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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.

www.DACUonline.org/

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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!		
April 14	Opening Doors	Dash To End Homelessness
April 19	Loras College	Children of Abraham. Loras ACC Ballroom, 8:00 PM
April 20	Temple Beth El	Annual Visitors' Service 6:30 lecture, 7:30 Service
April 22	Dubuque Chorale	Spring Concert, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3:00 PM
April 24	DACU	DACU Delegates' Meeting, Immanuel UCC, 7:00 PM
May 4	Church Women United	May Friendship Day Celebration & Brunch, Summit UCC, 2885 Kennedy Rd., 9:15 AM
May 6	St. John's Lutheran	Living Last Supper Band, Grand Opera House. A fundraiser for the Guesthouse at St. John's Lutheran Church
May 15	Dubuque Rescue Mission	Dedication of Fr. Tom Rhomberg House, 2501 Elm St., 7:00 PM
May 22	DACU	Spring Worship Service, Sinsinawa Mound, 7:00 PM
October 7, 2012	DACU	CROP Walk, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church



NEXT DACU Delegates Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 24, 2012

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Immanuel Congregational UCC
1795 Jackson Street – Dubuque

Program: Pastor Pamela Starr

And save the date for our final Spring DACU meeting:



Tuesday, May 22
Spring Worship Service
Sinsinawa Mound
7:00 PM

REMINDER: We accept donations of canned food for the Food Pantry at every DACU Delegates' Meeting. Thank you for your generosity!



DACU Board Report

To date, a total of **13** Congregations and Associates have contributed to the work of DACU during 2012.

FY 2012 Monthly Balance Sheet Report 03/31/2012			
	March	2012 YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2012
Income	\$ 1,210.00	\$3,075.36	\$6,450.00
Expenses	\$ 45.66	\$ 626.66	\$6,450.00
Ending Balance as of 03/31/2012: \$6,851.02			

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

About the Board:

The DACU Board of Directors consists of the elected officers (President, President-Elect, Treasurer, & Secretary); the chairs of Board-appointed standing committees (Worship/Ministry, Membership/Communications, & Nominating); and representatives of the three DACU projects (P.I.N., Dubuque Rescue Mission, & Dubuque Food Pantry).

The DACU Board of Directors meets at Immanuel Congregational UCC (1795 Jackson St.) on the first Wednesday of each month at 4:00 PM. The meetings are always open to the membership of DACU. Please contact DACU President Rev. Dr. Tom Young for more information.

DACU Projects

People In Need (P.I.N.)

2012 marks the 30th year of continued service to the residents of Dubuque. The P.I.N. Board will host a series of events to celebrate the anniversary and to raise additional funds during the Fall of 2012. Watch for more information!

Why do we need more funds? In the first three months of 2012 P.I.N. assisted 56 family units, more than we helped in the first 9 months of 2011. We believe this trend will continue. Would you like to help? The P.I.N. Board is looking for new Board members. 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 will dedicate our first transitional house, the Father Tom Rhomberg House (2501 Elm St.) on May 15th at 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited!

Spring Volunteer Opportunities at the Mission:

- Serve meals and help clean up
- Help prepare garden for spring
- 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

Thank you to all who participated in the citywide Scouting for Food Drive that was held on March 24th. The people of Dubuque were most generous to us. We received around to **17,800** lbs. of food, baby items and personal hygiene products. *What can we say but many, many thanks.*

Now with spring well under way we look to summer and garden produce. Please remember the Pantry if you or someone you know has an excess of garden produce, we would be most happy to receive it. *Drop off hours are: Mon., Wed., Fri. from 9:00a.m. to 3:30p.m. and Tues. 9:00-noon.*

God bless you and thank you for your continued support.

Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager

DACU Community

Temple Beth El Visitors' Service

Friday, April 20, 6:30 PM

The Annual Temple Beth El Visitors' Service will be Friday, April 20. There will be an informational lecture by Rabbi Ann Landowne 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 bake enough cookies! (Contact Phyllis Garfield, 599-4898)

Location: 475 West Locust St. (With our apologies, Temple Beth El has no off-street parking. Please consider ride-sharing!)



