



# 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
These are just a few of the events sponsored by our DACU congregations and associates. Turn the page to learn more!		
April 23 & 25	University of Dubuque	Spring Choir Concert: Friday 7:00 PM at St. Peter Lutheran; Sunday 3:00 PM at Westminster Presbyterian Church; free & open to all!
April 24	Global Goods	"Lets Go Fly a Kite", Noon to 5 PM, Grand View Methodist Church
April 27	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting, Dubuque Multicultural Center 7:00 PM
April 29	University of Dubuque	Relationship Abuse Symposium 2:00 PM, Stolz Sports Center
May 7	Church Women United	May Friendship Day Celebration 9:30 Brunch/Program Following. Mount St. Francis 3390 Windsor RSVP by May 4 to Ruth Von Fumetti 581-7006
May 25	DACU	DACU Spring Worship Service, University of Dubuque Blades Chapel 7:00



"DACU", a Community of Servants

## Next DACU Delgates' Meeting

DATE: **Tuesday, April 27, 2010**

LOCATION: Multicultural Family Center  
1157 Central Ave.

Program: Multicultural Family Center

TIME: 7:00 PM

If you have not yet seen the beautiful new facilities for the Multicultural Family Center, here is the chance for a tour and an update on what's happening at the MFC!

**REMINDER: Don't forget to bring a donation of canned food for the Food Pantry!**

## Reminders from the President

Here is the proposed schedule of DACU Delegates Meetings for Spring 2010. Please mark your calendars and bring a friend!

April 27, 2010 (7:00 PM)  
Dubuque Multicultural Family Center  
1157 Central Ave.  
Program: Multicultural Family Center

May 25, 2010 (7:00 PM):  
DACU Spring Worship Service  
University of Dubuque Blades Chapel

---Rev. Tim Bees, 2010 DACU President



## Treasurer's 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."

As of March 31, 5 member congregations have contributed a total of \$791.51 to DACU.

	March	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2010
Income	\$24.28	\$1,151.51	\$6,450
Expense	\$600.00*	\$1,665.98	\$6,450
Net	(575.72)	\$ (514.47)	-0-

\*to the Dubuque Community Foundation

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

## DACU Projects

### People In Need (P.I.N.)

Our friends and neighbors in Dubuque have been very generous this month. Gifts to PIN are up once again. And so is the need. As our local economy worsens, there are many who find that they are at their last lead. No where to turn. This is where PIN comes in.

We don't give money to people; we assist people in the paying of their rent, electric, gas and water bills. The process starts with a referral from a DACU member congregation or associate member. We take it from there.

Do you know of anyone who has fallen through the cracks? If so, please contact your congregational leader and ask that they give us a call with a referral. Our telephone number, it is a new one, is: **581-7995**. Once again, we work through referrals, not directly with people requesting the funds. Once again, thank you for your help and concern.

Alan Garfield, Chair of PIN



The Dubuque Rescue Mission is in need of used bicycles for the men at the mission and for their bicycle repair shop.

*(Rick Mihm, Director)*



### Dubuque Food Pantry

Thanks to all who took part in the citywide **Scouting for Food Drive** that was held in March. The Scouts collected close to 19,000 lbs. of food for the Pantry. This will go a long way in helping those in need.

**Project:** If your church/congregation is looking for a project we are in need of diapers sizes 4 and 5. Along with the diapers we could use wipes and baby juice, baby foods number 1 and 3.

As you think about summer and planting a **garden**, please keep the Food Pantry in mind. We would gladly take any extras you might have. Just drop off your garden produce between 10:00a.m.- 4:00p.m. on Mon., Wed., & Fri.

*Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager*



**Remember:**  
**New P.I.N. Phone Number:**  
**581-7995**

## **DACU Community**

### **Habitat for Humanity**

Habitat will not be building a house this year in Dubuque. We hope to build two next year (one in Dubuque and one in Jackson County). This year will be spent fundraising for next year and launching the "brush with kindness" project. We however, will be sponsoring one of the 50,000 homes being built in Haiti by Habitat International.

