



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.

www.DACUonline.org/

EVENTS

DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT
These are just a few of the events sponsored by our DACU congregations and associates. Turn the page to learn more!		
January 16	Voices/Values	Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast, 7:00 AM, Grand River Ctr.
January 24	DACU	Annual DACU Meeting and Banquet, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
February 28	DACU	DACU Delegates' Meeting, location TBA
March 27	DACU	DACU Delegates' Meeting, location TBA
April 20, 2012	Temple Beth El	Annual Visitors' Service 6:30 lecture, 7:30 Service
April 24	DACU	DACU Delegates' Meeting, location TBA
May 22	DACU	Spring Worship Service, location TBA



DACU Annual Meeting and Banquet

Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2012

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
1755 Delhi St. – Dubuque

Dinner: \$7.50 – Checks Payable to DACU

Mail to DACU,
P.O. Box 811
Dubuque, IA 52004-0811

RSVP by January 17 to Bob Kraye,
563/582-5117 or bdkramer@aol.com

Some Great Reasons to Attend the DACU Annual Meeting & Banquet on January 24:

- Learn what DACU is planning for the coming year!
- Learn the latest news on the DACU projects, P.I.N., the Dubuque Food Pantry, and the Dubuque Rescue Mission.
- Enjoy a great meal, seasoned as always with the fragrant spice of community and fellowship.
- Bob Kraye will present a certificate to each Delegate!
- Install the new DACU officers and committee chairs.
- The Iowa caucuses are over....what else are you doing on a Tuesday evening in January???

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DACU Board Report

To date, a total of 21 Congregations and Associates have contributed to the work of DACU during 2011.

FY 2011 Monthly Balance Sheet Report 11/30/2011			
	December	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2011
Income	\$475.00	\$3966.02	\$6,450.00
Expenses	\$434.00*	\$4626.23	\$6,450.00
Ending Balance as of 12/31/2011: \$1063.86			

*Note: This month's expense included \$200 donation to student scholarships for MLK Breakfast.

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

DACU Projects

People In Need (P.I.N.)

Good News for People In Need!

December was a wonderful month for People In Need. We received 24 gifts totaling over \$12,000! The PIN Board is overwhelmed by the generosity of our friends and neighbors in Dubuque! This will mean a lot to the many families who are facing financial crises in this difficult year. Please come to the DACU Annual Meeting to hear more about PIN and the ongoing needs!

Thank you again to everyone who donated this past year!

Alan Garfield, P.I.N. President

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

Dubuque Rescue Mission

The Rescue Mission is in need of good used furniture....you can contact the Rescue Mission at 583-1394.

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



Dubuque Food Pantry

We handed out 482 baskets for the holidays. A big thank you to churches/congregations for providing hams and other food items for these baskets. It seems like everyday someone was stopping by with a trunk full of goodies to share with those in need. We couldn't do these baskets without the help of churches, schools, businesses, organizations, and individuals who just want to share. ***Blessings to all of you.***

The New Year: We would once again encourage churches/congregations to participate in "**Super Bowl Sunday**". Would each person in your church/congregation be willing to donate one can of soup or a box of crackers? Just think how many people we could feed!!

Items needed: We are always in need of the following things: peanut butter, tuna, mac & cheese, rice, potatoes (any kind), dish soap, toothpaste, and shampoo.

God bless you and thank you for your continued support.

Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager

DACU Community

Ministerium

Ministerium - Leaders: Rev. Diane Christopher (St. John's Episcopal Church) and Father Mark Ressler (St. Joseph the Worker). Ministerium meets the second Tuesday of each month from 12 Noon to 1:30 PM:

January 10 – First Congregational UCC
February 14 – Dubuque Rescue Mission
March 13 – St. John's Episcopal Church
April 10 – Westminster Presbyterian Church
May 8 – Mt. St. Francis

For more information contact Diane Christopher at revdianne@hotmail.com or Mark Ressler at dbq062@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us

*Maryann Caudill-LoGuidice, DACU
Representative*

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity will be having a **chocolate fund raiser** February 10 from 6-8 pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church to raise money for a home for the Habitat offices with room for storage of donate building supplies. Right now we have had to refuse paint, wood, windows, doors, appliances and other donated building supplies which could be used on Brush With Kindness projects or new homes because we do not have any storage space. These supplies could cut down on the cost of building if we had them or they could be offered for sale at a reduced price. This would allow Habitat to build or repair more homes.

If you would like to donate silent auction items for the fund raise or provide a table of chocolate goodies, please contact Elaine Mitchell 563-581-5919 or diettou@gmail.com

Please come to the chocolate event. There are no tickets but everyone is asked to give a freewill offering.

Elaine also wants to remind you of "The Big Day of Serving", a nation-wide one day youth mission event which will bring many youth to Dubuque on May 5. If you or your organization knows of any worthwhile projects that need some willing young hands, please contact Elaine. For more info go to www.TheBigDayofServing.com



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

Reading and Telling the Stories in Scripture

Saturday, Jan. 14, 9:30am – 3:30pm
Presenter: Nancy Schreck OSF, D. Min. in Scripture, President, Sisters of St. Francis
This first retreat day of the series will explore some of the stories Jesus used to teach and challenge his followers to understand something of the Reign of God. These stories in parable form are a window into the mind of Jesus and a mirror into our lives. The process of Lectio Divina will be used to enable participants to make a connection between the stories Jesus told and the story of our lives of faith. Offering: \$40, includes lunch/morning snacks. Register by Jan. 9. **Note:** This retreat is one of a series of Spiritual Enrichment Retreat Days being offered monthly from Jan. – May. Participants can pick and choose to attend individual retreats, but those planning to attend all five retreats receive a \$40 discount by paying \$160 by Jan. 9.

Centering Prayer: Mondays, Jan. 16, 7:00 – 8:00pm
Facilitator: Marilyn Dansart Join others in quiet, meditative prayer, discussion and support. Registration not required. Free will offering.

Living Like St. Francis & St. Clare of Assisi

Thursday, Jan. 19, 7:00 – 8:30pm
Presenters: Franciscan Charism Team
Learn about the spirit and values of Francis and Clare, saints for our time, and how to live a Franciscan way of life. No charge. Registration not required.

Reading That Matters Book Discussion: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot
Tuesday, Jan. 31, 7:00 – 8:30pm Facilitator: Eileen Miller OSF. This is a provocative book about cancer, racism, scientific ethics and crippling poverty – an enlightening must-read. Offering: \$6/session. Register by Jan. 30.

Embracing Life After Separation or Divorce

Saturday, Feb. 4, 9:00 – 4:00pm Presenters: Kim Kali-Schultes, Affinity Center; Bev Rech, plus a panel of three
If you have experienced the pain of separation or divorce, here is a chance to gather with others who have experienced a similar loss. Topics to be addressed include feelings of pain/loss, com-compassion and resilience, and rebuilding a new and fruitful life. Offering: \$35. Includes continental breakfast & lunch. Register by Jan. 31.

Days of Quiet & Prayer: Book – *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*, by Fr. Richard

Rohr Wednesdays, Feb. 15, Mar. 14, Apr. 18, May 16, 9:30am – 2:30pm (9:15am c. bkfst.)

Facilitator: Eileen Miller OSF Offering: \$75/series of four – includes book, program, materials, meal & private room. Register by Feb. 1.

Putting Faith into Action: Saturday, Feb. 11, 9:30am – 3:30pm, Presenter: Fr. Mark Ressler, Pastor, St. Joseph the Worker; former professor of morality, Loras College What goes into making moral decisions? We will explore conscience in terms of superego, formation, character, and choice as well as investigate what is necessary for moral objectivity as well as the three contexts of moral discernment: social, situational and personal. All of this will be applied to current moral issues facing American society today.

