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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!		
February 23	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting, St. John's Episcopal Parish House 7:00 PM
March 4	Church Women United	World Day of Prayer, Summit Congregational UCC 7:00 PM
March 5	Church Women United	World Day of Prayer, Summit Congregational UCC 10:00 AM
March 6	Multicultural Family Center	First annual MFC fundraiser, "Taste of the World" 10 AM to 4 PM at Prescott School
March 23	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting, Grand View United Methodist Church 7:00 PM
April 9	Temple Beth El	Annual Visitors' Service, 6:30 PM
April 27	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting, Dubuque Multicultural Center 7:00 PM
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, February 23, 2010**

LOCATION: St. John's Episcopal Church
Parrish House
Loras and Locust Streets

Program: Foster Care Review Board
& Court Appointed Special Advocates

TIME: 7:00 PM

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

News from Our 2010 DACU President

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

February 23, 2010 (7:00 PM):
St. John's Episcopal Church Parish House
Loras and Locust Streets
Program: Foster Care Review Board &
Court Appointed Special Advocate

March 23, 2010 (7:00 PM):
Grand View United Methodist
3342 John Wesley Drive
Program: Housing Summit

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. Timothy 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 January 31, 27 member congregations and two associate members have contributed a total of \$6,725.95 to DACU.

	FY 2009	BUDGET 09
Income	\$ <u>6,725.95</u>	\$ 4,700.00
Expense (includes donations)	\$ <u>5,379.82</u>	\$ 4,700.00
Net	\$ <u>1,346.13</u>	-0-

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.)

Our friends and neighbors in Dubuque have been very generous once again in January. Gifts to PIN are up once again. And so is the giving. 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

Dubuque Food Pantry

The Dubuque Food Pantry continues to experience increased demand for help. Thank you to everyone who has contributed!

Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager

The Dubuque Rescue Mission is in need of 5 lb. cans of ground coffee, ground beef, and Tide Laundry detergent. (Rick Mihm, Director).

Would you like a copy of the DACU Annual Report for 2009? Just email Bob Kraye at bdkramer@aol.com and let him know.

DACU Associates

Church Women United

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER ECUMENICAL SERVICE

For 2010, the women of Cameroon, West Africa developed the WDP theme "Let everything that has breath praise God." Women, men and children are invited to experience "Africa in miniature," a country rich in diversity, where climate and culture are widely varied, but where people are bound by a love for music, family and faith. The worship service emphasizes the importance that the people of Cameroon place on music and celebration in their praise to God.

WDP is hosted by Church Women United at Summit Congregational UCC at 2885 JFK Rd which is handicap accessible. The March 4, Thursday evening service will be held at 7:00 pm and a similar service will be held on March 5 Friday at 10:00 am with a gathering with refreshments beginning at 9:30 am. ALL are welcome. Contact person: Sue Hattel 563-556-1394.

The DACU Board of Directors is pleased to announce the officers for 2010:

Rev. Tim Bees, President

Rev. Dr. Tom Young, President-Elect

Sr. Sara McAlpin, Secretary

Jenny Manders, Treasurer

DACU delegates voted at the DACU Annual Meeting on January 26th at First Baptist Church.

Thanks to those who have graciously agreed to serve!

Bob Kraye, DACU Administrator

DACU Community

Shalom Retreat Center

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

1001 Davis St., Dubuque, IA 52001

The Book of Revelation Tuesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 7:00pm – 8:30pm Instructor: Nancy Schreck OSF, D.M., President, Sisters of St. Francis, Educator and facilitator of groups worldwide "Puzzles, predictions, persecutions and prophetic living of the Christian life in uncertain times." This seminar will explore an often misrepresented and confusing book of scripture as a means of support in difficulty and crisis. Offering: \$8/session. Register by Feb. 26.

Lunch 'n a Movie: Bella Tuesday, March 9, 12:00 – 3:30pm Facilitator: Eileen Miller OSF, Shalom Program Coordinator An international soccer star's career has come to a sudden end and a beautiful waitress discovers something about herself for which she is unprepared. In one irreversible moment, their lives are turned upside down until an act of kindness changes their lives forever. Offering: \$12. Includes lunch, movie, and discussion. Register by March 5.

