



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
Here's just a few of the events sponsored by our DACU congregations and associates. Turn the page to learn more!		
April 16	University of Dubuque	Acoustic Coffeehouse fundraiser for Sudan, 7-9 PM, Blades Hall
April 18	Children of Abraham	Children of Abraham Interfaith Discussion, Loras College Ballroom, 7:00 PM
April 19	Temple Beth El	Annual Visitors' Service: Discussion with Rabbi 6:30; 7:30 Service
April 23	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting: Engine House #1
May 3	Church Women United	May Friendship Day, hosted by Sisters of the Presentation, 23 60 Carter Road. Brunch 9 AM, Celebration 10 AM.
May 28	DACU	DACU Spring Worship, St. Mark Community Center, 7:00 PM
September 6	Church Women United	Human Rights Celebration, Dubuque Arboretum Porch, 9:30 AM Coffee, 10:00 Celebration



DACU Delegates Meeting

**Tuesday, April 23
Engine House #1
18th & Central
7:00 P.M.**

Tour the renovated building and learn about its new occupants: Operation New View Headstart Program and Crescent Community Health Center Wellness Program!

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



Mark your Calendar: Upcoming DACU Events

Tuesday May 28, 7:00 PM. DACU Spring Worship Service, St. Mark Community Center.

(No DACU Delegates Meetings in June or July)

Tuesday August 27 we are planning our annual DACU Potluck Picnic....details to follow!

Tuesday September 24, 7:00 PM, Dubuque Rescue Mission.

Tuesday October 22, 7:00 PM, St. John Lutheran Church; Program will be Homelessness in Dubuque.

Wednesday November 27, 7:00 PM, Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

No DACU Delegates' Meeting in December.

DACU Board Report

As of March 31, 8 Congregations and one Associate have contributed to the work of DACU for 2013. Thank you to Holy Trinity Lutheran, St. Columbkille Catholic Church, St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, and Church Women United for their donations to the work of DACU!

FY 2013 Monthly Balance Sheet Report 3/31/2013			
	March	2013 YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2013
Income	\$ 494.96	\$ 2,252.46	\$6,450.00
Expenses	\$ 332.50	\$ 5,461.28	\$6,450.00
Ending Balance as of 3/31/2013: \$3,366.56			

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

The DACU board meets the first Wednesday of each month at 4:15 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Meetings are always open to the members of DACU.

DACU Projects

People In Need (P.I.N.)

P.I.N. Treasurer Tom Stovall compiled data about the source of P.I.N. Funding. He notes that nearly 60 percent of P.I.N. funding comes from organizations affiliated with DACU. Thanks to Tom for his work and thanks to all of you for your generosity!

Alan Garfield, P.I.N. President

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



Dubuque Rescue Mission.

Have you heard of Dubuque's own "Dancing With The Stars"? Some wonderful local volunteers are competing for the chance to win money for their favorite organizations. Julia Theisen is dancing for the Rescue Mission! To pledge for Julia, go to this website and download the pledge sheet, or just donate online. Good luck Julia! The event is April 27. <http://business.dubuquechamber.com/events/details/dancing-with-the-stars-dbq-style>

In other news, Rick reminds us that they are ready for gardens and greenhouses (where is spring??) and the bike shop continues to do well.

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

Editor's Note: **Congratulations** to Rick Mihm upon being awarded the Matthew 25 Award, given annually by Divine Word College!



Dubuque Food Pantry

Thank you to all who continue to support the Food Pantry with monetary donations and food collections.

City wide "Scouting for Food" was held on Saturday, March 23, 2013. The Scouts collected **15,500 lbs.** for us. Our basement is full! **Thanks Scouts.**

Planning ahead to this summer; please remember the Pantry when you are gardening. We would be glad to give out any extra produce you might have.

Is your church/congregation wanting to know what we could use? Each month I will be listing a few items that we could use so you can plan ahead and get the list in your church bulletin/announcements.

April--- Rice, ketchup, brownie mix and dish soap

May --- Spaghetti sauce, sugar, mustard, bar soap or body wash

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

DACU Welcomes a new Member!

