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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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See Events in DACU Calendar of Events DACU Meetings in BLUE (All are Welcome!)

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DATE	Sponsor	Event	Location
Jan 28	DACU	Annual Dinner Meeting Speaker: Shirley Meriweather, Iowa N.I.C.E. R.R.S. Stewart, Dubuque Refugee Children 5PM Gathering 5:30 Dinner	Unitarian Universalist Church 1699 Iowa St.
Feb 7	St. Luke's Methodist	Fabulous Fridays 12:00-12:30PM	St. Luke's Methodist Church 1199 Main St.
Feb.14	St. Luke's Methodist	Fabulous Fridays 12:00-12:30PM	St. Luke's Methodist Church 1199 Main St.
Feb. 20:	Children of Abraham	Artificial Intelligence: Human/Divine? 7 PM	Tri-State Islamic Center 4980 Radford Ct
Feb. 21	St. Luke's Methodist	Fabulous Fridays 12:00-12:30PM	St. Luke's Methodist Church 1199 Main St.
Feb. 25	DACU	Forum on Immigration Panel:: Alex Baum, Director of Advocacy, Data, and Learning at the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque Ry Meyer, Catholic Charities Immigration lawyer Megan Ruiz, Presentation Lantern Center Executive Director R.R.S. Stewart, Dubuque Refugee Children Dora Serna, recent US Citizen 7 PM	St. Patrick's Church Foley Hall 1425 Iowa St.
Mar 1	Beginning of Ramadan	Muslim Period of fasting, prayer and reflection	
Mar 5	Beginning of Lent	Christian Period of prayer, fasting and almsgiving	
Mar 7	St. Luke's Methodist	Fabulous Fridays 12:00-12:30PM	St. Luke's Methodist Church 1199 Main St.
Mar 14	St. Luke's Methodist	Fabulous Fridays 12:00-12:30PM	St. Luke's Methodist Church 1199 Main St.
Mar 15	Church of the Resurrection	Mobile Food Pantry 8:00 AM until food is distributed	Church of the Resurrection 4300 Asbury Rd

Mar. 15	Presentation Lantern Center	Lighting the Lantern 5:30-8:45	Hotel Julien Dubuque Ballroom 200 Main St.
Mar 20	Children of Abraham	Prosperity: Good, Bad or Ugly? 7 PM	Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints 685 Fremont Ave.
Mar 21	St. Luke's Methodist	Fabulous Fridays 12:00-12:30PM	St. Luke's Methodist Church 1199 Main St.
Mar 22	Presbyterian Churches	Presbyterian Hunger Outreach 9:00 AM until food is distributed	Westminster Presbyterian Church 2155 University Ave.
Mar 28	St. Luke's Methodist	Fabulous Fridays 12:00-12:30PM	St. Luke's Methodist Church 1199 Main St.
Mar 31	Eid al-Fitr	End of Ramadan Muslim festival of Breaking of the Fast	
April 10	Children of Abraham	Interfaith Marriage 7Pm	Shalom Center. 1001 Davis St.
April 20	Easter	Christian Holy Day	
April 3	Creation Care Team	Book Discussion on: "Green Saints for a Green Generation" 1PM	Church of the Resurrection Social Space 4300 Asbury Rd
April 20	Easter	Christian Holy Day	
April 22	DACU	Speaker: St. Vincent de Paul	St. Joseph the Worker Church Martin Hall 2001 St. Joseph St.
May 27	DACU	Speaker: Jason Nieves, Greater Dubuque Community Foundation Food Security Issues in Dubuque Community Update 7 PM	Westminster Presbyterian Church 2155 University Ave.
June 6	Eid al-Adha	Muslim Holy Day Festival of Sacrifice	
June 19-22	Community	JUNETEETH	
Aug. 26	DACU	Annual Potluck/Worship Gathering	TBD
Sept. 22		Rosh Hashanah Jewish High Holy Day	
Sept 25		Yom Kippur Jewish High Holy Day	
Sept 23	DACU	Social Justice Action Meeting TBA	
Sept 27	DACU	CROP HUNGER WALK	
Oct. `1		Sukkot Jewish Holy Day	
Nov. 23	DACU	Annual Thanksgiving Interfaith Service 4 PM	Church of the Resurrection, 4300 Asbury Rd.
Dec. 25	Christmas	Christian Holy Day	

DACU Projects

Dubuque Food Pantry

Providing food, both fresh and non-perishable, plus cleaning, personal care, baby and household supplies to those in need, is our mission.

