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RENEWING DACU'S VISION:
*How do we sustain, expand,
serve, and care for our
congregations and community?*

Tuesday, February 28, 7:00 pm

Facilitator: Morgan Frazer,
DACU President

**Come and give your input on
the future of DACU**

Immanuel UCC

1795 Jackson St

ADA accessible via gym
(or through the DACU Website)

**THE FUTURE: Innovative
congregational ministry in the
midst of change**

Tuesday, March 28, 7:00pm

Speaker: Dr. Christopher James
Professor, UDTs

University of Dubuque
Charles Myers Library

ADA accessible & parking available across from
library. Look for signs & DACU representatives
(or through the DACU Website)

People In Need's "professional volunteer" Jenny Hoelscher has retired from being our intake person after over 29 years of service. Over those years she touched the lives of thousands of people that really needed help. The PIN Board of Directors thanks Jenny for her valued service and wish her the very best in the future.



THANK YOU Jenny!

You are cordially invited to a city-wide interfaith book read of Pope Francis' encyclical.

Laudato Si':

On Care for our Common Home.



March 23rd, 7:00PM--Immanuel Congregational United Church of Christ, 1795 Jackson St. (Introduction, Chapters 1 and 2)

April 13th, 7:00PM--Loras College Alumni Campus Center Ballroom 1450 Alta Vista, (Chapters 3 and 4)

May 11th, 7:00PM--Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2155 University Ave., (Chapters 5 and 6)

This series of discussions are sponsored by Dubuque Area Congregations United, the Dubuque Catholic Social Justice Network, Dubuque Branch NAACP, Dubuque Interfaith Green Coalition, Green Dubuque, Loras College Kucera Center, Sinsinawa Mound Center, Catholic Women's Religious Communities, and Sustainable Dubuque.

The book is available at River Lights Bookstore (discount,) free pdf or purchase online.

For more information contact Mary Jo at Todmarjo@yousq.net.

DACU Financial Report

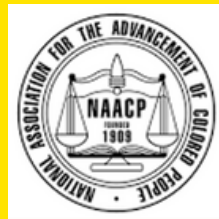
| | January '23 | YTD | Budget '23 |
|----------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Income | \$548.94 | \$548.94 | \$8,675.00 |
| Expenses | \$4,886.34 | \$4,886.34 | \$7,650.00 |



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

DUBUQUE BRANCH NAACP NEWS & NOTES



- This past year (2022) NAACP was involved with DACU with a NAACP representative becoming the DACU Board Secretary. Additionally, DACU & NAACP together formed the Religious Affairs Committee.
- In the name of DBQ Branch, NAACP \$535.00 donated to the 2022 CROP WALK.
- In January 2023, the community celebrated the Annual Dr. King Tribute with Dubuque Community Schools and Holy Family Schools. Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a federal holiday in the United States marking the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. It is observed on the third Monday of January each year. Some of the student work related to MLK Day was displayed in the Children's section of the Carnegie-Stout Library.
- Looking ahead to early 2023 we bring to your attention two events:
 - BLACK HISTORY MONTH (February):** an annual observance originating in the United States, where it is also known as African American History Month. It has received official recognition from governments in the United States and Canada, and more recently has been observed in Ireland, and the United Kingdom(April).
 - THE 1619 PROJECT:** a reading series from February to October at the Carnegie-Stout Library. For more information, contact the library or visit www.dbqschools.org/facesandvoices. Another shorter series is being conducted in May & June. Contact Tom at loguidice@fastmail.fm. There is also a television series in February by Hulu & Harpo productions in cooperation with the New York Times. Use your favorite search engine for more information.
- For current membership information, feel free to contact Fr. Dan Knepper (563-590-0461)

DACU PROJECT UPDATES

PEOPLE IN NEED

PEOPLE IN NEED FUNDS AT A CRITICAL LOW

Due to the great need in our community, with rent assistance to avoid evictions, PIN's funds are quickly dwindling.

