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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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EVENTS

DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT
These are just a few of the events sponsored by our DACU congregations and associates. Turn the page to learn more!		
November 15	Operation: New View	Retirement Celebration Reception Honoring Ruby Sutton. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4 PM to 6 PM.
November 25	DACU	27 th Annual DACU Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve. Worship Service Church of the Resurrection, 7:00 PM.
January 26	DACU	DACU Annual Meeting and Banquet, details TBA



27th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship Service

"Giving Thanks in Difficult Times"
Wednesday, November 25, 2009
Resurrection Catholic Church
4300 Asbury St.
7:00 P.M.

Dr. Charles Barland will conduct a community choir singing "*We Gather Together*". If you'd like to join the choir just come at 6:00 PM to practice. Dr. Barland will have the sheet music!

Remember that the offering will go to People in Need (P.I.N.) and is an important source of their funding.

You are also encouraged to bring non-perishable food and paper goods for the Dubuque Food Pantry.

News from DACU Worship Committee

The 27th annual inter-faith community Thanksgiving Eve worship service sponsored by Dubuque Area Congregations United will be held at Resurrection Catholic Church, 4300 Asbury Rd. on November 25 at 7:00. The theme of this year's service is "Giving Thanks in Difficult Times".

The centerpiece of the worship will be a choir made up of community singers. Dr. Charles Barland, of the University of Dubuque, invites all interested singers to gather at the church at 6:00 to rehearse "We Gather Together", arranged by John Ferguson, St. Olaf College. Sheet music is provided. The service also includes five favorite Thanksgiving hymns to be sung by the congregation and readings of selected Presidential Thanksgiving Proclamations from George Washington to the present.

We count on those in attendance to make generous monetary contributions to People In Need, which helps families whose financial resources have been depleted, and food offerings for the Dubuque Food Pantry. We encourage attendees to bring non perishable food items as part of the offering. The emergency financial and nutritional needs of Dubuque have increased with the economic downturn, and the Thanksgiving eve worship provides an opportunity for us to give to those in greatest need as we prepare our Thanksgiving feasts.

---Rev. Dr. Thomas Young (Westminster Presbyterian Church), DACU Worship Chair

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 September 30, 23 member congregations and two associate members have contributed a total of \$4,969.84 to DACU.

	October	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 09
Income	\$ 25.00	\$ 5,442.34	\$ 4,700.00
Expense	\$ 255.46	\$ 5,262.29	\$ 4,700.00
Net	\$ (230.46)	\$ 180.05	-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

People In Need (P.I.N.)

The needs continue to be very great. 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

The PIN Board consists of: Alan Garfield, Barb Featherston, Fr. Jack Paisley, Sr. Sara McAlpin, Tom Stovall, Nea Huggins and Michelle Watters.

Dubuque Food Pantry

We are getting ready to give out our annual Christmas Baskets. We are preparing to hand out 500 baskets to those in need. Once again we are asking churches/congregations to donate hams ranging in size from 3-5 lbs. These hams may be dropped off at the Food Pantry between Dec. 7-15th during the hours of 10:00-3:30p.m. on Mon., Wed., & Fri.; Tues., 9:00-Noon. ***Thank you for remembering the Pantry with your generous donations.***

We continue looking for boxes to place our clients' orders in. The ideal box would be about the size of those that reams of paper come in or oranges and apples. Do you have connections at a grocery store that would save them for you?

Thank you for your continued support.

Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager

Thanks for your continuing support of the **Dubuque Rescue Mission** (Rick Mihm, Director).

DACU Associates

Habitat for Humanity

The Habitat House on Roosevelt Street is on schedule with a completion date of November 30 when the family will be moving in. Tools or money for tools to help build Habitat houses now and in the future is still needed. If you are interested in helping with this need, please contact Elaine Mitchell at 563-581-5919 or 563-588-1691 or diettou@gmail.com Any help is appreciated.

Operation: New View

You are cordially invited to attend a Retirement Celebration Reception Honoring

RUBY SUTTON

For her over 36 years of dedicated service to
Operation: New View Community Action Agency
& the people of Dubuque, Delaware & Jackson Counties

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2009

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

with special recognition ceremony at 5:00 p.m.

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2155 University Avenue

Dubuque, Iowa

To assist us in planning for this festive event,

Please RSVP your attendance by phone to

563-556-5130 extension 33

*Or by e-mail to jdavis@operationnewview.org by
November 12th.*

We are assembling a special "Book of Letters" to present to Ruby. If you would like to include a letter of thanks or congratulations, please send by November 10th to Tom Stovall at Operation: New View CAA, 1473 Central Ave., Dubuque, IA 52001

Or email to tstovall@operationnewview.org

DACU Congregations

First Baptist Church: Operation Christmas Child

Rev. Tim Bees wants you to know that First Baptist Church is again acting as a drop-off site for Operation Christmas Child. This project of the Christian relief organization Samaritan's Purse asks you or your organization to pack shoeboxes with gifts appropriate for children, and drop them, along with a donation of \$7 per box to assist with shipping, at a drop off site such as First Baptist Church during the week of **November 16-23**. The boxes will be distributed to children and communities in need around the world. There is an excellent website which will give you all the packing instructions and other information:
www.samaritanspurse.org.

