



# 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!		
May 25	DACU	DACU Spring Worship Service, University of Dubuque Blades Chapel 7:00
June, July, August	Sinsinawa Mound	Summer Organ Recitals, every Wednesday at 7:00 PM in Queen of the Holy Rosary Chapel, admission free.
August 26	CROP WALK	CROP Walk Recruiter's Rally, 6:00 PM, Dubuque Rescue Mission
September 7	Dubuque Ministerium	12:00 Noon, Dubuque Rescue Mission
October 3	CROP WALK	1:00 PM, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1755 Delhi



"DACU", a Community of Servants

## Next DACU Delgates' Meeting

DATE: **Tuesday, May 25, 2010**

LOCATION: Blades Chapel, University of Dubuque  
2000 University Ave.

Program: DACU's Spring Worship Gathering

TIME: 7:00 PM

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

## DACU Spring Worship

*Our May worship experience will be "Coffee House Conversations". Sacred readings, poetry, commentaries and music will be shared in conversation circles and the large group. Share a cup of coffee or cold drink with your friends and listen to performances by Charles Barland on the piano, vocal and guitar duo John and Christy Hatch, storyteller Amy Ressler, and more. Join us for a reflective and inspiring time of celebration and commitment.*

—Rev. Dr. Tom Young, DACU Worship Chair



**Everyone is welcome, please bring a friend!**

## **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."

### **The June Newsletter will have an updated Treasurer's Report!**

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 Board Report**

The May Board Meeting was devoted to a discussion with guests Kelly Larson, Carroll Clark, Ermina Soler and Mike Van Milligan from the City of Dubuque concerning needs in our city and how the "Bridges Out of Poverty" programs are being used to address poverty in Dubuque. They introduced a new program, "Circles", which will bring people from across the community together in support of one another. Stay tuned for more about this from DACU President Tim Bees!

## **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. Nowhere 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



The Dubuque Rescue Mission is in need of used bicycles for the men at the mission and for their bicycle repair shop.

*(Rick Mihm, Director)*



## **Dubuque Food Pantry**

We would like to thank all those who continue to support the Food Pantry with monetary donations and those that drop off food items.

**Project:** If your church/congregation is looking for a project we are in need of cleaning supplies. A few times a year we like to give out cleaning supplies to our clients, as this is an item that they cannot purchase with food stamps.

As you think about summer and planting a **garden**, please keep the Food Pantry in mind. We would gladly take any extras you might have. Just drop off your garden produce between 10:00-4:00p.m. on Mon., Wed., & Fri.

*Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager*



**Remember:**  
**New P.I.N. Phone Number:**  
**581-7995**

## **DACU Community**

### **CROP Walk**

#### **2010 Theme: "Enough for All"**

The 2010 Crop Walk (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) will be Sunday, October 3rd at 1:00 p.m. The host church this year is Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (1755 Delhi). Please also bring jars of peanut butter for the Food Pantry.

The Crop Walk Recruiter's Rally will be Thursday August 26 at 6:00 PM at the Dubuque Rescue Mission.

Unitarian Universalist minister, Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed says so beautifully what the DACU community is about: *"The religious community is essential, for alone our vision is too narrow to see all that must be seen.*

*Together, our vision widens and strength is renewed."*

Come and be part of this yearly event. Maryann LoGuidice, Coordinator, [maryannu@fastmail.fm](mailto:maryannu@fastmail.fm),

**608-348-2305**

### **Habitat for Humanity**

A Brush with Kindness (ABWK) is Habitat's house-preservation initiative that focuses on minor repairs, painting, weather-stripping and landscaping. It is part of Habitat's broader Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative that will enable affiliates to offer a wider variety of construction services using the Habitat model.

It allows us to serve a different population than currently served, yet follows the same basic tenets for eligibility (need, ability to pay, willingness to partner). It is a direct fit with Habitat's strategic plan to exponentially increase the number of families served annually.

A Brush with Kindness uses volunteers, donated materials and no interest loans to make repairs affordable, helping low-income homeowners continue to live independently and securely in their homes. Groups of 10-20 volunteers work alongside the homeowner to revitalize a home's exterior. Team leaders make the experience of helping others a positive one.

ABWK is a holistic approach, which assists communities as well as families. It revitalizes the appearance of the neighborhood, strengthens connections within the community, and most importantly, helps preserve and create affordable housing stock.

If you know of someone that could use this service or you want to volunteer to help contact Elaine Mitchell [diettou@gmail.com](mailto:diettou@gmail.com) for more information.

