



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
Here's just a few of the events sponsored by our DACU congregations and associates. Turn the page to learn more!		
March 16	Multicultural Family Center	Fourth Annual Taste of the World, Five Flags Center, 11:30-2 PM
March 21	Children of Abraham	Children of Abraham Interfaith Discussion, First Congregational UCC, 7:00 PM
March 26	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting: Immanuel Congregational UCC
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
April 25	Children of Abraham	Children of Abraham Interfaith Discussion, Loras College Ballroom, 7:00 PM
May 6	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
September 6	Church Women United	Human Rights Celebration, Dubuque Arboretum Porch, 9:30 AM Coffee, 10:00 Celebration



DACU Delegates Meeting

**Tuesday, March 26
Immanuel UCC
1795 Jackson St.
7:00 P.M.**

**Two-Part Program:
Kids Against Hunger; Green Initiative**

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



Mark your Calendar: Upcoming DACU Events

Tuesday April 23, 7:00 PM. Engine House #1, 18th & Central. Tour the renovated building and learn about its new occupants, Operation New View Headstart Program and Crescent Community Health Center Wellness Program.

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 February 28, three Congregations and two Associates had contributed to the work of DACU for 2013. Thank you to St. Raphael, First Congregational UCC, St. Matthew Lutheran, Sisters of St. Francis, and Sisters of the Presentation for their donations to the work of DACU!

FY 2013 Monthly Balance Sheet Report 2/28/2013			
	February	2013 YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2013
Income	\$ 1,427.50	\$ 1,427.50	\$6,450.00
Expenses	\$ 425.00	\$ 5,128.78	\$6,450.00
Ending Balance as of 2/28/2013: \$3,204.10			

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.)

This winter has been a rough one for many folks in Dubuque, as evidenced by the record number of requests we have received and filled. Thank you to everyone who has supported People In Need this winter! The need continues; please share as you are able!

Alan Garfield, P.I.N. President

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



Dubuque Rescue Mission.

On behalf of the men, women, and children served at the Dubuque Rescue Mission – Thank you! Your generous support allows us to continue housing, feeding and clothing the poor of the Tri-State area. Please continue to pray for us and those we serve. The economy continues to make it difficult for many to make ends meet.

One last note...the Rescue Mission is in need of good used furniture. Please consider a donation!

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.

Souper Bowl Sunday is over and we have counted 1059 cans of soup. Along with the soup we have 87 boxes of crackers. Lots of people will have a hot meal on these cold days because of your generosity. **Thank you so much.**

City wide "**Scouting for Food**" will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2013. Watch the TH and other advertising for more details. We hope to fill our basement again this year!

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.

March--- tuna, mac&cheese, applesauce and toothpaste
April--- Rice, ketchup, brownie mix and dish soap

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



Unitarian Universalist Congregation Bi-Monthly Coffeehouse Night of Talent!

The next Historic District Coffeehouse will be 7:30-10 p.m. Saturday, March 23, 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 mike also are welcome.

The coffeehouse is hosted bi-monthly. Upcoming 2013 dates, all on Saturday nights, are March 23, May 11, July 27, Sept. 21 and Nov. 16.



Save The Date!



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. (AND you will see our beautiful new mural painted by Galena artist Jacquie Dyrke!) 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!)

Church Women United

May 3. May Friendship Day. Church Women United. "Swinging Wide the Doors of Hospitality"
9:00 am Brunch(\$5) 10 am Celebration. Hosted by Sisters of the Presentation 2360 Carter Rd.
RSVP by April 29 to Presentation Receptionist 588-2008.

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



St. Joseph Catholic Church (Key West)

The St. Joseph Social Justice Committee, Catholic Charities, and Catholic Financial Life (Chapter 705) are co-sponsoring a Pulled Pork Dinner (with baked beans, coleslaw, chips, beverage, and dessert) from 5 to 7 PM Sunday, March 10, at St. Joseph Social Hall in Key West (10204 Key West Drive). Cost is \$8 per adult, \$7 for Seniors 60+ and children under 6. This is a fundraiser for the Jail and Prison Ministries. For information or tickets contact Deacon Bill Hickson (563.495.5947) or Deacon Tom Lang (563.556.2580, x252).



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

Crop Walk

Crop Walk Final Numbers Announced!

Maryann LoGuidice is thrilled to announce the final number for funds raised in the 2012 Crop Walk:

\$18,793 ...the best ever! Thanks to all who walked, gave, planned, or participated in any way!



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.

USING LECTIO DIVINA ON THE LENTEN GOSPELS

Thursdays, Mar. 7, 14 & Mar. 21, 6:45 - 7:45am

Facilitator: Marci Blum OSF Lent is a special time for spiritual reflection. Join us for continental breakfast and bring your Bible to share on the upcoming Sunday Scriptures. Offering: \$4/session. To register, call 563/582-3592 by noon the day prior to each session.

Participants are welcome to attend any number of sessions.

