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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.

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DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT
Here's just a few of the events sponsored by our DACU congregations and associates. Turn the page to learn more!		
March 9	Children of Abraham	AFTER PARIS & CHAPEL HILL: a neighborly stand against religious prejudice. Peace Rally at Blades Hall, University of Dubuque, 5:30 PM
March 19	Presentation Sisters	Bake Sale & Raffle for Relay for Life, 9am-3pm (2360 Carter Road)
March 21	St. Columbkille/St. Joseph	"The Marriage You've Always Wanted" Conference, see more page 3
March 24	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting; Grandview United Methodist Church, 7pm
March 27	Temple Beth El	Annual Visitors Service, 6:30 PM Temple Beth El
March 28	Boy Scouts of America	Scouting for Food: Leave a bag of non-perishable food items outside your front door before 9:00 AM; the Scouts will collect it!



DACU Delegates Meeting

Tuesday, March 24

**Grandview United Methodist Church
3342 John Wesley Drive, 7:00 PM**

Program: Growing Food in Dubuque
Presented by Grandview UMC, Holy Trinity Lutheran,
St. Luke UMC, Dubuque Rescue Mission,
St. Peter Lutheran

**Remember: Guests are always welcome! Please
bring a friend...share the good news about our
community!**

**You are also encouraged to bring non-perishable
food and paper goods for the Dubuque Food Pantry.**



Upcoming DACU Delegates' Meetings

**April 28: St. John Episcopal Church
14th & Locust (the Parish House), 7:00 PM
Program: Community Foundation of Dubuque**

**May 26: Clarke University
1550 Clarke Drive, Atrium Community Room, 7:00 PM
Spring Worship Service**

June & July: No Delegate Meetings

**August 25: Dubuque Arboretum
3800 Arboretum Drive, **6:00 PM
Delegate Family Potluck Picnic
Crop Walk Presentation**

**September 22: Lord of Life Lutheran
2899 Hales Mill Road, 7:00 PM
Opening Doors**

**October 27: St. Elias Orthodox Church
1075 Rockdale Road, 7:00 PM
DACU Projects**

**November 25: ANNUAL DACU INTERFAITH
THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE
7:00 pm, Resurrection Catholic Church**

DACU Board Report

As of February 28, four congregations and one associate member had contributed to the work of DACU for 2015. Thank you to First Presbyterian Church, First Congregational UCC, and St. Columbkille Catholic Church for their generous donations in February!

FY 2015 Monthly Balance Sheet Report 2/28/2015			
	January	2015 YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2015
Income	\$ 1,056.62	\$ 1,092.98	\$6,450.00
Expenses	\$ 635.00	\$ 889.08	\$6,450.00
Ending Balance as of 2/28/2015: \$4,027.15			

At the March DACU Board Meeting the Board voted to give \$1,000 to each of the DACU Projects (P.I.N., Rescue Mission, and Food Pantry). The Board also voted to distribute funds to our projects regularly, whenever the DACU account balance is high enough to allow payments of at least \$1,000 to each project while leaving \$1,500 in the account for expenses and donations to other groups. So the more you can give, the more DACU can help!

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

The DACU Board meets the first Wednesday of each month at 4:15 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Board meetings are always open to the members of DACU.

DACU Projects

People In Need (P.I.N.).

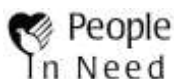
Do you know of someone in need?

Here is the P.I.N. assist number: (563) 581-7995

Please leave a message since this is only a recorded line. Potential clients should not call; only social service agencies, churches/congregations and DACU organizations should refer potential clients. Application via phone only.

During the month of February P.I.N. Chair Alan Garfield spoke at Kiwanis and First Congregational UCC. Would your organization like to hear more? P.I.N. members are excited and proud to share the story of P.I.N. and the work of our Dubuque community. If you'd like to schedule a speaker for your organization, just call Alan at 564.599.5205 or email agarfield@dbq.edu

Please send donations to: Tom Stovall, PIN Treasurer,
3345 Tibey Court, Dubuque, IA 52002-2849



Dubuque Rescue Mission.

