



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 10/22/1996.

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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!		
December 6	Multicultural Family Ctr.	Multicultural Holiday Celebration 10 AM to 12 Noon, 1157 Central Ave
December 11	Operation New View	40 th Anniversary Banquet, 6:00 PM, Best Western, 3100 Dodge St.
January 27	DACU	DACU Annual Meeting & Dinner, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
February 24	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting; TBD
March 24	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting; TBD
March 27	Temple Beth El	Annual Visitors Service, 6:30 PM Temple Beth El



DACU Annual Dinner Meeting

Tuesday, January 27

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

1755 Delhi St.

6:00 P.M.

Dinner Cost: \$8.00

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 Friday, January 16, 2015. 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!*

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DACU Board Report

As of November 30, 23 congregations and two associate members had contributed to the work of DACU for 2014. Thank you to Resurrection Catholic Church, Immanuel Congregational UCC, and St. Anthony Catholic Church for their generous donations in November! **(NOTE: For 2014, just about half of our DACU member congregations have contributed to the work of DACU....it isn't too late to donate for 2014!)**

FY 2014 Monthly Balance Sheet Report 11/30/2014			
	November	2014 YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2014
Income	\$ 450.00	\$ 8,993.75	\$6,450.00
Expenses	\$ 6,200.00*	\$ 14,608.00	\$6,450.00
Ending Balance as of 11/30/2014: \$2,361.25			

*This shows the disbursements to our DACU projects which were voted at the November DACU Board Meeting. THANK YOU to all of the DACU members whose gifts made these gifts possible!

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. Board meetings are always open to the members of DACU.

DACU Projects

People In Need (P.I.N.)

Do you know of someone in need?

Here is the P.I.N. assist number: (563) 581-7995

Please leave a message since this is only a recorded line. Potential clients should not call; only social service agencies, churches/congregations and DACU organizations should refer potential clients. Application via phone only.

The offering for PIN at the Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service totaled \$1,937.00. Thanks to our caring and generous faith community!

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



Dubuque Rescue Mission.

Our new Thrift Store # 2 at 2nd & Locust is doing very well... Come and visit! This store carries only furniture and has off-street parking for shoppers.

Solar panels installed on the roof of our main building have cut heating bills by half.

Our website is www.DubuqueRescue.org

DACU Rescue Mission Representative
Maryann Caudill LoGuidice
608.642.1270



Dubuque Food Pantry

Thank you to all who continue to support the Food Pantry with monetary donations and food collections. Food donations have been great these past weeks as many schools, businesses, churches, etc... have dropped off food and non-food items to help restock our shelves. Many thanks to all who have donated items for the Christmas Baskets. We will be giving them out the week of December 15th.

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—Sweet potatoes/yams, scalloped or au gratin potatoes, soup,

Toothpaste, lotion, toilet tissue.

January—Peanut butter & jelly, canned meats, hot chocolate mix, ramen noodles, shampoo, laundry soap

"Souper Bowl Sunday" If you are planning ahead remember the first weekend in February is the time for collecting soups and crackers in your churches/congregations. Let's see how much soup we can gather and make this a great "Souper Bowl" weekend.

Drop off hours are: Mon., Wed., Fri. from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Tues. 9:00 a.m. to 11:45. Closed Thursdays.

God bless you and thank you for your continued support. Merry Christmas!

**Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager
583-4440**

DACU Community

DACU Worship Committee

The DACU Worship Committee and P.I.N. say a heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who helped or contributed to our annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. Together you raised over \$1900 for the work of People in Need, and you also raised the spirits of all of us as we joined together to remember our blessings.

Thank you to Resurrection Church for hosting this special event for over 10 years; to First Congregational UCC for printing the service brochure; to participants Betty Kugi, OP; Lynn Wagner, PBVM; Sara McCaw; Cindy Pearce; Fr. Jack Paisley, Dr. Donnie Wood, Dr. Adib Kassas. Special thanks to keynote speaker Rabbi Anne Persin and to organist Dr. Thomas Dickey.



