



Dubuque Area Congregations United

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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 10/22/96.

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DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT
These are just a few of the events sponsored by our DACU congregations and associates. Turn the page to learn more!		
October 20	Sisters of the Presentation	Art & Craft Boutique & Bake Sale to support P.I.N., 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM Mt. Loretto Main Building, Lakeside Door, 2360 Carter Road
October 23	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting, 7:00 PM Westminster Presbyterian Church
October 23	Operation New View	Team Leaders Meeting for Make A Difference Day 6:30 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church
October 27	Operation New View	Make A Difference Day 8:00 a.m. Volunteer Teams Breakfast, Training and Sendoff Westminster Presbyterian Church
November 2	Church Women United	World Community Day, Center Grove UMC, 9:30 AM
November 10	St. Raphael	Ecumenical Garage & Bake Sale to benefit St. John's Guesthouse 8AM-4PM, St. Raphael Cathedral Center, 231 Bluff St.
November 17	Opening Doors	An Attitude of Gratitude, Grand River Center, 5-10 PM
November 21	DACU	Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, Resurrection Church, 7:00 PM



DACU Delegates Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, October 23

LOCATION: Westminster Presbyterian Church
2155 University Ave, Dubuque

TIME: 7:00 PM

PROGRAM: Diversity and Inclusiveness programs in Dubuque: an Update

REMINDER: Don't forget to bring a donation of canned food for the Food Pantry!

Upcoming DACU Delegates' Meetings

Tuesday, October 23:
Westminster Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, November 21:
30th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service,
7:00 PM, Resurrection Catholic Church,
4300 Asbury Street

December: No Delegates' Meeting

Tuesday, January 22: DACU Annual Meeting
Location To Be Announced. Save the Date!

Rev. Dr. Thomas Young
2012 DACU President



DACU Board Report

As of September 30 a total of **21** Congregations and Associates have contributed to the work of DACU during 2012. Thanks to Center Grove UMC for their September donations!

FY 2012 Monthly Balance Sheet Report 09/30/2012			
	September	2012 YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2012
Income	\$ 117.00	\$3,564.17	\$6,450.00
Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$6,171.66	\$6,450.00
Ending Balance as of 09/30/2012: (- \$ 2,572.49)			

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

President-Elect Nomination: The DACU Committee on Nominations is very pleased to announce the nomination of **Sr. Lynn Wagner** as 2013 DACU President-Elect.

News from 2012 DACU President: At the October DACU Board meeting, Rev. Dr. Tom Young announced his retirement as senior pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church, effective December 31, 2012. Rev. Tom and wife Julie are looking forward to a move to Kansas City to be close to grandchildren...good news for Kansas City, but they will be missed in Dubuque!

The DACU board meets at Immanuel Congregational UCC the first Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. Meetings are always open to the members of DACU.

DACU Projects

People In Need (P.I.N.)

Here's the good and bad news: In the first 9 months of 2012 P.I.N. has given away more money than in all of 2011. We have helped as many people as we can. But right now, P.I.N.'s account is at \$0. The requests continue to come in... Your gifts truly make a difference. If you would like more information please contact Alan Garfield at agarfield@dbq.edu.

Alan Garfield, P.I.N. President

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

Dubuque Rescue Mission

We continue to need good used furniture and other usable items for the Thrift Shop.

Volunteer Opportunities at the Mission:

- Serve meals and help clean up
- Community garden
- Maintenance skills needed
- Work in Mission Bike Shop
- Answer Mission phone
- Sort donations in the Thrift Store
- Work the Thrift Store counter

If you are interested in volunteering please call us at (563) 583-1394 or visit our website: www.dbqrescue.org

Rev. Rick Mihm, Director (mihmr@mchsi.com)



Dubuque Food Pantry

DUBUQUE FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to all who continue to support the Food Pantry with monetary donations and food collections. We are beginning to get letters out to churches/congregations for items for our Christmas Baskets. We will need hams ranging in size from 3-5 lbs. And we can also use: sweet potatoes, cranberries, brownie mixes, cake mixes & can frosting. Of course, we never turn anything down, so anything you wish to contribute we will use.