Offering: \$40. Register by Feb. 6.

Note: This retreat is one of a series of Spiritual Enrichment Retreats being offered monthly from Jan. – May.

Revolution of the Heart: The Spirituality of Dorothy Day:

Monday, Feb. 6, 7:00 – 9:00pm

Presenter: Amanda Osheim, Asst. Prof. of Practical Theology, Loras College

Join us for an evening exploring the life and spirituality of Dorothy Day. Dorothy's care of the poor and commitment to social justice were fueled by prayer and expressed her love of God. Though she broke all the rules for women of her time, Dorothy provides us with a timeless example of Christian discipleship. Guided by her life and writings we will consider the "revolution of the heart" that leads to deeper union with God and others.

Offering: \$10. Register/prepay by Friday, Feb. 3.

Lenten Retreat: Transformation – The Music of God

Sun., Feb. 26, 5:30pm – Fri., March 2, 9:30am

Director: Tom Hartle OFM, Franciscan friar of Holy Name Province & itinerant retreat director, Pilgrimages leader to Rome and Assisi, Ministerial roles: parish ministry, retreat house staff member, presenter of parish missions

Using the Lenten Scriptures, and drawing upon Francis and Clare, we will come to understand Metanoia as the Music of God, Prayer as the Music of God, and Penance as the Music of God. Daily Eucharist.

Offering: \$365. Early Bird: \$340, if registered by Feb. 1, 2012. (\$75 deposit secures your reservation and is credited to the offering for the retreat.)

HEALING HURTS & REGRETS - Forgiving & Healthy Alternatives to Forgiving

Fri., Feb. 24, 7:00pm – Sun., Feb. 26, 1:00pm Director: Gary Egeberg, author of: The Pocket Guide to Inner Peace, The Pocket Guide to Prayer, From Self-Care to Prayer, and The Forgiveness Myth; Background in addiction studies, 26 years in recovery, and a passion for interfaith spirituality Though our brains are "wired" to remember our hurts for survival purposes, they are also wired for healing. If you are unable to forgive someone, or if you can't seem to forgive yourself, learn how to honor your own unique

way of healing. Discover a variety of spiritual and psychological tools. You will learn:

- When forgiving is likely to work well and when a healthy alternative might be more effective
- How to keep the focus on your needs rather than on your offender, so that you can heal
- Ways to manage disturbing thoughts and upsetting emotions so that you can enjoy more peace of mind and heart
- How to reinterpret your life through a gentle and compassionate lens

Offering: \$165. Commuter: \$145. Register by Feb. 17. A \$50 deposit secures your registration and is credited to the offering for the retreat.

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

Operation New View

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

It's Tax Time Again!

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

St. Matthew Lutheran Church (AARP)

1780 White Street

February 1 – April 15, Monday- Friday, 12:30 pm-4:00 pm
Walk-ins ONLY

Loras College (563.588.7695)

February 20 – March 26, Mondays at 2:00 PM
Appointments ONLY

Hills and Dales Lifetime Center (AARP)

563.585.0560 3505 Stoneman Road

February 1 – April 15
Appointments ONLY

University of Dubuque

563.556-5130 ext. 14 2000 University Ave.

Tuesday February 7 and Wednesday February 8
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
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

Operation: New View, Manchester

563.927.4629 721 South 5th St. Suite B

Saturday February 4 & 18 and Saturday March 3
10 AM to 3 PM Appointments ONLY

Operation: New View, Maquoketa

563.652.5197 904 East Quarry

Saturday February 11 & 25 and Saturday March 10
10 AM to 3 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.



Opening Doors

Test Your Wits At Trivia Night!

When: Friday, February 10

Where: Knights of Columbus Hall, 781 Locust St.

Time: Trivia starts at 7 PM; burgers, fries, snacks, wine, beer, & other beverages available for purchase starting at 6 PM.

