# DUBUQUE AREA CONGREGATIONS UNITED

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# JOIN US FOR THE UPCOMING SEPTEMBER DELEGATE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 7:00PM

If you are a resident of the Dubuque area and have a passion or interest in making a difference in the world by fostering understanding and awareness of human need, **DACU welcomes you** (that's right, you don't officially have to be delegate!)

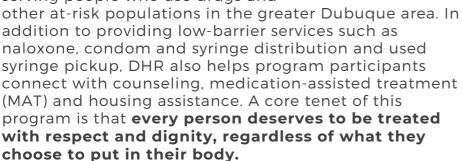
WHAT: Dubuque Harm Reduction

Information Session

WHERE: St. Luke's UMC

1199 Main St.

Founded in 2018, Dubuque Harm Reduction is a community-led public health advocacy group serving people who use drugs and





The speaker will be Evan Hudson, the program coordinator for DHR. Born in Ames, Iowa, Evan first moved to Dubuque in 2017 & looks forward to living and working in the tri-state area for years to come. A recovering opiate addict himself, Evan was introduced to harm reduction when attempting to access naloxone & clean syringes in

New Orleans. After helping to found DHR in 2018, Evan became DHR's program coordinator in 2020. He is grateful to be alive & spreading the good word about harm reduction.

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# DACU 2022 DELEGATE MEETINGS

Tuesday, October 25, 7:00 PM Housing Challenges in Dubuque Equity Profile Conference Room of the

Equity Profile Conference Room of the Community Foundation Roschek Building

Wednesday, November 23, 7:00 PM DACU's 40th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Resurrection Catholic Church 4300 Asbury Road

No December Delegate Meeting

Tuesday, January 25, 2023 at 6:00 PM **DACU Annual Meeting & Dinner** Westminster Presbyterian Church

# MMUNITY EVENTS

#### **SEPTEMBER 15**

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM

**SEPTEMBER 21** 

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

SEPTEMBER 22

HOUSING COMMUNITY

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**SEPTEMBER 24** 

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**CROP WALK** 

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DUBUQUE LATINX FESTIVAL

**DACU Financial Report** 

	August '22	YTD	Budget '22
Income	\$0	\$3,602.34	\$8,375.00
Expenses	\$0	\$8,114.54	\$7,550.00

Ending Balance as of 8/31/2022: \$4,272.95



Help support DACU projects (pg. 3) by sending contributions to:

"Dubuque Area Congregations United" c/o DACU Treasurer P.O. Box 811 Dubuque IA 52004





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\*varies by state

For local support on Maternal Health topics and for a Quitline Referral Call:

Dubuque Visiting Nurse Association

660 Iowa ST, Dubuque IA 52001

University



# DACU PROJECT UPDATES

# PEOPLE IN NEED



Through July of this year PIN has assisted 43 households with rent, water, electric and gas totaling **\$26,873.** It is clear the need is significant in our community following the end of many COVID-19 assistance programs.

P.I.N. operates through referrals from social service agencies, churches/congregations and DACU.

Potential clients cannot call directly. PIN exists to offer limited and emergency assistance to those facing exceptional circumstances through direct payments to clients' creditors, for rent, utilities, medical and other basic needs.

PIN is celebrating our 40th year of service to the community this year. We were created by DACU back in 1982.

During the first months of 2022 PIN has been blessed with generous donations from many individuals and the following congregations/groups. PIN is grateful for the most recent donations from St. Joseph The Worker Church and St. Anthony Church.

Sincerely, Tom Stovall P.I.N. President



# DUBUQUE RESCUE MISSION



Dubuque Rescue Mission for 90 years has stood alongside the poor and marginalized in our community. As many of you know, the Dubuque Food Pantry moved to a new location, leaving their building for sale. Our Rick Mihm saw great value in the vacated building. The old Dubuque Food Pantry building was a perfect fit not only as a building but it's location to fill when the void when the Rescue Mission has more men than we have space to house, especially in the winter months. So just a weeks ago, we purchased that building to be used as a warming shelter and to house men in the evenings. There will be showers and bathrooms added on the main floor and a space for cots in the evening. We were already renting the two apartupstairs in building for men who have completed the program and are now working in the community. We grateful to the Dubuque Food Pantry Board and staff! The building has been very well cared for and maintained. The space is perfect for what Rick had imagined and even space that we will have for future growth. The apartments upstairs have been remodeled and won't require anything more than normal maintenance.