Needed: We are back, again, looking for boxes. The perfect size would be boxes that oranges/apples come in at the grocery store or boxes that reams of paper come in. We can also use plastic grocery bags; we can't use real small bags or the ones the newspaper comes in. Paper grocery bags are also useful. *Thank you for helping out.*

We would like to thank all those who have stopped by the Pantry with garden produce. It's still not too late. Please remember the Pantry if you or someone you know has an excess of garden produce, especially squash and apples. We would be most happy to receive it. *Drop off hours are: Mon., Wed., Fri. from 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. and Tues. 9:00-noon.*

God bless you and thank you for your continued support.

Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager

DACU Community

Crop Walk 2012 Ending Hunger One Step at a Time

News from DACU President Elect
Rev. Arnold Flater:

Dear Friends!

Thanks to everyone who made this year's Crop Hunger Walk 2012 - Dubuque Iowa such a great day!

Detail on the money raised will soon follow but for now celebrate in the video of this year's JOY FILLED participants! The Joy of walking with brothers and sisters of many faiths working toward relieving hunger is the center of the celebration for me!

Here is the link:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=akW_zQ27mKo&feature=youtu.be

Pastor Arnold Flater
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Maryann Caudill-LoGuidice
Crop Walk Chair



Shalom Retreat Center

Centering Prayer

Monday, Oct. 15, 7:00 - 8:00pm

Registration not required. Free will offering.

Facing Our Mortality with Grace

Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2:00 – 3:30pm

Presenter: Betty Allen

Well-known Dubuque octogenarian Betty Allen will share with participants how she has come to accept and make peace with her own mortality. A woman of great faith, she is also an advocate of planning one's own final rites and, having done so herself, wants to share about that journey – how to do it, resources she has found and so forth.

Offering: \$8. Includes program & afternoon coffee & sweets. Register/prepay by Oct. 15.

Reading That Matters Book Discussions

Facilitator: Eileen Miller OSF

—*The Dressmaker of Khair Khana* by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon.

Tuesday, Oct. 30, 7:00 – 8:30pm

Offering: \$6. Call to register by Monday, Oct. 29.

—*Breaking Night: A Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival & My Journey from Homeless to Harvard* by Liz Murray. Tuesday, Nov. 27, 7:00 – 8:30pm
Offering: \$6. Call to register by Nov. 26.

A Series of 3 Films on Personal Well-Being

Facilitated by Kim Kali-Schultes & Eileen Miller OSF

—*You Can Heal Your Life*, with Louise L. Hayes

Wednesday, Oct. 24, 6:30 – 8:00pm

Learn about the power of our thoughts, and the process of why what we say and think has such an effect on our daily lives and physical and mental well-being.

Free will offering. Call to register by Oct. 23.

—*Happy for No Reason: 7 Steps to Being Happy from the Inside Out*, with Marci Shimoff

Wednesday, Nov. 14, 6:30 – 8:00pm

Free will offering. Call to register by Nov. 13.

—*Celebrate What's Right with the World*, with DeWitt Jones

Wednesday, Nov. 28, 6:30 – 8:00pm

Free will offering. Call to register by Nov. 27.

Spiritual Literacy: Reading the Wisdom Books, the Book of Nature & the Book of Experience

Saturday, Nov. 3, 9:00am – 4:00pm

Presenter: Trisha Day, Author, Cistercian Associate

Offering: \$40. Includes program and lunch. Bring a friend who is new to Shalom and offer us \$60 for both of you.

Register/prepay by Oct. 30.

Shalom Retreat Center

Phone: 563/582-3592.

E-mail: info@shalomretreats.org

Web: www.shalomretreats.org

TO REGISTER, call Shalom at 563/582-3592



Center Grove United Methodist Church

Center Grove Methodist Church will host a community blood drive from 3:00pm to 6:00pm on Monday, October 15 at 3140 Brunskill Road, Dubuque, IA in the Fellowship Hall. Free lunch tickets will be given to each donor for lunch at the church auction on Saturday Nov. 3rd. Lunch is served at 5:00pm, auction starting at 6:00p.m. Appointments may be made by calling Norma at 563-580-0807. Please consider donating as this blood is used at our local hospitals.



Church Women United

2012 World Community Day

Church Women United's annual **World Community Day** will be celebrated on Friday, November 2, hosted at Center Grove United Methodist Church at 3140 Brunskill Road. The church is handicap accessible, with off street parking. It is located near Best Western Midway Hotel.