The Dubuque Rescue Mission was awarded a Dubuque 365 Impact Award for their impact on our community. This award included a cash gift. Congratulations to Director Rick Mihm, his staff, and the Board of the Rescue Mission!

Our website is www.DubuqueRescue.org

DACU Rescue Mission Representative
Maryann Caudill LoGuidice
608.642.1270



Dubuque Food Pantry

Thank you to all who continue to support the Food Pantry with monetary donations and food collections. "Souper Bowl Sunday" was a great success!! Actually, it lasted most of February. We collected 1,598 containers of soup and over 100 boxes of crackers. We are stocked in soup and crackers for these cold days!

Does your church/congregation want to know what we could use? Each month I will be listing a few items that we could use so you can plan ahead and get the list in your church bulletin/announcements.

March –Tuna, mac & cheese, apple sauce, salt, toothpaste, deodorant, facial tissues.

April – Rice, ketchup, brownie mix, sugar, dish soap, ramen noodles, graham crackers

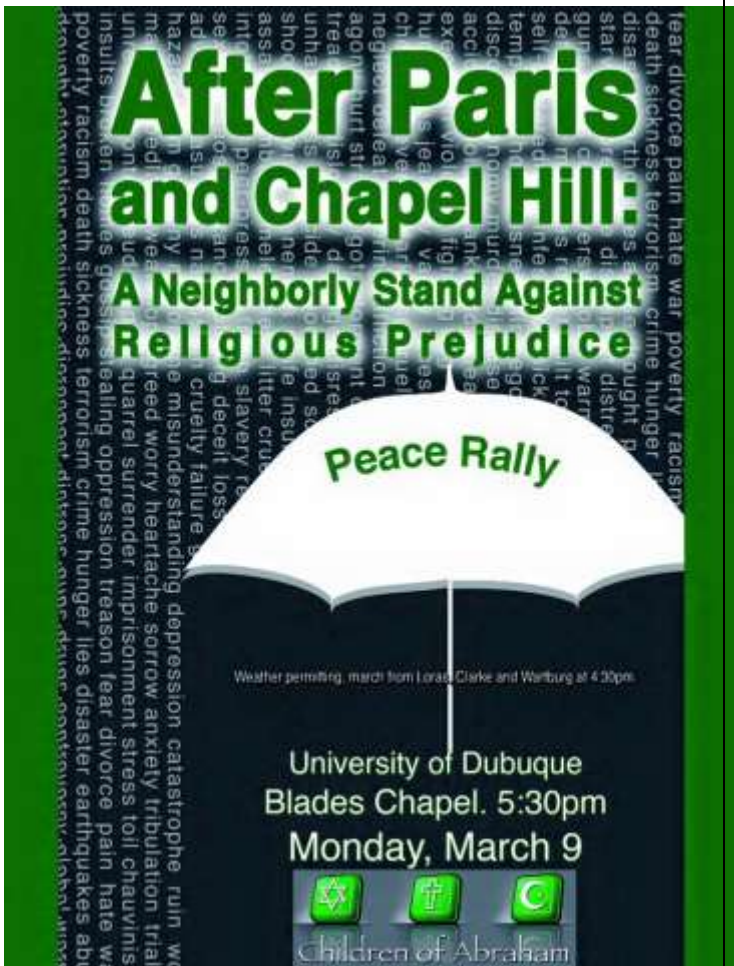
Reminder: Scouting for Food will be held on Saturday, March 28th. Help fill the Pantry basement.

Drop off hours are: Mon., Wed., Fri. from 9:00a.m. to 3:30p.m. and Tues. 9:00-11:45a.m.

God bless you and thank you for your continued support.
Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager
583-4440

Editor's Note: Now is the time to promote Scouting for Food in your congregation! See the note from the Northeast Iowa Council of Boy Scouts later in this newsletter.....Scouting for Food will be Saturday March 28. Put a reminder in your congregation's bulletin or newsletter now!

