



Dubuque Area Congregations United Bi-Monthly Newsletter

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We are people of faith, coming together to learn from each other and to promote social justice to help grow a more vital community, learn from each other, and collaborate together. Mission Statement adopted 02/13/2024.

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EVENTS

DATE	Sponsor	Event	Location
April 9	End of Ramandan (Eid-Al-Fitr)		
11-Apr	Dubuque Interfaith Green Coalition, DACU, Catholic Social Justice Network	Study of <i>Laudate Deum</i> 6:30 PM	O'Malley Hall, St. Anthony Parish 1870 St. Ambrose St.
11-Apr	Children of Abraham	Intra-Faith: A Glimpse of Diversity within Religions	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
April 13	Multicultural Family Center	Celebrate Africa & the Diaspora 12-3pm	Multicultural Family Center 1157 Central Ave.
April 23	DACU	Brain Health Crisis Intervention & Resource Integration, Speakers: Chris Corken and Police Chief Jennings 7PM	Social Space, Church of the Resurrection, 4300 Asbury Rd.
May 28	DACU	What is Impossible by Humankind is Possible with God (Allah), Speaker: Caprice Jones	Fountain of Youth 220 W. 7 th St.
June 3	DACU	Summer Book Read, <u>On Repentance and Repair</u> , First Mondays, June, July & August 5:30-6:45	Carnegie Stout Library Board Room Details below
June 14	Multicultural Family Center	Juneteenth Celebration Art & Cultural Exhibit 5-9 PM	Multicultural Family Center, 1157 Central Ave
June 15	Multicultural Family Center	Juneteenth Celebration Talent Show, Games, Picnic Noon – 4PM	Jackson Park, 1598 Main St.
June 16	Multicultural Family Center	Juneteenth Celebration Community Praise & Prayer 11am – 1pm	Jackson Park 1598 Main St.
June 27	Opening Doors	3 rd Annual filling Your Cup Speaker: Holly Hoffman Breakfast 7:30 – 9 AM OR Lunch 11:30 AM – 1 PM	Hotel Julien Ballroom Reservations required see below
July 1		Summer Book Read, <u>On Repentance and Repair</u> , First Mondays, June, July & August 5:30-6:45	Carnegie Stout Library Board Room Details below
August 5		Summer Book Read, <u>On Repentance and Repair</u> , First Mondays, June, July & August 5:30-6:45	Carnegie Stout Library Board Room Details below
August 27	DACU	Annual Potluck & Worship Service 5:30 Pm	Dubuque Arboretum, 3800 Arboretum Dr.
Sept.		International Day of Peace Speaker & Date TBD	
Oct. 22	DACU	Putting Our Faith Into Action	Immanuel UCC 1795 Jackson
Nov. 24	DACU	Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service	Church of the Resurrection, 4300 Asbury Rd.

DACU Meetings (All are Welcome!)

The agenda for meetings:

7:00 pm start

7:00-7:10 Opening Prayer, DACU Business

7:10-7:40 Presentation

7:40-7:45 Questions

7:45-8:00 Sharing on how the issues are addressed in their congregations

8:00-8:15 conversations with simple treats

April 23 - Topic: Brain Health Crisis Intervention and Resource Integration.

Speaker-Chris Corken and Police Chief Jennings

7 PM

Location: Church of the Resurrection, 4300 Asbury Road.

May 28 - Topic: Fountain of Youth -What is impossible by humankind is possible with God (Allah).

Speaker Caprice Jones.

7 PM

Location: Fountain of Youth 220 W. 7th Street.

Summer 2024

JUNETEENTH - Visit the DACU Booth

First Mondays at 5:30 PM- June 3rd, July 1st, August 5th-Carnegie Stout Library.

DACU Summer Read "On Repentance & Repair" Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg, Author.

Purchase @ River Lights Books-available now.

August 27 - Topic: Annual Potluck and Worship Service-5:30 PM.

Location: Dubuque Arboretum – Bring dish to pass & utensils -Drinks & paper plates will be provided.

Fall 2024

September 21 - Topic: Social Justice and Peace (coordinating with Peace Week).

Location: Day of Peace Speaker, Loras College Alumni Ballroom.

Check DACU Website & FACEBOOK for details.

October 5 - Topic: CROP WALK (location and details to be determined).

Location: Day of Peace Speaker, Loras College Alumni Ballroom.

Check DACU Website & FACEBOOK for details.

October 22 - Topic: Putting our Faith into Action (weaving bed mats for sleeping).

Location: Immanuel UCC 1795 Jackson.

In-person Only.

November 24 - Topic: 42nd Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Location: Church of the Resurrection, 4300 Asbury Rd.

A Collection for People in Need (PIN) is a part of the service.

In-person and Virtual.

December - No December Meeting.

DACU Projects

Dubuque Food Pantry

Greetings!

