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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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| These are just a few of the events sponsored by our DACU congregations and associates. Turn the page to learn more! |                     |  |
| June, July, August  | Sinsinawa Mound     | Summer Organ Recitals, every Wednesday at 7:00 PM in Queen of the Holy Rosary Chapel, admission free.  |
| August 24   | DACU                | DACU Delegates' Family Potluck Picnic, Arboretum, 6:00 PM  |
| August 26   | CROP WALK           | CROP Walk Recruiter's Rally, 6:00 PM, Dubuque Rescue Mission   |
| September 10  | Church Women United | Human Rights Celebration "Living the Challenge: Differently Enabled, Uniquely Called" 9:30 am Coffee; 10:00 am Program at Grand View United Methodist Church, 3342 John Wesley Dr. |
| September 14  | Dubuque Ministerium | 12:00 Noon, St. Joseph the Worker  |
| September 28  | DACU                | DACU Delegates' Meeting at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church: "Bridges Out of Poverty" with Jim Ott   |
| October 3   | CROP WALK           | 1:00 PM, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1755 Delhi   |
| October 26  | DACU                | DACU Delegates' Meeting at First Baptist Church: Riverview Center Sexual Assault Prevention and Intervention Services  |
| November 5  | Church Women United | World Community Day Celebration, 9:30 am Coffee; 10:00 am Program at St. Raphael's Cathedral, 231 Bluff.   |
| November 24   | DACU                | Dubuque Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service  |



"DACU", a Community of Servants

## Next DACU Delegates' Meeting

**Tuesday, August 24, 2010**

Packard Amphitheater  
Dubuque Arboretum  
3800 Arboretum Drive  
(Follow the signs from JFK Road & W 32<sup>nd</sup> St.)  
Gather 5:30; Dinner 6:00 PM

## DACU Delegates Family Potluck Picnic

Please bring a dish to share that would feed your party plus 8 others. Drinks and paper goods will be provided.

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

## **Fall DACU Meeting Dates**

**September 28, 7:00 PM, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1755 Delhi Street: *Bridges and Circles*:** Jim Ott will present an update on the Bridges Out of Poverty training, the "Getting Ahead" workshops, and the latest project, "Circles". Circles is an innovative program based on research that suggests that building social relationships and networks is crucial to allowing families with low income to improve their situation. Invite everyone you know to join you for this important opportunity.

**October 26, 7:00 PM, First Baptist Church, 2143 Judson Drive.** "Riverview Center: Sexual Assault Prevention and Intervention Services"



## 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."

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 Board Report

The Board met briefly on August 4 with President Elect Rev. Dr. Tom Young presiding in the absence of President Rev. Tim Bees. Reports from our DACU Projects identified that this summer has been a difficult one for people in poverty. Shelters are full and the Food Pantry is serving many more clients than usual. The Board voted to become a sponsoring organization for the International Day of Peace (see the article in this newsletter).

## DACU Projects

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

As our local economy worsens, there are many who find that they are at their last lead. Nowhere 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



#### Remember:

**P.I.N. Phone Number:**

**581-7995**

**Donations to P.I.N. can be mailed to  
Treasurer Tom Stovall at  
3345 Tibey Court  
Dubuque, IA 52002-2849**

## Dubuque Rescue Mission

The Dubuque Rescue Mission is in need of good used furniture, mattresses, bedding, and bikes for our bicycle repair shop. In addition, we can use coffee, milk and ground beef. Thanks for donating!

*(Rick Mihm, Director)*



## Dubuque Food Pantry

A big thank you to all who have dropped off **garden produce** to the Pantry. It is a welcomed treat to our clients. The sweet corn that came in was an extra special treat, as we don't get that very often. Please remember to tell your friends and neighbors that have an abundance of garden vegetables to bring it by the Food Pantry.

**Project: We are in need of boxes, again.** The best sizes are those like reams of paper come in, or fruit boxes that apples/oranges come in at the grocery store. We hope to round up about 500 of them to use for our Christmas Baskets. *It's never too early to start collecting! Christmas is just around the corner.*

**We've had a busy summer** so are running low on a few items. If a group you belong to is looking to do a collection we are in need of: *peanut butter, juice, pasta, rice, cake or brownie mixes, frosting and dish soap.* We are always in need of **personal hygiene** items as these are things that our clients cannot purchase with food stamps.

Continued blessings on your summer and thank you for the support you give to the Food Pantry.

*Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager*

## **DACU Community**

### **CROP Walk**

#### **2010 Theme: "Enough for All"**

The 2010 Crop Walk (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) will be Sunday, October 3rd at 1:00 p.m. The host church this year is Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (1755 Delhi). Please also bring jars of peanut butter for the Food Pantry.

The Crop Walk Recruiter's Rally will be Thursday August 26 at 6:00 PM at the Dubuque Rescue Mission.

Unitarian Universalist minister, Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed says so beautifully what the DACU community is about: *"The religious community is essential, for alone our vision is too narrow to see all that must be seen.*

*Together, our vision widens and strength is renewed."*

Come and be part of this yearly event. Maryann LoGuidice, Coordinator, [maryannu@fastmail.fm](mailto:maryannu@fastmail.fm),

**608-348-2305**

### **Operation New View**

#### **Are money woes getting you down?**

Come to FREE financial literacy classes at Prescott Community Center (1151 White Street), presented by Alliant Credit Union, Health Services Credit Union, and Operation New View.

Sessions are Tuesday evenings Sept. 14, 21, 28, Oct. 5; 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. To attend, please RSVP to Becky at [bjenkins@operationnewview.org](mailto:bjenkins@operationnewview.org) or 563.556.5130 by Thursday, September 9.

#### **Volunteers Needed!**

Do you enjoy helping others or learning a new skill? Operation: New View Community Action Agency in collaboration with the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Outreach Task Force is recruiting volunteers for the 2011 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. The VITA Program will provide free income tax preparation to low to moderate-income families in Dubuque, Delaware, and Jackson counties.

The VITA Program helps eliminate the burden of paying for tax preparation fees at an average of \$150 and paying for Rapid Refund Loans at an average of \$150. It also makes sure individuals are aware of eligible credits such as EITC and the Child Tax Credit. The IRS estimates that 25% of individuals that qualify for EITC do not claim the tax credit. VITA wants to help put more money back into taxpayers' pockets and the community.

No accounting background is required. Free training will be offered for interested volunteers. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) provides the software that guides volunteers through the training. All volunteers are protected by the Volunteer Protection Act, therefore no liability for the volunteers! Currently the following volunteer positions are needed for the 2011 tax season: Greeters, Tax Preparers, and Quality Reviewers.

We request volunteers donate at least 10 tax preparation hours during the 2011 tax season besides the training. Interested volunteers may contact Becky by telephone at 563.556.5130 extension 14 or by E-mail at [bjenkins@operationnewview.org](mailto:bjenkins@operationnewview.org).



Saturday, October 23, volunteer weatherization teams will spread out across the Dubuque community in a one-day blitz to perform energy saving measures on the homes of their elderly or disabled neighbors. Teams will provide simple weatherization measures such as caulking, weather-stripping, window plastic, door sweeps, and other insulating techniques. All materials are provided. The service is FREE for homeowners.

**Dubuque Area Congregations United (DACU) is one of the official sponsors of this event and is encouraging all congregations to participate.** There is no cost to participate. The tasks are easy but they will make a positive difference for the homeowner in comfort and reduced energy bills. You don't need to be skilled, just have a willingness to help others. Training is provided for those who are interested. Here is how you can participate:

- Recruit a six-member team from your church or organization. Register online at [www.thonline.com/weatherization](http://www.thonline.com/weatherization). Please register by August 1 if possible so we will know how many households we can serve.
- Help identify and refer households. They should be homeowners who are either elderly, handicapped, disabled or otherwise unable to do these things for themselves.
- Volunteer to help with set up and clean upon the day of the event.
- For more details contact Laura Roussell at Black Hills Energy at 585-4022 or by email at [laura.roussell@blackhillscorp.com](mailto:laura.roussell@blackhillscorp.com) You can also visit the website [www.thonline.com/weatherization](http://www.thonline.com/weatherization)

### **Church Women United**

The Human Rights Celebration hosted by Church Women United is an annual event that unites women and men of ALL faiths in a common worship experience. The theme of this year's Human Rights Celebration is "Living the Challenge: Differently Enabled, Uniquely Called" with an emphasis on health and economic justice for those individuals who are faced with inadequate policies and support programs.

The Human Rights Celebration provides opportunity to celebrate the Universal Declaration of Human Rights that was presented to the General Assembly of the

United Nations on December 10, 1948 by Eleanor Roosevelt and a diplomatic team. Numerous UN treaties and a vast body of international humanitarian laws have emerged in response to the Declaration

Keynote message will be shared by Katrina Wilberding, Executive Director of Proudly Accessible Dubuque. The Human Rights Celebration on Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup> will be held at Grand View United Methodist Church at 3342 John Wesley Drive, in Dubuque at 10:00 am. Gathering with coffee will begin at 9:30 am. The location is accessible. For further information, contact 563-556-6629.