## **Shalom Retreat Center**

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

1001 Davis St., Dubuque, IA 52001

**Annual Picnic Lunch on the Hill** Wednesday, May 19, Serving: 11:30am - 12:30pm. Enjoy an old-fashioned picnic lunch. Participants can choose to "dine in" our dining room or "carry out" their lunch to enjoy on our beautiful patio or deck. MENU: Brats, Hamburgers, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Cookies & Ice Cream, Lemonade, Ice Water & Coffee - Yum!!! Offering: \$8/Adults, (\$4 for children age 10 & under accompanied by an adult). To register, call 563/582-3592 by May 17.

**Finding God's Light in Nature:** Praying Through a Camera Lens Saturday, May 22, 10:00am – 3:00pm  
Presenters: Janet Haverkamp OSF, Phyllis Manternach OSF & Eileen Miller OSF, Shalom Program Coordinator  
Come for a day away and let your eyes and your camera lens reverence the beauty God has created all around us. Includes: reflective input, examples of photography as prayer, time for taking photos on the luscious grounds surrounding Shalom, quiet time, and sharing your experience and photos. Bring your camera (and digital download cable if you have one), and some of your favorite photos. Offering: \$30 includes lunch. To register, call 563/582-3592 by May 19.

**Memorial Mass & Social:** Thursday, May 27, 7:00pm  
Presider: Fr. Eugene Kutsch. In anticipation of Memorial Day, the deceased loved ones of Shalom friends and benefactors are remembered at a special Eucharistic liturgy. A social will follow the Mass. No fee. Call 563/582-3592 to register by May 25.

**Shalom Summer Breakfast:** June Is Busting Out All Over! Wednesday, June 2, 7:00 - 8:00am, Mass at 8:15am (optional) Presenter: Marge Staudt OSF  
As each day brings warmer breezes, an abundance of growing flowers and vegetables, and time to enjoy being out in God's wonderful creation - don't you just want to sing "June Is Busting Out All Over"? Join us for a delicious breakfast and an opportunity to get in touch with our enthusiasm for life! Offering: \$8. Call 563/582-3592 to register by May 28.

**June Evening for Married Couples:** A Celebration of Life & Love! Musicians: Jim Brimeyer & Marie Therese Kalb OSF. Presenters: Terry & Debbie Gross. Whether your anniversary is at this or at another time of year, come and celebrate it at Shalom. Includes: Eucharistic Liturgy at which you will have an opportunity to renew your marriage vows; special dinner; music - including some often used for weddings; and an inspirational reflection. Offering: \$40/couple. To register, call 563/582-3592 by June 2.

### **SUMMER RETREATS AT SHALOM**

- **Meeting the Jesus of Luke: The Spirit of the Lord Is Upon Me!** June 6 –12, Director: Dr.

Wendy Cotter, CSJ, Offering: \$360. Early Bird: \$320 if \$50 deposit is received by May 6.

- **The Christ of the Miracle Stories: Meeting Jesus Downtown.** Sunday, June 13, 9:00am – 3:00pm Director: Dr. Wendy Cotter CSJ Offering: \$50. Register by June 10.
- **The Spirituality of Thomas Merton** June 13-19, Director: Patrick Collins, SJ, Offering: \$425. Early Bird: \$400 if \$75 deposit is received by May 13.
- **Dancing with God** June 28 - July 3, Director: Charles Wehrley CSsR, Offering: \$300. Early Bird: \$285 if \$50 deposit is received by May 28.
- **The Mirror of My Unseen Face:** Using the Parables as a Map for Our Spiritual Journey. July 4 –11, Director: Nancy Schreck OSF, Offering: \$400. Early Bird: \$375 if \$50 deposit is received by June 4.

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

The Sinsinawa Book & Gift Gallery will feature artist Roger Dorneden in F.E.N.C.E. Photography March 30-May 31. F.E.N.C.E. stands for Finding, Enjoying Nature's Creative Energy. Dorneden, from Apple River, Ill., is a self-taught photographer who won many awards and looks to his backyard of Jo Daviess County for his inspiration.

Promoting the arts is important to Dorneden. "There's an artist in all of us. We are creative beings. All of us should be creating some type of art. There are many mediums to choose from-writing, painting, drawing and others. So pick up a brush, pen or other tool and get started."

For more information contact Michelle Till at (608) 748-4411, ext. 849, or visit our Web site at [www.sinsinawa.org](http://www.sinsinawa.org).

### Summer Organ Concert Recitals (June, July, August):

Every Wednesday evening throughout the summer, the Sinsinawa Mound Outreach Music Department hosts organ recitals performed by guest musicians. The free concerts are held in Queen of the Holy Rosary Chapel on the Casavant pipe organ. Concerts begin at 7:00 PM.

