



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!		
November 23	DACU	Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, Resurrection Church
December 13	Ministerium	St. Luke United Methodist (1199 Main St.)
January 16	Voices/Values	Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast, 7:00 AM, Grand River Ctr.
January 24	DACU	Annual DACU Meeting and Banquet, location TBA
February 28	DACU	DACU Delegates' Meeting
April 13, 2012	Temple Beth El	Annual Visitors' Service



29th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship Service

"Go, Make A Difference"
Wednesday, November 23, 2011
Resurrection Catholic Church
4300 Asbury St.
7:00 P.M.

The speaker will be Rev. Jon Gaul, St. Luke Methodist Church. Join your neighbors for a service of song and thanksgiving, with special music by the Drowsy Maggie Bluegrass & Gospel Band!

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.

NOTE: Dubuque 365 listed a different starting time. The service begins at 7:00 PM!

Upcoming DACU Delegate Meetings

December: No Delegate Meeting

DACU Annual Meeting & Dinner
Tuesday, January 24 (Location TBA)

February 28, 2012: DACU Delegate Meeting

March 27, 2012: DACU Delegate Meeting

April 24, 2012: DACU Delegate Meeting

May 22, 2012: DACU Spring Worship



DACU Board Report

To date, a total of 16 Congregations and Associates have contributed to the work of DACU during 2011.

FY 2011 Monthly Balance Sheet Report 10/31/2011			
	October	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2011
Income	\$-0-	\$3241.02	\$6,450.00
Expense	\$-0-	\$4,153.04	\$6,450.00
Ending Balance as of 10/31/2011: \$ 812.05			

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.)

PIN was unable to make any assists during the month of October due to low funds. The offering collected for P.I.N. at the DACU Thanksgiving service on November 23 will be a welcome source of badly needed funds.

Alan Garfield, P.I.N. President

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



Don't Forget!

There WILL be a December Newsletter!

Please send any info to phyllisgarfield@hotmail.com

Dubuque Rescue Mission

The Mission Bicycle Shop was burglarized and all the tools were stolen...but the Rotary Club donated replacements. Thank You Rotary Club!
Contact the Rescue Mission at 583-1394.

Rev. Rick Mihm, Director (mihmr@mchsi.com)



Dubuque Food Pantry

We are thinking about the upcoming Christmas holidays at the Pantry. As you know from the past, we appreciate getting 3-5 lbs. from churches/congregations. So please let us know if your church/congregation will continue to support us this season. We do not have a lot of room to store hams, so please deliver them December 5, 7 & 9 between the hours of 9:00-3:00; or Dec 12-14 between 9:00-3:00. Hope this is convenient for you. We also need non-perishable food items for the Christmas baskets. A few things are: cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, cake mix and can frosting, can fruits and vegetables. **Thank you for helping with this yearly project.**

Once again this year we are in need of boxes to use as our "baskets" for Christmas. The best boxes for us are fruit boxes that grocery stores get their apples and oranges in. Smaller boxes that are sturdy also work for the smaller orders. **Thank you in advance for any help you can give to us.**

Looking ahead to the New Year. We would once again encourage churches/congregations to participate in "Souper Bowl Sunday". Would each person in your church be willing to donate one can of soup or a box of crackers? Just think how many people we could feed!!

God bless you and thank you for your continued support.

Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager

DACU Community



CROP Walk

Sunday, October 2nd should probably have been called "Put Your Faith in Action Day: Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty aka. Crop Walk Methodists, Lutherans, Reformed Jews, Church of Christ, Presbyterians, Clarke College, Dominican Sisters, Sisters of Charity, Catholics, Sisters of the Presentation, Sisters of St. Francis, St. Anthony Unitarian Universalists, Wahlert High School". For the first time in seven years we are totaling out at \$17,000! There is still one congregation to turn in their pledges, so we are hopeful to go beyond that total. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

The needs are so great here in Dubuque and around the world - you/we have definitely made a difference and put your faith in action! Thank you goes to Holy Trinity Lutheran for being a beacon for social justice. The hosting skills that exist there are to be applauded! The wonderful minister, Rev. Arnold Flater inquired two days after the Walk, "can we have it here again next year?" The responding answer was "yes, of course."

