



MFSA IOWA CHAPTER MEMO

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I love fall! I love the colors, and the cool, crisp days. I look forward to holiday gatherings with family and friends. There is much for which to be thankful. At the same time, I'm aware that not all is right with our world. Division and hatred grow daily; the Delta Variant continues to take lives; climate change brings more natural disasters; some face a cold winter and possible starvation due to violence and war. We know that our world is full of injustice and suffering. How do we give thanks in such a world? I believe that we can celebrate this season of thanksgiving, with its beauty and blessings, while ever renewing our commitment to continue the struggle for justice and peace for all the peoples of the world. May it be so.

Happy Thanksgiving! *Eloise*

Vote!

Local elections for City Councils and School Boards will be held on **November 2**. These are extremely important elections, so be sure to become informed about the candidates in your area and then **VOTE!**

“Saving Us: A Climate Scientist’s Case for Hope & Healing in a Divided World”:

Join Iowa IPL for an online discussion of the book by **Dr. Katharine Hayhoe** on **Tuesday, November 9 at 5:30 PM**. The discussion will focus on how we can communicate with others around climate rooted in our shared values. For more information, and to register, visit: [iowa IPL Book Club](http://iowaIPLBookClub.com)

Meeting the Moment: New Solutions in a Time of Reckoning:

PSR is offering this Virtual Gala on **Thursday, November 18, 5:00 – 6:30 PM**. The program will feature a keynote address by **Ms. Ebony Twilley-Martin**, Co-Director of Greenpeace. Tickets, sponsorships, and ads can be purchased online at: psr.org/gala. Please **RSVP by Friday, November 12**.

Children of Abraham:

The November topic is, “Interfaith.” The date is **November 18 at 7:00 PM**. Location is **Loras College**, 1450 Alta Vista Street, **Dubuque**. Visit: www.cofabraham.org or contact John Eby at: john.eby@loras.edu.

Lessons and Carols with SYA Students!

Save the evening of **Saturday, December 11** for the annual “Lessons and Carols” with Simpson Youth Academy students. Watch for details later this month.

Save the Date!

MFSA’s Spring Statewide Gathering will be **Saturday, April 9 from 9:45 AM- Noon at Grace UMC in Des Moines**. Watch for details in the coming months.

SQB Online!

MFSA Iowa now provides the SQB online or there is still a mail option. SQB is published three times a year, plus the Annual Conference Edition. Please send me a note or [an email](mailto:an_email@ecranke@mchsi.com) at ecranke@mchsi.com

Peace Vigils & Walks – [information on recurring events on mfsaiowa.org/memo](http://information.on.recurring.events.on.mfsaiowa.org/memo)

Please Send Information about events in your area by the last week of each month for the next month’s E-Mail Memo. You can contact me at: ecranke@mchsi.com

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