St. John's Lutheran Church

Update on What's Happening at St. John's

St. John's and Pastor Jay Ilten hosted the monthly DACU Delegates meeting in March. Delegates heard a progress report on the improvements to the Guesthouse at St. John's. Since the Guesthouse welcomed its first guest in December, they have provided shelter for over 400 men; this is technically the "overflow" of the Dubuque Rescue Mission.

Delegates also had the chance to tour St. John's Open Closet, a clothing distribution that is open to anyone in need on the first and third Saturdays of each month, from 9 to 11 AM. If you'd like to help, you may donate gently used clothing (no household supplies) by calling St. John's Office (563.583.6572) or coordinator Judy Glab (563.582.8863). Judy says they can always use volunteers to organize the donations as well!

Pastor Jay says "As the need for beds and shelter continues to grow – the response from individuals and the community - and beyond - has been incredible. As word spreads of what St John's is doing, [we] are receiving offers of financial assistance and material gifts, as well as offers of labor ... but [we] need financial help ... your help!!

Please go to: www.dbqcommunityshelter.com Read what [we] are doing. Click on *DONATIONS* and send what you can! \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20 ... \$10,000 or more! I believe in this cause and I believe you do, too!! On behalf of all the members of St John's Lutheran church, and *especially* those whom they serve, **THANK YOU!** for your most generous gift!"

Rev. Jay Ilten
St. John's Lutheran Church

Church Women United

2012 May Friendship Day Celebration

May Friendship Day Celebration sponsored by Church Women United on **Friday, May 4, 2012** will be hosted by Summit Congregational UCC at 2885 John F. Kennedy Road.

Brunch (\$5.00) will start at 9:15 am and the celebration program "Listening to My Sisters" will follow at 10:15 am. Guest speaker Sister Corine Murray PBVM, will share "Diversity of Women in Our Community."

Fellowship of the Least Coin will be celebrated. Beverage tabs for women's educational opportunities in prison will be collected.

Brunch reservations may be made with JoAnn Datisman at 690-0104 by Monday, April 30, 2012. Women of all denominations are welcome. Location is handicap accessible.

Sue Hattel, Church Women United
Leadership Team Member, 556-1394 For more
information contact Sue Hattel, CWU Leadership
Team, shattel220@aol.com



Ministerium

Ministerium - Leader: Father Mark Ressler (St. Joseph the Worker). Ministerium meets the second Tuesday of each month from 12 Noon to 1:30 PM:

April 10 – Westminster Presbyterian Church
May 8 – Mt. St. Francis

For more information contact Fr. Mark Ressler at
dbq062@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us

*Maryann Caudill-LoGuidice, DACU
Representative*



Opening Doors

Dash to End Homelessness

"Opening Doors Dash" 7th Annual 5K Run & Walk is coming Saturday, April 14 to Clarke University. All proceeds help fund programs that empower homeless women, alone or with children, at Maria House and Teresa Shelter.

This is a fun-filled event where everyone from serious to casual runners and walkers can enjoy the 5K route in the neighborhood surrounding Clarke University, or on the inside track at the Kehl Center. Registration fee is \$25 (ages 13 and up) and includes a free adult t-shirt for participants that register before April 1. A new student price is \$15, which also includes a free t-shirt before April 1 (show I.D. at registration). Kids 12 and under can participate in our ½ mile Kids Fun Run for a registration fee of \$5.00 (does not include a free t-shirt).

Mayor Roy Buol will provide opening remarks and fitness sponsors will be hosting activities and prize drawings throughout the morning. Activities include blood pressure checks, yoga stretches, foot analysis, and you will have the opportunity to talk to dieticians and trainers. Our children's activity area will run from 8 to 10 AM.

"This is one of two signature events for Opening Doors," comments Executive Director Michelle Brown. "This year we hope to see 400 participants and more teams. This is a fun way to get involved to help the homeless women and children in our community."

WAYS TO REGISTER: Pick up a registration form at Big Apple Bagels, go to www.GetMeRegistered.com, or download the form at www.openingdoorsdbq.org. Pledge and team forms are also available for download from this web site.

