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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!		
February 9	Clarke University	Documentary "AbUSed" 7:00 PM Jansen Music Hall
February 10	Loras College and University of Dubuque	Public Lecture by Dr. Joy DeGruy 7:00 PM (student presentations at 6:00 PM) Marie Graber Ballroom, Loras College
February 22	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting, St. Peter Lutheran Church, 7:00 PM
February 27	Hope House	Round Table Discussion "Welcoming the Stranger" 6:00 PM Hope House, 1592 Locust St. (community meal followed by discussion)
March 3	Church Women United	WORLD DAY of PRAYER 7:00 pm. Displays at 6:30 pm. Keynote: Vladimir Gonzalez "Reflections of Chile" St. Peter Lutheran Church. 3200 Asbury Rd.
March 4	Church Women United	WORLD DAY of PRAYER 10:00 am. Gathering, Coffee, Displays at 9:30 am. Keynote: Vladimir Gonzalez "Reflections of Chile" St. Peter Lutheran Church. 3200 Asbury Rd.
March 11	Church Women United	Snow Date for World Day of Prayer, same schedule as March 4
March 24	Manasseh House	Public Skate and Auction Fundraiser, 6-8 PM Mystique Community Ice Center (1800 Admiral Sheehy Drive)
April 8	Temple Beth El	Temple Beth El Annual Visitor Service 6:30 PM lecture 7:30 PM service



DACU Delegates Meeting

DATE: **Tuesday, February 22, 2011**

LOCATION: St. Peter Lutheran Church
3200 Asbury Road
Dubuque

TIME: 7:00 PM

PROGRAM: "Interfaith Conversations" presented by Dr. Roger Ebertz, Chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religion at the University of Dubuque

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



....A Note from our New President:

Dear Friends,

In keeping with this year's theme of understanding and expanding the DACU interfaith community, Dr. Roger Ebertz, Philosophy and Religion Department Chair at the University of Dubuque, will help us increase our awareness of religious diversity in Dubuque and develop interfaith conversations between individuals and groups. Please join us February 22 at St. Peter Lutheran Church for an exciting evening of insight and learning!

Rev. Dr. Thomas Young
2011 DACU President



DACU Board Report

At the Annual Meeting on January 25, 2011, Treasurer Tom Stovall reported that 19 DACU Member Congregations and one DACU Associate Member contributed to DACU for 2010. Donations totaling \$6,850 were distributed to the Dubuque Rescue Mission, People in Need, Dubuque Food Pantry, the Multicultural Family Center, the Dubuque Weatherization Challenge, and Faces and Voices (MLK Fr. Day Breakfast Scholarships).

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

If you would like a copy of the DACU Annual Report for 2010, please contact DACU Administrator Bob Krayter at bdkramer@aol.com

DACU Projects

People In Need (P.I.N.)

The emergency needs of people in our community continue to rise and People In Need (PIN) continues to receive numerous requests for assistance to help out in those emergency situations to avoid disconnects of utilities (gas, water, electric) or to avoid eviction from housing. During the 2010 calendar year, PIN provided 100 emergency assists for a total of **\$26,513.31**, an average of \$265.13 per assist. The need is great and requests for assistance far outweigh PIN funds to help. As always, we are grateful for the support we receive from generous and caring individuals, congregations and organizations in the Dubuque community as well as the funds provided from DACU.

Tom Stovall, Treasurer, People In Need



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

By the Numbers:

45,657: Number of meals served in 2010.

8,890: Number of bed nights for homeless men in 2010.

5: Number of staff at the Dubuque Rescue Mission.

YOUR volunteer hours and donations are important and valued! Current need: good used single bed sheets, pillow cases, blankets, towels and washcloths.