Welcome to our newest member congregation!

St. Elias the Prophet Church (GOA)
1075 Rockdale Rd.
Dubuque, IA 52003
Phone: (563) 583-5902

Web: www.stelias.ia.goarch.org/

. The Rev. Fr. Dustin M. Lyon
Services: Saturday 5:00 pm,
and Sunday 9:30 am



You are Invited!

Temple Beth El Visitors' Service

The Annual Temple Beth El Visitors' Service will be Friday, April 19. 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 Cindy Pearce, 583-1254, or Phyllis Garfield, 599-4898)

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



Unitarian Universalist Congregation Bi-Monthly Coffeehouse Night of Talent!

The next Historic District Coffeehouse will be 7:30-10 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at the Unitarian

Universalist Fellowship of Dubuque, 17th and Iowa streets.

All experienced and developing Dubuque regional acoustic musicians, poets, writers, performance artists are invited to come and perform live. The public is invited to enjoy the evening free of charge (donations for coffee or canned goods for the Dubuque Food Pantry are appreciated).

If interested in performing, contact Bruce at 608-348-5099, but walk-ons for the open mic also are welcome.

The coffeehouse is hosted bi-monthly. Upcoming 2013 dates, all on Saturday nights, are May 11, July 27, Sept. 21 and Nov. 16.



Church Women United

2013 MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY

Dubuque Church Women United will host an ecumenical May Friendship Day celebration "Swinging Wide the Doors of Hospitality" on **May 3rd**. The celebration will be held at The Sisters of the Presentation at 2360 Carter Road with convenient parking and is handicap accessible.

Brunch will begin at 9:00 a.m., followed by 10:00 a.m. Service and program: Diverse Dubuque. In our community, faith communities, and in our personal lives, we have many opportunities to swing wide the doors of hospitality. We will share ways to grow in relationships and ways to minister to one another during this celebration.

The offering will support local and state Church Women United projects. The "Least Coin Collection" of pennies will benefit womens' projects globally and beverage tab donations support Friends of Iowa Women Prisoners' Educational Fund.

RSVP by name to Presentation receptionist by Monday, April 29 at 563-588-2008. Brunch cost of \$5.00 may be paid on the celebration day.

Sept. 6 Human Rights Celebration. Church Women United. 9:30 am Coffee 10:00 am Celebration Dubuque Arboretum & Botanical Gardens porch.

Submitted by Sue Hattel, Iowa Church Woman
United State President, 563-556-1394



Habitat for Humanity

Here is a tasty way to donate to Habitat! "Home Cookin" 100th Centennial Realtor cookbooks are now on sale! They make great gifts and **all proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity**. Cost for the cookbook are as follows:
 1-2 Cookbooks \$20 each
 3-5 Cookbooks \$18 each
 6 or more Cookbooks \$15 each

You can purchase cookbooks at the Board Office of Realtors (1828 Carter Rd) Dubuque, IA, 52001 Between Ridge Rd and John F Kennedy Rd) or the "Plaza 20" Market.

Elaine Mitchell, Habitat for Humanity
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St. Mark Community Center Volunteer Fair

St. Mark Community Center's (SMCC) next Volunteer Fair is scheduled for April 15th & 16th. At this Volunteer Fair, we are inviting anyone to attend who wishes to share their time and talents by volunteering.

It is open to the public and we encourage everyone to attend to learn more about the local non-profit organizations who are looking for help. This year, due to popular demand, we are allowing 20 booths on Monday, and then 20 different booths on Tuesday to give potential volunteers a wide range of non-profits to select from. Volunteers may want to check this out on **both** days, as the vendors will be different each day!

Mark your calendars for Monday, April 15th (from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm) AND on Tuesday, April 16th (from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm) at the St. Mark Community Center community building. There is no need to sign up if you are a volunteer. Please feel free to forward this information to others, and if you know of someone who wishes to host a booth they can contact me as well. If you have any questions at all, please feel to contact me anytime. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you!