Sincerely, Rick Mihm and the Board of Directors.

# DUBUQUE FOOD PANTRY



Greetings, What a wonderful end of Summer we are experiencing. Here at the Dubuque Food Pantry we are having a record number of families visit our Pantry since we moved to 1310 White St. on July 1 (see photo below).

We are able to give our clients a shopping experience now. There is twice the square footage in our Pantry and off street parking.

Special thanks to the City of Dubuque, the County of Dubuque, and the Estate of Ann Bauck, that allowed for us to purchase our new location. We want all of our donors to know that none of their donations went toward the purchase. Your donations are going toward the purchase of groceries for the Pantry.

We appreciate all of the well wishes that we have received from everyone. There will be a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Thur September 22 at 4:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Blessings! Theresa M. Caldwell Executive Director



# **DUBUQUE AREA**



# Saturday, October 1, 9:30 am St. Elias, the Prophet, Orthodox Church

Join us for a FUN FAMILY EVENT to raise money for the hungry of Dubuque and the world.

The CROP walk starts at St. Elias Church Social Hall,
419 North Grandview, entrance on Bennett Steet,
travels down Grandview Avenue to the park at Rockdale Road,
then back to St. Elias.

Breakfast snacks will be served in the Social Hall during registration, starting at 9:30 am.

The walk begins at 10:00 am with a devotion and dedication to honor Maryann Caudill-LoGuidice.

Sack lunch served after the walk, provided by Thrivent Financial.

For more information contact Morgan Frazer, 563-581-1200.

To donate online go to www.CROPHungerWalk.org, designate DBQ, IA.

Walk with the World—We walk because they walk!



# INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

# SEPTEMBER 21



"Climate Injustice from Ecuador to NYC to DBQ" **Jody Williams** 

Wednesday, September 21, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m, Alumni Campus Center, Loras College, **Loras Boulevard** 



Williams, whose peace activism began with the Vietnam War, is a recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. Her groundbreaking work led to the International Campaign to ban Landmines and the resulting Land Mine Treaty. She leads the Nobel Women's Initiative and has recently been involved in work on Chevron's pollution of the Ecuadoran Amazon and related injustices. She promotes the idea that bringing about positive change is not "magic" or only the work of "important people." There will be a livestream of the event on the Day of Peace YouTube page. In addition, A powerpoint about Local Environmental Heroes will be playing at various sites during the festival.

# AND Solidarity Walk to Support Refugees

Saturday, Sept. 17, 12-1pm. Start at Loras College (in front of Christ the King Chapel), touch base at University of Dubuque, and end at Clarke University (outside Atrium). All proceeds go to Dubuque for Refugee Children (D4RC), which helps provide educational, legal, and medical support to refugee children in Dubuque. Participation is free, but donations will be accepted at the start of the walk, or by donating directly to D4RC at https://www.facebook.com/DforRC

#### This is How we BBQ in DBQ

Saturday, Sept. 17, 1pm-4pm, Kehl Center, Clarke University Sponsored by Clarke University & Dubuque Branch NAACP. This community Barbeque is an event where residents can bond and engage with different cultures through free food. Community organizations, not-for- profit groups, and businesses can have free tables to hand out information. For more information, visit the Dubuque Branch NAACP or Dubuque Day of Peace Facebook pages.

#### All events are free unless noted.

Sept. 19, 6:30-8:00pm, The Meskwaki Nation, on zoom, featuring Historical Preservation Director Jonathan Buffalo and members of the Meskwaki Nation. Sponsored by Shalom Spirituality Center. Register and pre-pay \$10 by Sept. 14 at www. shalomretreats.org

Sept. 21, 5:00-6:00pm, Prairie

hosted by Friends of Dubuque County Conservation Board. Proving Grounds Trail, 10616 John Deere Road.

