



Dubuque Area Congregations United

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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
Here's just a few of the events sponsored by our DACU congregations and associates. Turn the page to learn more!		
April 11-18	Living Last Supper	Various Times/locations....See more information in this newsletter!
April 18	Dubuque Ministerium	103 rd Ecumenical Good Friday Service, St. Luke Methodist, 12-3 PM
April 22	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting, Sisters of the Presentation, 7 PM
April 24	Children of Abraham	FINAL Meeting this year, Loras College, 7:00 PM
May 2	Church Women United	May Friendship Day, Sisters of St. Francis, 3390 Windsor, 9 AM
May 27	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting & Spring Worship, Multicultural Center, 7 PM
August 26	DACU	Annual DACU Delegates Potluck Picnic, Arboretum, 6:00 PM
September 5	Church Women United	Human Rights Celebration, Arboretum, 9:30 AM



DACU Delegates Meeting
Tuesday, April 22
Sisters of the Presentation
2360 Carter Road
7:00 P.M.

Program:
Human Trafficking

You are also encouraged to bring non-perishable food and paper goods for the Dubuque Food Pantry.

Upcoming DACU Delegates Meetings:

May 27, 2014 (7:00 PM)
Multicultural Family Center
1157 Central
Spring Worship Service

June & July 2014
No Delegates Meetings

August 26, 2014 (6:00 PM)**
Dubuque Arboretum
3800 Arboretum Drive
DACU Delegates & Family Potluck Picnic
CROP Walk Information

September 23, 2014 (7:00 PM)
Rockdale Methodist Church
1500 Old Mill Rd.
"Catholic Charities; Drug Court"

REMEMBER....Guests are ALWAYS welcome!

DACU Board Report

As of March 31, eight congregations and one associate member have contributed to the work of DACU for 2014. Thanks to Church of the Resurrection, Holy Trinity Lutheran, St. Joseph the Worker, and St. Luke's UMC for their generous donations in March!!

FY 2014 Monthly Balance Sheet Report			
3/31/2014			
	February	2014 YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2014
Income	\$ 758.50	\$ 2,234.00	\$6,450.00
Expenses	\$ 00.00	\$ 7,204.00	\$6,450.00
Ending Balance as of 3/31/2014: \$3,012.52			

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

*Did you miss the Annual Meeting? Would you like a copy of
the DACU Annual Report? Just contact Bob Krayner
(bdkrayer@aol.com)*

The DACU Board meets the first Wednesday of each month at 4:15 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Board meetings are always open to the members of DACU.

DACU Projects

People In Need (P.I.N.)

THANK YOU to St. Joseph Key West Social Justice Committee and Tim Duggan for their hard work on the March 23 Pulled Pork Dinner fundraiser for People In Need! Over \$2200 was donated to P.I.N.

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



Dubuque Rescue Mission.

The Mission is connected! We are on Twitter, Facebook (Dubuque-Rescue-Mission), and have a new website, <http://dbqrescue.org/>. Check us out!

A new greenhouse is allowing plants to be started earlier, even with our cool Spring!

DACU Rescue Mission Representative
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Dubuque Food Pantry

Thank you to the Boy Scouts! Their city-wide food drive on Saturday March 22 brought over **20,000 pounds** of food into the Pantry!

Does your church/congregation want to know what we could use? Each month I will be listing a few items that we could use so you can plan ahead and get the list in your church bulletin/announcements.

April -- Rice, ketchup, brownie mix, sugar, dish soap, ramen noodles

Drop off hours are: Mon., Wed., Fri. from 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. and Tues. 9:00-11:30a.m.

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

DACU Community

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Westminster Presbyterian Church
2155 University Ave. Dubuque

is hosting the **Living Last Supper** on Sat., April 12th.

Come join us for a time of worship through music and drama as we enter into the Holy Week.



Other area locations for the Living Last Supper:

April 11, 7 pm, St. Peter Lutheran Church
April 13, 3:30pm, Hope Evangelical Free Church
April 17, 7 pm, Peosta Community Center
April 18, 7 pm, Grand Opera House

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

103rd Ecumenical Good Friday Service

Friday, April 18, 2014

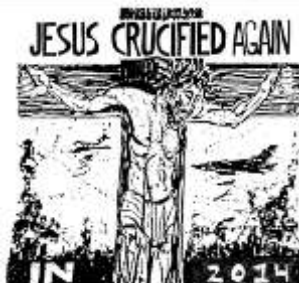
St. Luke's United Methodist Church
1199 Main Street
12:00-3:00 p.m.

