



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!		
January 13	Dubuque Franciscans	Weapons Free Environment Project Meeting, 12:30 PM, BVM Motherhouse, 1100 Carmel Drive. All invited!
January 22	DACU	DACU Annual Meeting
February 26	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting
March 26	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting
April 19	Temple Beth El	Annual Visitors' Service: Discussion with Rabbi 6:30; 7:30 Service
April 23	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting
May 28	DACU	DACU Spring Worship



DACU Annual Dinner Meeting

Tuesday, January 22
Sisters of the Presentation
 2360 Carter Road
 6:00 P.M.
 Dinner Cost: \$7.50

Please send reservations (including list of names attending) and checks payable to DACU, and mail to DACU, P.O. Box 811, Dubuque, IA 52004-0811 or call Bob Krayer at 582-5117 (answering machine available) or bdkrayer@aol.com.

Please place your reservations by Tuesday, January 15, 2013. In an effort not to penalize the host congregation for "no show" reservations, it is requested that all reservations be paid in advance. If you need to cancel a reservation, please call Bob Krayer at 582-5117.

You are also encouraged to bring non-perishable food and paper goods for the Dubuque Food Pantry.

Some great reasons to attend the DACU Annual Dinner Meeting on January 22:

- Learn what DACU is planning this year
- Learn the latest news our DACU projects (P.I.N., the Dubuque Food Pantry, and the Dubuque Rescue Mission)
- Enjoy a delicious meal, seasoned as always with the fragrant spice of community and fellowship
- Receive your delegate certificate from Bob Krayer!
- Welcome new DACU President *Rev. Arnold Flater* and new DACU President Elect *Sr. Lynn Wagner*
- Say good-bye and THANK YOU to outgoing President *Rev. Dr. Thomas Young*, and congratulate him on his retirement

Remember....RSVP by January 15 to Bob Krayer, 582-5117 or bdkrayer@aol.com



DACU Board Report

As of December 31 a total of 26 Congregations and Associates have contributed to the work of DACU during 2012. Thanks to **First Baptist Church, Church of the Nativity, Sisters of Charity, St. Anthony Catholic Church, and Grand View United Methodist** for their generous donations in November and December!

FY 2012 Monthly Balance Sheet Report 12/31/2012			
	November/ December	2012 YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2012
Income	\$ 950.00	\$9,349.17	\$6,450.00
Expenses	\$ 425.94	\$7,176.11	\$6,450.00
Ending Balance as of 12/31/2012: \$6,575.38			

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 congratulates our outgoing President, the Rev. Dr. Thomas Young, on his retirement from Westminster Presbyterian Church on December 31. Thank you for the many years of dedicated service that you have given to our community!

The DACU board meets 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.)

\$2,414.00! That is the amount given to P.I.N. at the Thanksgiving Service. Sincere thanks to all who attended and donated!

This year People In Need is celebrating its 30th anniversary of serving households and families with emergency assistance in the Dubuque community. PIN's fundraising and disbursements have grown to a record number of households this year. That is both good and bad news, of course. There is nothing short of a tremendous need in our community and requests for assistance far outweigh our donations to meet those needs. Yet our Dubuque community continues to be very generous. We seek the support and donations of congregations, organization and individuals to carry out PIN's important mission. Remember, there are no overhead costs paid for by PIN. **Thus 100% of all donations to PIN go to directly assisting households with emergency needs.**

Alan Garfield, P.I.N. President

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

Dubuque Rescue Mission

This is a busy time of the year and the Mission is full to overflowing. The Mission is partnering with the Dubuque Bike Coop in a growing project to repair and recycle bikes; men are working together and learning new skills.

If you are interested in donating or 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 continue to support the Food Pantry with monetary donations and food collections. Christmas Baskets were given out the week before the holiday to 450 households. We thank all the churches and congregations that donated hams or the cash to purchase them. Many churches, schools and businesses also did food drives to help us fill the baskets. We are most grateful for all the non-perishable food items that continue to come to us. We couldn't do this without you!

Souper Bowl Sunday: Is your church/congregation looking for an activity? As we begin 2013 we are looking towards Super Bowl Sunday. Many churches have started the practice of having a "Souper Bowl" collection on that weekend. What if every member of your congregation brought just one can of soup or a box of crackers? Think how many people could be enjoying a hot bowl of soup on some cold winter day! What a great way to begin a "Super Weekend."

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

Dubuque Jail Ministry

Annual Report from Deacon Bill Biver,
Jail Ministry Coordinator

Sunday Services: Worship services are provided at the Dubuque Co. Jail at 770 Iowa St. every Sunday evening starting at 5:00 P.M.

The churches who participated in the past year include:

Word of Life Church – January
Old Path's Baptist Church – February, June
Miracle Harvest Church – March
Catholic Archdiocese of Dubuque Jail and Prison
Ministry – April, August, December
Retired Lutheran Minister – May
Bible Baptist Church – July
Dubuque Community Church – September
Assembly of God Church – October
Seventh Day Adventist Church – November

Each week about 8 services are provided to accommodate the policy of the jail administration to keep various segments of inmates separate from one another.

An average of 35 men and 8 women are served by this ministry every Sunday.

Tuesday Evening Ministry - Every Tuesday evening, Faith Temple Church provides a men's Bible study.

Wednesday Evening Ministry - On Wednesday evenings, the Sunday ministers for a given month provide one-on-one counseling for individual inmates upon personal request.

Thursday Evening Ministry - Every Thursday evening, volunteers from various churches provide a women's Bible study.

Special Services: There was a Catholic Mass as well as two Ecumenical Worship Services, one for men and one for women, provided on both Easter and Christmas mornings in 2012.