'Tis a Gift to be Simple Thursday, March 11, 7:00 – 8:30pm Facilitator: Margaret Jungers OSF In this complex world, simplicity is a grace — God's gift to us. It is a power that transforms our minds, hearts and imaginations. It pushes us beyond our narrowness to the world where divine grace and the human experience interplay in perfect harmony. Input will be followed by discussing ways to integrate simple living into our lives. Offering: \$8. Register by March 9.

Reading That Matters Book Discussion: *Three Cups of Tea...One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time**

by Greg Mortenson & Davis Oliver-Relin Monday, March 15, 7:00 – 8:00pm Facilitator: Marian Klostermann OSF In 1993 a mountaineer named Greg Mortenson drifted into an impoverished Pakistan village. Moved by the inhabitants' kindness, he promised to return and build a school. This book is the story of that promise and its extraordinary outcome. Since then Mortenson has built not just one, but over 70 schools — especially for girls — in the forbidding terrain that gave birth to the Taliban* 15% book discount available at Riverlights 2nd Edition.

For more information or to register, call Karen Knepper at 563/582-3592, send e-mail to: kknepper@shalomretreats.org or visit our web site at: 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

Choose Life: A retreat is being offered for women who are experiencing or have experienced cancer 9 a.m.-5 p.m. March 6 at Sinsinawa Mound.

"Choose Life" is a time of reflection, prayer, and ritual focusing on the gift of healing led by Sister Mary Ellen O'Grady, OP, who has experienced cancer. You may add a day of personal reflection before or after the retreat. You may also invite others who are journeying with you, such as a friend, spouse, or caregiver. They will be invited to join you in various parts of the retreat and also have time for their own quiet space to reflect and pray.

The registration deadline is Feb. 27, and the fee is \$50. Contact Guest Services to register or for more information at (608) 748-4411 or visit our Web site at www.sinsinawa.org.

Lenten Cup Retreat: Come to the "Lenten Cup Retreat" 10 a.m.-4 p.m. March 6 at Sinsinawa Mound. The retreat is based on the following question of Jesus to his disciples: "Can you drink the cup I drink from?" Facilitators Sister Theresa Byrne, OP, and Sister Catherine Dooley, OP, will lead participants through three movements of what it means to hold the Cup of Life, how we lift up the Cup of Life, and what it means for the disciple to drink the Cup of Life.

Registration deadline is Feb. 27, and the fee is \$45. Call Guest Services at (608) 748-4411 to register or for more information, or visit our Web site at www.sinsinawa.org.
Sheila Heim, Director of Outreach, Sinsinawa Mound

Immigrant Rights and American Values

On Thursday, March 11, Clarke College will host Dr. Erik Camayd-Freixas in a public presentation in the Jansen Music Hall in the Atrium, 1550 Clarke Drive, Dubuque, at 7 p.m.

Dr. Erik Camayd-Freixas, a federally certified interpreter who translated at federal hearings in Waterloo, Iowa, after the 2008 immigration raid at Agri-Processors, Inc., a meatpacking plant in Postville, Iowa, will speak to audiences throughout eastern Iowa in March, thanks to the organizing efforts of six congregations of Catholic Sisters based in the region. "Immigrant Rights and American Values," the theme of his presentations, reflects his reaction to the hearings and the opinions he has expressed before Congress and in numerous essays published in the ensuing months. The presentations are free, open to the public and pre-registration is not required.

For further information, please contact Sister Joy Peterson at Sinsinawa: 748-4411, extension 164

Multicultural Family Center

The Multicultural Family Center announces their first annual fundraiser "**Taste of the World**" on Saturday March 6 from 10 AM to 4 PM at the Prescott School. There is a suggested donation of \$10 per family, and they are also looking for sponsorships through Dubuque's faith community. If your organization or congregation would like to support the Multicultural Family Center contact them at 563-582-3681 or mfc.volunteer@gmail.com

Be Counted!

The City of Dubuque and Operation New View remind you that the 2010 Census is important and your participation is vital. For more information including fact sheets you and your congregation can use, please visit the DACU website: www.DACUonline.org

The Annual Temple Beth El Visitors' Service will be Friday, April 9. There will be an informational lecture by Rabbi Stephanie Alexander at 6:30 PM followed by Sabbath Worship at 7:30 PM. Refreshments and a social hour will follow. Everyone is warmly invited. If you plan to bring a group please let us know in advance so we bake enough cookies! (Contact Sheila Rudin, 556.4262 or Phyllis Garfield, 589.0028)

Location: 475 West Locust St. (Temple Beth El has no off-street parking. Please consider ride-sharing!)





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