Sept. 22, 5:30-7:00pm, Sacred Land-Wild Church: Fall Equinox, Sinsinawa Mound, 585 County Road Z. Sinsinawa, WI. Meet inside the main entrance and proceed outdoors.

Sept. 24, 12:00-1:00pm, Coalition for Nonviolence Rally to Defeat the Reckless Gun Amendment on Iowa ballots in November. TBA- see www.facebook.com/ DBQCNV for update.

Sept. 24, 10am-4pm, Marshallese Cultural (Manit) Day, Jackson Park, a festival of people of the Marshall Islands.

Sept. 24, 7-9pm, Historic District Coffee House, Outdoors (bring a lawn chair or blanket), at Lacy Mansion, 1640 Main Street.

Sept. 25, 4:30-5:30pm, Lighting the Lantern, Facebook Live Fundraiser for the Presentation Lantern Center featuring Dr. Liang Chee Wee, outgoing President of Northeast Iowa CC. Go to www.TheLanternCenter. org and click on "Donate", email megan@thelanterncenter.org or call (563) 557-7134.

Sept. 25, 7:30pm, Ecumenical Peace Vespers, Divine Word College, 102 Jacoby Drive, Epworth. This event will be in-person and accessible online at www.facebook.com/ dbqdayofpeace

Sept. 26, 6:30-8pm, Care of the Earth in Our Community Panel, in-person and zoom. Five city and county employees will share how the Dubuque community takes care of Mother Earth. Sponsored by Shalom Spirituality Center. Register and prepay \$15 by Sept. 21 at www.shalomretreats.org. Sept. 27, 7-8:30pm, "How Corruption Fuels Crisis - Abroad and at Home", Sarah Chayes, Loras Campus Center Ballroom.

Oct. 9-11, Visit to the Port of Dubuque (Ice Harbor, near the Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium) by The Golden Rule, a 30-foot sailing ship operated by Quakers that attempted to thwart US nuclear testing in the Marshall Islands in 1958. Ship tours and short trips all day October 10.

#### **Partners**

\* Asterisk denotes financial or event sponsorship

Archbishop Kucera Center, Loras College \*
Archdiocese of Dubuque
Church of the Resurrection Social Justice Committee

Clarke University \* Children of Abraham Divine Word College \*

Divine Word College \*
Dubuque Area Congregations United \*
Dubuque Branch NAACP \*
Dubuque Catholic Worker Community
Dubuque Coalition for Nonviolence (CNV) \*
Dubuque for Refugee Children
Dubuque Friends Worship Group \*
Dubuque Human Rights Commission
Dubuque Peace and Justice
Dubuque Rescue Mission
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Inclusive Dubuque League of Women Voters \* Loras College \*

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Presentation Lantern Center \*
River Lights Bookstore
Shalom Spirituality Center \*
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Sisters of the Presentation

Sisters of St. Francis \* Sisters of the Visitation \* St. Isidore Catholic Worker Community \* TriState Islamic Center Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Dubuque University of Dubuque \* Veterans for Peace<sup>3</sup> WVIK Public Radio

#### 2022 Coordinating Committee Members

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**SEPT** 

**17-30** 





Children of Abraham creates an atmosphere of civic life that builds inter-religious solidarity, cooperation and friendship. We do this through careful listening and generous sharing of ideas and traditions. Normally, we're in person.

www.cofabraham.org

September 15: Describing the Divine - Loras College

Ballroom (Alumni Campus Center)

October 27: Does Everything Happen for a Reason?

- Temple Beth El

November 17: Jealousy - University of Dubuque

**January 19:** Does Religion Evolve?

- Westminster Presbyterian Church

February 16: Ethical Consumerism

- Emmaus Bible College

March 16: Holy Days - Tri-State Islamic Center

April 20: Animals - Resurrection Church

We like to be in person, but we do offer Zoom from time-to-time. Just email John to get the Zoom link: john.eby@loras.edu. Or, just view our Facebook page - https://www.facebook.com/cofabraham.