Since 2023 began, PIN has **issued over \$25,000** in assists and our available funds are **down to \$8,800**.

We have recently reduced our maximum amount of an assist from \$750 to \$250 in order to serve as many households as possible.

However, this amount does not go very far in solving needs. **We would appreciate increased donations at this time from our partner congregations, individuals and the community.**

During the first months of 2023 PIN has been blessed with generous donations from many individuals and the following congregations /groups: **Summit UCC Church** and **St. Luke's United Methodist Church**.

Thanks to all for gracious generosity. We are blessed with wonderful support from Dubuque's community of faith.

PIN provides assistance thru a referral process only from congregations and social service agencies. The referral process can begin thru a call to the PIN phone line at 563-581-7995 or the PIN email at address at PeopleInNeed7995@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
Tom Stovall
P.I.N. President

DUBUQUE RESCUE MISSION

As we approach the season of Lent, we are reminded at the DRM of what we are called to be. Like Jesus, we are called to be servants and walk humbly. Every year at the mission we practice the time-honored tradition of washing feet. Something Jesus did and amazed those in his presence. Many questioned why he would do such a thing. At the mission we try to practice this act of servitude every day. Rick Mihm, Executive Director has always trained staff and those who enter the building to treat each other as Christ would. Always erring on the side of compassion and grace for those who walk through the doors.

This winter like most, we have had to find new ways to house folks during the extreme cold. Our new warming shelter was not ready during the height of the extreme cold so many slept on our dining room floor. We are so blessed to have so many from our Faith Communities who reach out to help serve meals, donations of bedding, socks, shoes, coats and the list goes on.

All are called to humble ourselves and serve. In this time of Lent and self-reflection, we are grateful for all who find ways to walk this walk with us.

Sincerely,
The DRM Staff, Board of Directors and Rick Mihm,
Executive Director.

DUBUQUE FOOD PANTRY

Greetings!

We are ready for Spring to get here! As I'm sure many of you are.

We will be participating in the Days of Caring with the Community Foundations Yappers Group.

Our 3 raised garden beds have been built by the shop class at NICC. We will be filling them with soil on April 28 and planting our first garden at our new location at 1310 White St.

It will be so nice to be able to help to fill our vegetable display here at the Dubuque Food Pantry.

If you or your family or neighbors are in need of help with groceries, have a social agency of any kind, or your church call in a food order. We always are sure to include milk and eggs with every food order. We are here to serve our community.

Blessings!!
Theresa M. Caldwell
Executive Director



DACU ANNUAL MEETING



THANK YOU SISTER BARBARA

OFFICERS INSTALLED

2022 ANNUAL REPORT & 2023 BUDGET APPROVED

The DACU Board and delegates celebrated and thanked Sister Barbara Hubney for her long-standing dedication to living the mission of DACU; and for serving effectively and graciously as the DACU Treasurer for many years. Sister Barbara is stepping away from her role as she looks to be moving to a new community in the future. Morgan Frazer made sure she got the lemon supreme pie he has been promising her for months! Sister Barbara always had a kind and insightful word to share. The Board also presented her with a gift in honor of her service. If you see Sr. Barbara around, be sure to thank her!

Each year the DACU Board Officers are installed as part of the Annual meeting. Our 2023 DACU Officers are: **Morgan Frazer** - President; **Mary Moothart** - President Elect; **Sr. Barbara Hubney, O.P.** - Treasurer; and **Tom LoGuidice** - Secretary. Mary is our most recent addition, being nominated and elected at the Annual Meeting. All officers were present for the installation as they pledged to work on behalf of our community for justice. **You can find contact information for the DACU Officers and Board members on the last page of this publication, along with a list of committees.**

President Morgan Frazer led the delegates present through a review of the 2022 Annual Report as committees shared about their outreach and support for the Dubuque community. The 2023 DACU Budget, which mainly supports the three projects: DFP, DRM, and PIN, was approved. A reminder was given that at the beginning of each calendar year, if any money beyond \$1500 is remaining in the DACU account; it is distributed to our three main projects. DACU received a \$10,000 memorial gift and will be seeking creative ways to invest in the community with this gift.





