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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!		
October 23	Operation New View	2010 Dubuque Area Weatherization Challenge, 8:00 AM Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2155 University Ave.
October 23	Presentation Sisters	Craft and Bake Sale, Mt. Loretto Gym, 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM (2360 Carter Road)
October 26	DACU	DACU Delegates' Meeting at First Baptist Church: Riverview Center Sexual Assault Prevention and Intervention Services
November 5	Church Women United	World Community Day Celebration, 9:30 am Coffee; 10:00 am Program at the Cathedral Center, St. Raphael's Cathedral, 231 Bluff. Speaker Rev. Joan Fumetti of the Food Resource Bank
November 24	DACU	Dubuque Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service



"DACU", a Community of Servants

Next DACU Delegates' Meeting

Tuesday, October 26, 2010

First Baptist Church
2143 Judson Drive
7:00 P.M.

Riverview Center

Sexual Assault Prevention and Intervention Services

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

...and plan now to attend our

28th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship Service

"In Times Like These"

Speaker: Rev. Maria Wiblin
Minister of Congregational Care at
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Wednesday, November 25, 2010
Westminster Presbyterian Church*
2155 University Ave.
7:00 P.M.

Dr. Charles Barland will again conduct a community choir performance. 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.

**..Please note the new location! Resurrection Church is under renovation this year.*

DACU Board Announcements

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."

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

President-Elect Nominations: The DACU Committee on Nominations is encouraging member congregations or institutions to submit names for consideration as candidates to take the office of President-Elect in January 2011. Nominations should be emailed to Bob Kraye – bdkramer@aol.com or telephone to 582-5117.

DACU Projects

People In Need (P.I.N.)

As of this month, People In Need has received more donations than in any previous year...and we have made more payments than in any previous year. Thank you for your generosity! The need remains great.

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



Remember:
P.I.N. Phone Number:
581-7995
Donations to P.I.N. can be mailed to
Treasurer Tom Stovall at
3345 Tibey Court
Dubuque, IA 52002-2849

Dubuque Rescue Mission

The Dubuque Rescue Mission is in need of good used furniture, mattresses, bedding, and bikes for our bicycle repair shop. In addition, we can use coffee, milk and ground beef. Thanks for donating!

(Rick Mihm, Director)



Dubuque Food Pantry

We are getting ready for Christmas, even though it's only October! Once again this year we are asking churches/congregations to consider donating hams for our Christmas baskets. We are looking for **hams between 3-5 lbs.** If your church/congregation is planning on donating please call and let us know about how many. Do to lack of refrigeration space we will begin **accepting hams Dec. 8-15th, 2010.** Pantry hours are: Mon., Wed. Fri. from 10:30-3:30p.m. and Tues. 8:30-noon. The other items we can use for the baskets are: pumpkin, evaporated milk, canned sweet potatoes, creamed soups, cake mixes & frosting.

Is your church/congregation looking for a project? The Pantry collects the HyVee "Baby Bucks". You may drop them off at the Food Pantry or mail them to us at 1598 Jackson St., 52001. Might be a fun activity for students.

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

CROP Walk

2010 Theme: "Enough for All"

The 2010 Crop Walk (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) took place Sunday, October 3rd at 1:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (1755 Delhi). Thank you to everyone who participated, either by walking or donating! A report of monies raised will be in the next newsletter. Maryann LoGuidice, Coordinator, maryannu@fastmail.fm, 608-348-2305

Habitat for Humanity Update

During the summer Habitat worked on small home repairs on existing homes. No new houses were built this year due to a shortage of funding. Habitat did participate in the building of 3 play house at the fair which helped develop exposure to the community. Our greatest need right now besides donations is volunteers especially those that could help in the office mailing, filling etc. We did move a house to 22nd street and we have a young family with two small children who qualify and have been approved to live in the house when it is scheduled to be finished early spring. Volunteers are always wanted to help with the construction, on boards and in the office. For more information please call Elaine Mitchell chair of church relation habitat for humanity 563-581-5919 or dietou@gmail.com

Church Women United

World Community Day November 5, 2010

World Community Day sponsored by Dubuque Chapter of Church Women United will be held Friday, November 5, 2010 at St. Raphael's Cathedral at 231 Bluff Street in Dubuque. Gathering with coffee will begin at 9:30 am. The 10:00 am program "Building the Beloved Community" will consider examples of economic injustice that communities, nations and traditions work together through nonviolent means to meet these challenges.

The annual World Community Day is an ecumenical service that brings women and men together to share their aspirations to meet these challenges. Keynote speaker will be Rev. Joan Fumetti of the Food Resource Bank. Event will be held in the accessible Cathedral Center with parking behind the church. All faiths are welcome. Contact Jo Ann Datisman 563-690-0104.

Submitted by Sue Hattel CWU Leadership Team Member

Bridges Out of Poverty "Bridges Initiative" is 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.

News from the Presentation Sisters

ART & CRAFTS BOUTIQUE

And BAKE SALE

A Benefit to support the Needy

Avoid the consumer Christmas rush -

Find unique, hand crafted gifts by
Presentation Sisters and Associates

Saturday, October 23, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
Mt. Loretto Gym (behind the main building)
2360 Carter Road, Dubuque, Iowa

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

Be a part of Kids Against Hunger – Dubuque, a Non-Profit organization whose mission is to provide nutritious food to impoverished children around the world. Come to help, or observe, a "Food Packaging Event":

--Saturday, November 6, 9:00 AM, Catherine Byrne Hall, Clarke Campus (for details call Bill O'Dell 583-22441)

--Saturday, November 13, 9:00 AM Resurrection Church Hall (for details call Mel Harvey 582-3062)

UNICEF Halloween Collection:

DACU is no longer sponsoring this project, but congregations and groups who are interested can get collection boxes from several stores in the area, including Hartig Drugs.



See this blank space????? It could be filled with interesting events that your congregation or organization is sponsoring. Please help us share information about upcoming community events with our DACU members and congregations. Just email the Newsletter Editor at phyllisgarfield@hotmail.com

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