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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!		
August 21, 2012	DACU	DACU Annual Family Potluck Picnic, 6 PM, Arboretum
Sundays, June, July, August	Dubuque Arboretum & Botanical Gardens	Music in the Gardens, free concert at the Packard Pavilion at 6:30 PM
Wednesdays, June, July, August	Sinsinawa	Summer Organ Recitals in the Queen of the Rosary Chapel every Wednesday at 7:00 PM. No charge; freewill offering accepted.
September 12 & 13	St. Mark Community Center	2012 Volunteer Fair at St. Mark Community Center, Sept. 12, 11-1 PM; Sept. 13, 4-6 PM. Free and open to all.
September 21	Dubuque Committee for the International Day of Peace	International Day of Peace Celebration, 7:00 PM, Alumni Center Ballroom at Loras College. Speaker: Rajmohan Ghandi
October 7, 2012	DACU	CROP Walk, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church



DACU Annual Family Potluck Picnic

Date: Tuesday, August 21, 2012

(Note that this is NOT our regular 4th Tuesday!)

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Visitors' Center Porch
Dubuque Arboretum
3800 Arboretum Drive

****Please bring a dish to share that will feed your party plus 8 others. Drinks and paper goods will be provided.

Directions to Dubuque Arboretum:

Follow the signs from JFK Road & W 32nd St. We will be meeting and eating in the screened porch of the Visitors' Center & Gift Shop.



REMINDER: We accept donations of canned food for the Food Pantry at every DACU Delegates' Meeting. Thank you for your generosity!

DACU Board Report

As of June 30 a total of **18** Congregations and Associates have contributed to the work of DACU during 2012. Thanks to Rockdale Methodist and St. Matthew Lutheran Churches for their June donations!

FY 2012 Monthly Balance Sheet Report 06/30/2012			
	June	2012 YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2012
Income	\$ 133.37	\$ 3,833.73	\$6,450.00
Expenses	\$ 4045.00	\$ 5,671.66	\$6,450.00
Ending Balance as of 06/30/2012: \$2,564.39			

At the June DACU Board Meeting, Directors voted to give \$1,000 each to the three DACU Projects (P.I.N., Rescue Mission, and Dubuque Food Pantry), and also to give \$1,000 to Opening Doors for the Bed of Hope Project. There will be no Board meeting in July; the next meeting will be August.

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.)

2012 marks P.I.N.'s 30th year of service to people in need in the Dubuque area. So far we have funded 67 assists this year; at the same time last year we had funded just 32. Clearly the need is growing...but so is the generosity of God's people. This year we have given \$17,212 in assists. Last year at this time we had \$10,664. Your gifts truly make a difference. If you would like more information please contact Alan Garfield at agarfield@dbq.edu.

Alan Garfield, P.I.N. President

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

Dubuque Rescue Mission

We continue to need good used furniture and other usable items for the Thrift Shop.

Volunteer Opportunities at the Mission:

- Serve meals and help clean up
- Community garden
- Maintenance skills needed
- Work in Mission Bike Shop
- Answer Mission phone
- Sort donations in the Thrift Store
- Work the Thrift Store counter

If you are interested in volunteering please call us at (563) 583-1394 or visit our website: www.dbqrescue.org

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



Dubuque Food Pantry

Thank you to all who continue to support the Food Pantry with monetary donations and food collections. Just a reminder we also take personal hygiene products and cleaning supplies.

Needed: The Pantry is in need of plastic grocery bags; we can't use real small bags or the ones the newspaper comes in. Paper grocery bags are also useful. Another thing we need are the 1 dozen size egg cartons. Thank you for helping out.

Now with summer well under way we are looking for garden produce. Please remember the Pantry if you or someone you know has an excess of garden produce, we would be most happy to receive it. *Drop off hours are: Mon., Wed., Fri. from 9:00a.m. to 3:30p.m and Tues. 9:00-noon.*

God bless you and thank you for your continued support.
Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager

DACU Community



Sinsinawa Mound

Summer Organ Concert Recitals

Every Wednesday evening throughout the summer (June, July, August), the Sinsinawa Mound Outreach Music Department hosts organ recitals performed by guest musicians in Queen of the Holy Rosary Chapel at Sinsinawa Mound. The Summer Organ Concert Recital series is free and open to the public, beginning at 7 p.m. For more information, please call Sister Marie Juan Maney at Sinsinawa Mound, (608) 748-4411, ext. 807.