**Church
Women
United
Present...**

International Women's Day



Wednesday, March 8

Tolling of the Bells
at St. Luke's UMC

12:00 pm

The bells will ring in celebration of women's achievements and in hopes of raising awareness for further equality for women and girls around the globe.

Listen by live-stream at
stlukesdbq.org/iwd

*+++Sponsored in partnership with
Dubuque St. Luke's United Women
in Faith ___*

World Day of Prayer TAIWAN

Friday, March 3

10:00am

Westminster
Presbyterian Church
2155 University Ave

Speaker: SamWu

**ALL
ARE
WELCOME**



For more information call:
563-556-1394

Church of the Resurrection
4300 Asbury Road, Dubuque

FREE! FOOD PANTRY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:30 AM to 10:00 AM
Drive Through Only

Once again we are offering our food give away.

1. Distribution will be in the church parking lot
2. Vehicles will be directed where to line up
3. Numbers will be assigned to each vehicle as they arrive
4. One family food pack per vehicle
5. Please remain in your vehicle
6. Volunteers will load the food boxes in your vehicle

We pray that you stay safe and healthy.

APRIL 1, 2023

9 AM - 3 PM

DIVINE WORD COLLEGE - EPWORTH, IA

➔ Fee: \$25

Effects of Trauma and Pathways to Healing

A workshop for helpers.



Who should attend? Qualified instructors

First responders, teachers, counselors, and anyone who encounters others who have experienced trauma. Learn useful techniques to identify trauma and begin a journey of healing.

Divine Word College faculty members with experience and research in trauma and healing will lead participants through activities that can be incorporated into your work with people looking to you for support.

WE CAN ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS

📞 563-876-3353

✉️ bmclaunchlin@dwci.edu

🌐 www.dwci.edu/traumaworkshop

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STATE OF IOWA DEPARTMENT OF
Health-Human SERVICES



PULL TOGETHER TO SUPPORT SURVIVORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING



Pull tabs beverage cans, cat food cans and other aluminum pull tab containers are still being collected in 2023!

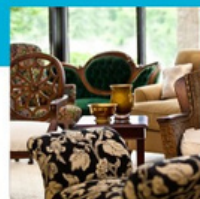
Recycled tabs will be redeemed to provide personal items for survivors of human trafficking recovering in Iowa safe houses in Ames, Sioux City, and Des Moines. Churches, community friends and businesses are invited to assist with donations.

+++ Contact Sue Hattel via shattel220@aol.com for pick-up or drop-off of tab collections +++

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

New and gently-used furniture, doors, hardware, tools, cabinets, and electrical items.
We are also interested in plumbing, flooring and lumber.

DONATING TO THE HABITAT RESTORE HELPS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD AND REPAIR HOMES IN DUBUQUE AND JACKSON COUNTIES



CONTACT US
563-513-0057
www.dubuquorestore.org/donate
4949 Chavenelle Rd Ste 3



SUPPORT THE PROTECTION OF GOD'S CREATION!

TIP #1: Use Less Paper!

Reuse scrap paper for other purposes. Print on both sides of the paper to reduce waste. Go paperless. Pay your bills online to save time and paper. Get e-tickets for movies and other events instead of paper tickets. File your taxes electronically. Take steps to reduce the amount of junk mail you receive. Use real plates, cups, napkins and towels instead of paper ones.