St. Elias Church

After a successful opening of the exhibition *“Greek Architects of Istanbul in the Era of Westernization”* at Clarke University, the exhibit will remain open to the public through late December.

Also.....St. Elias is organizing a bus trip to the Art Institute of Chicago to see the exhibit “Heaven & Earth: Art of Byzantium from Greek Collections” on Saturday, December 13. The cost is \$50 per person and includes bus fare and entrance to the Museum. If you are interested, contact Fr. Dustin Lyon (dustin.lyon@gmail.com, 563.583.5902) right away; space is limited!



Temple Beth El Annual Visitor’s Service

It’s a few months away, but we want you to save the date, March 27, for our annual Visitor’s Service. Rabbi Anne Persin will provide a brief introduction and lead the Friday evening Shabbat service, followed by refreshments and fellowship. More info in the next Newsletter!



CROP Walk

UPDATE: To date, the 2014 CROP Walk has raised over \$20,000! And this isn’t even the final number...stay tuned! Congratulations and thanks to all the walkers, the organizers, and the givers. One step at a time, you are helping to end hunger in the world.

DACU CROP Chair
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Operation New View 40th Anniversary

I hope that you and your guest(s) will plan to join us on Thursday evening, December 11th for the 40th Anniversary Celebration Banquet of Operation: New View Community Action Agency. This gala event will culminate our year of special events celebrating the 40th Anniversary of our agency and the 50th Anniversary of Community Action. Our banquet will be from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Best Western Dubuque Hotel.

Please join us as we gather past and present board members and volunteers, past and present agency staff, and honor the many partner organizations that we have worked with to help people and change lives in Dubuque, Delaware and Jackson Counties. The public is also welcome and invited to join us. As you may know, I will be retiring as Executive Director of New View on December 31st, so I look forward to this great event to greet the many wonderful people and organizations that it has been my pleasure to work with over the past 20 years.

Please join us! For more information call or email Amanda Hohmann at 563.556-5130 (x 14) or ahohmann@operationnewview.org

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St. Mark Youth Enrichment

What's an off-season? There is no off-season when it comes to ice golf! Dust off those clubs and practice that winning swing. Join St. Mark Youth Enrichment for fun in the annual Ice Golf Classic on Feb. 7 at Mid-Town Marina in East Dubuque, Ill. There will be a shotgun start at 10 a.m. with registration beginning at 8 a.m. Sign up your foursome for a fun and competitive 18 holes of ice golf on our website (www.stmarkyouthenrichment.org). Not the best ice golfer? Don't worry, there will be awards for best sled and best dressed team. There will also be a silent auction and food for purchase inside for when you need to warm up.

The event is adding a feature in 2015. St. Mark Youth Enrichment will be hosting a Polar Plunge Drive. The goal of this drive is to raise more than \$5,000 before the event even starts. Once the goal is met, three volunteer plungers will be hitting the water the afternoon of the 7th. An award will also be given out for the team that raises the most money to go towards the Polar Plunge. The volunteers to take the dip for St. Mark are Mark Ehlers, Jeremy McDowell, and Beth McGorry. Polar Plunge donations can be sent with the registration form, mailed, or made through a donation online on our website. Please let St. Mark Youth Enrichment know that the donation is going towards the plunge.

The Annual Ice Golf Classic is a great experience for all involved; however, it is much more than just a great memory. All the proceeds generated from the event help support at-risk students who attend before/after school and summer learning programming at St. Mark Youth Enrichment. Your participation will help provide innovative programs and services that cultivate the educational and social-emotional growth of youth and families. Please contact Beth McGorry or Jessica Pape for more information at [563-582-6211](tel:563-582-6211).