Individuals and Families

Individuals and families can shop once a month. Amounts are based on the size of the family and families.

Hours of Operation

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: Order pick-ups from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday: Order pick-ups from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, Saturday, Sunday: Closed

New hours: Night Shop every 2nd and 4th

Monday from 5 to 6:30 p.m..

This past year, 2024, we served over 25,000 individuals through the Dubuque Food Pantry.

The need is even greater than ever as many working families are in need of our services.

In 2022 we served 15,000 people. We will need even more supplies to serve all those new requests.

In June of 2024 we instituted a "Night Shop" on the second and fourth Monday of each month.

This is helping those who are working and not able to get to the DFP during the day. The "Night Shop" is from 5-6:30.

Blessings!

Theresa M. Caldwell

Executive Director

Dubuque Rescue Mission

398 Main Street Second Floor

(563) 583-1394

The Dubuque Rescue Mission is a community offering hospitality, spiritual hope, food, shelter, clothing, and job development to those in need.

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!

Jeff Lenhart

People In Need (P.I.N.)

During 2024 PIN celebrated its 42nd anniversary of serving people with emergency assistance needs in the Dubuque community. *During the year, PIN provided assistance to 247 households. Total assistance dollars were \$77,660. The average assist per household was \$314.41.* These figures document the tremendous need to provide basic human needs continue to grow in our community.

Our Dubuque community continues to be very generous. We are truly blessed with the support and donations of congregations, organizations, grantors and individuals to meet the increased need. *In 2024 PIN received \$82,719 in donations.*

The assistance provided by PIN is directed to families and individuals who are temporarily facing emergency health and safety circumstances and with nowhere else to turn for help.

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.

FABULOUS FRIDAYS ARTISTS SERIES 2025

St. Luke's United Methodist Church
1199 Main Street, Dubuque, Iowa

St. Luke's is proud to present our 33rd season of Fabulous Fridays.

Performances are in the sanctuary and begin at noon and conclude at 12:30 p.m. Many in the audience enjoy time together after the performances in the church's South Hall, where beverages and desserts are available. The performances, beverages, and desserts are free, but baskets are provided for contributions to People In Need (for utilities assistance) and the church's Jesus Fund (for grocery assistance). The alley entrance to the church is accessible for those with accessibility needs. Metered street parking is available. Our winter weather policy is that if the artist can get there, the show is on. Performances will be live-streamed, with the performers' permission, and can be found at stlukesdbq.org/fabulousfridays.

SCHEDULE:

January 24 Keisy Peyerl Xavier, piano
January 31 Dr. Charles Barland, organ
February 7 Marcus DeJesus, guitar
February 14 Clarke University Music Department – Drs. Amanda Huntleigh and Rob Stull, directors
February 21 Addilyn Dolan, bassoon; Dr. Evelyn Dias, piano
February 28 Dr. Sharon Jensen & Elisa Cooper, piano
March 7 Potosa Strings - Ann Duchow, director
March 14 University of Dubuque Choir Kirsten Eby, director
March 21 Chuck Bergman, piano
March 28 The Americana Band, David Overby, leader

PRESENTATION LANTERN CENTER



Join us for
Lighting the Lantern
**Saturday
March 15**
5:30 to 8:45 PM
Hotel Julien Ballroom
Tickets \$90 each
Includes 2 drink tickets and heavy hors d'oeuvres

Lighting The Lantern
Take a walk around the world!

Sponsorship Opportunities
Top three levels include table of 8, and 16 drink tickets.
\$500 Level: 4 event tickets, 8 drink tickets

Shining Star: \$5,000
Front Row, Logo in Ads, Invite, Radio PSA and Program
Beacon of Light: \$2,500
Preferred Seating, Logo in Ads and Program
Ray of Hope: \$1,000
Logo in Program
Share-A-Table: \$500
Name in Program

To register and for more information, scan the QR code,
or visit thelanterncenter.org.
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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.

MARCH 15th, 2025 SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR APRIL NEWSLETTER!

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

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