If your congregation would like to be involved in Jail Ministry, please contact Deacon Bill Biver at 563-580-6986 or email bbiver@aol.com

St. John's Guest House Thank you!

Thank you to all who donated and gave of their time to set up, work and clean up. We raised \$7351.15 for the St. John's Guest House.

....from Mrs. Betty Van Heuvel, Chairperson of the Ecumenical Garage and Bake Sale, St. Raphael Cathedral Social Justice Committee



Shalom Retreat Center

1001 Davis, Dubuque, IA 52001

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.

**RETREAT--The Presence of God - A Reflection from the Biblical Tradition. BOOK: *Journey to the Common Good* by Walter Brueggemann
Feb. 1, 7:00pm - Feb. 2, 1:00pm**

Presenter: Nancy Schreck OSF, D.Min., President, Sisters of St. Francis. We will explore ways in which Scripture may impinge upon the faith and life of the believing community as we journey together toward the common good that God desires for the world. Register by noon Jan. 27.

CENTERING PRAYER: Monday, Jan. 21, 7:00 - 8:00pm. Registration not required.

STORY-CATCHING: The Art of Telling, Writing and Listening to Life's Stories. Mondays, Jan. 21, Feb. 4 & 18 & Mar. 4, 2:00 - 4:00pm.

Instructor/Facilitator: Eileen Miller OSF
In her book *Storycatcher*, Christina Baldwin says, "Every person is born into life as a blank page – and every person leaves life as a full book...Story is the narrative thread of our experience – not what literally happens, but what we make out of what happens, what we tell each other and what we remember." This series is based on that idea. We will spend time telling stories and writing stories, mostly our own, but also the stories of others who have influenced us in big or small ways. We will also spend time listening to one another and to those in our daily lives. In the process, we will learn to become "storycatchers." Offering: \$40/series. Includes coffee & cookies. Register by Jan. 16.

Reading That Matters Book Discussion
— **BOOK: *In the Sanctuary of Outcasts* by Neil White**
Facilitator: Eileen Miller OSF
Tuesday, Jan. 29, 7:00 – 8:30pm
Offering \$6. Register by Jan. 28.

SENIOR TO SENIOR: An Educational Adventure for Seniors by Seniors. Tuesdays, Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26 & Mar. 5; 2:00 – 3:30pm
#1. Book Discussion: *In the Sanctuary of Outcasts* by Neil White Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2:00 – 3:30pm
Facilitator: Eileen Miller OSF. Offering: \$6. Includes coffee & dessert. Register by Jan. 28.

**Personal Well-Being - and Beyond Film: *What the Bleep Do We Know?*
Wednesday, Jan. 30, 6:30 – 8:00pm**
Embark on a life-changing journey with Amanda (Marlee Matlin) through the worlds of science and spirituality as

her perception of reality is turned inside out and the meaning of life becomes clear.

Free will offering. Register by Jan. 29.

Shalom Retreat Center

Phone: 563/582-3592

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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



Dubuque Sisters of St. Francis

Peacemakers Circle: "Weapons Free Environment" Project

A community meeting to address gun violence will be held at **12:30 PM on Sunday, January 13**, at the BVM Motherhouse on South Grandview (1100 Carmel Drive). The objective is to form a coalition to help implement the **"Weapons Free Environment"** Project that has been initiated by the Peacemakers Circle of the Dubuque Sisters of St. Francis. Representatives of peace and religious organizations are urged to attend to address this important issue.

For addition information, or to obtain window clings with the words "Weapons Free Environment," contact Mary Sawyer at 563-845-0712. Window clings will also be available at the January 13 meeting.

Mary Sawyer, sawyer8@gmail.com

Operation New View

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

It's Tax Time Again!

Do you have **EARNED INCOME** from working in 2012? You may qualify for the **Earned Income Tax Credit—even if you do not owe any taxed. File your tax return for FREE at a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Site!**

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-3:30 pm

Walk-ins ONLY

Loras College (563.588.7695)

February 5 through April 8, Tuesdays at 3:00 PM

Appointments ONLY; No appointments March 26

University of Dubuque

563.556.5130 extension 14

2000 University Ave. Tech Center Rm 103

Wednesday January 30, 4 PM to 8 PM

Appointments ONLY

Hills and Dales Lifetime Center (AARP)

563.585.0560 3505 Stoneman Road

February 1 – April 15

Monday through Wednesday 9 AM to 4 PM

Thursdays 9 AM to 6 PM

Appointments ONLY

Operation: New View, Dubuque

563.556.5130, ext. 14 1473 Central Ave.

January 28 – April 11, Mondays and Thursdays,

6 PM to 9 PM Appointments ONLY

Operation: New View, Manchester

563.927.4629 721 South 5th St. Suite B

Wednesday February 20 & 27 & March 6, 5:30-8:30 PM

Saturday March 9, 10 AM to 3 PM Appointments ONLY

Operation: New View, Maquoketa

563.652.5197 904 East Quarry

Saturday February 16 & 23

Saturday March 2

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 2012 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 reloadable debit card OR if you choose direct deposit, a blank check (the name on the bank account must match the name on the tax return and only one refund is allowed per account).

Questions??

Contact ahohmann@operationnewview.org or

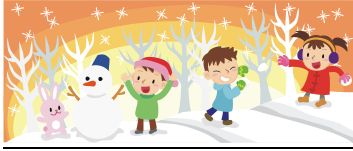
563.556.5130, ext. 14. Coordinated by Operation

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

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 .

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))



*....A sincere
apology from
your editor*

Dear Friends....you did not overlook the December DACU newsletter...it was not sent. No excuses but I'm very sorry. Best wishes to everyone for a happy, peaceful, and timely New Year replete with newsletters that arrive on time. Please continue to send me news that you would like to share with our DACU community. I hope to send newsletters the first weekend of each month. Really.

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