



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!		
January 28	DACU	DACU Annual Meeting and Dinner, Immanuel Congregational UCC
February 25	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting, location TBA
March 25	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting, location TBA
April 22	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting, location TBA
May 27	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting & Spring Worship Service, TBA



DACU Annual Dinner Meeting
Tuesday, January 28
Immanuel Congregational UCC
1795 Jackson St.
6:00 P.M.

Dinner Cost: \$8.50

(Off street parking is available at both Immanuel Church and St. Matthew Lutheran Church lots. St. Matthew's lot is located across the alley.)

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 Kraye at 582-5117 (answering machine available) or bdkramer@aol.com.

Please place your reservations by Tuesday, January 21, 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 Kraye at 582-5117.

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

Upcoming DACU Delegate Meetings

December: No Delegate Meeting

January: Save the Date!
 DACU Annual Meeting & Dinner
 Tuesday, January 28
 (Immanuel Congregational UCC,
 1795 Jackson St.)



DACU Board Report

As of November 30, 19 Congregations and two Associates had contributed to the work of DACU for 2013. Thanks to Grandview Methodist, St. Anthony Catholic Church, and St. Raphael Cathedral for their generous donations in November!

FY 2013 Monthly Balance Sheet Report			
11/30/2013			
	November	2013 YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2013
Income	\$ 434.72	\$ 4,944.92	\$6,450.00
Expenses	\$ -0-	\$ 6,514.82	\$6,450.00
Ending Balance as of 8/31/2013: \$5,005.48			

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

Operation New View is seeking a DACU Delegate to serve a three-year term as DACU representative on the Board of Directors of the Operation: New View Community Action Agency. For more information please contact DACU President Rev. Arnold Flater or Operation New View Executive Director Mr. Tom Stovall.
paflater@gmail.com or tstovall@operationnewview.org

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.)

Thankyou to everyone who donated at the 31st Annual Dubuque Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday November 27! **\$2,513.00** was raised for People In Need!

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



Dubuque Rescue Mission.

The "Boutique" section of the Thrift Store is a "big success!" Come down and see for yourself!

Since we have our own truck now (donated by Runde car dealership) we are able to pick up large donations by contributors simply by calling the Mission. (583.1394)

DACU Rescue Mission Representative
Maryann Caudill LoGuidice
608.642.1270
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Dubuque Food Pantry

Thank you to all who continue to support the Food Pantry with monetary donations and food collections. We have gotten in lots of non-perishable items this past month, we will put much of it into our Christmas baskets.

We are preparing close to 500 Christmas baskets that will given out the week before Christmas. Thanks to many volunteers that come to fill the bags/boxes and those that put in the final touches and hand them out.

Does your church/congregation want 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.

December --- yams or sweet potatoes, scalloped or au gratin potatoes, toothpaste, lotion, toilet tissue.

January --- peanut butter & jelly, can meats, ramen noodles, shampoo.

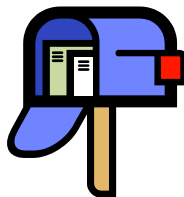
More planning ahead: Don't forget "**Souper Bowl**" Sunday coming up the first weekend of February 2014. Would your church/congregation be willing to collect soup and crackers for us?

Drop off hours are: Mon., Wed., Fri. from 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. and Tues. 9:00-11:30a.m.

God bless you and thank you for your continued support.

Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager

DACU Community



From Our DACU Mailbox:

Just like you, the DACU newsletter gets a lot of requests for donations at this holiday season. We thought we would share these with you and encourage you to consider supporting all the good work that happens in our community. If you are already doing so, THANK YOU!

Dubuque Food Pantry, PO Box 1664, Dubuque, IA 52004-1654. The Food Pantry served 3,306 households, including 5,184 adults and 3,241 kids.

Opening Doors, Maria House & Teresa Shelter, 1561 Jackson St., Dubuque, IA 52001. In the past 13 years, over 2,250 women and children have passed through their doors into a future filled with promise of a brighter tomorrow.

