



# 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!		
January 18	Voices and Values	Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Breakfast
January 26	DACU	DACU Annual Meeting and Banquet, 6:00 PM, First Baptist Church
February 23	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting, TBA
March 23	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting, TBA



## Don't Forget! DACU Annual Meeting

**DATE: Tuesday, January 26, 2010**

**LOCATION: First Baptist Church  
Fellowship Hall  
(2143 Judson Drive, Dubuque)**

**TIME: 6:00 PM**

**DINNER: \$7.50; checks to DACU  
(mail to P.O. Box 811, Dubuque, IA 52004-0811)**

RSVP by January 19 to Bob Kraye, 582-5117,  
[bdkramer@aol.com](mailto:bdkramer@aol.com)



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

### **Dacu Worship Committee Gives Thanks**

Rev. Tom Young and the DACU Worship Committee wish to thank everyone who attended and participated in the Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. A special thank you to Dr. Charles Barland for organizing the community choir. Rev. Young says, "Dr. Barland was great. I enjoyed watching him pull the choir together (25 singers, accompanist and page turner) as well as the brass. It was the best music and hymn singing I've heard at the service in my 5 years here!"

### **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."

Due to the Big Snow last week, the DACU Board did not meet and there was no Treasurer's Report. The January Newsletter will contain the updated Treasurer's Report after the Board has its next meeting on January 6.

**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**

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

The needs continue to be very great. This year, PIN has taken in more funds and fulfilled more requests than ever before in the history of the organization. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed! Please remember that PIN representatives are always available to speak to your congregation or organization about the work of PIN. Just phone Alan Garfield, PIN Chair, at 589-0028.

Congregations are also reminded that all contributions to the work of People In Need (PIN) should be directed to Tom Stovall, PIN Treasurer, as follows:

**People In Need (PIN)**  
**c/o Tom Stovall, Treasurer**  
**3345 Tibey Court**  
**Dubuque, IA 52002-2849**

The PIN Board consists of: Alan Garfield, Barb Featherston, Fr. Jack Paisley, Sr. Sara McAlpin, Tom Stovall, Nea Huggins and Michelle Watters.

## **Dubuque Food Pantry**

We are preparing to hand out 500 Christmas baskets to those in need. *Thank you for remembering the Pantry with your generous donations.*

We continue looking for boxes to place our clients' orders in. The ideal box would be about the size of those that reams of paper come in or oranges and apples. Do you have connections at a grocery store that would save them for you?

Thank you for your continued support.

*Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager*

Thanks for your continuing support of the **Dubuque Rescue Mission** (Rick Mihm, Director).

## **Crop Walk**

### **Crop Walk 2009 - Big Success!!!**

Thank you to all who put their faith in action this year. We exceeded last year's pledges by \$700.00.

Bringing in the most pledges (and walkers) are:  
Holy Trinity Lutheran - \$2,500.00  
Lord of Life Lutheran - \$1,500.00 (along with matching funds from Thrivent Financial)  
Grand View Methodist - \$925.00  
St. John's Lutheran - \$720.00 (with 40 jars of peanut butter and jelly for the Food Pantry)  
St. Mathew's Lutheran - \$702.00  
First Presbyterian - \$850.00

An additional blessing was to have the pastors from Holy Trinity Lutheran; Lord of Life Lutheran; Grand View Methodist; and St. John's Lutheran walking. Walkers also brought in about 100 boxes of pasta and pasta sauce for the Food Pantry.

**Our Grand Total \$15,000.00!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

The need this year has been greater than ever and you all made the pledges happen in wondrous ways! Generous contributions from Hy Vee Foods; Swiss Valley Farms; Cumulus Broadcasting; St. Stephen's Food Bank; Barb Gatch, St. Raphael's Cathedral; Wendy Einsweiler of the Goats Cycling Club; Julien's Journal; Dubuque Bank and Trust.

The Crop Walk Committee: Sr. Anita Therese Hayes; Sr. Sheila Kane; Sara McCaw; Bob Kraye; Jim Ott; Virginia Jahnke.

Peace and blessings to all; *Maryann LoGuidice, Coordinator*

## **DACU Associates**

### **Habitat for Humanity**

Tools or money for tools to help build Habitat houses now and in the future is still needed. If you are interested in helping with this need, please contact Elaine Mitchell at 563-581-5919 or 563-588-1691 or [diettou@gmail.com](mailto:diettou@gmail.com) Any help is appreciated.

### **Shalom Retreat Center**

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

1001 Davis St., Dubuque, IA 52001

### **Taize Prayer: From Darkness to Light**

**Thursday, Jan. 7, 7:30 - 8:30pm**

People of all faith traditions are invited to experience prayer in the style of Taize. No registration required, but free will offerings are welcome.

