



# 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.

<http://DACUonline.org/>

**EVENTS**

DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT
February 13	Shalom Retreat Center	Days of Quiet & Prayer; monthly 4-session series; reg and fee
February 18	Shalom Retreat Center	Centering Prayer 7:00-8:00 PM reg not required
February 19	Shalom Retreat Center	Evening for Teachers: Tools to Color a Teacher's Life 5:30-8:30 PM reg & fee by Feb 15. Margaret Feldner OSF,Phd & friends
February 21	Shalom Retreat Center	Session 1/Lenten Series on Prayer: Into the Silence. Reg & fee by Feb.20
February 22-23	Shalom Retreat Center	Dancing with Change: A Spiritual Approach; reg and fee
February 23	Shalom Retreat Center	Faithbooking: Your Spiritual Journey in Words & Pictures 9 AM to 3PM Reg & fees by Feb. 19
February 24- March 1	Shalom Retreat Center	Retreat: Perfume in the Desert; reg and fee
<b>February 28</b>	<b>DACU Delegates Meeting</b>	<b>CASA Presentation; First Baptist Church, 2143 Judson St., Dubuque 7:00 PM</b>
February 28	Shalom Retreat Center	Session 2 of Lenten Series on Prayer: Journaling Prayer 7:00 to 8:30 PM
February 29	Temple Beth El	Visitors' Night: 6:30 PM Introduction; 7:30 PM Worship
		<b>*** You could list your event here! ***</b>

### DACU Delegates Meeting

**DATE & TIME:** Thursday, February 28, 2008; 7:00 pm

**LOCATION:** First Baptist Church, 2143 Judson St., Dubuque

**PROGRAM:** CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) presentation Shirley Hoefler  
**Note:** Parking available in the church lot (behind the Church), on the street, and in the Betty Jane's Parking Lot across from the church.

## **A New DACU Year!**

Dear Friends,

DACU 2008 President Rev. Timothy Bees will be talking with you in the next issue. I just want to take the opportunity to introduce myself as the new Newsletter Editor. Thanks very much for your patience as we "switch gears" for a new year. For all of you who were at the Annual Delegates Meeting in January, you know that we have some exciting opportunities and work ahead of us.

Please help me as I learn this new job! If you see mistakes, let me know right away. If you have information for the newsletter you can send it very easily by going to our DACU website ([www.DACUonline.org](http://www.DACUonline.org)) and clicking on the Newsletter link on the home page. (Or just send to [pqarfie@dbq.edu](mailto:pqarfie@dbq.edu))

Phyllis Garfield, DACU Newsletter Editor 2008

# Treasury Report

According to the DACU Bylaws, "Dubuque Area Congregations United will be supported financially by the voluntary contributions of its member congregations and institutions, keeping in mind the purposes and needs of the organization." Checks should be made payable to "Dubuque Area Congregations United" and sent to:  
Jenny Manders, DACU Treasurer, P.O. Box 811, Dubuque IA 52004

	December	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 07
Income	\$ 1150.00	\$ 5043.75	\$ 5000.00
Expense	\$ 32.58	\$ 4139.10	\$ 5000.00
Net	\$ 1117.42	\$ 904.65	

Our thanks to the following members who have renewed their financial support to DACU for 2007 during the month of December: Church Women United of Dubuque, Center Grove United Methodist Church, Rockdale United Methodist Church, Rock of Ages Missionary Baptist Church, St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Sisters of Charity, Sisters of the Presentation, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Dubuque.

## January Delegates Meeting

- [Info Here!](#)

## Reports/Updates/Events

### YOUR CHANCE TO SERVE DACU IS HERE!

DACU is still looking for a Secretary ! If you have any suggestions please email [Bob Kraymer bdkramer@aol.com](mailto:bdkramer@aol.com) or telephone 582-5117. Thank you!

### DACU: Annual Contributions from Member Congregations

From its inception, DACU has functioned as an organization dedicated to the common goal of acting as people of faith in our community. We have not mandated membership dues, but have counted on voluntary contributions from member congregations. The funds collected in this way are dispersed, except for a minimal administrative budget, at the end of each fiscal year. The recipients are DACU Projects, DACU affiliates, and other community needs as presented to the Board. DACU lists thirty-seven member congregations on its current membership list. **In the attached treasurer's report the donor congregations to date for 2007 are listed.** If your congregation is not yet listed, please encourage your leadership to consider donating! The needs are real.

## Temple Beth-El Visitors' Night

Temple Beth El announces its annual Visitors' Night will be **Friday February 29, 2008**. There will be an introductory presentation at 6:30 PM followed by the worship service at 7:30 PM and a time of fellowship and refreshment following the service. Our guest speaker will be Rabbi Lane Steinger, Director of the Midwest District of the Union of Reform Judaism. Rabbi Steinger is a knowledgeable and enthusiastic leader and you will enjoy what he has to share. Everyone is warmly invited to attend!

If you are planning to bring a group of 10 or more please call Sheila Rudin (556-4262) or Phyllis Garfield (589-0028). We apologize in advance for our parking, which is on-street only. If you can carpool you are encouraged to do so! We are looking forward to welcoming you to Temple Beth El for an evening of worship and fellowship.

**Spring will come....we promise! And with it, our annual update of our DACU Worship Brochure which we distribute to local hotels and hospitals. Please send updates to the DACU Worship Committee, Sr. Elizabeth Presseller, [smep21723@aol.com](mailto:smep21723@aol.com).**

- **Deadline** for Updates/Reports/Events is the first of the month.
- Utilize this opportunity to update us and promote events!
- **Don't forget to let us know if your email-address changes!**

Special Thanks to a member of the DACU Board for this month's print newsletter mailing.

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