian)
Rabbi Natalie Shribman (Temple Beth El)

Messages of gratitude from DACU delegates
Words from our DACU Projects
Updates from People In Need

Remember, this service is a major source of funding for People In Need! You will have the opportunity to donate via PayPal on the DACU website. You can also send donations directly to P.I.N. at PIN, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2155 University Ave., Dubuque, IA 52001

DACU 2020 Delegates Meetings

Traditionally we do not hold DACU meetings in December.

We will be having our January Annual Meeting via Zoom (January 26)

We are working now to schedule Delegate meetings for the coming year!



DACU Board Report

As of Oct 31, 11 congregations contributed to DACU for 2020. (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 10/31/2020			
	October	2020 Year to Date	Budget 2020
Income	\$.23	\$ 6,091.48	\$8,466.00
Expenses	\$ -0-	\$ 8,624.43	\$8,100.00
Ending Balance as of 10/31/2020: \$1,278.44			

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 JHoldene@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.

As the COVID emergency continues to challenge families in our area, we anticipate an increase in requests as so many people are newly unemployed and extensions of the relief bills are still unresolved. We are trying to build our reserves for the demand we know is coming. Sincere thanks to the Sisters of St. Francis for their very generous donation this month. Because the eviction moratorium is still present, we were able to donate \$500 each to the Dubuque Food Pantry and the Rescue Mission to support their important work.

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



Dubuque Rescue Mission

Thanksgiving Dinner!

Covid 19 has resulted in cancellation of the usual community-wide Thanksgiving dinner. In its place this year the Dubuque Rescue Mission is offering those in need "take-out" meals. Donations of frozen turkeys, boxed stuffing, canned cranberries and vegetables, and prepared pies and rolls are invited.

Please make your donation by Monday November 23 at 398 Main St Dubuque IA at the Mission Store. The Mission has excellent storage facilities for food donations if there is an over-supply for the day. The to-go dinners will be served from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm on Thanksgiving Day. Special thank you for advanced donations from DUPACO, UU Fellowship, and Tandem Tires.

Also please note that the Food Pantry is collecting donations for in-need families preparing food at home.

Blessings to all, Maryann LoGuidice

DACU Rescue Mission Representative
Maryann Caudill LoGuidice

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

**Yes -Mission Store No.2 is still open!
Dubuque Rescue Mission & Store 1-398 Main St
Store No 2-998 Central (furniture and housing needs)**

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

Congratulations to Dubuque Food Pantry!

The Dubuque Food Pantry was awarded the Thomas Determan S.C.O.P.E. Award at the 31st Annual Dubuque Branch N.A.A.C.P. Freedom Fund dinner on November 6, 2020. Food Pantry Manager Theresa Caldwell accepted the award.

The S.C.O.P.E. award (Standout Community Organization Pursuing Equity) recognizes an organization that is dedicated to serving the needs of underrepresented members of our community. Congratulations to Theresa, the Pantry Board, and all the volunteers for all you do!

Opening Doors

DON'T Miss your chance to bid on some great items!



Attitude OF GRATITUDE

NOVEMBER 21, 2020

All proceeds support Opening Doors—the nonprofit organization that operates Teresa Shelter, Maria House, and a permanent supportive housing program at Francis Apartments.

WE'VE GONE VIRTUAL!
Join Us from Your Armchair!
www.qtego.net/qlink/openingdoorsdbq
6:30 to 8 PM on November 21

Silent auction opens November 1
Closes at Noon on November 23

Sponsorship Levels
\$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,500,
\$1,000, \$800, and \$500



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT
www.openingdoorsdbq.org/AOG



Our silent auction opens November 1 and closes at Noon on November 23. Our event will be virtual on Saturday, November 21 from 6:30 to 8. The link for both

is www.qtego.net/qlink/openingdoorsdbq

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Westminster Presbyterian Church

Westminster Hunger Outreach

Partnering with St. Stephen's Branch of River Bend Foodbank

OFFERING FOOD AT NO CHARGE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2020

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2155 University Ave. at Loras Blvd.



Drive-through food distribution begins 9:00 am

& continues until food is gone.

No registration required.

PLEASE STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE

WE WILL LOAD FOOD FOR YOU



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 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.

See below for several upcoming ecologically-oriented events at Sinsinawa Mound via zoom.

Please note that for Wednesday webinars, registration closes Tuesday at 4pm. To register or for more info on any event, simply click on the title. Stay tuned for more webinars around Buddhism, deep ecology, and much more. For more events, check www.sinsinawa.org/moundcenter for details .