(Rick Mihm, Director)



Dubuque Food Pantry

By the Numbers:

8,096: Total Individuals served by the Pantry in 2010

3,148: Total children served by the Pantry in 2010

445: Christmas Baskets delivered to families in 2010

???: Need for the coming year

We are on to a new year and wish to thank you for your continued support of the Food Pantry. If your church/congregation is looking to do a food drive we are in need of the following items: tuna, juices, 15-18 oz. size jars of peanut butter, rice, shampoo, bathroom tissue, paper towels, and diapers sizes 4 & 5.

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 give information about the Pantry.

God bless you and thank you for your continued support.

Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager

DACU Community

Operation: New View It's Tax Time Again!

Free Tax Preparation Sites: Individuals with low to moderate incomes are eligible to receive free and confidential tax preparation at any of the free filing tax sites listed below:

St. Matthew Lutheran Church (AARP)

1780 White Street
February 1 – April 14, Monday- Friday, 12:30 pm-3:30 pm
Walk-ins ONLY

Loras College (563.588.7265)

February 15 – March 29, Tuesdays at 2:00 PM
Appointments ONLY

Hills and Dales Lifetime Center (AARP)

563.585.0560 3505 Stoneman Road
February 1 – April 14, Tuesday – Thursday, 9 am – 2 pm
Appointments ONLY

University of Dubuque

563.589.3644 2000 University Ave.
Monday February 28 and Tuesday March 8
3:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Appointments ONLY; Call and leave message

Operation: New View, Dubuque

563.556.5130, ext. 14 1473 Central Ave.
January 27 – April 14, Mondays and Thursdays,
6 PM to 9 PM Appointments ONLY

Operation: New View, Manchester

563.927.4629 721 South 5th St. Suite B
Saturday February 12 and Saturday February 26,
10 AM to 2 PM Appointments ONLY

Operation: New View, Maquoketa

563.652.5197 904 East Quarry
Saturday February 5 and Saturday February 19
10 AM to 2 PM Appointments ONLY

What to bring:

- Valid picture ID
- Social Security Cards for you and each member of your family included on your return
- Birthdates for you and each member included on your return
- W-2s for all jobs in 2010 and any other tax related documents
- 1099 forms for other income, if any
- A copy of last year's tax returns (federal and state)
- If you are claiming childcare expenses, bring documentation of expenses and either the childcare agency's ID or the provider's Social Security
- All adults on your return must be present to sign forms
- College tuition and student loan interest statements
- A blank check if you want your refund direct deposited

Questions?? Contact

bjenkins@operationnewview.org or 563.556.5130



Church Women United

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

(Sponsored by Church Women United)
Thursday, March 3 - 7:00 pm. Displays 6:30 pm
Friday, March 4 – 10:00 am
(9:30 am Gathering/coffee & Displays)

***Snow Date: Friday, March 11 – 10:00 am**
9:30 am Gathering/coffee & Displays

St. Peter Lutheran Church
3200 Asbury Road
(Handicap accessible)

WDP Ecumenical Prayer Service written by the women of Chile -- Uniting Continents

Keynote: Vladimir Gonzalez

"Reflections on Chile, South America"

Displays: Artifacts & Flavors of Chile
South American Fair Trade Display
(Global Goods Store)

Diabetes Awareness Materials

Women, Men and Youth Invited!

Information: (563) 556-1394

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

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

Centering Prayer

Monday, Feb. 21, 7:00 – 8:00pm

Facilitator: Marilyn Dansart

Registration not required. Free will offering.

Days of Quiet & Prayer (monthly 4-session series)

Book: "The Wisdom Jesus" by Cynthia Bourgeault

Wednesdays, Feb. 16, Mar. 16, Apr. 13, May

18; 9:15am – 2:30pm

Facilitator: Margaret Jungers OSF

Offering: \$75, includes book, program, cont. breakfast,
lunch & private room. Register by Feb. 1.

The Miracle of Mindfulness (3-session series)

Tuesdays, Feb. 8, 15, 22; 7:00 – 8:30pm

Presenters: Margaret Jungers OSF & Eileen Miller OSF

--SESSION 1 – What Is Mindfulness? Explores the miracle by which we restore ourselves to wholeness so that we can live each moment of our life more deeply and calmly. Breathing as a way to mindfulness will be practiced.