If you'd like more information, please contact Elaine Mitchell at [diettou@gmail.com](mailto:diettou@gmail.com)

### **Shalom Retreat Center**

*A sacred space, calling people to God and to fullness of life.*

1001 Davis St., Dubuque, IA 52001

#### **Taize Prayer: Lead Us Lord**

**Thursday, May 6, 7:30 - 8:30pm**

*Registration not required. Free will offering.*

#### **Shalom's Annual MOTHER/DAUGHTER EVENING:**

**Joyce & the Thoroughly Modern Millies!**

**Thursday, May 6, 6:30 – 8:30pm**

**Presenters: Joyce Connors, Paula Connors, Jill Connors, Jennifer Hill, Amy Connors**

Enjoy a delicious pre-Mother's Day dinner and program. Treat your own mother, daughter, sister, grandmother and/or whoever fits those roles in your life to this evening of fun, food, and inspiration.

Offering: \$20/Adults; \$10/girls age 12 and under.

To register, call 563/582-3592 by May 3.

#### **Evening for GRANDPARENTS & GRANDCHILDREN:**

**Celebrate the "GRAND-ness" in One Another**

**Monday, May 10, 5:30 – 8:00pm. Presenters: Deacon Steve MacDonald, Teacher & Grandfather; Kathy MacDonald, Teacher and Grandmother; and MacKenzie MacDonald, Daughter of Kathy and Steve**

Enjoy a spaghetti supper, stories and activities. Open to grandparents and grandchildren, ages 3-12. Offering: Adults: \$10; Children: \$7. Register/prepay by May 6.

**Building a Safe and Strong Dubuque:** Conversations with Members of Dubuque's Safe Community Task Force & Police Department. Wednesday, May 12, 7:00-9:00pm Presenters: Joyce Connors and Lynn Sutton of the Safe Community Task Force; and Lt. Scott Baxter of the Dubuque Police Department. The panel will outline efforts the Task Force has made and is making, as well as give suggestions about keeping ourselves safe, and then invite questions, comments and conversations about how we all can continue to work toward this effort. Offering: \$6. To register, call 563/582-3592 by May 11.

**Centering Prayer** Monday, May 17, 7:00 – 8:00pm, Facilitator: Marilyn Dansart  
**Registration not required.**

**Annual Picnic Lunch on the Hill** Wednesday, May 19, Serving: 11:30am - 12:30pm. Enjoy an old-fashioned picnic lunch. Participants can choose to "dine in" our dining room or "carry out" their lunch to enjoy on our beautiful patio or deck. MENU: Brats, Hamburgers, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Cookies & Ice Cream, Lemonade, Ice Water & Coffee - Yum!!! Offering: \$8/Adults, (\$4 for children age 10 & under accompanied by an adult). To register, call 563/582-3592 by May 17.

**Finding God's Light in Nature:** Praying Through a Camera Lens Saturday, May 22, 10:00am – 3:00pm Presenters: Janet Haverkamp OSF, Phyllis Manternach OSF & Eileen Miller OSF, Shalom Program Coordinator Come for a day away and let your eyes and your camera lens reverence the beauty God has created all around us. Includes: reflective input, examples of photography as prayer, time for taking photos on the luscious grounds surrounding Shalom, quiet time, and sharing your experience and photos. Bring your camera (and digital download cable if you have one), and some of your favorite photos. Offering: \$30 includes lunch. To register, call 563/582-3592 by May 19.

**Memorial Mass & Social:** Thursday, May 27, 7:00pm Presider: Fr. Eugene Kutsch. In anticipation of Memorial Day, the deceased loved ones of Shalom friends and benefactors are remembered at a special Eucharistic liturgy. A social will follow the Mass. No fee. Call 563/582-3592 to register by May 25.

**Shalom Summer Breakfast:** June Is Busting Out All Over! Wednesday, June 2, 7:00 - 8:00am, Mass at 8:15am (optional) Presenter: Marge Staudt OSF As each day brings warmer breezes, an abundance of growing flowers and vegetables, and time to enjoy being out in God's wonderful creation - don't you just want to sing "June Is Busting Out All Over"? Join us for a delicious breakfast and an opportunity to get in touch with our enthusiasm for life! Offering: \$8. Call 563/582-3592 to register by May 28.