Prizes: 50/50 cash raffle drawing and other great prizes!

Teams: You can form your own team of 8, or individual players will be matched with a team.

Registration: \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Includes 10 rounds of trivia.

Pre-Register at 563-582-7480 or visit us at www.openingdoorsdbq.org

Why: Because you can have fun with your friends and proceeds benefit Maria House and Teresa Shelter medical needs fund for women and children.

Dubuque Community

**A Letter from Carroll Clark,
Bridges Initiative**

Hello DACU members!

What an exciting year for the Bridges Initiative! We had another Getting Ahead graduation ceremony on

December 16th. Once again the Main Street Jazz Band provided us with some wonderful music and the Holiday Inn treated us well. We watched 30 adults and 4 teens receive certificates of completion. We now have had 174 adults and 10 teens graduate from Getting Ahead. It was an amazing experience. If you were there, I would love to hear back from you on what you thought about the event.

Circles continues to grow also. we now have 5 matched Circles. We have more GA graduates who would like to be paired up with allies. So, if you know of anyone who would like to learn more about becoming an ally, please have them call either myself, Nancy Fett or Ermina Soler at 589-4230.

We have had a great response in our requests for meal donors. I do still have a few dates that I need to fill. These would all be at Prescott School. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. and we eat from 5:45-6:15 p.m.. Circles meets from 6:30-8:00 p.m.. Since we have not started the next round of Getting ahead yet, our numbers are a bit smaller right now. For the weeks I have listed below, we need food for about 60 adults and 15 kids. Don't forget, if cooking isn't your thing, but you would like to contribute \$ towards a meal, we are happy to do that too.

The dates we still need meals for are: January 24th, January 31st, February 7th and February 14th. If these dates are too soon, let me know and I can schedule you later in the year. Just let me know.

The Bridges Initiative staff know what an awesome community we live in-and we love sharing that with the families we serve. What can I say-you guys rock!

Thank you for your continual support of the Bridges Initiative

Yours in service,
Carroll

Carroll E. Clark

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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.

Remaining Sessions:

February 23, 2012: *Joseph/Yusuf. University of Dubuque, Dunlap Technology Building (Hadley Auditorium)*

March 22, 2012: *Scripture. Temple Beth El, 475 West Locust*

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

Questions?

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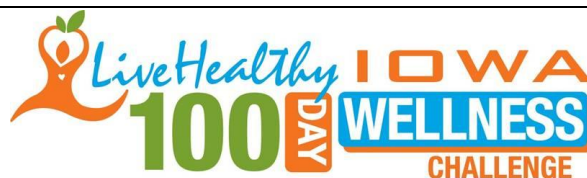
Alan Garfield at agarfield@dbq.edu

Adib Kassas at VicePresident@thetic.org

Save The Date!

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!)



Please help us to become a healthier community by pledging your support online for the city's application to the state Blue Zones Project. To enhance its application, the city needs 25 percent of the population to sign up to support the Blue Zones Project by going to www.bluezonesproject.com/citizens/signup by Jan. 31, 2012. There is no cost to pledge your support for this initiative.

Take a look at how your community compares to others in the state by visiting the Blue Zones Scoreboard <http://www.bluezonesproject.com/scoreboard> Updated daily, the graph displays how much citizen support each city has received.

The city is one of 58 communities chosen to move forward through the full application process for the project, which is a state initiative with a goal to make Iowa No. 1 in the nation for well-being. "Blue Zones" are areas in the world where people live longer, healthier lives.

In the end, there will be 10 communities chosen to serve as models to other communities in Iowa.

Remember, communities will be chosen based, in part, on its citizens' passion and interest as demonstrated by online sign ups at www.bluezonesproject.com or texts to "BZP" to 772937. Ask your friends and neighbors to join you and support your community today.

---The Dubuque County SAFE YOUTH Coalition



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