The Dubuque Food Pantry will be hosing our second annual "Yard Party" celebrating the last day of school in Dubuque.

Held Friday, May 31 at a time to be announced.

There will be food, games and water fun activities for families. All parents and children are invited to 1310 White St. We also will have many service providers on site to let families know what is available during the Summer months.

Have a safe and fun Summer!

Blessings!

Theresa M. Caldwell, Executive Director

Dubuque Rescue Mission

The Dubuque rescue mission continues to serve the community of those misplaced.

The mission statement is as follows:

In the name of Jesus, the Dubuque Rescue Mission is a community offering Hospitality, Spiritual Hope, Food, Shelter, Clothing, and Job Skill Development to those in need.

This past year we have served 46,799 meals, which is an average of 3,899 meals a month. This is up 3,960 meals from the previous year.

We have provided bed space for countless numbers. Our main dorms have been full with 30 beds available, our warming shelter can house 20 men per night. Then we have our transitional houses that have 12 men total living there.

Our warming shelter, located at 1598 Jackson Street celebrated its one-year anniversary in March. This ministry has been a huge success.

This summer we hope to have the space open to organizations to help those misplaced find housing, jobs, health care needs and other items that may arise.

We always want to make sure that we thank the many volunteers who make this all possible and the wonderful support of the community and congregations in the area who provide financial support.

If you are ever interested in volunteering or perhaps you have a skill you think could be of service to the mission, please stop in and introduce yourself and tell us how you can help.

Blessings!

Morgan T. Frazer - Executive Director

People In Need (P.I.N.)

Requests for PIN continue to increase.

Community Support to support the vulnerable in our community are GREATLY appreciated and certainly help address these needs.

In March, 19 assists were provided at a cost of \$6875.00. Those dollars addressed electric, gas, water & sewage, and rent needs. Five different agencies including congregations made the referrals.

Blessings!

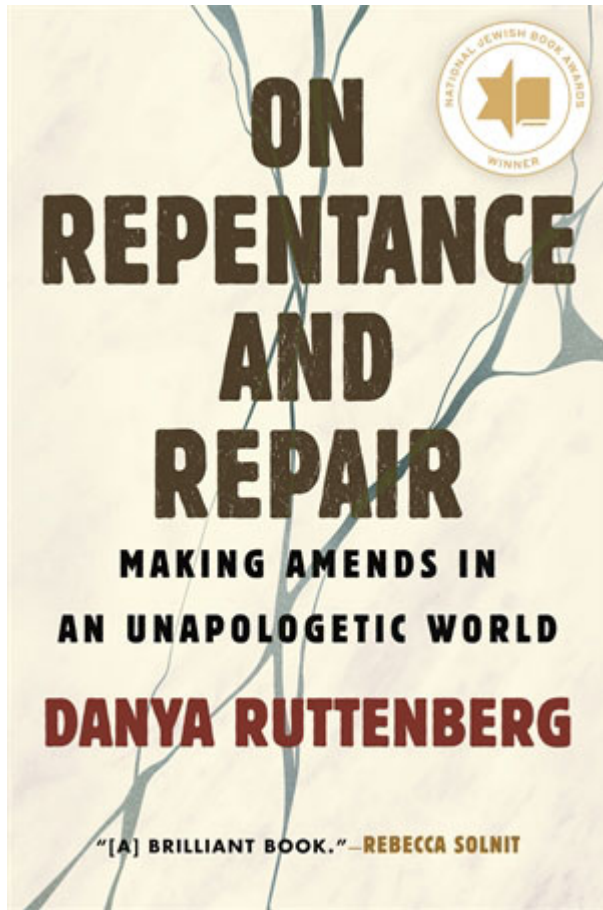
Tom Stovall, President

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.

DACU SUMMER BOOK READ-First Mondays in June, July, August-5:30-6:45 Carnegie Stout Library Board Room-Available River Lights now-around \$18-voice you interest by May 1 to loguidice@fastmail.fm



A crucial new lens on repentance, atonement, forgiveness, and repair from harm—from personal transgressions to our culture’s most painful and unresolved issues

American culture focuses on letting go of grudges and redemption narratives instead of the perpetrator’s obligations or recompense for harmed parties. As survivor communities have pointed out, these emphases have too often only caused more harm. But Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg knew there was a better model, rooted in the work of the medieval philosopher Maimonides.

DACU Community

Westminster Public Witness Speaker Series

Ministry to Migrants on the U.S. / Mexico Border
May 16th at 6:30 P.M. in Westminster Sanctuary
Pastor Dan Emmert will tell of the mission trip he went on in November 2023 to the U.S. / Mexico border with 11 Iowa Presbyterians. Dan will tell of his experience, show slides, and explain what Christian churches are doing to minister to migrants while doing faithful community building across international borders.