**June Evening for Married Couples:** A Celebration of Life & Love! Musicians: Jim Brimeyer & Marie Therese Kalb OSF. Presenters: Terry & Debbie Gross. Whether your anniversary is at this or at another time of year, come and celebrate it at Shalom. Includes: Eucharistic Liturgy at which you will have an opportunity to renew your marriage vows; special dinner; music - including some often used for weddings; and an inspirational reflection. Offering: \$40/couple. To register, call 563/582-3592 by June 2.

#### **SUMMER RETREATS AT SHALOM**

- **Meeting the Jesus of Luke: The Spirit of the Lord Is Upon Me!** June 6 –12, Director: Dr. Wendy Cotter, CSJ, Offering: \$360. Early Bird: \$320 if \$50 deposit is received by May 6.
- **The Christ of the Miracle Stories: Meeting Jesus Downtown.** Sunday, June 13, 9:00am –

3:00pm Director: Dr. Wendy Cotter CSJ

Offering: \$50. Register by June 10.

- **The Spirituality of Thomas Merton** June 13-19, Director: Patrick Collins, SJ, Offering: \$425. Early Bird: \$400 if \$75 deposit is received by May 13.
- **Dancing with God** June 28 - July 3, Director: Charles Wehrley CSsR, Offering: \$300. Early Bird: \$285 if \$50 deposit is received by May 28.
- **The Mirror of My Unseen Face:** Using the Parables as a Map for Our Spiritual Journey. July 4 –11, Director: Nancy Schreck OSF, Offering: \$400. Early Bird: \$375 if \$50 deposit is received by June 4.

For more information or to register, call Karen Knepper at 563/582-3592, send e-mail to: [kknepper@shalomretreats.org](mailto:kknepper@shalomretreats.org) or visit our web site at: [www.shalomretreats.org](http://www.shalomretreats.org) Shalom Retreat Center, 1001 Davis St., Dubuque, IA 52001.

**NOTE:** Shalom's facilities (including food service) are available for meetings, staff/board retreats, spiritual gatherings, and more - for a few hours, a day, an overnight or longer. Groups of 10 to 150 people can be accommodated.

## Sinsinawa Mound

### Awakening the Dreamer: Changing the Dream

To celebrate Earth Day, a Symposium to help tri-state area residents respond to global issues such as climate change: Sinsinawa Mound 1-5 p.m. Saturday, April 24.

This is an opportunity for everyone to understand what is happening and to consider how we can all play a part in addressing these problems and creating a world that works sustainably for us and for future generations.

Participants will explore our culture and how this contributes to these problems in a workshop that uses inspiring video, up-to-the-minute facts and dynamic group interaction. We'll hear from some of the world's leading experts on topics as diverse as the current state of the Earth's biodiversity and the reality of the socio-economic disparity throughout the world.

This is a unique opportunity to share your concerns about the state of the world with like-minded members of your community and offer support to each other in taking steps to effect the changes that you wish to see. Facilitators for this symposium are Sisters Colleen Settles, OP, and June Wilkerson, OP. The two were trained to be presenters and have led the symposium in Los Angeles, Minneapolis and Chicago. They will lead the event at Sinsinawa Mound in April, and later in Spokane and Madison.

Sister Colleen sees her role as a symposium facilitator as her "volunteerism for the world." Reflecting on the future health of our planet and its people, she said, "This

is one of the most important issues that we as a world community are facing, and that is greatly impacted by the way we see the world and how we connect with our own spirituality-this symposium brings that front and center. It helps us to examine our unexamined consumption. Every person has a role to play in the future of a sustainable world. We cannot continue in the dream we are living now."

Participants will leave the Symposium empowered to take clear steps to embody their vision for a better world, and having established new connections to work with others on common issues.

Tickets are \$10 if you register by noon, Friday, April 23. After that time, tickets are \$15. This family-friendly event is appropriate for youth grade six and older. For more information, contact Guest Services at (608) 748-4411 or visit our Web site at [www.sinsinawa.org](http://www.sinsinawa.org).

**Spring into Color**, a retreat with artist K. C. Barnes, will be held at Sinsinawa Mound Friday, April 30, through Sunday, May 2.

