



# 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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**DUBUGUE**

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 25	DACU	Delegates Meeting, Temple Beth El
November 4	Church Women United	World Community Day, Immanuel UCC 1795 Jackson 9:30 AM Gathering, 10:00 AM Living Our Faith, Unlocking Action
November 5	Center Grove Methodist Church	Fall Auction: Meal 5 PM Auction 6 PM
November 8	Ministerium	Word of Life Church (4450 Dodge St.)
November 23	DACU	Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, Resurrection Church
December 13	Ministerium	St. Luke United Methodist (1199 Main St.)



## Next DACU Delegates Meeting

DATE: **Tuesday, October 25, 2011**

LOCATION: Temple Beth El  
475 West Locust  
Dubuque

TIME: 7:00 PM

PROGRAM: Opening Doors: Maria House and Teresa Shelter

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

## *DACU Delegate Meetings for Fall 2011*

October 25, 2011, 7:00 PM  
Temple Beth El, 475 West Locust  
Program: Opening Doors

November 23, 2011, 7:00 PM  
Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service  
Resurrection Catholic Church  
4300 Asbury Road

*Rev. Dr. Thomas Young*  
2011 DACU President



## DACU Board Report

Thanks to the following congregations who made contributions to DACU in the past month:

Rockdale United Methodist Church  
St. Matthew Lutheran Church

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

<b>FY 2011 Monthly Balance Sheet Report 09/30/2011</b>			
	<b>September</b>	<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>	<b>BUDGET 2011</b>
Income	\$104.98	\$3241.02	\$6,450.00
Expense	\$111.26	\$4,153.04	\$6,450.00
<b>Ending Balance as of 9/30/2011: \$ 812.05</b>			

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

**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 2012.

Nominations should be emailed to Bob Kraymer - [bdkramer@aol.com](mailto:bdkramer@aol.com) or telephone to 582-5117.

## DACU Projects

### **People In Need (P.I.N.)**

PIN continues to collect monies from very generous Dubuquers and distribute all of it to the most needy amongst our Dubuque family. Thank you to all the Dubuque people who are willing to help other Dubuque people.

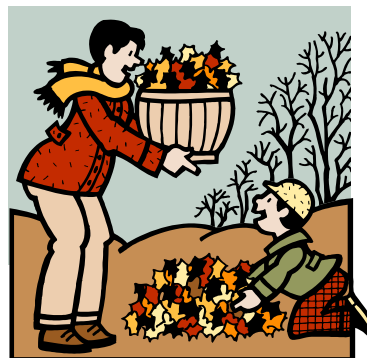
*Alan Garfield, P.I.N. President*

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

## Dubuque Rescue Mission

No report this month...you can contact the Rescue Mission at 583-1394.

Rev. Rick Mihm, Director ([mihmr@mchsi.com](mailto:mihmr@mchsi.com))



## Dubuque Food Pantry

A big thank you to all who have donated garden produce to the Pantry. Our clients enjoy getting fresh produce. Please drop off donations Monday, Wednesday & Friday between 9:30-3:30p.m. and Tuesday 8:00-11:30a.m.

It's still early but we are thinking about the upcoming holidays at the Pantry. As you know from the past, we appreciate getting 3-5 lb. hams from churches/congregations. So please let us know if your church/congregation will continue to support us this season. Dates for delivery will be coming out in November. We also need non-perishable food items for the Christmas baskets. A few things are: cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, cake mix and can frosting, canned fruits and vegetables. **Thank you for helping with this yearly project.**

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 we can send out that give information about the Pantry.

God bless you and thank you for your continued support.

*Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager*

## **DACU Community**



### **Presentation Sisters**

#### **ART & CRAFT BOUTIQUE And BAKE SALE**

*A benefit to support people in need*

Avoid the consumer Christmas rush -

Find unique, hand crafted gifts by  
Presentation Sisters and Associates

**Saturday, October 22, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm**  
**Mt. Loretto Gym** (behind the main building)  
**2360 Carter Road, Dubuque, Iowa**

### **Church Women United**

**November 4, 2011 World Community Day**

*“Living Our Faith: Unlocking Action”* is the theme of Church Women United’s World Community Day, on Friday, November 4. Gathering with refreshments begins at 9:00 a.m. at Immanuel Congregational UCC at 1795 Jackson Street (off street parking/handicap accessible). Elaine Mitchell, Chair of the Church Relations Board of Habitat for Humanity, will be guest speaker during the 10:00 a.m.celebration.