The Food Pantry donation of over 200 jars of peanut butter is outstanding! Thanks to a wonderful committee: Sara McCaw, Tammy Alba, Sister Anita Therese Hayes, Bob and Dorothy Krayer, Virginia Jahnke.

Your Humble Committee Chair, Maryann LoGuidice

Ministerium

Ministerium - New leaders: Rev. Diane Christopher (St. John's Episcopal Church) and Father Mark Ressler (St. Joseph the Worker). Ministerium meets the second Tuesday of each month from 12 Noon to 1:30 PM:

December 13 – St. Luke United Methodist Church
January 10 – First Congregational UCC
February 14 – Dubuque Rescue Mission
March 13 – St. John's Episcopal Church
April 10 – Westminster Presbyterian Church
May 8 – Mt. St. Francis

For more information contact Diane Christopher at revdianne@hotmail.com or Mark Ressler at dbq062@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us

*Maryann Caudill-LoGuidice, DACU
Representative*

Operation: New View

DACU REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED TO SERVE ON ECUMENICAL HOUSING BOARD

DACU still 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 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 fulfill 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

OUR MISSION: *Founded in the Franciscan tradition, Shalom Retreat Center is a sacred space in a peaceful environment, calling people to God and to fullness of life.*

Phone: 563/582-3592.

E-mail: info@shalomretreats.org

Web: www.shalomretreats.org

TO REGISTER, call Shalom at 563/582-3592 or send check payable to Shalom Retreat Center with your contact information to: 1001 Davis St., Dubuque, IA 52001.

STEM CELL RESEARCH: A Primer for Health Care Professionals

Thursday, Nov. 17, 6:30 – 8:30pm

Presenter Janine M. Idziak, PhD, Director of the Bioethics Center, Loras College

This informative program will educate participants regarding the basic biology of stem cell research, the ethical issues that surround stem cell research, and therapeutic successes with stem cells with a focus on the use of non-embryonic stem cells (whose use is NOT ethically controversial). Included will be information about the legal status of stem cell research.

Offering: \$15, includes hors d'oeuvres, beverages & program. Register/prepay by Tuesday, Nov. 15. For additional \$8, 0.18 CEUs for nurses or 1.8 CEHs for

social workers are available through IBN Provider #7, NICC. Bring Social Security & License #.

CELEBRATING HOLIDAYS IN A NEW WAY... Dinner, Sharing & Prayer for Those Who have Lost a Spouse
Thursday, Dec. 1, 5:00 – 8:30pm
Facilitators: Barbara Meloy Callahan & Marci Blum
OSF

Although holidays are often a difficult time for those who have lost a spouse, being in the company of and sharing with others who have had a similar experience can give new life. Join friends or make new friends while tipping a sparkling beverage, sharing stories, enjoying a festive meal and concluding with Taize prayer.
Offering \$22. Register by Nov. 28.

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and to fullness of life.*

1001 Davis St., Dubuque, IA 52001.

E-mail: info@shalomretreats.org

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To register, call Shalom at 563/582-3592.



Opening Doors Bed of Hope

Opening Doors has been a vital resource in the Dubuque community for over 11 years. Over 1,700 women have been provided a home with support services through Opening Doors' two programs, Maria House and Teresa Shelter. A year-round community fundraiser called "**Bed of Hope**" is offering a new opportunity for congregations, civic groups, colleges, and businesses to support women and children in the Dubuque area.

The idea is simple: Every year Opening Doors offers 16,790 beds for homeless women and children. (Currently the two facilities have a total of 46 beds.) Donors may support as many beds as they wish at \$10 per bed. The annual goal is to get all 46 beds covered for each night of the year.