St. Mark Community Center



Join Us for the 2012 Volunteer Fair!
Wednesday September 12th, 11 AM to 1:00 PM
OR Thursday September 13, 4-6 PM
St. Mark Community Center
1201 Locust St., Dubuque

This first-time event will allow members of your business or organization to see all the opportunities to get involved in our community! There is no fee to attend and no need to register, please just show up and see, first-hand, all the great things happening in our community!

For more information please contact Event Coordinator Karen Bryant at (563) 582-6211 Ext. 105 or events@smccdbq.org



Clarke University

Clarke University announces "Joy of Caring: Encountering Challenges", a one-day conference for people in caring professions, August 17, 2012, from 8:45 AM to 4:00 PM. CEU credit is available. For more information please call (563) 588-6339 or -6361 or visit www.clarke.edu/joyofcaring

Loras College

The National Association of Catholic Chaplains is offering a one-day workshop for people engaged in pastoral care and related Church work:

"Exploring the Ethical Dimensions of Health Care Services: Some Current Issues"

September 19, 2012
8:15 AM to 4:00 PM
Loras College
1450 Alta Vista Street
Dubuque, IA

Mary Alexis Room in the Alumni Campus Center

For more information and to register email Jeanine Annunziato, jannunziato@nacc.org, phone (414) 483-4898 OR visit the website:

www.nacc.org/resources/edops.asp#sep2012

Dubuque Community



Music in the Gardens

Every Sunday evening through June, July, and August there are free concerts at the Dubuque Arboretum & Botanical Gardens, in the Packard Pavilion. Time is 6:30 PM. For a schedule, visit their website:

www.dubuquearboretum.com/musiclist.html



A Letter from Carroll Clark, Bridges Initiative

Hello All,

21 Meal Challenge probably sounds like a silly heading, but it is exactly what it says. We have ONLY 21 meals left to find donors for Tuesday Night Circles Meetings in the year 2012. Can you help us fill these slots? There are dates open from July-December. You can see a list of available dates on our website at www.cityofdubuque.org. If you look under the Wish List, you will see a list of open dates.

I also mentioned Changes in the subject line. My last day with the Housing and Community Development Department is July 6th. I will be beginning a new part time career with the Jule on July 9th. For those who do not know, my husband and I recently added to our household by adopting 11 year old twin girls. With a house full of teen and preteen girls, working part time is in my best interest.

So, my challenge is this: Please help me fill in the open 2012 meal dates. You do not need to know what you are going to make. You can simply pick a date that you are committed to providing the meal for and we will take it from there. After July 9th and in the interim while I am gone, Erica Haugen will be the contact for meals. Once you pick a date, she will put you on the calendar and one of our staff will follow up with you as your donation date approaches. Sounds easy doesn't it! We hope to make it as simple as possible.

Please talk to your friends, neighbors, co-workers, social or religious groups, etc... and see if you can help meet the challenge of filling in the meal dates for the Circles Initiative for the remainder of 2012.. If you have any other questions, or to pick a date to donate, please send an e-mail or give a call. And thank you in advance for helping me with this challenge.

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It's finally here! The Summer 2012 DACU Worship Brochure is finally (sorry) available on the DACU website (www.DACUonline.org). It is currently at the printers (thank you Westminster Presbyterian Church and Rev. Tom Young!) and copies will be distributed to local hotels, hospitals, and the Welcome Center. A copy has also been emailed to everyone receiving the newsletter. Thanks for your patience and please let us know as you note changes for your own congregation.



Dubuque's United Nations International Day of Peace Festival 2012

Violence is a powerful force in our world, but it is not inevitable. There are alternatives. In a series of events marking the United Nations International Day of Peace in 2012, we invite the Dubuque-area community to reflect on alternatives to violence, like diplomacy, mediation, negotiation, and reconciliation. This year's Day of Peace Festival celebrates those working to end violence and engages our community in the task of developing creative alternatives to it. The Festival is from September 15 to 30, 2012, while the Day of Peace is recognized around the world every September 21. Since 1981, the Day of Peace has marked humanity's personal and planetary progress toward peace.

Featured event: At 7 pm on Friday, September 21, 2012, come for a short Intercollegiate Choral Concert followed by a landmark presentation by Rajmohan Gandhi, grandson of Mohandas K. Gandhi. This free program will be at the Alumni Center Ballroom at Loras College.

Professor Gandhi will also speak at Divine Word College on Saturday, September 22 at 1:30, also a free public event.

More information, additional events at:
www.dbqdayofpeace.org



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