Karen Bryant
 Events Coordinator
 St. Mark Community Center
 (563) 582-6211 ext. 105

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.

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

Being Present to Creation Retreat

Friday, May 3, 7:00pm – Saturday, May 4, 4:00pm

Presenter: Meg Gemar OSF

This day will include a short history of our journey of our relationship with Earth along the way. Much of the time will be spent outdoors, experiencing creation.

Commuter and overnight options available. Register by noon, May 1. Suggested reading prior to retreat: *One Hundred Cranes: Praying with the Chorus of Creation* by William Fitzgerald. It is not a novel to be read, but reflections to experience.



Loras College

A group of students and faculty at Loras are offering to introduce audiences in the Dubuque area to challenges facing international aid and development and how individuals and organizations can most effectively support such efforts. Their interest in this issue was especially spurred by their experience in Haiti in January of 2012, when they were able to witness some of the outcomes of aid to Haiti and engage with people there about how best to support countries in need. If you would like to know more or schedule a meeting, contact Rebecca Derr (Rebecca.Derr@loras.edu).



University of Dubuque

Acoustic Coffeehouse!

The University of Dubuque Theological Seminary invites you to an Acoustic Coffeehouse Fundraiser that will help our brothers and sisters in the new nation of South Sudan. UDTs seminary student Paul Both will be returning to South Sudan in June 2013 with two suitcases of over the counter medications for poverty stricken areas and he needs your help to pay the \$650 in airline shipping charges. Checking the bags with the airline is the only way to ensure their arrival in a country with so much unrest.

These over the counter medications are used to minister to the people of the South Sudan through the Tylenol Ministry Project (TMP). Many of these people have just returned from refugee camps and cannot afford or have no means to buy these basic medications.

Fair trade coffee will be \$2.00 for the first cup and \$1.00 for each refill, with all proceeds going towards this ministry opportunity. Acoustic music by hit bands such as The Fray, John Mayer, Jason Mraz, and Andy Grammer will be provided by Doxology in Motion -- a small band comprised of UD undergrads Lucas Van Norman and Carter Albrecht, and UDTs seminary student Adam Penn. Feel free to listen to their music on YouTube: www.youtube.com/user/DoxologyInMotion

Any assistance would be greatly appreciated by our brothers and sisters not only here at UDTs but in the village of Pinythor, Africa. We hope you are willing to display and encourage attendance to our fundraiser **Tuesday, April 16, 2013 from 7-9pm in Blades Hall on the UD campus.**

The TMP Coffeehouse Team
(Questions? Email Rev. Jim Gunn at JGunn@dbq.edu)

Dubuque Community

International Speakers Bureau

The International Speakers Bureau is a small group of citizens that evolved from a Human Rights Sub Committee based on Diversity with a focus on national origin. We have a 10 minute DVD (recently updated) that shows current immigrants in Dubuque. Our presentations include the DVD and an immigrant speaker who can share a bit of his or her story and then some time for questions. Our goal is to build bridges of

understanding between the people who live in Dubuque and to gently invite people to greet newcomers with a spirit of hospitality. For more information, please contact Corine Murray, PBVM, Presentation Lantern Center, 1584 White St., Dubuque, IA 52001 (563.557.7134) www.presentationlanterndbq.org

Children of Abraham



Join us for the final discussion for this year!

April 18: Topic is Racism/Discrimination (Loras College, Alumni Center Ballroom). 7:00 PM

Questions? Email John Eby, Loras College (john.eby@loras.edu) or Alan Garfield (University of Dubuque (agarfield@dbq.edu))



About the Sustainable Dubuque Community Grant Program

The goal of the Sustainable Dubuque Community Grant Program is to provide funding to assist non-profits, businesses, clubs, organizations, and groups of passionate residents in implementing their ideas to make Dubuque a more sustainable place and to demonstrate that everyone can be part of the Sustainable Dubuque initiative.

Grant application are available at www.sustainableDubuque.org. For more information contact the City of Dubuque Sustainability office at 563-589-4110

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