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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!		
November 27	DACU	31 st Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, Resurrection Catholic Church, 4300 Asbury, 7:00 PM
December 7	Westminster Presbyterian	Fair Trade Christmas Sale, 9AM to 1PM, Fellowship Hall
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



31st Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship Service

**"The Virtue of Gratitude"
Wednesday, November 27, 2013
Resurrection Catholic Church
4300 Asbury St.
7:00 P.M.**

The speaker will be Sr. Patricia Farrell, O.S.F. Music will be provided by Dr. Thomas Dickey. Join your neighbors for a service of song and thanksgiving!

Remember that the offering will go to People in Need (P.I.N.) and is an important source of their funding.

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 October 31, 16 Congregations and two Associates had contributed to the work of DACU for 2013. Thanks to Center Grove Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church, Summit Congregational UCC, and Sinsinawa Dominicans for their generous donation in October!

FY 2013 Monthly Balance Sheet Report			
10/31/2013			
	October	2013 YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2013
Income	\$ 745.00	\$ 4,510.20	\$6,450.00
Expenses	\$ 127.27	\$ 6,514.82	\$6,450.00
Ending Balance as of 8/31/2013: \$4,570.76			

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.

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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.)

Thank you to the kind supporters of the Drug Court Project and St. Anthony's Church who sponsored a **Chili Supper** with all proceeds to go to People In Need on **Sunday, October 27** at St. Anthony's Church. **\$732.00** 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." The new labels on the Mission truck depict the name of the Mission and were donated by Runde car dealership. Both the greenhouse and the garden have been very effective in providing fresh food for the Mission. New board members include Shirley Hansen and Fr. Dustin Lyons.

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
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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 are beginning to prepare for the 500 Christmas baskets we will give out the week before the holidays. Sign up for the baskets will be November 11, 12 & 13, 2013 from 9:30-3:30p.m.. If your church/congregation would like to make a donation we are looking for the following items to help fill each basket. Hams 3-5 lbs, brownie mixes, soup, stuffing mix, cans of fruit and sweet potatoes or yams.

We would appreciate donations of the larger reusable shopping bags! They are just the right size for smaller families, and easier to carry than boxes when people are walking home. (Menards sells a good size bag at a reasonable price!)

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.

November --- Stuffing mix, pumpkin, evaporated milk, bar soap, dish soap

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



Westminster Presbyterian Church

2155 University Ave.

Fair Trade Christmas Sale!

Saturday, December 7, 2013,

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Jewelry, Scarves, Food Items, Baskets, Christmas Art,

Home Décor, and many more beautiful items.

Refreshments!

CROP Walk

The October CROP Walk "By the Numbers":

- 250+ Walkers
- 225 Jars of peanut butter collected
- \$15,000 pledges collected the day of the walk
- New walkers included St. Elias Church and Olive Garden Restaurant



St. Mark Youth Enrichment

St. Mark Seeks Sponsor Angels

Each holiday season, St. Mark Youth Enrichment (SMYE) coordinates their annual "Sponsor Angels" program. This program provides warm winter clothing for children in the organization's programs. SMYE is inviting community friends and businesses to join the effort again this year. Individuals will be paired, confidentially, with families that qualify for the program, then these individuals, or Sponsor Angels, purchase the requested clothing items, wrap them and deliver them to the center's offices located at 1201 Locust Street.

Those interested in serving as a Sponsor Angel this season are invited to contact SMYE to register by November 6th. SMYE then provides Sponsor Angels with the first name, gender, age and clothing sizes for one or more children by November 13th just in time for holiday shopping.

If you are interested in sponsoring one or more children, but do not have time to shop, we have shoppers available. Please feel free to make your financial contribution and our shoppers will select gifts for your child. Likewise, if you are unable to make a financial gift, but are interested in volunteering as a shopper you can also do so, as there is always a large need in the community!

All the "Sponsor Angel" gifts will then be distributed just in time for Christmas!

For more information, please contact Special Events Coordinator, Heather Moore, at (563) 582-6211 Ext. 108 or via email at hmoore@stmarkyouthenrichment.org.



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.

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Email: info@shalomretreats.org

THE POWER OF MYTH – A Continuation of the DVD Series on Well-Being. Wednesdays, Oct. 16 and 30, Nov. 20, 6:30 – 8:00pm. Facilitators: Kim Kali-Schultes and/or Eileen Miller OSF. The late respected academic mythologist Joseph Campbell and writer/journalist Bill Moyer recorded a series entitled *The Power of Myth*, for PBS 25 years ago. Campbell's big question was: "How can myth be powerful for a person living today?" He believed that the mythical characters act as archetypes of human possibility; they are confronted with problems and their ensuing action give us an idea about how life might be handled.

Free will offering. Register by the Tuesday before each episode is shown.

Relax Your Jaw – Relax Your Life Practices to Reduce Stress & Improve Dental Health

Friday, Nov. 22, 10:00am – Noon

Presenters: William C. Kuttler, DDS; Sharon Kuttler, RDH; Deb May, Certified Yoga Instructor

Learn valuable techniques and practices to reduce stress, improve relaxation, and help prevent dental wear and jaw joint pain.

\$10. Register by Nov. 20.

Retreat Day...Leadership Wisdom from the Beatitudes. Saturday, Nov. 23, 9:00am – 3:00pm
Director: Dan Ebener, College Professor & Leadership Training Consultant. Using the Beatitudes from the Gospel of Matthew, we will focus on a new model of leadership based on eight virtues. The day includes input, private reflection, group sharing and prayer. \$40, includes book & lunch. Special Offer: Bring a friend who is new to Shalom and offer us \$60 for both of you. Register by Nov. 18.

Using Lectio Divina with the Advent Gospels
Wednesdays, Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11 & 18; 7:00 – 8:00am
Facilitator: Marci Blum OSF Join us for a continental breakfast and bring your Bible to share on the upcoming Sunday Scriptures. \$4 per session. Register by noon the day prior to each session.

WINTER BREAKFAST – Winter Light and Darkness
Tuesday, Dec. 3, 7:00 – 8:00am, Mass at 8:15am
Come enjoy a delicious breakfast and reflect with presenter Ginny Heldorfer OSF on how growing darkness and points of light play out in our lives in this season that is both cold and cozy. \$9.
Register by Nov. 27.

Celebrating the Holidays in a New Way: Dinner, Sharing and Prayer for Those Who Have Lost a Spouse or Significant Other. Thursday, Dec. 5, 5:00 – 8:30pm. Facilitators: Barbara Meloy Callahan & Marci Blum OSF. Holidays can be a difficult time for those who have lost a spouse. Yet in the company of others, life is shared and made new. Join friends or make new friends while tipping a sparkling beverage, sharing stories, enjoying a festive meal and concluding with Advent Taize Prayer. Offering: \$20. Register by Dec. 3.

GLIMPSES OF HOPE – Shalom's Annual Advent Evening for Women. Monday, Dec. 9, 6:00 – 9:00pm
Presenters: The Group "Lydia" and Sr. Ruth
Good news, ladies! A segment of "Ruth Jackson & Friends," who call themselves "Lydia," will be back to lead you in prayer and song at our annual Advent Evening for Women. And Sr. Ruth will be joining them! Of course, as always, the chapel program will be preceded by dinner in the Shalom dining room. Bring your friends and celebrate the spirit of the season!
Offering: \$23. Register by Dec. 5.

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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Dubuque Community

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 this year are:

Oct 10 – Seth Naicker, Special Speaker on Interfaith Peacebuilding in South Africa Loras College Science Center
Nov 14 – TriState Islamic Center – Scripture Study 1
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)



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