SCHEDULE:

8:00 am – Registration for Runners/Walkers
8:30 am – ½ Mile Kids Fun Run
9:00 am – 5K Race, Outdoor & Indoor Walk
10:00 am – Runner Award Medals, and Team & Individual Prizes for Walkers

The 5K race is officiated by the MVRA (Mississippi Valley Running Association) where medals will be given to the top three runners with the fastest time in each division. Prizes will be given to the team with the most participants and to the team and individual with the most pledges. Food and refreshments provided. Opening Doors was established in 2000 to offer hospitality and opportunity to women, alone or with children, who are in need of emergency transitional housing related to support services. The Maria House

provides a bridge for homeless women, striving to move from homelessness to self-sufficiency and independent living. The Teresa Shelter provides emergency and transitional shelter for all women, who find themselves homeless due to circumstances beyond their control. A Wish List of shelter needs is located online at www.openingdoorsdbq.org.

For more information, contact Ann Lorenz, Director of Development and Marketing at Opening Doors, at 563-582-7480.



Shalom Retreat Center

OUR MISSION: Founded in the Franciscan tradition, Shalom Retreat Center is a sacred space in a peaceful environment, calling people to God and fullness of life.

Phone: 563/582-3592.

E-mail: info@shalomretreats.org

Web: www.shalomretreats.org

TO REGISTER, call Shalom at 563/582-3592 or send check payable to Shalom Retreat Center with your contact information to: 1001 Davis St., Dubuque, IA 52001.

Taize Prayer: Jesus Is Rising. Thursday, April 12, 7:30 – 8:30pm. Registration not required.

Living Like St. Francis & St. Clare of Assisi:

Thursday, April 19, 6:30 - 8:00pm. Learn about the spirit and values of Francis and Clare, and how to live a Franciscan way of life. No charge. Registration not required.

Centering Prayer: Monday, April 16, 7:00 – 8:00pm

Facilitator: Marilyn Dansart. Registration not required.

Administrative Professionals Luncheon: Priceless! Wednesday, Apr. 25, 11:30am – 1:00pm

Presenter: Karla Braig, Dubuque City Council Member.

Join us for our annual salute to our administrative professionals. We can get good deals on computers, scanners, printers, stationery, paper cutters, staplers, etc., but our good administrative professionals are priceless! Let us honor yours with a scrumptious lunch, followed by Karla's heartfelt tribute to these wonderful folks. Offering: \$10. Register by April 20.

Finding Peace in Today's World Retreat Day

Sunday, April 29, 12:00 – 5:00pm

Presenters: Ginny Helderfer OSF, Pat Farrell OSF and Marci Blum OSF. How can we find peace in a fast-paced and anxious world? We will explore ways to find

peace in our inner world, relations with others, and the outer world. Includes a walking meditation. The retreat will begin with lunch. Offering: \$40, includes lunch & snacks. Register by April 25.

A Celebration of German Food & Music: Tuesday, May 1, 6:30 – 8:30pm. Musicians: Dave Overby & Friends. Join us for this very popular annual evening celebrating the German-American heritage of so many of us. Once again our dietary department promises to go all out in creating the cuisine all good Germans crave, and once again Dave and his friends will keep our toes tapping and our hearts dancing! Offering: \$22. Register/prepay by April 27. Early registration is recommended as this evening often sells out.

Taize Prayer: Jesus Send Us Thursday, May 3, 7:30 – 8:30pm
Registration not required.

Annual Mother/Daughter Evening: I Don't Remember Growing Older – When Did She? Thursday, May 10, 6:30 – 8:30pm Presenters: Michelle Shanahan & Dianne Heim. As the title for the evening indicates, time flies quickly, and before we know it, even those closest to us have grown, aged, changed. Borrowing the theme from the song "Sunrise, Sunset," Dianne and Michelle will regale you with stories of their mother/daughter relationship, inviting you to look at the women and girls in your own family with new eyes. Treat your mother, daughter, grandmother, granddaughter, or whoever fits those roles in your life to a lovely pre-Mother's Day dinner. Offering: \$22/adults; \$11/girls age 12 and under. Register by May 7.

Dances of Universal Peace Thursday, May 17, 7:00 – 8:30pm Instructor: Sophia Virginia Melroy, of Iowa City, Certified Leader. Back by participant request, this sacred dance is a 40-year-old tradition of simple participatory circle dances and songs drawn from the earth's sacred traditions as well as other universal songs of peace. We might well ask if there would still be wars if we all sang, danced and prayed together. Join us for this prayerful experience. Dress is casual. No previous experience or dance partner required. Offering: \$10. Register by May 15.