Registration and coffee starts at 9:30 a.m., with a 10:00 a.m. ecumenical celebration "Abiding in Community" through love and justice. The guest speaker will be Amy Schauer, Director of RSVP (Retired & Senior Volunteer Program).

Beverage tabs collected to support women's education courses sponsored by Friends of Iowa Prisoners.

All women and interested individuals are invited to this ecumenical event. For further information contact Sue Hattel at 556-1394.



www.thonline.com/makeadifferenceday

DUBUQUE AREA MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY 2012 "A NATIONAL DAY OF DOING GOOD FOR OTHERS" SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2012

On Saturday, October 27th, volunteer teams will spread out across the Dubuque community in a one-day blitz to provide helping hand services to the homes of their elderly, disabled, veteran and low-income neighbors. Services may include both light-duty and heavy-duty chores around the home, curb appeal and yard work projects outside, socializing and playing games with homebound seniors, simple repairs, and weatherization activities such as caulking or applying window plastic. The goal of this sixth annual event is to provide 100 homes with free helping and caring services.

Dubuque Area Congregations United (DACU) is again one of the official sponsors of this event and is encouraging all congregations to join in this important community outreach effort. Several congregations have participated over the past years. We hope to have even more congregations participate this year to show the power and caring spirit of our local religious community in doing good for others.

Congregations can participate in this much-needed project in three important ways.

1. Recruit one or more volunteer teams to participate in the project on October 27th. Each team consists of 6 volunteers and will be asked to assist 2 homes that day. The work does not require a lot of skill and all materials will be provided to complete the job. We hope to have teams signed up by October 1st.
2. Assist in identifying and referring households that could really use the volunteer services being provided. Again, the target homes are those of elderly, disabled, veterans and low-income neighbors. The planning committee will follow up with all homeowners referred by congregations. We hope to have homes identified by September 28th.
3. Donate funds to assist with purchasing all of the supplies and materials that will be required to serve 100 homes. It will cost about \$50 per home. Donations may be sent to Operation: New View Community Action Agency, 1473 Central Avenue, Dubuque, IA 52001. Please indicate "Make A Difference Day" on checks. Donations are tax deductible.

Complete details on the Dubuque Area Make A Difference Day 2012, including Team Signup Forms and Homeowner Referral Forms, can be found on our special event website at:

www.thonline.com/makeadifferenceday

Special thanks to Westminster Presbyterian Church for hosting this year's event.



Sisters of the Presentation

ART & CRAFTS BOUTIQUE
And BAKE SALE

A Benefit to support People In Need

Avoid the consumer Christmas rush –
Find unique, hand crafted gifts by
Presentation Sisters and Associates

Saturday, October 20, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Mt. Loretto Main Building
Lakeside Door
2360 Carter Road
Dubuque, Iowa

Hand Woven Baskets, Framed Watercolor Paintings, Denim Shopping Bags, Framed Floral Photos, Denim & Colored Aprons (with potholders), Handmade Jewelry, Handmade Greeting Cards (watercolor paintings and floral photos), Refrigerator Towels, Tote Bags, Fabric Trivets, Throw Pillows...AND MORE!



Opening Doors

Opening Doors Celebrates 11th Annual “Attitude of Gratitude”

Opening Doors: Maria House and Teresa Shelter is gearing up for the 11th annual “Attitude of Gratitude” fall dinner/auction scheduled for Saturday, November 17 at the Grand River Center. Together with Platinum sponsors, Prudential and the Grand River Center, Opening Doors hopes to follow in the success of previous years in raising support for their mission to help homeless women and children in the Dubuque community.

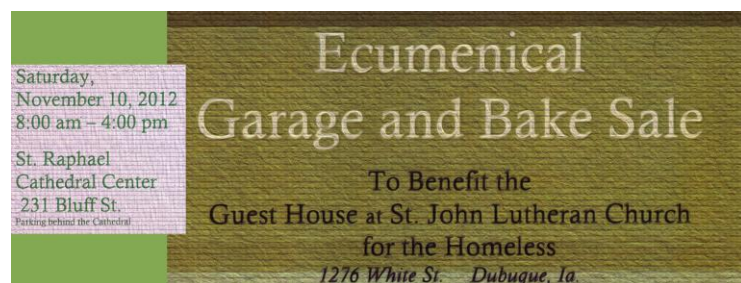
Executive Director, Michelle Brown said, “This year’s event promises to be a fun-filled and elegant evening. We are excited to see all of our very enthusiastic guests who continue to come back year after year, as well as welcome many new faces to this community of support. So much of what we are able to accomplish at Opening Doors comes from their willingness to get involved.”