### **Lunch n' a Movie: *Frozen River***

**Monday, Jan. 11, 12:00 - 3:30pm**

A complex portrait of women from different walks of life struggling to find their ethical bearing in harsh and unforgiving circumstances, this film takes place in the days before Christmas in a little-known border crossing between New York State and Quebec. Two women – one white, one Mohawk, both single mothers faced with desperate circumstances – are drawn into the world of border smuggling across the frozen water of the St. Lawrence River. **Offering: \$12. Includes lunch & movie.** Register/prepay by Jan. 8.

### **Poetry Daze: "It's in the Bag" . . . A Series of Six**

**Tuesday Evenings Jan. 12, 19, 26; Feb. 9, 16, 23;**

**7:00 - 8:30pm Presenter: Donna Bauerly, PhD, Professor Emeritus, Loras College**

Everything you always wanted to know and experience about poetry in an easy and fun exchange.

Offering: \$6/session. Registration required at least one day prior to each session. Attendance at full series of classes is recommended.

**Book Discussion: *The Faith Club*\* by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver & Priscilla Warner Monday, Jan. 18, 7:00 - 8:00pm Facilitator: Harriet Holles BVM**

The Faith Club weaves the story of three women, their three religions (Christianity, Islam, Judaism), and their urgent quest to understand one another. As the authors reveal their deepest beliefs, the reader watches the blossoming of a profound interfaith friendship and the birth of a new way of relating to others. **Offering: \$6. Register by Jan. 15. \* 15% book discount available at Riverlights 2nd Edition.**

**Centering Prayer Monday, Jan. 18, 7:00 – 8:00pm**  
**Facilitator: Marilyn Dansart**  
Registration not required. Free will offering.

**Days of Quiet & Prayer Book: *At Sea with God: A Spiritual Guidebook to the Heart and Soul* by Margaret Silf Wednesdays, Feb. 10, Mar. 10, Apr. 7, May 12 9:15am cont. breakfast, 9:30 am – 2:30pm (noon lunch) Facilitator: Margaret Jungers OSF**  
Embark on a spiritual voyage of self-discovery and learn how the sea stands as a metaphor for the chances and changes that everyone encounters in life. Offering: \$75/series of four – includes book, program, materials, meal & private room. Register/prepay by Feb. 1.

**Ordinary Lent, Ordinary Signs & the Ordinary Life of Jesus Retreat Friday, Feb. 19, 2010, 5:30pm – Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010, 9:30am Director: Matt Walsh OP** An “Ordinary” Lent: God uses the ordinary – bread, water, wine – to come to us. We will reflect on some of the other ordinary things God uses to get our attention – sunsets and coffee – flowers and friends – and most especially the “ordinary” life of Jesus. Each day we will celebrate Eucharist and gather for two conferences. During the retreat we will also have a Communal Celebration of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing. **Offering: \$360. (\$50 deposit) Early Bird: \$320, if registered by Jan. 19. A \$50 nonrefundable deposit secures your reservation and is credited to the offering for the retreat.**

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**

**Nativities exhibit at Mound gallery Dec. 2 through Dec. 31:** The Sinsinawa Book & Gift Gallery will feature Nativities of the World, handcrafted nativities from lands near and far including the United States, India, Africa, Panama, Jerusalem, Peru, Mexico, and Venezuela. Visitors may view the show in the gallery from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

## **Advent Taize Prayer at Mound**

Advent Taize Prayer at Sinsinawa Mound is scheduled for the Mondays of Advent, Nov. 30, and Dec. 7, 14, and 21, at 7 p.m. Prepare your heart for the gift of Christ's birth in the simple, meditative prayer chants of Taize music. The communal singing of this ecumenical worship, led by Sister Mary Ellen Winston, OP, will draw you into a deeper prayer experience at this most holy of seasons. There is no fee.

**Sheila Heim, Director of Outreach,  
Sinsinawa Mound 608-748-4411, ext. 869**



## **Community Announcements**

### **Fair Trade Shopping in Dubuque!**

**Global Goods**, a Fair Trade store, is now open at 1141 Main Street! Hours are 10 AM-5:30 PM M-F, 10-2 on Saturday. Stop in and take a look!

**Remember...you can view all DACU Newsletters on our Website at [www.DACUonline.org](http://www.DACUonline.org)**

**Do you have items for the DACU Newsletter? Just email Phyllis Garfield at [phyllisgarfield@hotmail.com](mailto:phyllisgarfield@hotmail.com). (We appreciate brief, ready-to-print information!)**

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