Music begins at 11:45 a.m.

The Seven Last Words of Jesus

This service will feature area liturgists, preachers, and musicians. All are welcome to attend the entire service or any section of the service.

Dubuque Catholic Worker Community



The Dubuque Catholic Worker Community is hosting a commemoration of Jesus' passion and death as it applies to contemporary social injustices and the lives of poor and marginalized people on Good Friday, April 18, from 9:00 am until about 11:30am. During the service participants will walk or drive, as able, to fourteen locations in Dubuque, pausing for prayer and reflection at each.

The first station is the Armed Forces Career Center, located at 150 JFK Road, near "House of China" restaurant. The second is located at Diamond Jo Casino main entrance on Bell Street in the Port of Dubuque. Participants are asked to drive from the recruiting station to Diamond Jo and park in the ramp there. For more information, call 582-9079.

Unitarian Universalist Friends of Dubuque

WEDNESDAY EVENING AT UUFD

To kick off the use of our new **home theater system** in the basement of the church we have put together a schedule of programs. The productions began on January 8, and continue every Wednesday evening from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM and run through May. The tentative structure is an hour program, a half hour discussion and a half hour to socialize. The schedule is available at the UUFD website www.uufd-dbg.org.



Shalom Spirituality Center

Celebrating 25 years • 1989 – 2014

1001 Davis Dubuque, IA 52001

Phone: 563/582-3592

Web: www.shalomretreats.org

Email: info@shalomretreats.org

TAIZE PRAYER: "Behold the Wood (Lent),"

Thursday, April 3, 7:00 – 8:00pm

All are welcome! Registration not required.

USING LECTIO DIVINA WITH THE LENTEN GOSPELS

Thursdays, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17 ; 7:00 – 8:00am

Facilitator: Marci Blum OSF Lent is a special time for spiritual reflection. Join us to reflect and pray using the Sunday Lenten Gospels. Bring your Bible. Offering: \$4, includes continental breakfast. Register by noon the day prior to each session.

SHALOM'S Sunday SOUPOSIUMS - "Shalom's Values / Our Values"

Sundays of Lent – 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Enjoy a simple but delicious supper of soup and bread followed by an inspirational talk and discussion.

Free will offering. Register by the Thursday prior to each Souposium.

April 13 – Dave Cushing, "Shalom: The Mystery and the Mission"

T'AI CHI CHIH CLASSES

Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7; 8:30 – 9:15am Instructor: Marian Klostermann OSF

Offering: \$45 for six sessions. Register by March 28.

CENTERING PRAYER

Mondays, April 21, May 19, 7:00 - 8:00pm

Registration not required.

SHALOM'S ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS LUNCHEON

Wednesday, April 23, 11:30am – 1:00pm

Presenter: Paul Hemmer

Bring your office staff to our annual salute to the wonderful people who are really the heart and soul of what happens within your organization. Let us honor these good folks with a scrumptious lunch, followed by a tribute to them given by Dubuque's own Paul Hemmer.

Offering: \$11. Register by noon, April 18.

EXPERIENCING THE GOD OF OUR LONGING RETREAT DAY

Saturday, April 26 9:00am – 3:00pm • Director: Vince Hatt. Most of us grew up with an "elsewhere God." God was somewhere out there. Our lives have been a journey to find this elsewhere God. Where are you, God? Often the response is silence. The day includes discussion, reflection and sharing. Offering: \$25, includes lunch & snacks. Register by April 22.

--Vince Hatt has been a spiritual director, program presenter, and retreat director for 50 years. He was on staff at Shalom from 1991–1993. He retired as Director of Franciscan Spirituality Center, La Crosse, WI in 2011 and continues to do spiritual direction and facilitate men's groups.

SHALOM'S ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF GERMAN FOOD & MUSIC

Tuesday, April 29, 6:30 – 8:30pm

Once again our dietary department will be cooking and baking those mouth-watering foods, preparing to serve you a German-style feast. And also once again, Dave Overby and his friends will be on hand with their wonderful, lively, toe-tapping music. Don't miss it! This event tends to fill quickly, so register early.

