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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
August 24- December 31	Alexander Levi Heritage Project	Exhibit: "From Distant Places to Dubuque's Shores: 175 Years of Jewish Presence " at the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium
November 17	Shalom Retreat Center	Centering Prayer 7:00 - 8:00pm, Reg not required.
November 26	DACU	26 th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, 7:00 PM Resurrection Catholic Church
April 3, 2009	Temple Beth El	Annual Temple Beth El Visitors' Service

DACU 26th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service: "Thanksgiving Blessings"



*Wednesday, November 26, 7:00 P.M.
Resurrection Catholic Church
4300 Asbury Road*

*Speaker: Rick Mihm, Director
Dubuque Rescue Mission*

Music: Dr. Charles Barland

**...put the oven on "low" and take an hour
to worship with your neighbors!**

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."

**Checks should be made payable to "Dubuque Area Congregations United" and sent to:
Jenny Manders, DACU Treasurer,
P.O. Box 811, Dubuque IA 52004**

We are grateful for all the donations given to the projects of DACU this month. Due to the Treasurer's health issues, there is no report this month but we will have a report in the next newsletter.

DACU Board Notes

Many thanks to Tom Stovall and Jim Ott for their excellent presentation on "The High Cost of Being Poor" at the October Delegates' Meeting.

The DACU Board has begun the process of nominations for the 2009 DACU Board. Nominations are still open for Treasurer and Secretary. If you have suggestions or wish to volunteer, please contact Bob Krayner.

At the November DACU Board Meeting, Rick Mihm said that the two "Breaking Barriers" seminars currently underway are still seeking support to meet their funding requirements. If you would like to support this ministry please contact Rick Mihm with. This is a DACU project which needs our support.

Dubuque Food Pantry

We are gearing up to give out 500 Christmas Baskets on December 16 & 17th. Each household will receive food for a festive meal during the holidays. In October, we sent letters to churches/congregations asking for help in filling these baskets. We are looking for hams ranging in size from 3-5 lbs. and non-perishable foods like: sweet potatoes, stuffing mix, pumpkin, cranberry sauce, evaporated milk, cake mix, cans of frosting, gravy packets and pie filling. Please let the Pantry know if you can help with this project.

The Food Pantry has a new need: **BOXES!** We are very short of boxes in which to put our clients' food. We also need boxes as we get ready to pack our 500 Christmas boxes. We are looking for boxes that oranges, grapefruit, apples and/or eggs come in at the grocery store. We can also use the boxes in which reams of paper come. So any boxes that are about the size of the ones mentioned are in great need at the Pantry. Thank you for remembering the Dubuque Food Pantry.

Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager

People In Need (P.I.N.)

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**

At our November Board Meeting, PIN (People In Need) adopted a new operating policy and procedure which more accurately reflects its earlier policies. In the new policy and procedure, the PIN Board spelled out a stepped system of assistance.

1. A religious leader, church personnel, or a director from a local human services organization phones the PIN number (583-5056) and makes a referral. A PIN volunteer notes the referral source and client name.
2. Client is told (by referral source) to contact PIN as well.
3. Client request is either approved/funded or denied.
4. PIN volunteer calls referral source and client to inform both of the outcome.

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

**Remember that the DACU Thanksgiving Service
Offering benefits P.I.N.!**

Dubuque Rescue Mission

Please remember the Dubuque Rescue Mission during this Holiday Season. If you have food items left over from holiday office, family, church celebrations; please

bring the leftover items to the Dubuque Rescue Mission. In addition, if you are out grocery shopping, please grab an extra gallon of milk and/or an extra pound of ground meat for the Mission meals.

Thank you!

Rick Mihm, Director, Dubuque Rescue Mission

Crop Walk 2008

Love is the spirit of this organization and service its law. This is our great covenant, to dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.

These words are the hallmark of this beloved organization. A part of this is the sponsorship that is given to the yearly Crop Walk (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty). On the day of the walk we took in over \$9,000. According to the Iowa Director for Crop (there are 100 walks in the State of Iowa yearly), this initial amount generally turns into double the pledges turned in so we have a very good chance of making \$18,000 this year! Updates will be given over the next months. The ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Churches of America) congregations are applying for matching funds from Thrivent Financial. This will be reported when it is completed!

