



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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EVENTS

DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT
FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH...SEE THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS ON PAGE 3		
February 24	DACU	DACU February Delegates Meeting: Dubuque Rescue Mission (398 Main St.), 7:00 P.M. Program: Rescue Mission; PIN updates.
March 5	Church Women United	World Day of Prayer (WDP) 7:00 pm at St. Matthew Lutheran Church (1780 White St.). Ecumenical service written by women of Papua New Guinea. Keynote: Judy E. Bailey "Uniting continents through common prayer for our societies and our world."
March 6	Church Women United	World Day of Prayer(WDP) 9:30 Gathering/Coffee 10:00 am Service St. Matthew Lutheran Church. Ecumenical service written by women of Papua New Guinea. Keynote: Judy E. Bailey. ALL are welcome to this common day of prayer
March 24	DACU	DACU March Delegates Meeting: First Congregational UCC Church (255 West 10 th St.), 7:00 PM. Program: Dubuque Human Rights/Fair Housing
April 3	Temple Beth El	Annual Temple Beth El Visitors' Service (6:30 PM Lecture; 7:30 PM Worship; refreshments following).
April 28	DACU	DACU April Delegates Meeting: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (1755 Delhi Street), 7:00 PM. Program: The Immigrant Community
May 19 (Third Tuesday)	DACU	DACU May Delegates Meeting: Sisters Of The Presentation (2360 Carter Road), 7:00 PM. Program: Spring Worship Service



"DACU", a Community of Servants

Next DACU Delgates' Meeting

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Dubuque Rescue Mission
(398 Main St., Dubuque)
7:00 PM

Program: DACU Projects – Rescue Mission;
Food Pantry; P.I.N.

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

President's Letter

As I begin the year as DACU President, I am honored and humbled by the opportunity to serve. I promise that I will do my best to live up to the confidence and responsibilities that have been entrusted to me. Thanks to all who attended our annual meeting on January 27th. And, a special thanks to my friends at Westminster Presbyterian Church for their gracious hosting of the event.

Our theme for 2009 is "DACU, A Community of Servants." We hope to build on the power and caring spirit of the Dubuque's faith community to continue to address the issues of human need in our community. We already have a plan in place for all of our monthly DACU meetings and activities relating our energies to our theme. We begin with the February 24th Delegate Meeting where will get updates on the wonderful work being done by the Dubuque Rescue Mission, the Dubuque Food Pantry and People In Need (PIN). Please join us and find out how you and your congregation can become involved in these important missions. Feel free to bring others with you!

I believe that God put us all on this earth to lead a life of service to our fellow man and to leave this life knowing that we have left the world a little better off than we found it. DACU is a community of servants. Even though we all come from diverse faiths and beliefs, we are all united in our efforts to make a difference by fostering an awareness and

understanding of human need. Together, we are advocates for those who need our help. In the words of Helen Keller, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Hope to see everyone on February 24th. Blessings to you for a great year ahead.

*Tom Stovall
DACU President*

Reports/Updates/Events

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.*"

Treasurer Jenny Manders reports a balance of \$1,855.99 as of February 1, 2009. At the January meeting the DACU Board approved disbursements of \$3,400; \$1,000 each to the Food Pantry, the Rescue Mission, and P.I.N.; and \$200 each to Faces and Voices (MLK Breakfast) and St. Mark Community Center.

Checks should be made payable to "Dubuque Area Congregations United" and sent to:

DACU Treasurer,
P.O. Box 811, Dubuque IA 52004
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DACU Board Notes

The members of Dubuque Area Congregations United (DACU) would like to express our sincere thanks to Westminster Presbyterian Church for their excellent hosting of the DACU Annual Meeting on January 27th. All of the Westminster volunteers and staff involved with the event did a wonderful job. The meal and all of the other arrangements to welcome us is truly appreciated. Thanks for a job well done! (DACU Administrator Bob Kraye reported 63 delegates, officers, and friends in attendance.) *Tom Stovall, DACU President.*

Dubuque Food Pantry

Thank you for a successful "Souper Bowl". Please continue to remember the Food Pantry with your donations of canned goods and other non-perishable items.

Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager

People In Need (P.I.N.)

During the month of January, People In Need (PIN) received \$7,027.29 in donations thanks to the generosity of many caring congregations and individuals. Thank you! During the month we paid out \$3,952.82 to fund 17 emergency assists for electricity, rent and water; all to avoid shutoff of service or to prevent eviction.

Congregations are 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.

Alan Garfield, Chair, PIN Board

Dubuque Rescue Mission

Dubuque Rescue Mission is in need of Tide detergent, wool socks, 5 lb. cans of coffee, and toilet paper.

Thank you for your assistance!

Rick Mihm, Director, Dubuque Rescue Mission



Community Announcements

Shalom Retreat Center

Celebrating 20 years of peace, prayer and hospitality! Shalom Retreat Center offers a wide range of spiritual and educational programs/retreats year-round for people of all faith traditions.

Feb. 5 -

Mar. 19: Tai Chi for Beginners & Practicing Learners

9:30 - 10:15am (6 session series. Reg & fee by Feb. 10.

Feb. 12: Herbology: The Healing Power of Plants & Aromatherapy

7:00 - 9:00pm, Reg & fee by noon, Feb. 10

Feb. 14: Valentine Evening for Couples: "Do You Love Me?" 6:00 - 8:00pm (5:00pm Mass) Reg & fee by Feb. 17.