Presentation Lantern Center, 900 Jackson Street, Suite LL5-1, Dubuque, IA 52001. In addition to welcoming visitors from 50 countries, the Lantern Center has assisted 54 people to pass their citizenship test.

St. Mark Youth Enrichment, 1201 Locust St., Dubuque, IA 52001 In their 25 year ministry, St. Mark has served thousands of Dubuque children and families. This year, over 350 children are receiving tutoring in math, reading, science, technology, and art.

...these are just the letters that arrived in our mailbox this month. There are lots of opportunities to help in our community. If you need more ideas, just contact DACU!



CROP Walk

Over \$15,000 has already been dispersed to the three designated agencies (Dubuque Rescue Mission, Dubuque Food Pantry, and People In Need. When late pledges come in there will be another disbursement from Church World Service to our local agencies!

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St. Mark Youth Enrichment

New Leadership Team at St. Mark

www.stmarkyouthenrichment.org

The former Project Coordinator and Consultant with Helping Services of Northeast Iowa has been named the Executive Director of St. Mark Youth Enrichment in Dubuque. Dawn Cogan (dcogan@stmarkyouthenrichment.org) has been the Associate Director of Programs with St. Mark since August 2013. Also, Amanda Avenarius (aavenarius@stmarkyouthenrichment.org) has been named as the Director of Programs, and will continue to oversee the capacity building for staff and volunteers within the schools St. Mark serves. Avenarius previously served as the Program Coordinator for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Iowa. Jessica Pape (jpape@stmarkyouthenrichment.org) was recently named Director of Development.



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.

1001 Davis, Dubuque, IA 52001

Phone: [563/582-3592](tel:563/582-3592)

Web: www.shalomretreats.org

Email: info@shalomretreats.org

SPECIAL DECREE: GOD IS BORN IN US - An Evening of Advent and Christmas Music & Readings

Monday, Dec. 16, 6:00 – 9:00pm

Presenters: Carol Hemesath OSF & your favorite Dubuque Area Musicians

In this season, we anticipate and celebrate the birth of Jesus in history. During this time of anticipation, we open our hearts, minds and spirits to rejoice in the coming of Jesus in history, and also in the knowledge that God is within us every day of our lives.

Offering: \$23. Register by Dec. 12.

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.

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Healing Moments, Inc.

Rev. Dr. Jade Angelica announces the publication of her book *Where Two Worlds Touch: A spiritual journey through Alzheimer's disease*. On January 26, 2014, from 1-2pm there will be a book signing at River Lights, 1098 Main Street, Dubuque, IA. The book is also available through the Book & Gift Shop at Sinsinawa Mound, and online from the Unitarian Universalist Bookstore.

(<http://www.uuabookstore.org/productdetails.cfm?PC=1863>). It will be available through Amazon.com sometime in January. For more information contact Rev. Dr. Angelica at www.healingmoments.org.

Children of Abraham



The Children of Abraham is a series of conversations, in its third year, by folks representing the three different Abrahamic religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam. At each meeting, a topic is explored. First, briefly, the three religious speakers present an interpretation on that subject. Then the attendees break up into groups to talk about the subject and what they heard. Finally, the group comes back together to share observations. Everyone is welcome and there is never a charge.

The dates are always Thursdays. We start at 7pm and end at 8:30pm.

Our topics and dates for Winter/Spring 2014 are:

Jan 23 – Temple Beth El – Scripture Study 2

Feb 20 – University of Dubuque at Hadley Aud – Love and Sex

Mar 20 – St Elias Church – Scripture Study 3

Apr 24 – Loras College – Will of God, Will of People

Any questions, just email Alan Garfield (agarfield@dbq.edu) or John Eby (john.eby@loras.edu)



....did you find all the news you were looking for? No? Maybe someone forgot to submit it. Remind your congregation or organization to share upcoming events with us at phyllisgarfield@hotmail.com and we'll do our best to include everything we receive!

No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background or his religion. People learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.

Nelson Mandela





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Remember...you can view all DACU Newsletters on our Website at www.DACUonline.org

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