



Dubuque Area Congregations United Monthly Newsletter

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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!		
March 24	Dubuque Food Pantry	Scout Food Drive (Watch the Telegraph Herald for more info)
March 27	DACU	DACU Delegates' Meeting, St. John's Lutheran Church
March 29	St. Mark Community Center	2012 Gala for the Children, 6:00 PM Grand River Center
April 20	Temple Beth El	Annual Visitors' Service 6:30 lecture, 7:30 Service
April 24	DACU	DACU Delegates' Meeting, location TBA
May 4	Church Women United	May Friendship Day Celebration & Brunch, Summit UCC, 2885 Kennedy Rd.
May 22	DACU	Spring Worship Service, location TBA
October 7, 2012	DACU	CROP Walk, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church



NEXT DACU Delegates Meeting

Date: Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: St. John's Lutheran Church
1276 White Street – Dubuque

Program: News about the men's shelter at St. John's and report from the subcommittee concerning invocation at city council meetings.

Upcoming DACU Delegates Meetings:



Tuesday, March 27

Tuesday, April 24

Tuesday, May 22

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 9 Congregations and Associates have contributed to the work of DACU during 2012.

FY 2011 Monthly Balance Sheet Report 01/17/2012			
	February	2011 YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2011
Income	\$ 1,865.36	\$ 1,865.36	\$6,450.00
Expenses	\$ 581.00	\$ 581.00	\$6,450.00
Ending Balance as of 03/01/2012: \$5,686.68			

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.)

During the month of January, People In Need provided 23 assists for a total of \$6,036.40. We were able to do this thanks to your generosity. The need continues to grow!

We are happy to welcome a new Board member, Tom Hannon of Resurrection Catholic Church.

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

Souper Bowl Sunday was a huge success thanks to you! We collected: cash, 1350 cans of soup and 150 packages of crackers. Our shelves are well stocked for a few weeks.

The citywide **Scout Food Drive** will be held on Saturday, March 24th. Watch the Telegraph Herald for more information.

Items needed: We are always in need of the following items: peanut butter, tuna, mac & cheese, rice, potatoes (any kind), dish soap, toothpaste, and shampoo. ***Don't forget we also use the small soaps, shampoos, coffees, etc... that you get from hotels.***

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

DACU Community

St. Mark Community Center 2012 Gala for the Children

When: Thursday March 29, 2012, 6:00 PM Cocktails (Cash Bar); 6:30 Welcome from Mayor Roy Buol; 6:45 Dinner served; 7:30 Live Service Auction.

Where: Grand River Center Ballroom (350 Bell St.)

Cost: \$50 per person, \$100 per couple. Table sponsorships \$1,000 (seat 8) or \$500 (seat 4).

Why: All proceeds go to benefit St. Mark Community Center before- and after-school programs, as well as summer programming.

Reservations: Send your gift to St. Mark Community Center (1201 Locust St., Dubuque, IA 52001).

More Info: Contact Event Coordinator Karen Bryant, (563) 582-6211 x.105 or email events@smccdbq.org

St. John's Lutheran Church

St John's Lutheran Guesthouse Update

St John's officially opened their doors on December 2, 2011 to provide a place of shelter and a bed - "a place to lay your head" - for men with no where else to go. The initial thought was to simply provide a few beds to help the Dubuque Rescue Mission when they had "overflow." Not enough beds of their own to fill the needs that are out there. Based on last year's numbers and really nasty weather, the projected *need* was 1-2 beds, 2-3 nights per week.

What they were quick to learn was that the "need" for *shelter* far exceeds what is available; not only for men, but for women, children and families!! The rest is history, as they say, and St John's has committed to move forward in spite of the newly assessed "code" requirements that the city has imposed upon the church and this mission when it was discovered such shelter was being provided. In order to meet safety regulations the church must install a "hard-wire" alarm system throughout the *entire* building. They must also install a sprinkler system - through-out the *entire* building.

And they need your help! 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, they are receiving offers of financial assistance and material gifts, as well as

offers of labor ... but they need financial help ... *your* help!!

Please go to: www.dbqcommunityshelter.com
Read what they 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

Ecumenical Housing Board

Tom Stovall reports that there are now two DACU Representatives on the Ecumenical Housing Board. Jim Halverson of St. Joseph the Worker Parish has been appointed to the Board. Welcome and thanks to Jim for his service! For more information contact Tom Stovall, tstovall@operationnewview.org

Church Women United

Save the Date! May 4: May Friendship Day Celebration & Brunch at Summit UCC at 2885 Kennedy Rd.

For more information contact Sue Hattell, CWU Leadership Team, shattell220@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:

March 13 - St. John's Episcopal Church
April 10 - Westminster Presbyterian Church
May 8 - Mt. St. Francis

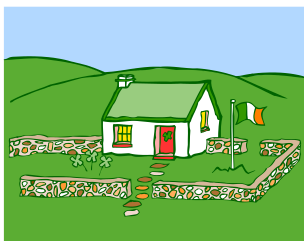
For more information contact Fr. Mark Ressler at dbq062@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us

Maryann Caudill-LoGuidice, DACU Representative

Habitat for Humanity

Elaine is hard at work right now co-ordinating the "Big Day of Serving", when as many as 500 young people will arrive in Dubuque to work together on community projects. The date is May 5. Elaine is looking for some volunteers who would help to supervise these eager young people at each worksite. If you can help, call or email Elaine! You can view the website at: <http://thebigdayofserving.com/>

For more information, please contact Elaine Mitchell 563-581-5919 or dietou@gmail.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

Living Like St. Francis & St. Clare of Assisi

Thursday, Mar, 15, 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, Mar. 19, 7:00 – 8:00pm
Facilitator: Marilyn Dansart Registration not required.