The evening of November 17 in the Grand River Center ballroom begins with cocktails and a silent auction with items donated by local businesses, along with music provided by “Tapestry.” Dinner includes: Chef’s garden salad, center cut Iowa pork roast with shallot and mushroom demi-glaze, herb roasted potatoes, green bean almondine, pumpkin cheese cake with white chocolate or chocolate lovin’ cake. After dinner, we hear from from Opening Doors residents who will to share their personal stories. The program features emcee Bobbi Earles and auctioneer Jeff Vaassen who will preside over our live auction.

Please join Opening Door in this night of celebration, gratitude, and generosity. For an invitation and registration information, please visit www.openingdoorsdbq.org, and click “Attitude of Gratitude” under the “Events” tab. Tickets are \$60 for individuals. Sponsorships start at \$700 and include a table for 10.

Since 2000, Opening Doors has served over 1800 women and children. The Maria House provides

transitional housing programs for women, alone or with children, for up to two years. The Teresa Shelter offers similar transitional housing programs, as well as supporting women in need of emergency shelter. Opening Doors is a United Way agency.



University of Dubuque

Cathy Bao Bean, author of *The Chopsticks/Fork Principle*, will be speaking at the University of Dubuque on Tuesday, October 30, at 6:30 PM in the Hadley Auditorium (Dunlap Technology Center). Everyone is welcome to attend! Sponsored by Office of Multicultural Student Engagement, International Studies Office, Asian Student Union, and International Friendship Club. Questions? Email Mishereen Ellis at MEllis@dbq.edu



Dubuque Community

Better Together Dubuque

Hello!

I'm writing to share some information about the first annual Better Together Dubuque conference and weekend (October, 26-27, 2012) and to make a couple of requests. The conference and weekend activities are designed to create opportunities for dialogue about topics of interest to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, plus (LGBT+) community, for learning, for helping us build community, and for promoting inclusion. CEUs are available for professionals.

Essentially, the committee organizing this event has a vision of Dubuque being a safe and welcoming community for all people and hopes these events will create safety and promote inclusion in our schools, workplaces, and larger communities.

Here are the two requests:

1. Attend the conference. You can find more information about the sessions being offered on on-line at www.bettertogethertodubuque.org. You can also register online. Sponsors are covering

a majority of the cost for the conference. As a result it is free for students, \$10 for adults, and \$20 for participants that wish to get CEUs.

2. Share this information (e.g. flyer and web site) widely and encourage people to attend... we are really relying on the snowball effect here!!

Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you!

Molly Menster

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Circles®

Circles Fall Volunteerfest: An Open House

October 22, 11:00AM-2:00PM or 4:30PM-6:30PM
Hotel Julien

Circles works alongside families who want to get out of poverty for good. Stop by our open house and find out:

- How can my business or organization benefit?
- What volunteer opportunities does Circles have?
- How can I help if I have a limited schedule?

Enjoy a hot cup of cocoa and lite snacks and find out how you can help us end poverty...one friendship at a time!

Please RSVP by October 18 to Andrea Helgager, VISTA Volunteer Coordinator (ahelgager@cityofdubuque.org), or 563.589.4230

Children of Abraham

Join us for our second series of interfaith conversations aimed at enhancing understanding of religious traditions in a non-threatening, non-competitive environment. These conversations will not be debates but rather dialogues grounded in civility, a willingness to listen to others, and to learn and reflect. Round table group discussions, often with a bit of food .

October 25: Prayer (TriState Islamic Center, 805 Century Dr. Suite 201)

November 15: Women (Temple Beth El, 475 West Locust)

January 31: Moses (St. Raphael Cathedral)

February 21: Secular Perspectives on Religion (University of Dubuque, Hadley Auditorium)

March 21: Conversion and Proselytizing (First Congregational Church)

April 25: Racism/Discrimination (Loras College, Alumni Center Ballroom)

Always Thursdays at 7:00 PM. Questions? Email John Eby, Loras College (john.eby@loras.edu) or Alan Garfield (University of Dubuque (agarfield@dbq.edu))



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