Welcoming Refugees

June 13th at 6:30 P.M. in Westminster Sanctuary
A panel will tell of local and statewide efforts and challenges to welcoming and supporting refugees and migrants from Ukraine, Afghanistan, Central and South America and around the world. Panel members: Ry Meyer – Immigration Lawyer with Catholic Charities of Iowa and the Archdiocese of Dubuque.

Megan Ruiz – Executive Director of Presentation of Lantern Center, agency providing hospitality, education, and advocacy for immigrants.

Angela Boelens - “Iowanice” organization representative. “Iowa nice” is an organization supporting several refugee families from Ukraine now living in Eastern Iowa.

Alex Baum - Dubuque Foundation representative will tell of Dubuque efforts and plans to welcome migrants and refugees to Dubuque.

Israel, Palestine, Gaza, and the Church

July 11th at 6:30 P.M. in Westminster Sanctuary

Amgad Beblawi will discuss the Israel-Hamas war and the church’s response. Amgad is one of three Executive Presbyters for the Presbyteries of North Central Iowa, Des Moines, and Prospect Hill, and previously served as coordinator of the PC(USA)’s mission partnerships in Europe and the Middle East. He recently returned from a Presbyterian delegation to Palestine-Israel which will be part of his report.

OPENING DOORS

Filling Your Cup



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Save the Date!
June 27, 2024

featuring Holly Hoffman

Filling Your Cup has Expanded!
Choose from Breakfast Session: \$40/person:
7:30 to 9 AM or Lunch Session: \$45/person:
11:30 AM to 1 PM

Table Size: 8 Guests

Helping Women Live an Exceptional Life

“Filling Your Cup,” our inspirational coffee-themed event, was hugely popular in its first two years—selling out months in advance. For our third annual event on June 27, 2024, we will be returning to the Hotel Julien and guests can choose from two session times. We are excited to announce that Holly Hoffman will be our keynote speaker. To reserve your seat, visit:

OpeningDoorsDBQ.org/CUP

HELP RELIGHT THE CENTENNIAL CROSS IN KEY WEST



HISTORY of the CROSS

The Centennial Cross was constructed in 1937 to commemorate the Centennial of the Archdiocese of Dubuque. The blue cross overlooks Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Key West, IA - just South of Dubuque. It has been a symbol of Christian faith for over 8 decades!

For many years after its construction the Cross was visible for miles outside of Dubuque and served as an evening beacon to travelers entering Dubuque and folks returning home. Over the years trees have grown tall enough to block the lights on the Cross making it hard to see. In addition, the Cross's neon bulbs are fragile and break easily from wind and driving rainstorms.

OUR PLAN

A not-for-profit organization has been formed and Centennial Cross Incorporated is devoted to refurbishing, lighting and maintaining the Cross for future generations.

The plan is to pour a new concrete footing and erect a new steel cross that is 137' tall with LED lighting on 2 sides. The total budget for this project is \$350,000. Conlon Construction has been hired as the general contractor and work has begun.

YOU CAN HELP

We've come this far but in order to finish this project we need your help!! We are turning to you and other community members and business leaders for help. We would like to count on you and/or your organization to make a contribution to bring the cross back to its former glory and even better! With your help the "Blue Cross in Key West" will live on to act as that beacon on the hill for generations to come.

A donor recognition / information board will be installed at Mt. Olivet Cemetery with information about the cross and will acknowledge all donors of \$10,000 or more. It will also list our website where all donors of \$100 or more will be listed. You may also memorialize your loved ones - just send in their name with your donation.

DONATIONS

If you would like to donate to help us relight the Centennial Cross please send a check to:
Centennial Cross
PO Box 1315
Dubuque, IA 52004-1315

or you can donate on our website:

www.centennialcross.org

funds faith hope
Raise. Renew. Relight.
cross structure lights



FOR INFO CALL TIM MCCAFFERY 563-590-7161

Centennial Cross Incorporated of Dubuque, Iowa, is a tax exempt not-for-profit organization as described in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, EIN: 87-2345730. All or part of your gift may be tax deductible as a charitable contribution.

Interfaith Green Coalition

Join the Dubuque Interfaith Green Coalition in a

“Plastic Bag Fast!”



SAY NO TO PLASTIC BAGS



BRING YOUR OWN BAG

The world uses **5 trillion** single use plastic bags every year and only a fraction of these are recycled.

Plastic bags are toxic to the environment because they do not biodegrade, they photo-degrade, leaking microplastics into the environment, affecting our soil and water, and even entering our bodies!

Find out more about the harmful effects of plastics and solutions at <https://www.facebook.com/dbqiip1>. Let's start a movement to eliminate plastics and become better stewards in caring for ourselves, each other, and all of creation!

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Does your congregation or organization 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.

MAY 15th, 2024 SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR JUNE NEWSLETTER!

SEND SUBMISSIONS TO: Mary Moothart (mootfam@msn.com)

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