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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 17	Voices and Values	Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Breakfast
January 17	Americorps	25 th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service
January 25	DACU	DACU Annual Meeting and Banquet, 6:00 PM, Westminster Presbyterian Church
January 29	Operation: New View	Earned Income Tax Credit Day, 10 AM to 2 PM (see page 3 for more)
February 22	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting, TBA
April 9	Temple Beth El	Temple Beth El Annual Visitor Service 6:30 PM lecture 7:30 PM service



DACU Annual Meeting and Banquet

DATE: **Tuesday, January 25, 2011**

LOCATION: Westminster Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall
(2155 University Ave., Dubuque)

TIME: 6:00 PM

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

RSVP by January 18 to Bob Krayner, 582-5117,
bdkramer@aol.com



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

19th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Community Breakfast

Monday, January 17, 2011
7:30 a.m.

Grand River Center
500 Belle Street, Dubuque, Iowa

For Late Registration (After January 7)
email office@dbqfoundation.org



Dubuque Americorps
MLK Jr. Day of Service
Monday January 17, 2011

St. Patrick's Foley Hall (1485 Iowa Street)
9:30 AM to 3:00 Pm

Celebrate the legacy of Dr. King through this "Day On" by volunteering at one of five service sites: Marshall Elementary School, Jefferson Middle School, Four Oaks, Albrecht Acres, and the Multicultural Family Center

Register by emailing dubuqueamericorps@yahoo.com
by January 12, 2011

DACU Board Report

The Board of Directors would like to express sincere gratitude to our member congregations for their partnership this past year. Your generous contributions have supported our DACU Projects, the Dubuque Rescue Mission, the Dubuque Food Pantry, and People in Need, in addition to other worthy projects in the Dubuque community.

At the January Board Meeting, the Board voted end of year disbursements of \$1,750.00 each to the Food Pantry, the Rescue Mission, and People in Need. Additional donations of \$500 to the Weatherization Project and \$200 to MLK Scholarships were also approved, for a total of \$5,950.00

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.)

The emergency needs of people in our community continue to rise and People In Need (PIN) continues to receive numerous requests for assistance to help out in those emergency situations to avoid disconnects of utilities (gas, water, electric) or to avoid eviction from housing. During the 2010 calendar year, PIN provided 100 emergency assists for a total of **\$26,513.31**, an average of \$265.13 per assist. During the year, PIN received donations totaling \$24,071.15. The special PIN offering at the November 24th DACU Community Thanksgiving Service at Westminster Presbyterian Church provided **\$1,348.00**. The need is great and requests for assistance far outweigh PIN funds to help. As always, we are grateful for the support we receive from generous and caring individuals, congregations and organizations in the Dubuque community as well as the funds provided from DACU.

Tom Stovall, Treasurer, People In Need



Dubuque Rescue Mission

The Dubuque Rescue Mission would like to take this opportunity to thank all DACU member churches for their generous support during the Holiday Season. We are truly grateful. Peace and a Joyous New Year to all.

(Rick Mihm, Director)



Dubuque Food Pantry

Thank you to all the churches/congregations that donated hams, turkeys and non-perishable food items to us before Thanksgiving and during the month of December for our Christmas baskets. We appreciate all you do for us. Those that sent monetary donations, we put that towards any items that we purchased for the baskets; like milk, eggs, more hams, etc.

Once again this year we are planning on your participation in "Souper Bowl" weekend. Please ask each member of your congregation to bring one can of soup or a box of crackers the first weekend in February to help feed those in need.

If you wish to know more about the Food Pantry please feel free to call and ask questions or I would be happy to come and speak to your church group. We also have brochures that we can send out that gives information about the Pantry.

God bless you and thank you for your continued support.

Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager



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

DACU Community

CROP Walk

Final Report for Crop Walk 2010

The weather was perfect for the 2010 Walk held on Sunday October 3, 2010. The route was changed this year, stepping off from Holy Trinity Lutheran and walking on Grandview turning around at Murphy Park. Heard lots of positive comments from the walkers about the change in route and seems to have enthused everyone!

Holy Trinity Lutheran served as the host this year and could not have been more hospitable. In addition to the 59 walkers they brought and sending off the walkers with a prayer by Pastor Arnold Flater, the church hosted the rest/water stops, set up the signage on the route and helped also to take the signs down. Their assistance was offered with refreshments after the walk and the clean up. All in all, a very successful walk!