--SESSION 2 – Mindfulness of Body, Mind & Heart -

It is possible to realize a tranquil heart, clear mind & relaxed body. This requires awareness of body, mind, feelings and perceptions; includes a tea drinking ceremony.

--SESSION 3 – Mindfulness & Interdependence -

When deepening our capacity for mindfulness, we become more aware that we are one with all peoples, creatures and elements of the cosmos. A t'ai chi pose will teach us mindfulness.

Offering: \$24/series. Register by Feb. 4.

Understanding the Faith Traditions of Our Brothers & Sisters (3 session series)

Thursdays, Feb. 10, 24 & Mar. 10, 7:00 – 8:30pm

Today it seems more important than ever to strive to understand the beliefs, lifestyles and prayer of many faith traditions. To further this understanding, Shalom is offering a series of three sessions presented by a member and local leader of the respective tradition.

Session 1: Feb. 10, Learning about Quakerism and Its Traditions Presenter: Ralph Scharnau

Session 2: Feb. 24 Learning about the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship and Its Traditions

Presenter: Cindy Wiese

Session 3: Mar. 10 Learning about Islam and Its Traditions Presenter: Imam (Dr.) Adib Kassas

Offering: \$10/session; \$25/series. Register by the Tuesday before each session.

Yoga Classes for all Skill Levels - including Beginners

Deb May, Certified Yoga Instructor

Call 563/582-3592 for class times

Reserve Our Facility

Groups: Shalom's facilities (including food service) are available for meetings, staff/board retreats, spiritual gatherings, and more - for a few hours, a day, an overnight or longer. Groups of 10 to 150 people can be accommodated. Rates are reasonable.

Individuals: Shalom offers private retreats for individuals. They may choose spiritual direction as part of their retreat, or they may prefer to spend their time in solitude. The length of the retreat is flexible.

Maria House – Opening Doors

Want to be a “Boiler Buddy” for Opening Doors?

Since Maria House opened its doors in September of 2000. Opening Doors, Maria House's parent corporation, leased the building from St. Mary's Parish. Since St. Mary's closed, Maria House is in the process of purchasing the building from St. Mary's Corporation. Maria House was heated by the same boiler that heated the church (the boiler is now defunct). Maria House had to install the unbudgeted \$47,000 boiler and the staff and residents are now warm and cozy. The shelter also shared a water line with the church; future excavation work could add an additional \$10,000 to the project.

Opening Doors is seeking “Boiler Buddy” contributors that will find it in their hearts to make a donation to the shelter to help off-set the costs of this project. Tax-deductible cash donations can be mailed to Opening Doors, 1561 Jackson Street, Dubuque, IA 52001. Write

“Boiler Buddy” on the memo of your check so we can direct your contribution to this funding need. Churches and other organizations that would like to partner with Opening Doors on this project are invited to call 563-582-7480. www.openingdoorsdbq.org.

Hope House

Hope House, the Dubuque Catholic Worker Community, and New Hope Catholic Worker Farm are sponsoring a Round Table Discussion on “Christian Hospitality: Welcoming the Stranger” on February 27 at 6:00 PM, starting with a community meal followed by discussion led by guest speaker Mark Van Steenwyk, member of Missio Dei, an intentional Mennonite community in Minneapolis, MN. He has written on this subject and the following three articles online are suggested reading before the discussion. All are welcome and for more information you can email

dbqcatholicworker@gmail.com

Articles by MarkVanSteenwyk:

1. <http://www.jesusradicals.com/unpacking-hospitality/>
2. <http://www.jesusradicals.com/making-room-radical-hospitality-part-two/>
3. <http://www.jesusradicals.com/are-we-becoming-more-inhospitable-radical-hospitality-part-three/>

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.