To learn more about "**Bed of Hope**", or get a "start-up" kit containing posters and donor cards, or to schedule a speaker for your organization, just contact Ann Lorenz at 563-582-7480 (alorenz@openingdoorsdbq.org).

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Bridges Initiative*

Bridges Initiative is looking for food donors for both locations on Tuesday nights from now to February. If you/your department/social group/church group, etc.... would like to provide a meal for 30 or a meal/part of a meal for 100, please send Carol Clark an e-mail for give her a call.

If cooking a meal is not your thing, but you want to donate a gift card/check to be used toward purchasing a meal or ingredients, that is wonderful also!

Carol adds that there is also a need for meals for the small "Getting Ahead" class that meets at St Johns Lutheran. Doors open at 4:30 and they eat at 4:45. This class is only 15 adults and 8 kids. It is much smaller, but just as important. Meals for that class are still needed for Nov 22, 29 and Dec 6 and 13th.

Carol's Contact Info:

Carroll E. Clark
Self Sufficiency Coordinator
Bridges Initiative Co-Advisor
Housing and CD Dept
350 West 6th STE 312
Dubuque IA 52001

***What is Bridges Initiative?** This is a program to serve an evening meal to the people who are enrolled in the jobs education program called "Getting Ahead in a Just Getting By World". This series of workshops helps people in poverty to learn the skills they need to make changes in their lives and become employed. The people can bring their families; child care and an evening meal are provided to people who participate. Usually, congregations or organizations bring the food to the workshop site, serve the food, and eat with the people and their families, getting to know them a bit. Mrs. Clark says they can accept food help at any level though. If you can only bring food but cannot stay, or if you can only commit to part of a meal, she would pair your organization with someone else so you do not have to do it all. Or you can contribute monies and it is used to help buy food.

Any help is appreciated, and you do not need to feel you must fix an entire meal for 100 people if you can only commit to part of a meal! But it is a rewarding experience to meet with people who are working to change their lives, and it is encouraging to them to see that other folks care about them.

Dubuque Human Rights Commission

Speakers Bureau

What is it?

A short presentation by a pair of speakers. The speakers are member of groups covered by civil rights law, including people who have a disability, are African American, are gay or lesbian, or who are originally from another country. The rest of the presentation content is up to you. A majority of the presentation is based on you and your group's questions.

Why?

--To raise awareness of the Dubuque Human Rights Commission.

--To help people know their legal rights and responsibilities.

--To prevent future discrimination.

--To put a human face on abstract issues.

Who can use this resource?

Any person(s) or group of people – classes at local schools and colleges, parents, businesses, civic groups, religious organizations, etc.

When?

Whenever you need a speaker and we have people available to fill your request.

This is a free service provided by community volunteers. In order to schedule a speaker please contact the Human Rights Department at (563)589-4190 or mmenster@cityofdubuque.org.

Children of Abraham

...a series of conversations about faith from personal perspectives.

Join us for this series of five interfaith discussions led by representatives of Jewish, Christian, and Muslim congregations aimed at enhancing understanding of religious traditions in a non-threatening, non-competitive environment. These conversations will not be debates but rather dialogues grounded in civility, a willingness to listen to others, and to learn and reflect.

All sessions are on Thursdays, 8:00 PM. All are welcome; there is no charge.

**October 20, 2011: *Openings "In the Beginning"*.
Loras College Science Hall Room 242**

November 17, 2011: *Abraham/Ibrahim*. Tri-State Islamic Center, 805 Century Dr. Suite 101

February 23, 2012: *Joseph/Yusuf*. University of Dubuque, Dunlap Technology Building (Hadley Auditorium)

March 22, 2012: *Scripture*. Temple Beth El, 475 West Locust

April 19, 2012. *Peace*. Loras College ACC Ballroom

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