Living Like St. Francis & St. Clare of Assisi: Thursday, May 17, 6:30 - 8:00pm
Learn about the spirit and values of Francis and Clare, and how to live a Franciscan way of life.
No charge. Registration not required.

Centering Prayer: Monday, May 21, 7:00 – 8:00pm Facilitator: Marilyn Dansart Registration not required.

Annual Memorial Mass & Social: Thursday, May 24, 7:00pm Presider: Fr. Eugene Kutsch
Each year around Memorial Day, deceased loved ones of Shalom friends and benefactors are remembered at a special Eucharistic liturgy. A social follows the Mass.

No charge. Register by May 23.

Will You Be My Servant? Spiritual Enrichment Retreat Day: Saturday, May 26, 9:30am – 3:30pm Presenters: Dave Cushing, Adult Faith Formation Coordinator, Waterloo and Mary Pederson, D. Min., Frequent Archdiocesan Presenter. Examines the concept of "Servant Leadership" both in its original and more modern forms, and explores how we can exercise servant leadership in our families, work and church. Offering: \$40, includes lunch & snacks. Register by May 23.

I Want to Know Christ Jesus-A Retreat with St. Paul: June 3 - 9, Director: Wendy Cotter CSJ. \$420. \$25 discount if registered by May 10. Register by May 24.

Daring to Embrace the Other: Doing Peace in Our Day. June 10 - 16, Director: Kathy Warren OSF \$420. \$25 discount if registered by May 19. Register by May 31.



Operation New View

It's Your Money!
It's Your Money!
Earn It, Keep It, Save It!

Last Chance! A few sites are still available:

Free Tax Preparation Sites: Individuals with low to moderate incomes are eligible to receive free and confidential tax preparation at any of these free filing tax sites:

St. Matthew Lutheran Church (AARP)
1780 White Street
February 1 – April 15, Monday- Friday, 12:30 pm-4:00 pm
Walk-ins ONLY

Hills and Dales Lifetime Center (AARP)
563.585.0560 3505 Stoneman Road
February 1 – April 15
Appointments ONLY

Operation: New View, Dubuque
563.556.5130, ext. 14 1473 Central Ave.
January 26 – April 12, Mondays and Thursdays,
6 PM to 9 PM Appointments ONLY

What to bring:

- Valid picture ID
- Social Security Cards for you and each member of your family included on your return
- Birthdates for you and each member included on your return
- W-2s for all jobs in 2011 and any other tax related documents
- 1099 forms for other income, if any
- A copy of last year's tax returns (federal and state)

- If you are claiming childcare expenses, bring documentation of expenses and either the childcare agency's ID or the provider's Social Security number
- All adults on your return must be present to sign forms
- College tuition and student loan interest statements
- A blank check if you want your refund direct deposited

Questions??

Contact bjenkins@operationnewview.org or 563.556.5130, ext. 14. Coordinated by Operation New View Community Action Agency with the collaborative effort of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Outreach Task Force of Dubuque, Delaware, and Jackson Counties.

Dubuque Community

Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque

The Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships Center of the U.S. Department of Education *cordially invites you* to a meeting to share information about access to affordable post-secondary education.

When: Wednesday, April 18, 2012; 8:30 am – 10 am

Where: Conference Room C, NICC Town Clock Center Conference Center, 680 Main St. Dubuque

In conjunction with the visit of Secretary of Education Arne Duncan to Dubuque, you are invited to a meeting to hear directly about what is happening from representatives of the Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships Center at the U. S. Department of Education. The goal of this meeting is to provide you with information and tools so that you can assist students and parents in your community to more wisely plan and pay for post-secondary education.

The U.S. Department of Education has a goal of providing students and families with the tools they need to plan for and afford college. To accomplish this goal there have been extensive improvements in the Pell Grant program, student loan repayment programs, federal student aid, loan forgiveness programs. This meeting will address these updates and also give an opportunity for you to have your questions answered and to provide feedback to the Department.



