



# 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!		
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 <b>HOUSING SUMMIT</b>
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 Delegates' Meeting

DATE: **Tuesday, March 23, 2010**

LOCATION: Grandview United Methodist Church  
3342 John Wesley Drive

Program: **HOUSING SUMMIT**

TIME: **7:00 PM**

"There is much misinformation and uncertainty surrounding this issue. Come to the meeting, bring as many guests as you can, and hear from the folks who are involved, from policy makers and landlords to residents."

---Rev. Tim Bees, 2010 DACU President

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

## Reminders from the President

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

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. Tim 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 February 28, 4 member congregations and two associate members have contributed a total of \$767.23 to DACU.

	February	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2010
Income	\$1,127.23	\$1,127.23	\$6,450
Expense	\$1,065.98	\$1,065.98	\$6,450
Net	\$61.25	\$61.25	-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

## DACU Projects

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

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

"**Souper Bowl**" Sunday was a success! Churches donated 750 cans of soup to the Pantry, along with crackers and cash.

**Thank you to all who participated.**

The next event for the Pantry will be the city wide **Scout Drive** that will take place on Saturday, March 20, 2010. Scouts will be collecting food in all the neighborhoods of Dubuque, please have your bag set outside by 9:00a.m. We count on your generosity.

**Project:** If your church/congregation is looking for a project we are in need of diapers sizes 4 and 5. Along with the diapers we could use wipes and baby juice, baby foods number 1 and 3. *Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager*

**The Dubuque Rescue Mission is in need of good used furniture for the Resale Shop!**  
*(Rick Mihm, Director).*

**Dear Friends, with the Editor's apologies, there is an irreparable gap right here in the newsletter. We are hoping to fix this before the next newsletter.**

**In the meantime, please bear with us!**

**Perhaps it would make a good space for jotting notes, phone numbers, or reminders.**

## **DACU Community**

### **Shalom Retreat Center**

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

1001 Davis St., Dubuque, IA 52001

#### **'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 Mar. 9.

#### **Book Discussion: *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace ... One School at a Time\** by Greg Mortenson & David 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. Offering: \$6. Register by Mar. 12. \*15% book discount available at Riverlights 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition.

#### **Centering Prayer Monday, March 15. 18, 7:00 – 8:00pm Facilitator: Marilyn Dansart**

*Registration not required. Free will offering.*

#### **Nurturing the Feminine Spirit: Top 10 Wellness Habits Thursday, March 18, 6:30 – 8:30pm**

**Presenter: Julia Theisen, Co-owne, Body & Soul Wellness Center and Spa** Julia says, "In this practical, fun and interactive presentation you will learn 10 of the most profound lifestyle habits you can adopt to significantly improve your life – INSTANTLY. Are you ready? Let's Go!" Offering: \$15. Includes beverage & light hors d'oeuvres social to begin the evening. Register by Mar. 15.

#### **Relieve Stress for Dental Health Thursday, March 18, 7:00 – 8:30pm Instructors: William C. Kuttler, DDS, Sharon L. Kuttler, RDH and Deb May, Certified Yoga teacher**

We live in a world filled with stress. Many people transfer that stress to their chewing muscles and damage their teeth or create pain. In this program we will discuss the connection between daily stresses, dental problems, and yoga solutions. Offering \$8. Register by Mar. 16.

#### **The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ: A Personal Perspective Tuesday, March 23, 7:00 – 9:00pm**

**Facilitator: Margaret Jungers OSF** The mystery and significance of Jesus death will unfold for each of us in a personal way as we view and discuss two short videos

on this topic by Ron Rolheisser. Offering: \$8. Register by Mar. 19.

#### **Shalom Spring Breakfast: The Surprises of Spring Wednesday, March 24, 7:00 – 8:00am, Mass at 8:15am. Presenter: Michelle Balek OSF**

Enjoy a delicious breakfast. Then, with Michelle, whose passion is reverence for God's creation, explore and reflect on the special gifts and lessons of this season. Offering: \$8. Register by Mar. 22.

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**

#### **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**

### **Grief Support Group**

If you are experiencing deep sadness through the loss of a person through death or divorce, a grief group facilitated by Sr. Jane Rogers, BVM may be helpful for you. The adult group is held at Mt. Carmel Roberta Kuhn Center on south Grandview on Thursdays, starting April 8<sup>th</sup> through May 13<sup>th</sup>. Sessions are from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM or 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. A short interview is required before placement in the group. The suggested time to participate in a group is at least two months after the loss; however, it could be many years since the loss. Registration closes on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and is limited to 20. The fee for the six sessions is \$15.00. Sr. Jane's phone number is 583-1889.

## **University of Dubuque Theological Seminary**

### **Spring Mission Conference: March 9-10**

The keynote speakers are Rev. Dr. Jin S. Kim, PCUSA and Rev. Fletcher Matandika, Vancouver Associated Presbyterian Church. Everyone is invited but requested to register:

[http://udts.dbq.edu/pdf\\_files/2010missionconfbrochure.pdf](http://udts.dbq.edu/pdf_files/2010missionconfbrochure.pdf)

### **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](mailto:mfc.volunteer@gmail.com)

### **An Opportunity to help a Child**

At the February DACU meeting, Shirley Hoefler of the Iowa Child Advocacy Board presented information about the Iowa Foster Care Review Board and the Court Appointed Special Advocate program. Both rely on volunteers for their success. To learn more, visit this website: <http://childadvocacy.iowa.gov/>, phone Shirley Hoefler at 582-6219 or email [shirley.hoefler@dia.iowa.gov](mailto:shirley.hoefler@dia.iowa.gov)

### **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](http://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.**

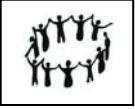
**Everyone is warmly invited. If you plan to bring a group please let us know in advance so we bake enough cookies! (Contact Sheila Rudin, 556.4262 or Phyllis Garfield, 589.0028)**

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



*"History will have to record that the greatest tragedy of this period of social transition was not the strident clamor of the bad people, but the appalling silence of the good people."*

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



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