For more information contact Sr. Marie Juan Maney, OP at (608) 748-4411, ext. 807 or visit our Web site at [www.sinsinawa.org](http://www.sinsinawa.org).

Sinsinawa Mound, the Motherhouse for the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters, is located in southwest Wisconsin on County Road Z, off Highway 11, about five miles northeast of Dubuque.

## Community News

### Ragbrai Hospitality Opportunity!!

Good Afternoon,

My name is Julie and I am the coordinator for Dubuque RAGBRAI this summer. As I am sure you have heard, RAGBRAI will bring with it 20,000 bike riders from 18 different countries and nearly each of the States.

There are two unique parts of RAGBRAI that the community can get involved in.

1. **Rooms in Homes.** As of today we have nearly 40 requests from riders to stay with a host in Dubuque. These riders are families, husband & wife, friends and they are looking for a bed to sleep in or a place to pitch a tent.
2. **Volunteering.** On July 23 and again on July 31 volunteers are needed to help make RAGBRAI a success. From parking to the information center to simply taking pictures of groups on the Riverwalk, we are in search of a variety of volunteers.

Please share this information with your congregations and consider adding it to your bulletins!

Thank you for your time,

**Julie Kronlage**, Director of Sales

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### Bridges Out of Poverty/Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin By World

Thursday, June 3, 2010

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM (Registration 8:00 AM)

Loras College Wellness Center Hospitality Area

The Dubuque Bridges Initiative will present an overview of the Bridges and Getting Ahead Initiatives which are currently operating in Dubuque. The morning will be spent on understanding the basic Bridges concepts with time spent discussing their applications to the contexts represented by the audience as well as to the Getting Ahead groups. The afternoon will be spent developing an operational understanding of how to run a Getting Ahead group and will include issues such as recruiting and training facilitators, recruiting and selecting participants, funding, considerations for location, and

organizing meals and childcare. This workshop is designed for those who are interested in beginning a Getting Ahead group in their community or through their organization. The cost for the day is \$80 and includes lunch and the following books: Bridges Out of Poverty, Getting Ahead Facilitators Manual, Getting Ahead Participants Manual. Participants who already have the materials may attend for \$50 which will include lunch. Please RSVP by May 21th to [cclark@cityofdubuque.org](mailto:cclark@cityofdubuque.org) Include, names of those attending, an e-mail address we can contact if we have questions and the name of the organization you are representing. We will also need to know if you need the books or if you already have them. Payment will be expected in the form of a check at registration.



**Dubuque's United Nations International Day of Peace 2010 "Creating a Culture of Peace" September 21, 2010**

Peace lies at the heart of each individual, all families, communities, territories, and nations. Peace is the dream we hope and strive for. It is possible to see a world turn from violent to nonviolent solutions within our lifetimes. A group of Dubuque-area residents invites all to create a culture of peace by participating in a city-wide celebration of the United Nations International Day of Peace on Tuesday, September 21, 2010. Since its 1981 inception, the Peace Day has marked humanity's personal and planetary progress toward peace. The celebration has grown to include millions of people in all parts of the world through events ranging in scale from private gatherings to public events with wide attendance. Please join us in promoting a collective commemoration of the day in the Dubuque area, gathering around the theme of **Creating a Culture of Peace**.

The speaker will be Ken Butigan:

Topic for Tuesday: Everyone a Peacemaker: Unleashing the Power of Nonviolent Change in Our Lives, Our Communities, and Our World.

Topic for Sunday: Conflict Transformation in Families (for a multi-generational audience with age-appropriate break-out times).

Topic for Monday and Tuesday: "Can We Get a Little Peace Around Here?": We're All Part of the Solution to Violence (for high schools and colleges)

Coming Soon:

--Sample prayer services for congregations to use that day and religious education resources adaptable for

differing age levels, including a list of books, videos and the like.

--In-service workshops for congregations and other group leaders on how to use and adapt the resources to their individual settings

Please mark your calendars and speak with those in charge of programming at your congregations about considering dedicating the service and/or religious education preceding September 21 to peace.

For more information, contact Dr. Evelyn Nadeau at [Evelyn.Nadeau@clarke.edu](mailto:Evelyn.Nadeau@clarke.edu). We welcome ideas and input from congregations, as well as participation on committees!

**LAST CHANCE for Worship Brochure Changes....**

We are nearly finished with our annual update of the DACU Worship Brochure which we distribute to local hotels and hospitals. We want to list your congregation, its address, phone contact, email or website, and worship and religious school schedule. Please send updates to the DACU Worship Committee, Phyllis Garfield, [phyllisgarfield@hotmail.com](mailto:phyllisgarfield@hotmail.com)







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