For more information please contact Michelle Balek, Michelle@dbqfoundation.org

Dubuque Chorale

Dubuque Chorale
40th Anniversary Concert & Celebration
Sunday April 22, 2012, 3:00 pm
Westminster Presbyterian Church
2155 University Avenue, Dubuque

The Dubuque Chorale closes its 40th Anniversary season by welcoming back founding director Dennis Williams and past director Fran Vogt. Along with current director Bob Demaree, the three will lead the Chorale and orchestra in a retrospective of music the Chorale has performed during its 40-year history.

The program includes individual pieces from great works such as Bach's Mass in B Minor, Vivaldi's Gloria, Haydn's Creation, Brahms' Requiem, Faure's Requiem, Bernstein's Chichester Psalms, and Orff's Carmina Burana. Other composers highlighted include Mozart, Mendelssohn, Claussen, Rutter, Handel, and Lauridsen. Following the concert, a reception will be held with desserts and light refreshments to commemorate the Chorale's past and future with memorabilia tables, a video presentation, and a look at our strategic plan for the future.

Please join the Dubuque Chorale in celebrating 40 years of music-making!



Hope House of Dubuque

Hope House, a Catholic Worker House of Hospitality located at 1592 Locust St. in Dubuque, is seeking donations from people of faith in order to install a fire alarm system that the fire department is requiring. The cost is estimated at \$8-10,000. Hope House is not affiliated with any church, but sees its ministry of providing food, lodging, and drop-in hospitality stemming from Christ's words, "as long as you did this for one of the least of my brothers or sisters, you did it for me."

If your community would like to donate or take up a collection for this purpose, please contact **Tom Johnson at (563) 582-9079**. We would be happy to come and speak to your community members about our ministry and this particular need. Blessings!

Bridges Initiative



Circle Meal Providers NEEDED!

We are looking for a person, family, or groups to sponsor upcoming meals for the CIRCLES program in May, June and July.

Breaking bread together before our meetings each Tuesday night is such a wonderful way to reach across class lines. Many of our Getting Ahead & CIRCLES® participants appreciate it since many of them come right from school and work to get there on time.

Would you or your organization be interested in providing the community meal?

- **When we meet:** Tuesdays at PRESCOTT SCHOOL. Doors open at 5:30 pm and we eat at 5:45pm
- There is no fridge, stove or kitchen access. There is electrical access. However, if someone needs more than one plug in, we MUST plug half the food in on the opposite wall or we will blow out Prescott's electricity. Typically we have half plugged in on the wall near the bathroom, then unplug it and move it to the table when it is time to eat. Please bring serving utensils, serving trays, baskets, etc...if you need help with any of this, please let us know beforehand.
- Food should be ready to serve by 5:45
- We will provide paper products, however if you want to donate those also, we appreciate it.
- We serve water unless you want to bring drinks.
- If you or someone from your organization would like to offer a prayer, we appreciate that as well.

We do not expect you to serve the folks-but rather, we PREFER for you to sit and eat with us. As good middle class folks we think serving people is a sign of respect. However, for people in poverty, sitting with them and breaking bread with them is a sign of respect.

We have a website which provides you with all of the open dates for food provision. The address is: www.cityofdubuque.org/bridgeswishlist

If you would prefer to talk with someone, please call 589-4230 and ask for Erica, Ermina, Nancy or anyone involved with Circles. Each meal provided must feed approximately 120 people on any given night. We ask that you bring all utensils to serve with and if you need help with plates, silverware, etc. Please let us know and we will provide these for you.

Nancy Zachar Fett, LMSW

Circles Coach, Circles Initiative

563-589-4230 nfett@cityofdubuque.org

Children of Abraham

...a series of conversations about faith from personal perspectives.

This series of five interfaith discussions led by representatives of Jewish, Christian, and Muslim congregations is 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. All sessions are on Thursdays, 8:00 PM. All are welcome; there is no charge.

Final Session:

April 19, 2012. *Peace.* Loras College ACC Ballroom

Questions?

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Alan Garfield at agarfield@dbq.edu

Adib Kassas at VicePresident@thetic.org



Another sign of spring: our annual update of the **DACU Worship Brochure** which we distribute to local hotels and hospitals. We want to list your congregation, its address, phone contact, email or website, and worship and religious school schedule.

Please send updates to the DACU Worship Committee, attention Phyllis Garfield, phyllisgarfield@hotmail.com. To check how your congregation is currently listed, go to www.DACUonline.org and click on "Worship Brochure".



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