Experience a splash of color and taste its vibrancy as you participate in this weekend watercolor event. Barnes has taught workshops and seminars and has demonstrated throughout the Midwest for the past 40 years, concentrating on impressionistic landscapes and participating in many fine and juried art festivals.

Supplies such as colors, brushes, and paper will be furnished. Frames and glass will be available for purchase. The registration deadline is April 23. The fee is \$194 for an overnight guest and \$124 for a commuter. For more information or to register, call Guest Services at (608) 748-4411

**"Does God Like to Shop":** Friday, May 7, noon - 3 p.m. Lunch, program, and style show. Sam Kauffman, Emcee and Christian performer will present a program based on Paul's letter to the Ephesians that explores the ways God cares for, protects and blesses us. Kauffman is a Christian singer, songwriter, and storyteller. Registration deadline is noon May 4, and the fee is \$20.

**3rd Annual Fair Trade Festival** "You Have the Power to Change Lives" Wednesday, May 5 through Saturday, May 8, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sinsinawa Book & Gift Gallery Sample Fair Trade coffees. Special discounts and sales.

Sinsinawa Mound, the Motherhouse for the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters, is located in southwest Wisconsin on County Road Z, off Highway 11, about five miles northeast of Dubuque.



## Church Women United

### MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY 2010 "Living the Vision"

The Church Women United Celebration, May Friendship Day 2010, is an ecumenical event held nationwide. In Dubuque it is scheduled on Friday, May 7 beginning with a 9:30 am brunch followed by the celebration "Living the Vision." All women are cordially invited to the event hosted at Mount St. Francis at 3390 Windsor Avenue. Please use the front entrance which is handicap accessible.

The celebration will share how Church Women United is living the vision presented by our founding mothers. The 2008-2012 quadrennial priority of CWU's work of "Building a World Fit for All God's Children" includes promoting: 1) health; 2) economic justice; 3) environmental care; and 4) peace.

Fellowship of the Least Coin (a penny in the U.S.) will be collected from women who have prayed regularly for peace and reconciliation. Collected funds provide grants to alleviate women's hardships globally. A Valiant Woman Award recipient will be recognized.

"Diabetes and Women" is Church Women United's newest national focus. Materials on diabetes will be on display to raise awareness and its impact on women and children.

Brunch reservations (\$5.00) by May 4<sup>th</sup> are accepted by Ruth Von Fumetti at 581-7006 or at Mount St. Francis at 583-9786. The May Friendship Day offering will remain with the Local Unit to assist with outreach projects and an amount to the State Unit.

Submitted by Sue Hattel  
Church Women United Leadership Team  
563-556-1394



### Garden Space Needed

The City of Dubuque is looking for green spaces to offer community garden space for low-income families and others who want to grow fresh vegetables. If any congregation is willing to discuss possible church green space for potential community garden space they can contact Rick Mihm at the Mission: 583-1394.

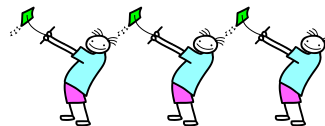
## Community News

### Relationship Abuse: If you don't end it, who will?

The University of Dubuque is sponsoring an informational session followed by a professional panel discussion on Thursday, April 29, 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM in the Stolz Sports Center. This event is free and open to the public. For more information contact 589-3000 or email [abaus@dbq.edu](mailto:abaus@dbq.edu).

**EDUCATE. EMPOWER. END IT.**

**Global Goods Fair Trade Gift Shop** presents "Let's Go Fly A Kite", a Fun Family Event at Grand View Methodist Church (3342 John Wesley Drive, off JFK Road) on April 24 from 12 Noon to 5:00 PM. Cost is \$5 per kite pre-registered at Global Goods (1141 Main St., 588-3000) or \$8 per kite on the day of the event.



Spring has arrived! And with it, our annual update of the DACU Worship Brochure which we distribute to local hotels and hospitals. We want to list your congregation, its address, phone contact, email or website, and worship and religious school schedule. Please send updates to the DACU Worship Committee, Phyllis Garfield, [phyllisgarfield@hotmail.com](mailto:phyllisgarfield@hotmail.com)







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