TAIZE PRAYER -- "Lent - Stay with Me"

Thursday, Mar. 7, 7:00 - 8:00pm The prayer hour includes sung repetition of short refrains centered around a monthly theme and led by area musicians, a Scripture reading, intercessions and shared silence around the cross. No registration required, but free will offerings are welcome.

Reading That Matters Book Discussion

BOOK: *Picking Cotton* by Jennifer Thompson Cannino, Ronald Cotton and Erin Torneo

Tuesday, Mar. 12, 2:00 - 3:30 OR 7:00 - 8:30pm

A shocking crime. A devastating miscarriage of justice. One man's fight for truth. One woman's struggle to recover. Two lives forever connected. A true story of forgiveness and hope. Offering: \$6, includes refreshments. Register by Mar. 11

CENTERING PRAYER

Monday, Mar. 18, 7:00 - 8:00pm

Registration not required.

SPRING BREAKFAST: Spring Joy - Blooming Out Loud Tuesday, Mar. 19, 7:00 - 8:00am; Mass at 8:15am Presenter: Pat Doody OSF

At this time of year, when we welcome spring with open arms, join Pat as she reflects on the "message" that spring flowers have for us as we observe the world around us transitioning from the black and white of winter to the living color of spring.

Offering: \$9. Register/prepay by Friday, Mar. 15.

T'ai Chi Chih Classes Tuesdays, Apr. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and May 7; 8:00 - 8:45am Instructor: Marian Klostermann OSF

T'ai Chi Chih is a series of 20 movements that are slow, gentle, and easily done by anyone regardless of age or physical condition. By circulating and balancing the "chi" or vital energy within us, the T'ai Chi movements promote physical, mental, emotional and spiritual harmony and well-being. Marian has practiced and taught T'ai Chi for more than 25 years. T'ai Chi Chih is a modified form.

Offering: \$45 for 6 sessions. Register by Mar. 28.

Cooking with Margie Wednesday, Apr. 3, 9:00am - 1:00pm Presenter: Margie Gassman, Manager, Shalom Dietary Department

Last spring's program was very popular and we decided to do it again. Here's another chance to learn how to make some of the wonderful recipes that our talented cook, Margie, serves to our guests! This time she will teach the "how to" and give out recipes for mushroom chicken, twice baked potatoes, a vegetable dish, 7-layer salad and one of her wonderful desserts. Participants will then enjoy the fruits of their learning and labor at noon lunch. In addition, the group will make Margie's famous chicken casserole and everyone can take home enough to serve a meal for two.

Offering: \$22. Register by Mar. 28. Registration is limited.

TAIZE PRAYER -- "Christ Is Risen Alleluia"

Thursday, April 4, 7:00 - 8:00pm

The prayer hour includes sung repetition of short refrains centered around a monthly theme and led by area musicians, a Scripture reading, intercessions and shared silence around the cross. No registration required, but free will offerings are welcome.

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.

Sinsinawa Mound Center

Upcoming Events March

Lenten Retreat Day: Mary Magdalene’s Resurrection Faith. Saturday March 16, 9 am to 3 PM; \$45

Women of the Bible Drama: Wednesday March 20. Dinner & performance, \$30, 5:45 PM. Performance only, \$20, 7 PM. Thursday Lunch & Performance, \$30, Noon; Performance (\$20) at 1:30.

Make it Take It with Sr. Priscilla Wood, OP. Saturday March 23, 9 AM to Noon. \$8 includes materials.

Spring Concert: “Sing of Victory Won”, Sunday, March 24, 2 PM; Freewill Offering.

Father Forgive Them, Holy Week Retreat; Thursday March 28, 3 PM to Saturday March 30, 8 PM. \$128 for communter or \$190 overnight.

Gourd Art: Whimsies, Saturday, April 6, 12:30-4:30 PM; \$45.

Meeting the Mystery of Alzheimer’s: Wednesday April 10 6:15 to 8:45 PM or Saturday, May 4, 9:15 to 11:45 AM, \$25.

For more information or to register for any of these events visit the website

www.sinsinawa.org/moundcenter

or phone 608.748.4411



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).

Operation New View



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
2007:0 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 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.



Opening Doors

Grab your sneakers! It is time to make tracks to help homeless women and children in your community! "Opening Doors Dash" is a family fun event where everyone from serious to casual runners and walkers can enjoy the 5 K route in the Clarke University neighborhood or on the indoor track. You can run/walk alone or gather a team. You must register by April 1 to get a free t-shirt. Cost is \$25/adult, \$15/college student, \$5/teens BEFORE April 1 and \$35/adult from April 2 on. To register, pick up a form at Big Apple Bagels or go to the website www.openingdoorsdbq.org to download the forms.

For more information, contact Michelle Brown, Executive Director or Ann Lorenz, Development Director, at 563-582-7480.

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 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 .

February 21: Job (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))



Fourth Annual "Taste of the World"
Saturday, March 16, 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM

\$5 per person, \$15 per family

Five Flags Center, 405 Main St.

Enjoy food samples, activities, and performances from around the world.

For more information call 582.3681 or email infor@mfcDubuque.org



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