In the spirit of the early church who not only worshiped together but ate together, please join us and invite a friend for

# **Campfire Devotions**

Summit Congregational United Church of Christ - 2885 John F. Kennedy Rd.



#### Wednesday September 21, 2022- 5:30 p.m. - @8:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m. Potluck Supper – Juice and Water Provided as well as table ware. You are invited to bring a dish to share

6:15 p.m. – Sharing Ecclesiastes 3:1-14 – A Time and Season for Every Activity Under Heaven

Next: Various Crafts and Activities (inside and outside) for people of all ages to dig deeper into the Seasons of Life and Seasons of the Year and where you see and experience God in it all

Next: Wrapping up the evening with a Time of Sharing and a Time of Prayer,

Transitioning into Singing around a campfire.

Feel free to bring your own lawn chair or use a chair from the church

# SUPPORT THE PROTECTION OF GOD'S CREATION!

TIP #1: Research

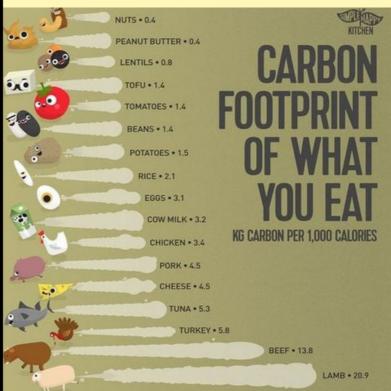
Creation Justice Ministries, an
ecumenical earth care organization
with the mission of educating and
equipping Christians to protect, restore
and rightly share God's wonderful
creation. They provide a wealth of
useful information, resources,
campaigns and programs. Check
them out at www.creationjustice.org

TIP #2: Join the programs of The GreenFaith organization to inspire, educate, organize and mobilize people of diverse religious and spiritual backgrounds globally for environmental action. They offer numerous comprehensive and holistic programs along with climate action campaigns and mobilizations. Check them out at www.greenfaith.org



# Green Team Tips

# Dubuque Interfaith Green Coalition



For information about this group, contact: Paul Uzel at uzeldansen@gmail.com



September 17 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

#### **Harvest Fest**

Join us for a fall afternoon filled with live music and fresh produce for sale. We will also have hay rides and dairy calf on site.
Fun for all ages!
Come and support the Sinsinawa
Mound Collaborative
Farmers!

September 22 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

# Sacred Land-Wild Church: Fall Equinox

Fire and song, ritual and community, prayer and quiet: these outdoor gatherings are centered on honoring sacred land and sacred time. In a time of planetary upheaval it is crucial to recover our elemental sense of connection and kinship with Creator and Creation. We are inspired by Celtic tradition and the Wild Church network.



September 28

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm (Zoom)

October 1 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

# Introduction to Integral Approach to Spiritual Development

This is an introductory session to spark your interest for the more in-depth program in January. An Integral Approach to Spiritual Development can offer guidance during these challenging times of transformation. Drawing on the work of Spiral Dynamics by Integral theorists: Ken Wilber, Don Beck and Clare W. Graves, we will look at the various phases of human development. Words such as "God," "Spirit," and "religion" will take on different meanings depending on where we are on our journey. We don't lose our faith, it simply transforms. Through the use of facilitator input, group processes, facilitated discussions, journaling and integral practices incorporating head, heart, and body, participants will find community and practices to encourage continued growth.

\$15/person Registration deadline is September 23.

# Glass Art Class: Decorative Wood & Glass Box

A unique opportunity to make a beautiful decorative wood and glass box (or two). Come to class and make one large box or a set of large and small decorative boxes.

Large box is 7 ½" square. Small box addition is 5 ½" square. You will receive a square glass blank to add your own abstract design using small pieces of glass, pebbles, stringers, noodles, and millefiori. Your pieces will be fired, sanded on edges to fit squarely into box inset, and epoxied in. If you wish to make the second smaller box the cost will be an additional 45.00. These boxes make beautiful decorations, great treasure or jewelry boxes. Additional box much be chosen at registration for planning purposes. They are wonderful gifts for the upcoming holidays.