Offering: \$23. Register by April 24.

MANDALAS: MIRROR TO YOUR SOUL RETREAT

Saturday, May 3, 10:00am – 4:00pm Presenter: Mary Hauber OSF. Mandalas are an expression in art as one meditates on their spiritual journey. Join her in discovering your God and yourself in this spiritual adventure. Offering: Commuter-\$40, includes lunch. Register by Tuesday, April 29.



CROP Walk

The results are in! CROP Walk 2013 brought in **\$18,800.60!** Thanks to all who donated or walked, and thanks to the hard-working CROP committee. Special recognition should go Rev. Russ Melby, Iowa Director of Church World Service, who is retiring this year. He has been a strong supporter of CROP and has made several visits to Dubuque to encourage walkers and recruiters. Thank you Rev. Melby!

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Sinsinawa Mound Center

Sinsinawa Mound has a great Winter/Spring calendar of events. Here is a sample; you can visit their website or call the Mound for more information:

- Yoga Retreat: Finding New Connectors to God
- Gourd Art: Whimsies
- Lenten Taize Prayer
- Lenten Retreat
- Women of the Bible Drama
- Meeting the Mystery of Alzheimer's
- Living Last Supper
- Celebrate You
- Spring Concert
- Annual Mother's Day Event
- Wild Weaving Gourd Basketry
- Red Hats Off to Broadway
- Zentangle Workshop

For more information on cost and registration, call or visit the Mound: 585 County Road Z, Sinsinawa, WI 53824, (608) 748-4411. OR visit their website:

www.sinsinawa.org/moundcenter



Church Women United

May 2: May Friendship Day

"Through God Our Hands Can Serve"

Sisters of St. Francis, 3390 Windsor Ave.

9:00 a.m. Brunch (\$5); 10:00 a.m. Celebration

Speaker: Rick Mihm

2014 CWU Human Rights Recipients:

Mary Nevans-Pederson (Telegraph Herald)

Rick Mihm (Dubuque Rescue Mission)

Brunch RSVP by April 29 –Gretta Kling 563-556-6629

(Driving Directions: drive past Stonehill Care Center, on top of hill, turn right into driveway of 3390 Windsor. Handicap parking, front entrance/use sidewalk and elevator into Francis building (parking hostesses available); regular parking, some spots in front of Francis building and lot behind Francis building.)

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Coordinators: Sister Marian Klostermann OSF & Marcia Young

Friday, September 5: Human Rights Celebration

Arboretum & Botanical Gardens' Porch -
3800 Arboretum Dr.

"Through God Our Hands Can Protect"

9:30 a.m. Gather/Coffee

10:00 a.m. Celebration

Contact: Marcia Young, 563.588.4877

Friday, November 7: World Community Day

"Through God Our Hands Can Heal"

Immanuel Congregational United Church of Christ

1795 Jackson Street

9:30 a.m. Gather/Coffee

10:00 a.m. Celebration

Contact: Phyllis Anderson, 563.582.9901

Sue Hattel, CWU Leadership Team 556-1394



St. Mark Youth Enrichment

St. Mark Seeking Local Artists for Gallery of Growing Event

St. Mark Youth Enrichment is planning a fundraiser in conjunction with the Dubuque Rescue Mission called *Gallery of Growing*. This two day event will feature an art show of pieces from students in St. Mark Youth Enrichment programming, men living at the Rescue Mission, and local artists.

"We are very excited for this opportunity to partner with another non-profit to showcase the talent in our community. There is a very rich art culture in Dubuque so we are looking forward to witnessing what transpires." shares St. Mark Youth Enrichment's Special Events Coordinator, Heather Moore.

The event kicks off on April 29 and will feature an art show that is open and free to the community. The second day of the event, May 1, will feature a silent and live auction, a wine tasting and includes a \$5 cover charge.

At this time, St. Mark Youth Enrichment is making a call to local artists willing to donate artwork to this cause. There are no limitations on media. Proceeds from the

artwork auctioned off will help to continue the before, after, and summer enrichment learning opportunities that St. Mark provides to youth in the downtown Title 1 Dubuque schools.

Those interested in donating artwork for the event can contact Special Events Coordinator, Heather Moore, at 563-582-6211 ext. 110 or by email at hmoore@stmarkyouthenrichment.org.