Church Women United, an ecumenical movement of Christian women, is celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Our Quadrennial Priorities (2008-2012) “Building A World Fit For All God’s Children” are health, economic justice, environmental care, and peace. CWU intends to be prayerfully informed and proactive, addressing issues from the perspective of women, children and families.

All who share these common goals and concerns are welcome! Contact Jo Ann Datisman 563-690-0104.

### **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:

November 8 – Word of Life Church - Highway 20  
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](mailto:revdianne@hotmail.com) or Mark Ressler at [dbq062@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto: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 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**

**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](mailto:info@shalomretreats.org)

**Web:** [www.shalomretreats.org](http://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.

**READING THAT MATTERS – A Continuing Series of  
Book Discussions**

**Facilitator: Eileen Miller OSF**

Come and share your insights over a cup of (decaf!) coffee or another beverage. Books are available at River Lights 2/e.

- *What is the What* by Dave Eggers

**Monday, Oct. 24, 7:00-8:30pm**

- *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman

**Monday, Nov. 28, 7:00-8:30pm**

Offering: \$6. Register by the Friday before each discussion.

### **YOGA & CENTERING PRAYER: Finding Inner Peace**

**Wednesday, Oct. 26, 9:00am – 12:30pm**

**Presenters: Marilyn Dansart & Deb May**

Join us for an inspirational morning to be present to the moment and open yourself to peace. Those both with and without experience in yoga and/or centering prayer are welcome! Yoga mats provided.

Offering: \$30, includes lunch. Register by Oct. 24.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Shalom Shenanigans**

**Friday, Oct. 28, 5:30 – 9:00pm**

A special fundraising benefit featuring: Social \* Fine Dining \* Entertainment \* Live & Silent Auctions \* Raffle (\$400 Best buy gift card plus many additional prizes Tickets: \$40. Register by noon, Oct. 24.

### **The Path of Simply Being: The Practice of Careful Presence Mindfulness Retreat**

**Fri., Nov. 18, 7:00pm – Sat., Nov. 19, 4:30pm**

**Thomas Roberts, LCSW, LMFT**

Reconnect with your true self by bringing mindful, patient and compassionate awareness to understanding all of your experiences. Includes presentations, extensive first-hand meditation and prayerful practice/dialogue.

Participants will discover the ways they keep themselves stuck in the confusion and suffering of their spinning minds, emotions, and fears.

Offering: \$120. Commuter: \$100. Register by Nov. 11.

### **Understanding the Grieving Process**

**Thursday, Nov. 10, 7:00 – 9:00pm**

**Presenter: Jane Rogers BVM**

The evening can be helpful for people experiencing their own loss or journeying with a friend who is suffering because of loss. Jane brings 22 years of experience on the subject of grief. She knows the importance of working through the pain of loss, and looks forward to sharing her insights with others. After her sharing, the participants will be invited to contribute their insights, comments and/or questions.

No charge. Register by Nov. 9. Co-sponsored with Shalom by Behr's Funeral Home, Hoffman Schneider Funeral Homes and Leonard Funeral Home & Crematory.

### **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 CEUs 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.

*A sacred space, calling people to God and to fullness of life.*

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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](mailto:alorenz@openingdoorsdbq.org)).



## Center Grove United Methodist Church

**Fall Auction!** Center Grove United Methodist Church, 3140 Brunskill Rd, Saturday, November 5. Lunch at 5:00 PM, Auction at 6:00 PM

Auction Items to include meats, baked goods, candies, crafts, handmade items, Christmas decorations, and much more! For more info call 582-8157



## Dubuque Community

### 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](mailto: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

##### Questions?

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