*Submitted by Sue Hattel,  
Church Women United Leadership Team*

## **Roberta Kuhn Center**

**Srs. Of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
1150 Carmel Drive, Dubuque, IA

**Grief/Growth Group: Support for those experiencing a loss. Six Sessions: Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30 & Oct. 7, 14. 1:30 -3:30 PM or 6:30-8:30 PM.** The purpose of the group is to help anyone experiencing a loss through death, divorce or separation. Crucial to the grief process is mourning. One cannot heal what they do not feel. You are invited to participate in the process---a process that encourages you to make sense out of your grief. The suggested time before group work is at least two months. The cost is \$15 for the six sessions; you are asked to make a commitment to all six sessions. To register, call Jane Rogers, BVM, at 563-583-1889. Deadline is Sept. 3.

## **Shalom Retreat Center**

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

1001 Davis St., Dubuque, IA 52001.

E-mail: [info@shalomretreats.org](mailto:info@shalomretreats.org)

Web: [www.shalomretreats.org](http://www.shalomretreats.org)

**Taize Prayer: Jesus Send Us Thursday, Sept. 2, 7:30 - 8:30pm** *Registration not required.*

**T'ai Chi Fundamentals Classes Thursdays, Sept. 9 - Oct. 14; 9:30 - 10:15am** Instructor: **Margaret Jungers OSF**  
Offering: \$45/6-session series. Register by Sept. 7.

**Days of Quiet & Prayer Book: *The Naked Now* by Richard Rohr** Wednesdays, Sept. 15, Oct. 13, Nov. 17, Dec. 15  
9:15am cont. breakfast, 9:30am - 2:30pm (noon lunch)  
Facilitator: **Margaret Jungers OSF**  
Offering: \$75 for 4-session series. Register by Sept. 3.

**Nonviolent Communication: A Language of Compassion** Tuesday, Sept. 14, 6:30 - 9:30pm  
Presenters: **Pat R. Farrell OSF & Marian Klostermann OSF**  
Nonviolent Communication (NVC) focuses our attention on compassion as our motivation as we communicate. It can also change the quality of life with one's spouse, children, co-workers and anyone else with whom one interacts.  
Offering: \$10. Register by Sept. 13.

**Centering Prayer Monday, Sept. 20, 7:00 - 8:00pm**  
Facilitator: **Marilyn Dansart** *Registration not required.*

**An Italian Feast of Food & Trivia Tuesday, Sept. 21, 6:30 - 8:30pm** Presenter: **Ginny Helderfer OSF**

Enjoy a scrumptious array of Italian foods and have fun with trivia about Italy, Italian food, and St. Francis.  
Offering: \$22. Register by Sept. 17.

**Wisdom from Maxine: An Evening for Red Hatters & Friends** Monday, Sept. 27, 6:30 - 8:30pm

Come, enjoy a great meal with all the trimmings, then sit back and relax as presenter Michelle Covey relates maxims on life and aging based on the cartoon "Maxine."  
Offering: \$22. Register by noon, Sept. 23.

**Shalom Fall Breakfast: "Try To Remember a Time..."** Tuesday, Sept. 28, 7:00 - 8:00am, Mass at 8:15am

Presenters: **Donalda Kehoe OSF, Bertha Kruse OSF**  
Offering: \$8. Register by Sept. 24.

**Writing Life Stories (series of 4) Mondays, Oct. 4 & 18, Nov. 1 & 15, 2:00 - 4:00pm** Facilitator/instructor: **Eileen Miller OSF** Designed to remember and record life stories 1) for the fun of it, 2) for the enjoyment of posterity and 3) to recall what has shaped one's life thus far, this series offers directions and tips for writing life stories. This writing is different from journaling and does not constitute an entire autobiography, although the stories are autobiographical in nature. It is doable by anyone, with or without writing experience.  
Offering: \$35/series. Register by Oct. 1.

**To register, call Shalom at 563/582-3592 or send check payable to Shalom Retreat Center with your contact information to: 1001 Davis St., Dubuque, IA 52001.**

## **Sinsinawa Mound**

The Aug. 11 Summer Organ Concert series presents a new organist for the series. **Marijim Thoene** of Dundee, Mich., will play the Casavant pipe organ at 7 p.m. at Sinsinawa Mound. Thoene is organist and director of music at St. John Lutheran Church, Dundee, MI. She has played concerts throughout the United States, Germany, Costa Rica, Venezuela, England, France, and Spain. Thoene received a bachelor's degree in liturgical music from Peabody Conservatory, Baltimore, MD; a master's degree in organ performance from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles; and a master's degree and doctorate in church music/organ performance from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. She has also studied in England, Italy, and Spain. She has been director of music at various churches and taught at the college level.