DACU Community



Children of Abraham



The Children of Abraham is a series of conversations, entering its fourth year, by folks representing the three different Abrahamic religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam. At each meeting, a topic is explored. First, briefly, the three religious speakers present an interpretation on that subject. Then the attendees break up into groups to talk about the subject and what they heard. Finally, the group comes back together to share observations. Everyone is welcome and there is never a charge.

Mission Statement: Dubuque's Children of Abraham creates an atmosphere in civic life that builds inter-religious solidarity, cooperation, and friendship. It does so through regular monthly topical conversations, service activities, educational outreach, the creative use

of sacred space, and expressions of cross-cultural hospitality.

The dates are always Thursdays. We start at 7pm and end at 8:30pm.

2015 Schedule of Conversations ... Join us for our final two meetings this season!

March 19 – Scripture Study (Islam) – Tri-State Islamic Center

April 16 – The Afterlife – Wartburg Seminary (to be confirmed)

Questions? See the website www.cofabraham.org or email Alan Garfield (agarfield@dbq.edu)

St. Columbkille Church



“The Marriage You’ve Always Wanted”

Saturday, March 21, 2015

9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

St. Columbkille Church, 1240 Rush Street

Want to strengthen and enrich your marriage? A grace-filled marriage demands attention! The Pastorate of St. Columbkille & St. Joseph the Worker in Dubuque, is hosting The Marriage You've Always Wanted, led by Dr. Gary Chapman, author of the best-selling The Five Love Languages. Many parishes in the Archdiocese have been participating in the Archdiocesan program, Caring For Your Marriage using Dr. Chapman's book, The Five Love Languages.

Find out YOUR Love Language in advance of the conference: <http://www.5lovelanguages.com/profile/>, then join us to find out just how to show your spouse love in the way that they need to receive it. The conference is not a formal, dry, marriage conference - it's a time of fun and discovery to help you build the love relationship of your dreams. Whether you're getting married in 6 months - or you've been married 60 years, you'll get solutions you can use. With biblical advice and laughter, Dr. Chapman will give you valuable tips to break unhealthy patterns and to choose steps to develop a God-honoring, happy marriage.

Tickets are \$35 each, \$70 per couple. To purchase tickets, call 563.583.9117 or 563.588.1433. For information on the conference call Pat at 563.451.3557.

You can register online at: www.stcolumbkille.net

Sponsored by St. Columbkille www.stcolumbkille.net and St. Joseph the Worker www.theworker.org.

Presentation Sisters

BAKE SALE & RAFFLE (fabulous prizes!)

Thursday, March 19

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Presentation Sisters

2360 Carter Road

Dubuque, Iowa

This is a fundraiser for

Dubuque RELAY FOR LIFE, fighting cancer



St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Rev. Lundula and Berth's Mission Trip to Democratic Republic of the Congo March 19

Rev. Dr. Okitakoyoi Lundula of St. Luke's United Methodist Church and his wife Berth will share about their recent mission trip in January and February to **Kananga, Congo** and surrounding areas on Thursday, March 19. Presentation is hosted by St. Luke's United Methodist Women at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at St. Luke's at 1199 Main. Nursery will be provided. Everyone is welcome

104th Ecumenical Good Friday Service, April 3rd.

St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 1199 Main St.

Music begins at 11:45 a.m.

12:00 - 3:00 p.m. Seven Last Words

Area faith community participants and musicians.

Feel free to attend all or part of the service



Temple Beth El

The **Annual Temple Beth El Visitors' Service** will be **Friday, March 27**. There will be an informational lecture by Rabbi Anne Persin at 6:30 PM followed by Sabbath Worship at 7:30 PM. Refreshments and a social hour will follow. **Everyone is warmly invited.**

(If you plan to bring a group please let us know in advance so we can bake enough cookies!)

(Contact President Cindy Pearce, 563.583.1254 or

Phyllis Garfield, 563.599.4898)

Location: 475 West Locust St.