The leading congregations bringing in the highest pledges (and walkers) were:

- Holy Trinity Lutheran, \$2500 (w/input from Thrivent Financial)
- Grand View Methodist, \$1,200
- First Presbyterian, \$750
- Lord of Life Lutheran, \$1,000 (input from Thrivent also)
- St. John's Lutheran, \$950

The above included pastors walking with members of their congregations. Other leading congregations:

- Sisters of Charity, \$1,200
- Wahlert High, \$600
- Crop Walk Corrdinator, \$550
- Dominican Sisters, \$800

All in all, to date \$15,800 (which is \$800 more than last year and still counting)!

Additional support provided by:

- Emergency Ambulance Service
- Cumulus Broadcasting
- Hy Vee Foods
- Swiss Valley Farms
- Dubuque Bank and Trust (LuAnn Burton)
- Julien's Journal
- St. Stephen's Food Bank
- Bread for the World Letter Writing Campaign

150 Jars of peanut butter and 40 boxes of pasta were given to the Food Pantry by the walkers. All of this would not e possible if it were not for the most wonderful Crop Walk committee in the world: Bob and Dorothy Kraye, Sara McCaw, Virginia Jahnke, Sr. Anita Therese Hayes and Sr. Sheila Kane.

Maryann Caudill-LoGuidice, Crop Walk Coordinator

(Editor's Note: This report should have appeared in the December newsletter, which did not get published. My sincere apologies!)

Operation: New View

It's Tax Time Again! Here are two important reminders from Operation: New View:

Earned Income Tax Credit Day, Saturday January 29th at Operation New View (1473 Central Avenue) 10 AM to 2 PM. If you have earned income from working in 2010 you may qualify for Earned Income Tax Credit and put money back in your pocket, even if you don't owe any income tax! Walk in for information on filing your taxes for free, complimentary classes on controlling yur money, and info on using direct deposit to receive your refund faster.

Free Tax Preparation Sites: Individuals with low to moderate incomes are eligible to receive free and confidential tax preparation at any of the free filing tax sites listed below:

St. Matthew Lutheran Church (AARP)

1780 White Street
February 1 – April 14, Monday- Friday, 12:30 pm-3:30 pm
Walk-ins ONLY

Loras College (563.588.7265)

February 15 – March 29, Tuesdays at 2:00 PM
Appointments ONLY

Hills and Dales Lifetime Center (AARP)

563.585.0560 3505 Stoneman Road
February 1 – April 14, Tuesday – Thursday, 9 am – 2 pm
Appointments ONLY

University of Dubuque

563.589.3644 2000 University Ave.
Monday February 28 and Tuesday March 8
3:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Appointments ONLY; Call and leave message

Operation: New View, Dubuque

563.556.5130, ext. 14 1473 Central Ave.
January 27 – April 14, Mondays and Thursdays,
6 PM to 9 PM Appointments ONLY

Operation: New View, Manchester

563.927.4629 721 South 5th St. Suite B
Saturday February 12 and Saturday February 26,
10 AM to 2 PM Appointments ONLY

Operation: New View, Maquoketa

563.652.5197 904 East Quarry
Saturday February 5 and Saturday February 19
10 AM to 2 PM Appointments ONLY

What to bring:

- Valid picture ID
- Social Security Cards for you and each member of your family included on your return
- Birthdates for you and each member included on your return
- W-2s for all jobs in 2010 and any other tax related documents
- 1099 forms for other income, if any
- A copy of last year's tax returns (federal and state)
- If you are claiming childcare expenses, bring documentation of expenses and either the childcare agency's ID or the provider's Social Security
- All adults on your return must be present to sign forms
- College tuition and student loan interest statements
- A blank check if you want your refund direct deposited

Questions?? Contact

bjenkins@operationnewview.org or 563.556.5130

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity Dubuque /Jackson County did not build a house this year because the chapter needed to raise funds to be able to build in 2011. It was however, very busy with the Brush with Kindness Project which helped existing homes apply for small repair projects. These projects varied based on the homeowners needs. One of the projects involved a woman's build which meant that only woman did the work (there was a training session provided by Lowe's). In the future we would like to have the challenge of a whole house built by women.

A house was moved on the north end of Dubuque to 22nd street. This was quite a project which required the help of many people. The house received a new basement and was stabilized for the winter. A family, husband and wife with two small children are waiting to move in early spring once the rest of the work is finished. One of the fund raisers was the building of play houses at the county fair that were then auctioned off.

Habitat is always looking for volunteers whether it is building, helping in the office, providing food for the workers, making phone calls or providing funds. We thank all of you that have helped this year to help provide homes for those in the area that need them. If you know of families that might qualify for homes, want to volunteer for build or fund raising, please contact your "Habitat" DACU representative, Elaine Mitchell diettou@gmail.com or 563 581 5919. She will put into contact with the right person.

