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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 24	DACU	DACU Delegates' Meeting
June 1	Sinsinawa Mound	First Summer Organ Concert, 7:00 PM (continue every Wednesday Through the summer).
August 23	DACU	Delegates Picnic, details TBA



DACU Delegates Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, May 24, 2011

LOCATION: Chapel
Sisters of the Presentation
2360 Carter Road
Dubuque

TIME: 7:00 PM

PROGRAM: Spring Worship Service

REFRESHMENTS Will Follow!
Thanks to the Sisters of the Presentation
for their hospitality

REMINDER: Don't forget to bring a donation of canned food for the Food Pantry! You may leave your donations at the main entrance Reception Desk.



Upcoming DACU Delegates' Meetings

June and July: No Delegates' Meetings

Tuesday, August 23: Delegates' Picnic!
Details TBA....

Rev. Dr. Thomas Young
2011 DACU President



DACU Board Report

Sincere thanks to the following congregations contributed to DACU for the month of April:

--Grand View United Methodist Church
--St. Raphael's Cathedral

To date, a total of 9 Congregations have contributed to the work of DACU during 2011.

FY 2011 Monthly Balance Sheet Report 04/30/2011			
	April	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2011
Income	\$300.00	\$2,705.42	\$6,450.00
Expense	\$ 44.00	\$ 641.78	\$6,450.00
Ending Balance 4/30/2011	\$ 3,787.71		

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

If you would like a copy of the DACU Annual Report for 2010, please contact DACU Administrator Bob Kraye at bdkraye@aol.com

DACU Projects

People In Need (P.I.N.)

During the months of January through April, People In Need (PIN) assisted 32 households with emergency needs totaling \$10,664.81. This included payments for rent to avoid eviction and payments for gas, electric and water to avoid shutoff of service. During this same 4-month period, PIN received \$6,260.20 in donations. **Unfortunately, PIN was not been able to respond to any emergency requests for help during the month of April because our account balance dipped to an historic low of \$463.29.** At this time, PIN is asking for all congregations and friends for financial support so that we may resume responding to requests for emergency help when there is nowhere else to turn for families in our community. Thank you for any support that you can provide.

Please send donations to: Tom Stovall, PIN Treasurer,
3345 Tibey Court, Dubuque, IA 52002-2849

Dubuque Rescue Mission

YOUR volunteer hours and donations are always important and valued! Current need: good used single bed sheets, pillow cases, blankets, towels and washcloths.

If you have leftovers from an event like a church dinner, etc., you can always call ahead and drop them off at the Rescue Mission Kitchen. They will be dated, refrigerated, and used as soon as possible.

(Rick Mihm, Director)



Dubuque Food Pantry

Once again we thank all those who contribute to the Pantry; be that a monetary donation or food items. With summer approaching, we once again encourage anyone with a garden to share their abundant produce with the Pantry. Please drop off donations Monday, Wednesday & Friday between 9:30-3:30p.m. and Tuesday 8:00-noon.

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

DACU Community



DACU is pleased to welcome one new member congregation and one new associate member into our organization!

The Tri-State Islamic Center (www.thetic.org)

Opening Doors (Maria House and Theresa Shelter)
www.openingdoorsdbq.org

Membership in DACU, Dubuque Area Congregations United, is open to all non-profit organizations who support our mission statement. If you know of other congregations or organizations who are interested in joining us, please contact DACU President Rev. Tom Young.

Habitat for Humanity

Fund Raiser
May 23 all day
At the Red Roof Restaurant
Peosta, Iowa
10% of day's total income will be given to
Habitat
Please join us for excellent food
*Elaine Mitchell, DACU Representative
Habitat for Humanity*

Operation: New View

DACU REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED TO SERVE ON ECUMENICAL HOUSING BOARD

DACU currently has a vacancy for someone who will volunteer to represent us on the Ecumenical Housing Board. The board provides oversight for the operation of four housing facilities which includes Ecumenical Towers and Kennedy Manor in Dubuque as well as two other sites in Waterloo. The board meets quarterly over the noon hour for about two hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 31st. The bylaws of the organization call for DACU to have two representatives on the board. Tom Stovall currently serves in one of the positions. It is very important that DACU fulfills its responsibility to Ecumenical Housing by filling the second position. If you would be interested in serving, or have questions about the position, please contact Tom Stovall at 557-9227 (home) or at 556-5130 ext. 32 (work). Please consider serving in this area of DACU's mission to the community.

