



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.

www.DACUonline.org/

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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!		
January 28	DACU	DACU Annual Meeting and Dinner, Immanuel Congregational UCC
February 25	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting, location TBA
March 25	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting, location TBA
April 22	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting, location TBA
May 27	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting & Spring Worship Service, TBA



DACU Annual Dinner Meeting Tuesday, January 28 Immanuel Congregational UCC 1795 Jackson St. 6:00 P.M.

Dinner Cost: \$8.50

(Off street parking is available at both Immanuel Church and St. Matthew Lutheran Church lots. St. Matthew's lot is located across the alley.)

Please send reservations (including list of names attending) and checks payable to DACU, and mail to DACU, P.O. Box 811, Dubuque, IA 52004-0811 or call Bob Kraye at 582-5117 (answering machine available) or bdkrayer@aol.com.

Please place your reservations by Tuesday, January 21, 2013. In an effort not to penalize the host congregation for "no show" reservations, it is requested that all reservations be paid in advance. If you need to cancel a reservation, please call Bob Kraye at 582-5117.

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

Some great reasons to attend the DACU Annual Dinner Meeting on January 28:

- Learn what DACU is planning this year.
- Learn the latest news our DACU projects (P.I.N., the Dubuque Food Pantry, and the Dubuque Rescue Mission)
- Enjoy a delicious meal, seasoned as always with the fragrant spice of community and fellowship
- Receive your personal copy of the DACU Annual Report!
- Welcome new DACU President *Sr. Lynn Wagner* and new DACU President Elect *Sara McCaw*
- Say good-bye and THANK YOU to outgoing President *Rev. Arnold Flater*.

Remember....RSVP by January 21 to Bob Kraye, 582-5117 or bdkrayer@aol.com



DACU Board Report

As of December 31, 22 Congregations and two Associates had contributed to the work of DACU for 2013. Thanks to Sisters of Charity, Immanuel Congregational UCC, Sisters of the Presentation, Westminster Presbyterian, Temple Beth El, and St. Matthew Lutheran for their generous donations in December!

FY 2013 Monthly Balance Sheet Report 12/31/2013			
	December	2013 YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2013
Income	\$ 3,177.94	\$ 8,122.86	\$6,450.00
Expenses	\$ 200.00	\$ 6,714.82	\$6,450.00
Ending Balance as of 12/31/2013: \$7,983.42			

At the January Board meeting, the DACU Board voted to give \$2,000 each to our DACU projects, P.I.N.; the Rescue Mission; and the Dubuque Food Pantry. \$400 was also donated to St. John's Guesthouse. Thank YOU for making this possible!

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



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.)

Treasurer Tom Stovall tells us that for 2013 P.I.N. received \$24,569.29 and made 118 assists. Unlike other groups, we don't keep a balance. We give away everything we receive! The need is continual! See the Annual Report for a complete accounting of our activity for the year.

**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!

The Thrift Store needs volunteers with some retail experience. If you can help, please call the Mission at 583-1394.

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Dubuque Food Pantry

Thank you to all who continue to support the Food Pantry with monetary donations and food collections. We have gotten in lots of non-perishable items these past couple months; much of it went into the 480 baskets we handed out the week before Christmas. **Thank you for being so generous.**

Hams, hams and more hams... Churches, congregations and individuals donated money and over 230 hams for our Christmas baskets. We couldn't do it without all your help. **Way to go!**

Is your church/congregation wanting 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.

January --- peanut butter & jelly, canned meats, ramen noodles, shampoo.

February -- "Souper Bowl" weekend, soups, crackers, ravioli, spaghetti o's, liquid hand soap

More planning ahead: Don't forget "Souper Bowl" Sunday coming up the first weekend of February. Would your church/congregation be willing to collect soup and crackers for us? *We had a great collection in 2013, let's see if we can do it again.*

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



CROP Walk

Final numbers for the 2013 Crop Walk: **\$18,480.55** raised by walkers from 29 congregations and other organizations. Groups new to our walk this year: Elias the Prophet Greek Orthodox Church and Olive Garden Restaurant! Refreshments and services donated by Hy Vee Foods, Paneras Bread, St. Stephen's Food Bank, and Cumulus Broadcasting. Sincere thanks to all who walked, donated, helped in any way! "Together our vision widens and our strength is renewed."