Ahead for 2011 is a build that was been partially funded by a grant from Thrivent. (55%) Habitat will need help with the build and funding. A family, mother and two children have qualified for the home and is anxiously waiting for it to be built. **WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE IT HAPPEN.**

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

Web: www.shalomretreats.org

To register, call Shalom at 563/582-3592.

Centering Prayer

Monday, Jan. 17, 7:00 – 8:00pm

Facilitator: Marilyn Dansart

Join others in quiet, meditative prayer, discussion, and support. Registration not required. Free will offering.

Reading That Matters Book Discussion:

***The Death of Josseline* by Margaret Ryan**

Tuesday, Jan. 18, 7:00 – 8:30pm

Facilitator: Eileen Miller OSF

Fourteen-year-old Josseline Quinteros died while trying to cross into the U.S. along the Mexican-Arizona border. Hers is just one of the stories told in this

insightful read on an important issue.
Offering: \$6. Register by Jan. 17.

Embracing Life After Separation or Divorce Saturday, Jan. 22, 9:00am – 4:00pm

Facilitators: Peg Jones, Ginny Neuwohner, Bev Rech, Eileen Miller OSF

If you have experienced the pain of separation or divorce, here is a chance to gather with others who have had a similar loss. Topics addressed will include feelings of pain, loss, and rejection; adjusting over and over again to a new way of living; healing and living a full and fruitful life. *Offering: \$35/including continental breakfast and lunch. Register by Jan. 19.*

Celebrating the Friendship of Women

Friday, Feb. 4, 7:00pm – Saturday, Feb. 5, 7:00pm

Presenters: Margaret Jungers OSF & Eileen Miller OSF

Bring your friend(s) and enjoy a cozy winter get-away on this day designed for good friends – women to women. With presentations, sharing, good food and prayer, we will explore and celebrate friendships throughout the years of our lives. *Offering: \$80/person. Register by Feb. 1.*

Days of Quiet & Prayer (4-session series)

Book: *The Wisdom Jesus* by Cynthia Bourgeault

**Wednesdays, Feb. 16, Mar. 16, Apr. 13, May 18
9:15am continental breakfast, 9:30am – 2:30pm (noon lunch)**

Facilitator: Margaret Jungers OSF

Offering: \$75/series of four – includes book, program, materials, meal & private room. Register by Feb. 1.

Reserve Our Facility

Groups: 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. Rates are reasonable.

Individuals: Shalom offers private retreats for individuals. They may choose spiritual direction as part of their retreat, or they may prefer to spend their time in solitude. The length of the retreat is flexible.



We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the hateful words and actions of the bad people but for the appalling silence of the good people.

--Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.,
Letter from Birmingham Jail

Maria House – Opening Doors

Want to be a “Boiler Buddy” for Opening Doors?

Since Maria House opened its doors in September of 2000. Opening Doors, Maria House’s parent corporation, leased the building from St. Mary’s Parish. Since St. Mary’s closed, Maria House is in the process of purchasing the building from St. Mary’s Corporation. Maria House was heated by the same boiler that heated the church (the boiler is now defunct). Maria House had to install the unbudgeted \$47,000 boiler and the staff and residents are now warm and cozy. The shelter also shared a water line with the church; future excavation work could add an additional \$10,000 to the project.

Opening Doors is seeking “Boiler Buddy” contributors that will find it in their hearts to make a donation to the shelter to help off-set the costs of this project. Tax-deductible cash donations can be mailed to Opening Doors, 1561 Jackson Street, Dubuque, IA 52001. Write “Boiler Buddy” on the memo of your check so we can direct your contribution to this funding need. Churches and other organizations that would like to partner with Opening Doors on this project are invited to call 563-582-7480. www.openingdoorsdbq.org.

Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop

Friday, January 14, 2011, 8 AM to 4 PM Loras College Auditorium. Cost of \$75 includes Breakfast, Lunch, and *Bridges Out of Poverty* book. To register, go to www.cityofdubuque.org/bridgesoutofpoverty For more information contact Carroll Clark 589-4230 or cclark@cityofdubuque.org

Bridges Out of Poverty “Bridges Initiative” is looking for congregations to provide a meal for the families participating in the weekly seminars. If your congregation or organization can help, please contact Claudette Bees, First Baptist Church (563-6289) to schedule a date.

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. Hate multiplies hate, violence multiplies violence, and toughness multiplies toughness in a descending spiral of destruction....The chain reaction of evil--hate begetting hate, wars producing more wars--must be broken, or we shall be plunged into the dark abyss of annihilation.

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Strength To Love, 1963**



Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.

--Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968)



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