Pause: A Season to Breathe (via Zoom)

Like the seasons of the Earth that shift and change in nature, our lives of faith are also cyclical and invite us to "pause," breathe into and appreciate the season. This four session virtual micro-retreat will invite participants to be attentive, compassionate, pause and appreciate each faith based "season" as it mirrors the natural changing cycle of seasons. From the "ordinary" time of NOW through the anticipated promise of HOPE, these sessions will be both reflective and engaging. Each session will include an invitation to carry the session focus into further reflection as personal practice.

Each session is \$25/per person and runs from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Session 1: Season of Change & Resilience- Saturday, Nov. 7

Session 2: Season of Waiting - Saturday, Dec. 12

Session 3: Season of Release- Saturday, Feb. 27

Session 4: Season of Hope – Saturday, April 10

Buddhist Teachings for Deep Ecology: Part One (via Zoom)

It is painfully evident that the life support systems of planet Earth are in crisis. The web of life for all species, including humans, is in peril. Buddhist teachings and Deep Ecology agree that we humans will not change the behaviors causing such suffering unless we transform the send of our identity. Such transformation brings the capacity to act with wise compassion; we now realize we are Earth protecting itself. During this webinar, we explore this Buddhist wisdom and its overlap with Deep Ecology. The awakening of humanity to liberate our planetary suffering depends on our personal awakening.

Wednesday, November 18, 7-8:15 p.m.

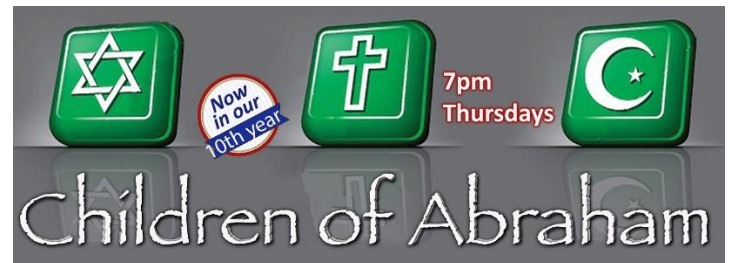
\$15/per person. Registration deadline is Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 4 p.m.

You Are Not Alone: Songs and Practices with Liz Rog - \$15 Saturday, November 21st, 10-11:30am

We need songs and songs need us, and there are perfect songs for times such as this. They are simple, meaningful, and powerful songs that you can learn easily and then carry with you through your days: songs to call and sing to a friend who's lonely, sad, grieving; songs to comfort, to inspire, encourage; songs to sing to the trees and the creatures; songs for gratitude and joy

For information on events at Sinsinawa, call or write the Mound: 585 County Road Z, Sinsinawa, WI 53824, (608) 748-4411. OR visit their website: <https://www.sinsinawa.org/moundcenter/events/>

Children of Abraham



Worldview in Times of Crisis

www.cofabraham.org

These Thursdays, 7pm

September 17: Anxiety, Fear, and Faith

October 15: Crisis & the Common Good: Civic Virtue

November 12: How faith stumbles: When our religious traditions get it wrong

January 21: Sacred Texts and Prejudice

February 18: Reconciliation and Repair

March 18: Is a Budget a Moral Document?

April 8: Artistic Expressions of Healing and Joy

Pandemic or not - it's our 10th year of active conversation. Come Zoom with us.

If you would like to listen/participate on Zoom, email one of us to get the Zoom link:

John (john.eby@loras.edu)

Alan (agarfield@dbq.edu).

Or, just view our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/cofabraham>.

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

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!

Presentation Lantern Center

The Presentation Lantern Center will remain closed, because Dubuque County is still a designated "red zone" for COVID-19. We will continue to operate in alternative ways to keep our students, volunteers and staff as safe as possible. Therefore, we will continue to welcome, educate and assist local immigrants and support our volunteer tutors with online tutoring. Many of our students have been severely impacted financially by COVID, so we have been delivering emergency food assistance, diapers, rental assistance and more. You can help with this kind of assistance by contacting the Lantern Center.

While we would love nothing more than to reopen our physical space to the public, we will only do so when it is safer. Megan Ruiz, executive director can be reached at Megan@thelanterncenter.org or by leaving a voicemail at the Center, (563) 557-7134.

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.

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

Peace and all good,
Nancy Miller, OSF
Social Justice Coordinator
justice@bvmsisters.org

Shalom Spirituality Center

Hope & Healing Grief Retreat, Saturday, November 14, 10:00 a.m.-3:30 pm. via ZOOM

Due to the COVID virus, this day long retreat event has moved online. Join Mary Potter Kenyon, certified grief counselor and author of *Refined by Fire: A Journey of Grief and Grace* and the recently released *Called to Be Creative*, Jaimie Hanson of H3R Journey (Hurt, Hope, Reflect, Heal) and award-winning photographer David LaBelle, author of *Lessons in Death and Life*, for a day of finding healing through creativity. Workshops on No Rules writing, photography as a healing practice, a heart connection craft, ideas for getting through the holidays and discussion and reflection time. \$35 includes materials and the Zoom link. Register by Thursday, November 12.