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.

Foods Resource Bank "Growing Hope" Projects

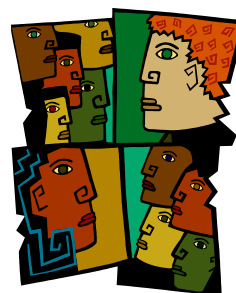
Growing Hope is the local Foods Resource Bank growing project, a group of area congregations working together to create lasting solutions to world hunger. Dispersed through respected Christian humanitarian organizations, the money we raise helps small farmers around the world become able to feed their families and build a future. Since 2005 our efforts have yielded more than \$100,000 through growing crops and fund raisers. Contact Dan Zauche at 590-8290 for more information about how your church can participate.

Dubuque NAACP

Dubuque NAACP Needs Members!

Dubuque NAACP is conducting a membership campaign in order to keep the Dubuque Chapter. National NAACP has said that our local chapter needs 50 members in order to stay active. Dues are \$30 per year and can be mailed to: Dubuque NAACP, PO Box 1012, Dubuque, IA 52004-1012. Dubuque NAACP has been a voice for justice in the Dubuque community for many years. Don't let this voice be silenced!

Adam Moore, President
Dubuque NAACP



Bridges Out of Poverty "Bridges Initiative" is always 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.

Sinsinawa Mound



2011 Summer Organ Concert Series Celebrating 20 Years!

Join us in celebrating as we host organists from Germany, Maryland, Michigan, North Carolina, Iowa and Illinois to play the great Casavant Opus 2847.

Concerts are held in Queen of the Rosary Chapel at Sinsinawa Mound on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Contact:

Sr. Marie Juan Maney, OP
608-748-4411, ext. 807

www.sinsinawa.org

585 County Road Z, Sinsinawa, WI 53824

Dubuque Community

Hospice of Dubuque

Hospice of Dubuque Tree of Life Memorial Service

The Hospice of Dubuque Tree of Life is a living symbol of those we love and will always remember. Hospice of Dubuque invites the community to the annual Tree of Life Memorial Service on Tuesday, May 24, at 7:30 pm in Washington Park. The service will include music, readings and lighting of the Tree of Life. Each light placed on the Tree of Life symbolizes a donation made in memory or honor of a loved one. All memorials, not only those served by Hospice of Dubuque, are welcome. You are invited to add a light to the tree by sending a monetary gift of any amount no later than Friday, May 20, to ensure names appear in the program. Please send your request to Hospice of Dubuque, 1670 JFK Road, Dubuque, IA 52002. Behr's Funeral Home is the proud sponsor of this year's Tree of Life Service.

Dubuque Human Rights

The City of Dubuque Human Rights Department is hosting a series of community focus groups in order to have a conversation with community members about whether or not they feel welcomed and included in Dubuque. Several groups have already met, including the African American Community, Hispanic Community, Multinational Community, College Student Community, and GLBT Community. A focus group for people with disabilities will meet Saturday, May 20. If you would like information on any of these focus groups or would like to share your thoughts, you may contact **Andre Lessears** at alessear@cityofdubuque.org or 563-690-6126

Spring has arrived! And with it, 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



You can find the current DACU Worship Brochure on our website at: www.DACUonline.org



Did you notice....

...that there isn't too much news in this month's newsletter? Send us more news and we'll be happy to include it! Please send copy ready to "cut and paste" in an email or an attached Word file to phyllisgarfield@hotmail.com



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