Using Lectio Divina on the Lenten Gospels

Thursdays, Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 6:45 – 7:45am
Facilitator: Marci Blum OSF. Enjoy a continental breakfast followed by Lectio Divina – reflecting on the Word of God. Offering: \$4/session. (Choose one or all sessions of this series.) Register by noon the day prior to the session.

Reading That Matters Book Discussion: Book: *Same Kind of Different As Me* by Ron Hall and Denver Moore
Tuesday, Mar. 6, 7:00 – 8:30pm. Come and share your insights over a cup of (decaf!) coffee or another beverage. Offering: \$6/session. Register by Mar. 5.

Courageous Women of Faith: A Lenten Retreat Day for Women. Thursday, Mar. 8, 9:00am – 3:00pm
Join us to learn about scriptural women and to reflect on our own lives as courageous women of faith. Presenter Mary Pedersen, D. Min, incorporates everyday life

experiences into her dynamic presentations. Offering: \$40. Includes 8:30am cont. breakfast & lunch. Register by Mar. 5.

"Can You Drink This Cup?" Retreat Day

Saturday, Mar. 17, 9:30am – 3:30pm
Presenter: Fr. Jim Starbuck. Suffering involves the virtues of courage leading to compassion, which ultimately leads to Christ. Offering: \$40, includes snacks & lunch. Register by Mar. 14.

T'ai Chi Chih (series of six classes). Tuesdays, March 13 – 17; 9:30 – 10:15 am. Instructor: Marian Klostermann OSF. T'ai Chi builds energy, creativity, health, harmony, peace and balance.
Offering: \$45. Register by Mar. 9.

An Irish Celebration! Tuesday, Mar. 13, 6:30 – 8:30pm
Begin the celebration of St. Patrick's Day early by joining us for some good Irish food, a few Irish tunes, and a message from none other than Dubuque's own Maureen Seigert. Offering: \$22. Register Mar. 9.

Spring Breakfast: Spring Interlude
Tuesday, Mar. 20, 7:00 – 8:00am, Mass at 8:15am
Presenters Phyllis Manternach OSF and Margaret Wick OSF will use photography, music and poetry in the third of their beautiful and reflective presentations on the seasons. Offering: \$8. Register by Mar. 16.

Jan Phillips Concert — Take Back the Light

Friday, March 23, 2012, 7:00 – 9:00pm. An evening of music, video and storytelling to celebrate our community, our collective potential and our creativity. Offering: \$17.50, if registered/paid by Mar. 21, after Mar. 21: \$20.

Concert & Workshop — The WORD, The IMAGE, The STORY: Tools of Transformation

Friday, March 23, 7:00pm – Sunday, March 25, 2012, 1:00pm
Presenter: Jan Phillips, gifted musician, dynamic speaker and author. In this multi-sensory, multi-media workshop, we'll be using music, poetry, story and video to help us access our unique wisdom and find new ways to share it personally and professionally.
Offering: \$160. Commuter: \$130.

Cooking with Margie: Saturday, Mar. 31, 9:00am – 1:00pm
Presenter: Margie Gassman, Manager, Shalom Dietary Department. Learn how to make some of the wonderful recipes that our talented cook, Margie, serves to our many guests, then enjoy these entrees at lunch. Each participant is also invited to bring along a pound or two of ground beef, which Margie will help turn into one of her tasty meatloaves to take home and bake.
Offering: \$18. Register by Mar. 28. Limited to 12 registrants.



Operation New View

It's Your Money!
It's Your Money!
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 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

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

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 March 3 10 AM to 3 PM Appointments ONLY

Operation: New View, Maquoketa

563.652.5197 904 East Quarry
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??

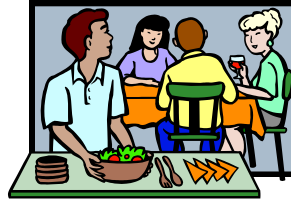
Contact bjenkins@operationnewview.org or 563.556.5130, ext. 14. Coordinated by Operation New View Community Action Agency with the collaborative effort of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Outreach Task Force of Dubuque, Delaware, and Jackson Counties.

Dubuque Community

Bridges Initiative (Bridges Out of Poverty)

Bridges Initiative Co-Advisor Carol Clark says there are still opportunities to provide meals to participants in the "Getting Ahead" and Circles communities. You can call her at 563.589.4230 for more information.

You can also go to the website to see the latest newsletter: www.cityofdubuque.org/Bridges



Hospice of Dubuque

Hospice of Dubuque will be sponsoring one six-week bereavement support group. The session is open to anyone in the tri-state area who has experienced the loss of a loved one through death within the past twelve months. It is suggested that participants wait at least three months after a loss before attending.

The group is scheduled to meet on Thursday afternoons from 4:00 – 6:00 pm, beginning March 22 through April 26. The group will meet at the Hospice of Dubuque office in the Theisen Education Center, 1670 JFK Road. Sessions are educational and emotionally supportive. There is no requirement to have had a previous connection with Hospice of Dubuque. Group size is limited so pre-registration is required by March 15th. For more information, or to register, please call 563.582.1220. There is no fee for the group, however, a contribution to defray the cost of materials would be appreciated.

Jessica Finkenauer

Bereavement Coordinator

finkenauerj@hospiceofdubuque.org



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!



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!)



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:

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

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

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