Sinsinawa Mound's Summer Organ Concert series for **August 18** will feature **Mark McClellan** of Iowa Falls, Iowa. McClellan has given recitals throughout the United States, Israel, Germany, Canada, Italy, and France. He is an enthusiast and philanthropist of the organ and is involved in the promotion and sponsorship of U.S. tours of European organists. McClellan began his study of the organ at age nine with Eva J. Wisner of Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, and the Rev. Paul R. Peters of Waterloo, Iowa. He pursued further study

with Robert F. Triplett at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and Carl Staplin at Drake University.

**Stephen Steely** of Moline, Ill., will conclude the Summer Organ Concert series Wednesday, Aug. 25. Steely serves as minister of music at First Lutheran Church, Moline, Ill., and organist at Temple Emanuel, Davenport, Iowa, and St. Pius X Church, Rock Island, Ill. He previously was organist at St. John's Abbey and University, Collegeville, Minn., and taught at the College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, MN; Marycrest College, Davenport, Iowa; and Eastfield College, Dallas. Steely's doctoral work was at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, where he studied organ and improvisation with Gerhard Krapf and Delbert Disselhorst. He also holds degrees in organ, sacred music, and music history from Hastings College, Hastings, Neb., and Southern Methodist University, Dallas, where he was a student of Robert Anderson.

**The free concerts are held in Queen of the Holy Rosary Chapel on the Casavant pipe organ. Concerts begin at 7:00 PM. For more information contact Sr. Marie Juan Maney, OP at (608) 748-4411, ext. 807 or visit our Web site at [www.sinsinawa.org](http://www.sinsinawa.org).**

## Community News



**Dubuque's United Nations International Day of Peace 2010 "Creating a Culture of Peace" September 21, 2010**

**\*\*DACU is a sponsoring organization for this event\*\***

Peace lies at the heart of each individual, all families, communities, territories, and nations. Peace is the dream we hope and strive for. It is possible to see a world turn from violent to nonviolent solutions within our lifetimes. A group of Dubuque-area residents invites all to create a culture of peace by participating in a city-wide celebration of the United Nations International Day of Peace on Tuesday, September 21, 2010. Since its 1981 inception, the Peace Day has marked humanity's personal and planetary progress toward peace. The celebration has grown to include millions of people in all parts of the world through events ranging in scale from private gatherings to public events with wide attendance. Please join us in promoting a collective commemoration of the day in the Dubuque area, gathering around the theme of **Creating a Culture of Peace**. The speaker will be Ken Butigan:

Topic for Tuesday: Everyone a Peacemaker: Unleashing the Power of Nonviolent Change in Our Lives, Our Communities, and Our World.

Topic for Sunday: Conflict Transformation in Families (for a multi-generational audience with age-appropriate break-out times).

Topic for Monday and Tuesday: "Can We Get a Little Peace Around Here?": We're All Part of the Solution to Violence (for high schools and colleges)

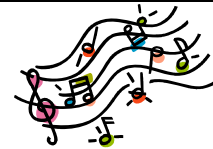
### Coming Soon:

--Sample prayer services for congregations to use that day and religious education resources adaptable for differing age levels, including a list of books, videos and the like.

--In-service workshops for congregations and other group leaders on how to use and adapt the resources to their individual settings

Please mark your calendars and speak with those in charge of programming at your congregations about considering dedicating the service and/or religious education preceding September 21 to peace.

For more information, contact Dr. Evelyn Nadeau at [Evelyn.Nadeau@clarke.edu](mailto:Evelyn.Nadeau@clarke.edu). We welcome ideas and input from congregations, as well as participation on committees!



**Global Goods Street Music Festival  
Saturday August 21<sup>st</sup>, 12 Noon to 8:00 PM**

1100 Block of Main Street.

Food, music, and family fun!

For more information call 588-3000.

Sponsored by Queen B Radio and Global Goods.

The annual update of the DACU Worship Brochure is finished and 1,000 copies have been printed and distributed to local hotels, hospitals, and the Visitor's Center. It will also be available on the DACU Website. Thanks to everyone who helped with information! Special thanks to Maryann LoGuidice for distribution!



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