**Passover begins at
Sundown April 14!**

**OPERATION: NEW VIEW
COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY**

**2014 COMMUNITY ACTION YEAR OF CELEBRATION
AND SERVICE: *Helping People. Changing Lives.***

It's Tax Time Again!

**There are a few sites Volunteer tax sites still open
during the final Tax Week:**

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

St. Matthew Lutheran Church (AARP)

1780 White Street

February 3 – April 15, Monday- Friday, 12:30 pm-3:30 pm

Walk-ins ONLY

Hills and Dales Lifetime Center (AARP)

3505 Stoneman Road

February 4 – April 15

Monday through Wednesday 9 AM to 3 PM

Thursdays 9 AM to 6 PM

Make an appointment by dialing 2-1-1 or calling 563.588.3980

Operation: New View, Dubuque

1473 Central Ave.

January 27 – April 10, Mondays and Thursdays,

5 PM to 9 PM Make an appointment by calling

563.556.5130, ext. 14

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 2013

--any other tax related documents

--1099 forms for other income, if any

--A copy of last year's tax returns (federal and state)

--All adults on your return must be present to sign forms

--a blank check or your bank account information for direct deposit

Questions??

**Contact Amanda ahohmann@operationnewview.org
or 563.556.5130, ext. 14. Coordinated by Operation
New View Community Action Agency with the
collaborative effort of the Earned Income Tax Credit**

(EITC) Outreach Task Force of Dubuque, Delaware, and Jackson Counties.

Dubuque Community

Hospice of Dubuque

Hospice of Dubuque will be sponsoring a six-week bereavement support group open to anyone in the tri-state area who has experienced the loss of a loved one, through death, within the past twelve months. It is suggested that participants wait at least three months after a loss before attending.

The group is scheduled to meet at the Hospice of Dubuque Theisen Education Center, 1670 JFK Road, on Monday afternoons from 2 to 4 pm, beginning April 14 through May 19. The sessions are educational and emotionally supportive. There is no requirement to have had a previous connection with Hospice of Dubuque. Group size is limited and pre-registration is required by April 7. For more information, or to register, please call 563.582.1220. A contribution to defray the cost of materials would be appreciated.

Dubuque Downtown Christian Outreach (DDCO)

“Ghost People: Seeing All the People in Our Community”

The Homeless Awareness Action Group (HAAG) of the Dubuque Downtown Christian Outreach (DDCO), a group of downtown religious congregations, is requesting funding to produce a short film, “Ghost People; Seeing All the People in Our Community”.

This project is specifically aimed at strengthening non-profit shelters and the agencies working with the homeless, both financially and in terms of volunteer labor. HAAG anticipates presenting the film to at least 40 congregations and 20 civic and business groups. Specific suggestions as to how a person might respond to the needs of homeless people will depend upon the nature and circumstances of the group addressed. In addition the video will be used by any interested agency and will be shown on cable T.V.

In-kind contributions have cut the film cost in half but it still runs about \$9,500. Donations can be made to our financial sponsor **Healing Moments, Inc.**, Attn: Rev. Jade Angelica, 775 Groveland Place, Dubuque, IA 52001.



Children of Abraham



The Children of Abraham is a series of conversations, in its third year, by folks representing the three different Abrahamic religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam. At each meeting, a topic is explored. First, briefly, the three religious speakers present an interpretation on that subject. Then the attendees break up into groups to talk about the subject and what they heard. Finally, the group comes back together to share observations. Everyone is welcome and there is never a charge.

The dates are always Thursdays. We start at 7pm and end at 8:30pm.

Our FINAL Meeting for this year is:

Apr 24 – Loras College – “Will of God, Will of People”

Any questions, just email Alan Garfield (agarfield@dbq.edu) or John Eby (john.eby@loras.edu)

Dubuque Coalition for Nonviolence

The Dubuque Coalition for Nonviolence (CNV, formerly CNVCC) meets the second Saturday of each month, 10:00 AM, at the Multicultural Family Center. Come join us in our ongoing discussion and planning to address gun reform and safety issues!

Next meeting is Saturday April 12, 10 AM at the Multicultural Family Center. For more information call Mary Sawyer, Coordinator, 563-845-0712



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Remember...you can view all DACU Newsletters on our Website at www.DACUonline.org

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