(With our apologies, Temple Beth El has no off-street parking. Please consider ride-sharing!)

St. Elias the Prophet Church

PAN-ORTHODOX VESPERS

All are invited to worship together as One United Body in Jesus Christ our Lord!

The IEOCCA (Iowa Eastern Orthodox Christian Clergy Association) welcomes and invites everyone (Orthodox and non-Orthodox alike) to participate in the ancient Christian Worship. All Orthodox faithful are encouraged to invite/bring non-Orthodox friends to these services.

Sunday, March 29th @ 5:30 pm

St. Elias Church hosting at Hadley Chapel on the Hillcrest Campus (2005 Asbury Rd, Dubuque)

www.stelias.ia.goarch.org The service will be followed by refreshments and fellowship.



CROP Walk

Dubuque CROP Walk is on Facebook! "Like" us! Something else to like: Each of our three local projects, People in Need, Dubuque Rescue Mission, and Dubuque Food Pantry will be receiving \$1,577 as the local share of funds raised for CROP.

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Congregational Meal Sites

At the February 24 DACU meeting, Delegates heard from representatives from the three churches offering hospitality and meals in the downtown Dubuque area. They all welcome support and participation from other congregations and organizations. If your group would like to sponsor a meal or help in any way, here is how you can get more information!

- St Patrick's Catholic Church serves each Wednesday night from 4 to 5:30 PM. To help, call Ann Schroeder at 563.583.9749.
- First Congregational UCC serves each Thursday evening from 4:30 to 5:30. To help, contact the Church office at 563.582.3648

- St. Luke United Methodist Church serves 5:30 PM each Saturday. Call Marcia Young at 563.580.9650 to help
- In addition, Hope House serves a Sunday evening meal (For more information, please email or phone Tom Johnson at 563-582-9079, dbqcatholicworker@gmail.com)
- And of course the Dubuque Rescue Mission serves meals throughout the week. Call the Mission at 583.1394.



Center Grove United Methodist Church

Center Grove is holding its annual Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale Sunday, April 12, from 8 AM to 12:30 PM. Menu: Fruit, rolls, scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, coffee, orange juice, and milk. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for kids ages 6-12. Proceeds will go toward new windows in the fellowship hall. Help us "let the light in"!

Also, join us for worship at 10:30 AM and enjoy glorious and uplifting music by New Faith Band!

3140 Brunskill Road, Dubuque, IA (563.582.8157)

Web: www.centergroveumchurch.org



Habitat for Humanity

At the March DACU Board Meeting, Habitat's Elaine Mitchell reported that they are hoping to complete reconstruction on a house moved to 2300 Washington by May. They are working through the winter to finish despite several setbacks. **Needed: Volunteers to supply lunches for 10-15 workers each Saturday, now through May at least.** If your congregation would like to help, contact Elaine at 581.5919 or diettou@gmail.com. After this house is finished, Habitat will continue through the summer with "Brush with Kindness" smaller rehab projects (so the need for Saturday lunches will continue!)

Elaine also reports that Habitat has a new local Director, Daniel Wahlert, and a new office at 900 Jackson Street, in the lower level next to the Presentation Lantern Center.

Friends at Habitat for Humanity are currently supporting "Camp Life Tree, Dubuque County, 2015", a one-

week work camp to help people grow in their Christian faith through service. Individuals and youth from around the country will spend one week in our community performing hand-on home repair projects for elderly, low-income, and disabled families. They will be housed at the University of Dubuque. Each project will be completed by a team of five young people and at least one adult leader. They will represent many Christian denominations. Labor and materials will be free to qualifying households. If you or someone you know has a need for this assistance, please call 563.517.7711 for more information or mail to Camp Life Tree, c/o 15356 Abbey Circle, Peosta, Iowa 52068.