Shalom Retreat Center

Embracing Life After The Death Of A Spouse

Saturday, Nov. 14, 8:00am - 4:00pm

Facilitators: Team: Barbara Meloy Callahan, Diane Fassellius, Pat Pierce, Charlotte Muehl, Anna Meyer, Margaret Jungers OSF

Gather with others who have lost a spouse and share experiences of loss, grief, and healing. Topics include: coping with loss, making adjustments, wrestling with fears, surviving and thriving.

Offering: \$35, includes continental breakfast & lunch. Register/prepay by Thursday, Nov. 12.

Centering Prayer Monday, Nov. 16, 7:00 – 8:00pm

Facilitator: Marilyn Dansart

Join others in quiet, meditative prayer, discussion, and support.

Registration not required. Free will offering.

Winter Breakfast: An Afghan, a Cup of Tea, a Book of Poetry. Wednesday, Dec. 2, 7 – 8:00am, Mass: 8:15am

Presenter: Janaan Manternach, Co-Author with late husband Carl Pfeiffer of *Life, Love, Joy Series* What is better on a winter morning than a warm breakfast, good company and a few new insights? Come and listen as Janaan shares some poetic wisdom. She says, "Poetry speaks to the deeper meaning in our lives. Poetry also awakens us to the mysterious and the ordinary as well as the extra-ordinary." Selections will be read, reflected upon and wondered about.

Offering: \$8. Register/prepay by Monday, Nov. 30.

Celebrating Holidays in a New Way . . . Dinner, Sharing & Prayer for Those Who Have Lost a Spouse Thursday, Dec. 3, 5:00 – 8:30pm

Facilitators: Barbara Meloy Callahan & Margaret Jungers OSF

Holidays can be a difficult time for those who have lost a spouse. But in the company of others, life is shared and made new. Join friends or make new friends while tipping a sparkling beverage, sharing stories, enjoying a festive meal and concluding with Advent Taize Prayer.

Offering: \$20. Register/prepay by Tuesday, Dec. 1.

Finding and Becoming Peace in a Troubled World Weekend Retreat

Friday, Dec. 4, 2009; 7:00pm – Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009, 1:00pm

DIRECTOR: DAN CROSBY, OFM.CAP (Director of Leadership Team, St. Anthony Retreat Center, Marathon, WI; MA Institute of Formative Spirituality, Duquesne University; M.Th. & S.T.L. University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada

We live in a world that seems increasingly violent and full of hatred. We long for peace—for ourselves, our families, our world. How do we discover the "peace the world cannot give" and then become bearers of that gift to those around us? This retreat will open up ways to satisfy these longings and hopes that we share with others throughout the world. Sunday Eucharist.

COMMUTER: Offering: \$115. Early Bird: \$ 100, if registered by Nov. 4. (includes 2 lunches)

OVERNIGHT: Offering: \$130. Early Bird: \$115, if registered by Nov.4. (5 meals & overnight stay)

For more information or to register, call Karen Knepper at 563/582-3592, send e-mail to:

kknepper@shalomretreats.org or visit our web site at: www.shalomretreats.org Shalom Retreat Center, 1001 Davis St., Dubuque, IA 52001.

Sinsinawa Mound

Mound hosts 19th annual quilt show:

From Oct. 3 through Nov. 29, the Sinsinawa Book & Gift Gallery will exhibit the 19th annual quilt exhibit, *Creating New Life through Our Hands*. New quilts are showcased every year. All quilts on display have a connection to a Sister or an employee at Sinsinawa

Mound. Visitors may view the show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Messiah performed at Mound

The 18th annual Messiah Concert will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, in Queen of the Rosary Chapel. The Sinsinawa Mound Civic Chorus, Sinsinawa, Wis.; Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Choir, Dubuque, Iowa; and University of Dubuque Chorus, Dubuque, will be joined by the Sinsinawa Strings Orchestra, conducted by Brian Burns of Clarke College, Dubuque, Iowa. Soloists include LaDonna Manternach, soprano, from Clarke College, Dubuque; Kathleen Otterson, alto, from Edgewood College, Madison, Wis.; Matthew Beaves, tenor, from Dubuque; and Bruce Kotowich, bass, from Loras College, Dubuque. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for senior citizens and students and will be available at the door or may be purchased in advance by calling (608) 748-4411. Shuttle service will be available in the parking lots. The Sinsinawa Book & Gift Gallery will be open noon-2 p.m.

Sinsinawa Mound Remembering Service Planned

"Remembering Our Loved Ones at Holiday Time" is an ecumenical service to honor family and friends who have died. A personalized ornament will be displayed during the service, and you can take it home with you afterward. The service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, in Queen of the Rosary Chapel. There is no fee. To order your ornament, call Janice at (608) 748-4411, ext. 811, by Nov. 20.

Sheila Heim, Director of Outreach, Sinsinawa Mound 608-748-4411, ext. 869



Community Announcements

Fair Trade Shopping in Dubuque!

Global Goods, a Fair Trade store, is now open at 1141 Main Street! Hours are 10 AM-5:30 PM M-F, 10-2 on Saturday. Stop in and take a look!

Flu News from the Iowa Department of Public Health

Fight the Flu! Remember the 3 Cs:

- Cover your cough; use a tissue or your elbow.
- Clean your hands; use soap and water or hand sanitizer.
- Contain germs; stay home when you are sick.
- Toll-free Influenza Hotline: 1-800-447-1985



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

Do you have items for the DACU Newsletter? Just email Phyllis Garfield at phyllisgarfield@hotmail.com. (We appreciate brief, ready-to-print information!)

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