We had about 170 walkers of every age category, a sending prayer was delivered by Rick Mihm, the Director of the Rescue Mission. We were pleased to have Bread for the World present for a letter writing campaign and St. Stephen's Food Bank providing iced tea and snacks. We are continually blessed to have milk and juice furnished by Swiss Valley Farms and cookies from several members of the Quaker group and cookies by Fern Reinstein of Temple Beth El.

This year recruiters were asked to bring jars of peanut butter and jelly and am very pleased to say we took in over 100 jars - the largest donation coming from the lovely folks at St. John's Lutheran.

Thank you to the DACU community for your continual generous support and remember that twenty-five percent of all pledges collected says right here in Dubuque to help sustain the Rescue Mission, Food Pantry and People In Need.

Beloved members of the committee are: Sr. Anita Therese Hayes, Sr. Sheila Kane, Sara McCaw, Bob and Dorothy Krayer, Virginia Jahnke and Jim Ott.

Yours in faith and love,
Maryann Caudill-LoGuiduce, Coordinator

Community Announcements



The Dubuque Weatherization Challenge 2008 on October 25th was a wonderful example of a community of caring people doing good things for others. Some 377 volunteers in 55 teams spread out across the Dubuque Community and weatherized 106 homes of their elderly, disabled and low-income neighbors. And, the Dubuque faith community was a huge part of this effort.

On behalf of the event planning committee, our heartfelt thanks to the following 12 congregations who participated with 25 teams for the Dubuque Weatherization Challenge:

- Resurrection Catholic Church (6 teams)
- Westminster Presbyterian Church (4 teams)
- St. Patrick's Catholic Church Hispanic Ministry (3 teams)
- Center Grove United Methodist Church (2 teams)
- First Baptist Church (2 teams)
- Lord of Life Lutheran Church (2 teams)
- St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church
- Grand View United Methodist Church
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
- First Congregational United Church of Christ
- First Presbyterian Church
- Wartburg Seminary

Also, our thanks to DACU as an organization for their wonderful support and sponsorship of this event. And, a very special thank you to the members of Westminster Presbyterian Church for a tremendous job in hosting the event and providing the many volunteers that graciously made everything run smoothly. Their sponsorship was invaluable.

The 2008 Dubuque Weatherization Challenge Planning Committee:

Laura Roussel, Tom Stovall, Diane Hanson,
Mike Strader, Ric Jones, Carrie Tedore, Ron Sterr
and Mayor Roy Buol

Shalom Retreat Center

**Consider Shalom Retreat Center . . .
A Sacred Space ... Calling People to God and to
Fullness of Life!**

Shalom Retreat Center offers a wide range of spiritual and educational programs/retreats year-round for people of all faith traditions.

**Nov. 15: Health From Within: An
Extreme Makeover.** Based on book
"Body by God." Reg & fee by Nov. 12.

Nov. 17: Centering Prayer
7:00 - 8:00pm, Reg not required.

Nov. 18: Living Gratefully, 6:00-8:30pm,
Presenter: Ann Wertz, St. Mary/St. Patrick Cluster
includes simple supper. Reg & fee by Nov. 14.

**Dec. 1: Advent Evening for Women:
Windows Into Christmas,** 6:00-9:00pm,

**Dec. 5-7: Bishop Thomas J. Gumbleton
Advent Retreat Weekend: The People in
Darkness Have Seen a Great Light.**
Commuter & Overnight options available.
Early bird discount if registered by Nov. 5.

For more information regarding these programs/retreats, call Karen Knepper at Shalom at 563/582-3592, send e-mail to: kknepper@shalomretreats.org or visit our new web site at: <http://www.shalomretreats.org>.



Angels Needed!!!

"Angels" are urgently needed to mail about 30 newsletters each month to those folks who don't have email. Would you consider taking a month? The Editor will send you the labels and the newsletter via email....we'll even print them if you wish. Many thanks to Maryann LoGuidice who has been angelic for several months. Please give her a break!

**...Contact Phyllis at
phyllisgarfield@hotmail.com if you can help.**

**Remember...you can view all DACU Newsletters
on our Website at www.DACUonline.org**



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