Feb. 16: Two Weeks: A Movie Dealing With Loss & Grief

6:30 - 9:00pm, Reg & fee by Feb. 13.

Feb. 16: Centering Prayer Hour

7:00 - 8:00pm, reg not required.

Feb. 18: Lunch N' a Movie: Sweet Land

12:00 - 3:00pm, Reg & fee by noon, Feb. 16.

Feb. 21: Way to Go!! A Morning of Reflection on St. Therese of Lisieux, 8:30am - 12:30pm,

Reg & fee by Feb. 17.

Feb. 21: Intro to Energy Healing 10:00 am - 3:00pm

Reg & fee by noon, Feb. 18.

Feb. 25: Ash Wednesday Retreat Day: The Lenten Journey...Walking in Their Shoes, 9:15am - 3:30pm,

Reg & fee by Feb. 23.

NEW!! Prayers for a Wonderful World

Music CD Features Sacred and Secular Favorites

Following the success of four Shalom music CDs, Sister Marie Therese Kalb OSF and Jim Brimeyer have once again combined their musical talents.

Their new music CD features instrumental violin and piano music. Includes a booklet containing the lyrics of the 18 songs. To hear song samples visit the Shalom web site at:

<http://www.shalomretreats.org/giftshop.html>.

Cost: \$18. Available at Dodge Street Hy-Vee Customer Service & Pharmacy and weekdays 8 AM to 4:30 PM at the Shalom Gift Shop.

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

<http://www.shalomretreats.org>.

Church Women United

CONTINENTS UNITE FOR WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Church Women United of Dubuque invites the public to join with women, men and families around the world in 170 countries to observe World Day of Prayer (WDP). The 2009 WDP service was created by the women of Papua New Guinea, in the Pacific islands. Judy E. Bailey of Dubuque will also share her personal reflections on Papua New Guinea.

Participants will be informed and led to pray together for our own societies and for the world. For more than 60 years, many faith traditions have gathered to observe this common day of prayer.

WDP will be observed at St. Matthew Lutheran Church at 1780 White Street which is handicap-accessible and has off street parking. There will be two similar services: Thursday, March 5th at 7:00 pm and Friday, March 6th at 10:00 am with 9:30 am Gathering/Coffee.

Contact person: Sue Hattel, 563-556-1394, Church Women United Leadership Team.

February is Black History Month!

The following events have been compiled by the Clarke College Multicultural Center.

--Worship & Traditional Gospel Music @ First Baptist, Judson Dr. 10:45am. Sundays in Feb.

--Check out the bulletin board & book display on the 1st Floor of Carnegie-Stout Public Library this month!

2/11—Youth Group Film: Akeelah & The Bee @ First Baptist, 6pm

2/12—Play: I Question America @ Loras AAC Ballrooms, 7pm. *On the life of Fannie Lou Hamer.*

2/14&15—Symphony: Finlandia and Copeland's 'Lincoln Portrait' @ Five Flags, Sat/7:30pm and Sun/2pm. \$\$

2/15—Film & Discussion: Something The Lord Made @ Mindframe, 6pm. Discussion by First Baptist

2/16—Discussion: Colorism @ Loras Arizona Room, 6pm. *Moderated by University of Iowa Professor, Motier Haskins. A look into and debate on the "colorism" issue in the black community. Light skin vs dark skin. Straight Hair vs nappy hair, etc.*

2/19&20—Play: Waiting for Martin @ The Grand, Th & Fri, 7:30p. \$8/\$5. – *A one hour musical production about*

three homeless teens in rural Alabama in the early sixties. Pete, Rose and Solomon wait for Martin Luther King to come, in hope that his visit will change their lives. Through their games and stories and the characters that stumble upon their campsite we relive a difficult time in American History.

2/19, 20, 21—Play: The Amen Corner @ UD Alumni Chapel, Th & Fri/7:30p, Sat/2p. *Author James Baldwin's second theater piece, published in 1954.*

2/21—Hip Hop Dance Workshop @ Public Library, 1:30 pm. Registration required. *we will be learning about the history of Hip Hop Dancing. Join us in the youth services area to learn about history of this creative dance and join in on some of the moves. This workshop is presented by Tess Mulgrew and friends from the 5 6 7 8 Dance Studio. Class size is limited so please call 589-4225 option 5 to register.*

2/22—No Turnin' Around: A Celebration of Black History @ First Baptist, 6pm

2/23—Film: Their Eyes Were Watching God @ Clarke SAC Gallagher Lounge, 7pm.

2/24—Viewing: CNN's "The Black Woman & Family." @ Loras Arizona Rm, 11:30am. *Soledad O'Brien explores the varied experiences of black women and families and investigates the disturbing statistics of single parenthood, racial disparities between students and the devastating toll of HIV/AIDS. O'Brien reports on the progress of black women in the workplace and the status of the black middle class. Moderated by Rick Anderson.*

2/25—Roundtable: Breaking Through Stereotypes @ NICC- Peosta, Feb. 25th, 11:30a

2/25—Concert: Will Gray @ Clarke, 8pm

2/26—Viewing: Jefferson's Blood @ Loras Arizona Room, 11:30am. *Recounts the story of Thomas Jefferson, his slave & mistress Sally Hemings, their descendants, and the mysterious power of race. Moderated by Rick Anderson*

The Annual Temple Beth El Visitors' Service will be Friday, April 3. 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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