Manassah House Safe Strides Shelter for Homeless Women

Public Skate and Auction at Mystique Community Ice Center (1800 Admiral Sheehy Drive) on March 24, 2011, 6 PM to 8 PM. Admission is \$5.00; Skate Rental is an additional \$2.50, or you may bring your own ice skates.

This event is being organized to help Manassah House with funding to complete the Safe Strides Shelter for Homeless Women. Everyone is invited, youth groups from our DACU Congregations are encouraged to take this as a project and attend as a group.

We also invite the youth and their parents to gather donations for the auction. Please list the items, their

value and the donors. We would like to recognize the donors. Please bring your donations to your youth center or church by March 14, 2011. Sister Patricia Conlan will collect your donations between March 14, 2011 and March 17, 2011. When you are ready to have items picked up please call Sister at 563-845-1412 or leave a message at 563-583-6372. Thank you for supporting our women in need.

Clarke University

Crusaders for Justice Week, February 6-13

Stem Cell Research: Can We Find Cures AND Protect Human Life?

Tuesday, February 8, 2011 | 7:30 p.m.

Jansen Music Hall, Clarke University

Janine Marie Idziak, Ph.D., professor of philosophy and director of the Bioethics Center at Loras College, will address this timely life issue in a multi-media presentation. Open to all.

abUSED Postville: the Postville Raid

Wednesday, February 9, 2011 | 7 p.m.

Jansen Music Hall, Clarke University

Luis Argueta, an acclaimed filmmaker, will be at Clarke to present this full-length documentary that weaves together personal stories of the individuals, families and the town directly affected by the raid in Postville, Iowa. The film puts a human face on the issue of immigration and awakens all to the reality of our broken immigration system. Open to all.

Evolution Weekend: showing of 'CRUDE'

Sunday, February 13, 2011 | 5:30 p.m.

Rose O'Toole Hall, Clarke University

This event is part of Clarke's observation of Evolution Weekend, part of a nationwide effort to "elevate the quality of the discussion on [the relationship between religion and science], and to show that religion and science are not adversaries." The showing of the film "Crude" will include a simple supper and discussion relating the film to Catholic social teaching about stewardship of the environment and care for the poor. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by February 8 to ann.kurt@clarke.edu.

An Event You Shouldn't Miss!

Dr. Joy DeGruy, nationally known educator and author of "Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome: America's Legacy of Enduring Injury and Healing" will speak Thursday evening February 10 at 6:00 PM at the Marie Graber Ballroom at Loras College. This event is free and open to the public and is sponsored jointly by The University of Dubuque and Loras College. For more information contact International Studies at the University of Dubuque, 589-3712, pgarfiel@dbq.edu. To learn more about Dr. DeGruy check out her website: www.joydegruy.com

Women and Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America

Showing at the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium from February 18 to May 22, 2011

This is an acclaimed national traveling exhibit, which is being shown in just a few locations in the USA. Plan to attend!



Dubuque Ministerial Association

The Dubuque Ministerial Association meets monthly for lunch and fellowship. It is open to anyone who does "ministry" in any capacity, including clergy, Deacons, Hospital and Hospice Chaplains, etc. At the present time Rev. Ken Bickle and Rev. Merlin Schlichting are the conveners. The Ministerial Association meets from Noon to 1:30 and a monetary donation for lunch is expected. Upcoming dates/locations are:

- February 8th - First Congregational
- March 8th - Hospice
- April 2nd - Farley, New Hope Church
- May 10th - St. Peter Lutheran

Maryann LoGuidice,
DACU Representative to the Ministerial Association

Save The Date!

The Annual Temple Beth El Visitors' Service will be Friday, April 8. There will be an informational lecture by Rabbi Jennifer Flatte at 6:30 PM followed by Sabbath Worship at 7:30 PM. Refreshments and a social hour will follow. Everyone is warmly invited. If you plan to bring a group please let us know in advance so we bake enough cookies! (Contact Phyllis Garfield, 589.0028)

Location: 475 West Locust St. (With our apologies, Temple Beth El has no off-street parking. Please consider ride-sharing!)





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