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Shalom Spirituality Center

Celebrating 25 years • 1989 – 2014
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Web: www.shalomretreats.org
Email: info@shalomretreats.org

Coming Into the Light: Shalom's Annual Advent Evening for Women Monday, Dec. 8, 6:00 – 9:00pm
Presenters: Ruth Jackson SVM and the group "Lydia"
The tradition continues! Once again, Sr. Ruth and her friends will lead us in a prayerful and inspirational celebration of the season. Join us for conversation and friendship around a relaxing social and dinner followed by prayer and song in chapel. Offering: \$23, includes social & dinner. Register by Dec. 3.

The Crib: Impossible Hope?

An Evening of Advent & Christmas Music & Readings Monday, Dec. 15, 6:00 – 9:00pm. Presenters: Carol Hemesath OSF and your favorite Dubuque Area Musicians. With glad hearts we gather to enjoy a bountiful meal! Then we nourish our spirits with the joyful music, readings and prayer of the season. Join us for a joyful evening that will hopefully open our hearts and minds to the realization of God within us and around us. Offering: \$23, includes dinner. Register by Dec. 10.



Dubuque Community

Hope House

What Is "Radical Action"?



What would it mean to "get at the root" of social problems like racism, pollution, or wealth inequality, as Pope Francis urges in *The Joy of the Gospel*? Hope House is hosting a Round-Table Discussion on **Monday, December 8, from 6:00-8:00p** about what it means. Matthew Ashman, PhD candidate in philosophy at Michigan State University, will lead the discussion by offering some reflections on radical action from an existentialist perspective. The Round-Table will begin

shortly after the 6:00p meal, in which we strongly encourage you to share.

Hope House, located at 1592 Locust St, is a Catholic Worker House of Hospitality, offering free food and lodging, free meals for the community twice a week, welcoming drop-in visitors, hosting a free food pantry, and round-table discussions on a variety of topics twice a month. Call 582-9079 for more information.

Peace,
Tom Johnson
Hope House



Crescent Community Health Center

Are You Ready?

Crescent Community Health Center is providing the Dubuque Community with education, enrollment and determining eligibility for the Health Insurance Marketplace and the Iowa Health and Wellness Plans (Medicaid) for individuals.

Iowa Health and Wellness Plans (Medicaid) can be done year round at our office.

Every health insurance plan in the new Marketplace will offer "essential health benefits", including doctor visits, preventative and wellness services, hospitalization, prescriptions, mental health and substance abuse disorders, laboratory, ambulatory services, emergency services, rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices, pediatric services, maternity and newborn care.

Open enrollment will begin on November 15, 2014. You can find out more information about enrollment and eligibility through a Certified Application Counselor at Crescent Community Health Center. Please call Angela (563) 552-8080 or Laura (563) 690-2856 to schedule an appointment today.

Website: www.crescentchc.org.

Do You Have News To Share?



The DACU Newsletter exists to share good news and upcoming events important to our Dubuque community.

If you would like to have your organization's event included, just email the Newsletter Editor at phyllisgarfield@hotmail.com. We try to publish the newsletter on or around the 7th of each month, so please plan ahead.

Children of Abraham



The Children of Abraham is a series of conversations, entering its fourth 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.

Mission Statement: Dubuque's Children of Abraham creates an atmosphere in civic life that builds inter-religious solidarity, cooperation, and friendship. It does so through regular monthly topical conversations, service activities, educational outreach, the creative use of sacred space, and expressions of cross-cultural hospitality.

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

2014-2015 Schedule of Conversations ... Join us.

September 18 – Science and Religion – Loras College

October 23 – Scripture Study (Jewish) "Hospitality and Genesis 18" – Temple Beth-EI

November 13 – Conversation with Carrie Newcomer— University of Dubuque (Hadley Auditorium)

November 20 – Noah – Clarke University

January 29 – Scripture Study (Christian) – "The Sermon on the Mount – Love for Others" – St Anthony's Church

February 19 – Humor in the 3 Traditions – Hadley Auditorium, University of Dubuque

March 19 – Scripture Study (Islam) – Tri-State Islamic Center

April 16 – The Afterlife – Wartburg Seminary (to be confirmed)

Questions? See the website or email Alan Garfield
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