\$80/person Registration deadline is September 26.

# SHALOM SPIRITUALITY CENTER

For **questions** regarding programs or registrations, please **contact**: 563.582.3592 **or email**: info@shalomretreats.org

#### Reading That Matters: The Whole Language: The Power of Extravagant Tenderness

September 27 2022 06:30pm - 08:00pm

Facilitator: Eileen Miller OSF

Over the past thirty years, Father Gregory Boyle has transformed thousands of lives through his work as the founder of Homeboy Industries, the world's largest and most successful gang-intervention program. In a community struggling to overcome systemic poverty and violence, The Whole Language shows how those at Homeboy Industries fight despair and remain generous, hopeful, and tender. Boyle's moving stories challenge our ideas about God and people, providing a window into a world filled with fellowship, compassion, and fewer barriers. Bursting with encouragement, humor, and hope, The Whole Language invites us to treat others—and ourselves—with acceptance and tenderness. Book available at the Dubuque Carnegie Stout Library, Amazon, and (hard copy only) Riverlights Book Store.

Fee: \$6 per discussion does not include the book.

The deadline to register is no later than Monday, September 26.

#### St. Francis Feast Day Prairie Walk

October 04 2022 10:00am - 11:30am

Facilitator: Lori Appel

Celebrate the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi while taking in the expansive beauty of the 80-acre prairie at Mount St. Francis. We will begin with an outdoor prayer service and then enjoy a lively discussion as we journey through the prairie. Meet behind Francis House, Mount St. Francis, located at 3390 Windsor Avenue, Dubuque. Parking available.

Cost: \$10

Please register by Friday, September 30.

#### **Drumming for Peace**

October 10 2022 06:30pm - 07:30pm

This outdoor program will feature prayers and drumming around a warm bonfire. Our facilitator, Ms. Deb Stevens, a recently retired music teacher, has been drumming for over 30 years and is deeply enriched by the spiritual connection she feels through community drumming. Feel free to bring a drum of your own or another rhythmic instrument.

Cost is \$10

Please register by Friday, October 7.

Dubuque Coalition for Nonviolence presents

# Two dynamic speakers!



Esha Bolar, Co-director, March For Our Lives Iowa





## RALLY TO DEFEAT THE

RECKLESS

### **GUN AMENDMENT**

September 24, 2022, 12-1 pm, Dream Center playground, 1600 White St in downtown Dubuque

Esha Bolar is inspired by the work of Emma Gonzalez and other student activists following the Parkland school shooting. Kate Parks is an educator, school board president, and mother. More info available at www.facebook.com/DBQCNV

# You Deserve the Very Best Pregnancy Best Pregnancy Support Do you want help during pregnancy, childbirth & after baby arrives? Birth Plan Education & Labor Support Breastfeeding Support Help Navigating the Health Care System STATE OF IOWA DEPARTMENT OF Health—Human SERVICES UnityPoint Health Visiting Nurse Association

# The Dubuque Interfaith Green Coalition presents

# **A Creation Care Expo**

Saturday, October 8th, 2022 10:00AM-2:00PM

#### Westminster Presbyterian Church

2155 University Ave. Dubuque, IA

Come join us and a number of exhibitors and presenters to learn about what you can do to combat the negative effects of climate change in your home, your congregation, your business, and your community.

#### You can make a difference!

Contact uzeldansen@gmail.com for more information





September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm
St. Luke's UMC
1199 Main St, Dubuque
Free Concert
(freewill donations accepted)

Dubuque Visiting Nurse Association (563) 556-6200, ext. 1916 vicki.gassman@unitypoint.org Scott County Health Department (563) 328-4114



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Interested in becoming a DACU Member? Membership in DACU is open to all who share DACU's mission. Contact DACU President Morgan Frazer

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Does your organization or congregation have items you would like to include in the DACU Newsletter?

Shelter Board

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

**OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: 10.1.2022** 

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