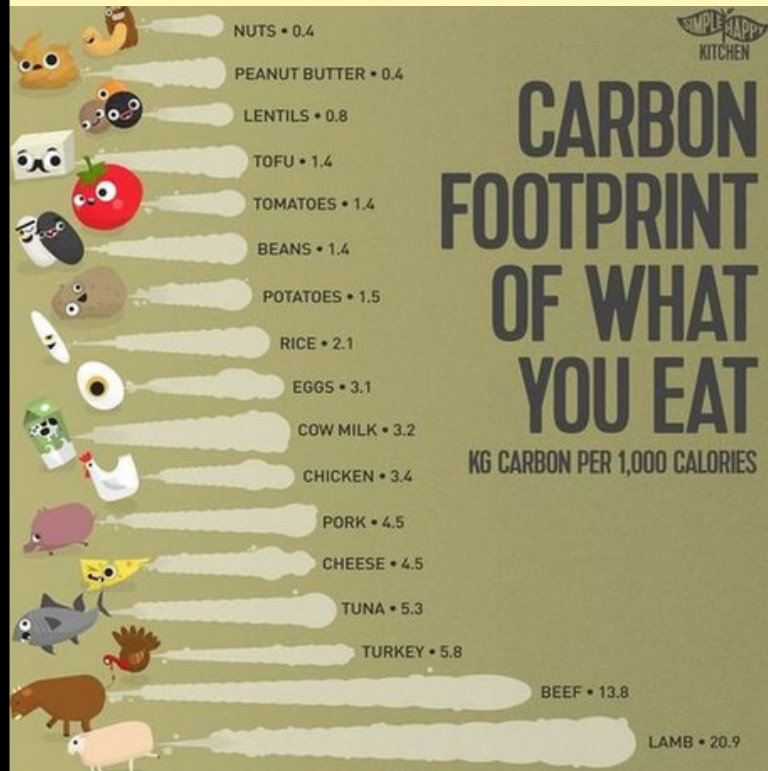
TIP #2: Bag It!

Take your own reusable tote bags with you when you shop for groceries and everything else. Stop using single-use plastic bags as they are dangerous to our environment. Educate yourself on what harm plastic causes to our planet.



Green Team Tips

Dubuque Interfaith Green Coalition



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





2022-2023 Children of Abraham

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



FABULOUS FRIDAY COMMUNITY ARTIST SERIES



Live Musical Performances
 12:05 pm - 12:35 pm
 Through March 24, 2023
*Reception following with free **fabulous** dessert*
 ***Donations accepted for community outreach.

ST. LUKE'S UMC
1199 Main Street
Dubuque

Your little stunt man might need it!

do you need health or dental insurance for your little super hero?

Dubuque Visiting Nurse Association has staff available by phone to help families with children ages 0-19 apply for Hawki and Medicaid. Call our Hawki outreach coordinator at **563-556-6200** for more information.



Learn more at <https://dhs.iowa.gov/hawki>



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*varies by state

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Dubuque Visiting Nurse Association
660 Iowa ST, Dubuque IA 52001
563-556-6200



UnityPoint Health
Visiting Nurse Association

CRESCENT QUICK CARE

WALK-IN ACUTE CARE

FOR THE EXPECTED, UNEXPECTED AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN.



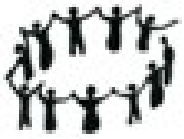
Monday - Friday
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Crescent Community HEALTH CENTER

1690 ELM ST #300
DUBUQUE, IA

crescentchc.org



DACU

PO Box 811
Dubuque, IA
52004-0811

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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*

DACU BOARD INFORMATION

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|--------------------------------|--|
| President | Morgan Frazer <i>frazermt@hotmail.com</i> |
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| Habitat for Humanity | Elaine Mitchell <i>diettou@gmail.com</i> 588-1691 |
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| Prison Ministries | Deacon Bill Biver <i>bbiver@aol.com</i> |
| St. Mark Youth Enrichment | Dawn Cogan <i>dcogan@stmarkyouthenrichment.org</i> 582-6211 |
| Ministerium Association | Fr. Kevin Goodrich <i>fathergoodrich@stjohnsdbq.org</i> |
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Does your organization or congregation have items you would like to include in the DACU Newsletter?

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

MARCH 2023 SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 3.5.2023

Send submissions to: *Rev. Stephanie Ells*
fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com