Thanks to the generosity of private donors and grants there are scholarships available for this retreat. Contact Mary Potter Kenyon at mkenyon@shalomretreats.org or 563-582-3592 with questions, or to apply for a scholarship.

Visit our website to check out upcoming programs!

Shalom Spirituality Center
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St. John Lutheran News from Almost Home Guest House and the Open Closet

The Guest House opened in October to accept overflow from the Rescue Mission. Due to COVID they are able to house a smaller number, 9 men rather than 12 at the moment. The Open Closet is closed to walk-ins now but will take appointments. They are also not taking donations but if you bring donations to Stuff Etc. and they sell, the proceeds are donated to the Guest House.

Clarke University University of Dubuque

Community Through Women's Eyes

Call for Personal and Scholarly Essays for Edited Book: Community Through Women's Eyes

We are seeking personal essays and scholarly articles from a variety of perspectives for an edited anthology on community. Featured groups can be historical or present-day profiles of daily life in a community; we also welcome historical and sociological analyses of movements. The book seeks to explore women's voices on the topic of life in community broadly construed, including but not limited to families, neighborhoods, faith-based groups, ancestral and ecological communities, music or civic organizations, and online support groups. Critical reflection, first person essays, detailed descriptions, and scholarly theoretical analyses are all welcome. Our plan is to submit the manuscript to a publisher in the spring of 2021. Submissions should be no more than 1,000-3,000 words and submitted as an attached Word document.

Deadline: December 15th, 2020

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Dubuque Community

Dubuque Visiting Nurse Association



Does your child need health and/or dental coverage? During these unprecedented times many families have had a decrease in income and may qualify for either Medicaid or Hawki for their children. Coverage includes medical, dental, and vision services. A family of four can make up to 79,124/ year and qualify for either Medicaid or Hawki for their children. Dubuque Visiting Nurse Association has staff who can assist families apply for Medicaid or Hawki. For more information on the Hawki program go to <https://dhs.iowa.gov/hawki> or call 1-800-257-8563. You may also contact your local Hawki Outreach Coordinator at Dubuque Visiting Nurse Association at 563-556-6200, ext. 1933.

Crescent Community Health Center



Congratulations to Mary Rose Corrigan upon receiving the 2020 Carl Kulczyk Memorial Award given by the Iowa Primary Care Association. Mary Rose was nominated for this award by Crescent where she served as board president for nearly 15 years.

The Carl Kulczyk Memorial Award was established in recognition of Carl Kulczyk's outstanding contributions to the Iowa Primary Care Association and community health field prior to his death in 2008. This award is presented to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to his/her organization over the course of their tenure at the health center.

"Mary Rose played a critical role in the establishment of Crescent 14 years ago," said Gary Collins, Chief Executive Officer. "Her dedication to expanding access to high-quality, affordable healthcare in our community is admirable and we are thrilled to see her honored."

Mary Rose was presented with the award at the virtual Iowa Community Health Conference on Tuesday, October 27.

A MASK IS THE NEW SMILE!



WE'RE WEARING MASKS FOR
THE COMMUNITY'S WELLNESS

For more information, go to the website:
<https://crescentchc.org/> or phone 563.690.2850

Test Iowa: Crush the Curve!!!

Right now, it doesn't seem like we have managed to control our rise in COVID-19 cases here in Iowa. One thing YOU can do is WEAR A MASK when you are outside your home. If you want to be tested for COVID through the Test Iowa program, the first thing is to take the assessment online, and then go to one of the test sites. We do have a site in Dubuque. Hours are varying so be sure to check the website. Help us to Crush The Curve: <https://www.testiowa.com>
More info: <https://coronavirus.iowa.gov>
www.dubuquecounty.org/COVID19

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 Krayer (bdkrayer@aol.com)

Dubuque Renters, Know Your Rights!

The CDC has issued a moratorium on residential evictions through the end of December 2020 to help prevent the further spread of COVID-19. Renters facing eviction must present a signed copy of this declaration form to their landlord:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/declaration-form.pdf>

You can read the complete declaration in the Federal Register:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/09/04/2020-19654/temporary-halt-in-residential-evictions-to-prevent-the-further-spread-of-covid-19>





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and "like" and "share"!**

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