Opening Doors

Saturday, April 11 Opening Doors Dash

This event features a 1/2 mile kids fun run, 2 mile fun run/walk, and super-hero themed children's activities. Registration begins at 8 am, kids fun run at 8:30 am, 2 mile run/walk at 9 am, costume contest and running awards 10 am, children activities from 8-10 am. We will have Batman at our event, a photo booth, and lots of other Super Hero themed fun! The costume contest will feature awards for best individual costume child and adult, best group, and best family costume-- judged by local heroes from police, fire, military and more. See www.openingdoorsdbq.org/dash for more information on prices and to register.

Church Women United

...Save These Dates!

May1 May Friendship Day

Sisters of the Presentation
2360 Carter Road
9:00-9:45 Brunch
(RSVP by April 27 588-2008)
Donation: \$5.00
Theme: Journey of the Caregiver
Guest speaker: Mary Potter Kenyon

September 11 Human Rights Celebration

Dubuque Arboretum Porch
3800 Arboretum Dr.
9:30 a.m. Gather/Coffee
10:00 Celebration
Theme: Journey Toward Peace

November 6 World Community Day

Rockdale United Methodist Church
1500 Old Mill Road
9:30 Gather/Coffee 10:00 Celebration
Theme: Our Journey Together

Sue Hattel, CWU Leadership Team 556-1394



Shalom Spirituality Center

Franciscan Center for Hospitality, Prayer, & Spirituality
1001 Davis Dubuque, IA 52001
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Email: info@shalomretreats.org

Read about upcoming events in Shalom's own information-filled online newsletter!
www.shalomretreats.org/2015wintershalomspiritnl.pdf



OPERATION: NEW VIEW COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY



It's Tax Time Again!

Do you have EARNED INCOME from working in 2014? You may qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit—even if you do not owe any taxes. Even if you don't qualify you can file your tax return for FREE at a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Site! For a list of VITA sites, visit the Operation: New View website: <http://www.operationnewview.org>

Dubuque Community

Dubuque for Refugee Children

Dubuque for Refugee Children was organized to assist refugee children in the geographical area of Dubuque and its vicinity. Regular meetings for Dubuque for Refugee Children are held every other Thursday evening at 6:00 PM in the Multicultural Family Center. The next meeting is March 19. Everyone is welcome!



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

Northeast Iowa Council Boy Scouts of America

The Northeast Iowa Council Boy Scouts of America needs our help! The scouts will be collecting food for the less fortunate in our community. **Scouting for Food** will take place on **Saturday March 28, 2015** from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Scouts will begin collecting food at 9:00 am and taking it to the **Hy-Vee Food Store at 2395 NW Arterial**. It will be boxed up and shipped to the Dubuque Food Pantry and other neighboring food pantries. Our Goal is to collect 40,000 pounds of food in one morning. With our help they will reach their goal. **Please leave a bag of food outside your door on Saturday morning March 28, 2015 before 9:00 am.**

The scouts thank you as well as our entire community.

DISCOVER!
your City government

Participate in City Life for free and discover services of 17 City departments, tour six City facilities, and ask questions of City staff. Over 60 Dubuque residents have gone through the program already. Many of our participants have lived in Dubuque their whole lives and many have lived in Dubuque for a year or less. **Will you join us?**

Hear presentations from...

- City Manager
- City Clerk
- Police Dept.
- Leisure Services
- Carnegie-Stout Public Library
- Budget
- Economic Development
- Health Services
- Water Dept.
- Water & Resource Recovery Center
- Public Works
- Sustainability
- Housing & Community Development
- Engineering
- Planning Services
- Neighborhood Development
- Human Rights

...and participate in teams from City Clerk, Police, Library, Water Dept., WARRC, and Public Works

Every Wednesday
April 15-May 30
6-8 p.m.

Join City Life!

REGISTER!
BY MARCH 25th!

We'll strive to secure childcare, transportation, and translation.

Apply at www.cityofdubuque.org/citylife or contact Nikola at 563.589.4182 or npavelic@cityofdubuque.org.



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Remember...you can view all DACU Newsletters on our Website at www.DACUonline.org

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