Maryann Caudill LoGuidice
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St. Mark Youth Enrichment Registration Now Open for the Annual Ice Golf Classic

This February, St. Mark Youth Enrichment will again be hosting the Annual Ice Golf Classic. The event is scheduled for a 10 AM start on Saturday, February 8, 2014 at Mid-Town Marina in East Dubuque, Illinois.

Traditionally golfers from all around the Tri-State Area have participated in the event, which serves as a fundraiser for St. Mark Youth Enrichment. "This event is a great way for us to create awareness about our programming, as well as our role in the community." said St. Mark Executive Director, Dawn Cogan.

Each team will consist of four golfers, and this year registration is limited to the first 60 teams. The teams will golf an 18 hole course constructed from snow, ice and old Christmas trees. In addition to the event, St. Mark will be holding a silent auction. Even those who are not interested in golfing are welcome to join in the event as there will be food, music, items to bid on, and fun throughout the day.

Interested individuals can obtain a registration form and waiver directly from St. Mark Youth Enrichment's website: www.stmarkyouthenrichment.org, or by contacting St. Mark's Special Events Coordinator, Heather Moore at (563) 582-6211 Ext. 110 or hmoore@stmarkyouthenrichment.org. Information, updates and links to the registration form can also be found on their Facebook page. All proceeds from the event will go to benefit programs for the children and families served by St. Mark Youth Enrichment.

Opening Doors

Upcoming Events at Opening Doors!

Annual Trivia Night is Friday, March 14, 7:00 PM in the Clarke University Dining Hall. Teams and individuals must register in advance (\$15 per participant).

The 9th Annual "Opening Doors Dash" 5K Run and Walk will be Saturday April 5, 8 to 10 AM at Clarke University.

For more information about these events and other ways to be involved with Opening Doors, visit our website: www.openingdoorsdbq.org

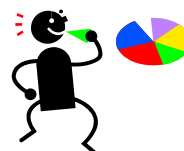


Sinsinawa Mound Center

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



Hope House

Advocating for Economic Equality

In response to Robert Reich's film, *Inequality for All*, which describes an alarming concentration of U.S. wealth in the hands of very few people, and Pope Francis' recent apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*

(The Joy of the Gospel), which denounces "an economy of exclusion," "the new idolatry of money," and "a financial system which rules rather than serves," we would like to gather people who want to do something locally about the great wealth disparity in the United States. Chuck Isenhardt, representing the 27th District in the Iowa House of Representatives will be with us to discuss possible political strategies. You are invited to join us on **January 20** for our 6:00p Monday night community meal. Our discussion will follow the meal.

Hope House, located at 1592 Locust St, is a Catholic Worker House of Hospitality. We offer free food and lodging, free meals for the community twice a week, welcome drop-in visitors, host a free food pantry, and hold round-table discussions on a variety of topics twice a month. Call 582-9079 for more information.

Dubuque Community

Healing Moments, Inc.

Rev. Dr. Jade Angelica announces the publication of her book ***Where Two Worlds Touch: A spiritual journey through Alzheimer's disease***. On January 26, 2014, from 1-2pm there will be a book signing at River Lights, 1098 Main Street, Dubuque, IA. The book is also available through the Book & Gift Shop at Sinsinawa Mound, and online from the Unitarian Universalist Bookstore.

(<http://www.uuabookstore.org/productdetails.cfm?PC=1863>). It will be available through Amazon.com sometime in January. For more information contact Rev. Dr. Angelica at www.healingmoments.org.



Dubuque Justice League

Hello Friends! The Dubuque Justice League is excited to announce that WFM Missions Base (formerly the Center to Restore Trafficked & Exploited Children) will be holding Trafficking In Persons- Identification training in Dubuque!

TIP-ID Training
DBQ DreamCenter
1600 White St.
Dubuque, IA 52001

JANUARY 25th, 2014
9AM- 6PM**
\$50/participant

"Human trafficking is the trafficking of humans as modern-day slavery, involving victims being forced, defrauded, or coerced into sexual exploitation. Annually, it is estimated that almost 1,000,000 people, predominantly women & children, are trafficked legally & illegally across national borders to countries that do not recognize human trafficking within their own nation.

TIP-ID training is designed to raise up & equip workers and organizations from across the nation to take an active role in bringing about positive changes in the lives of children who have been victims of human trafficking...This training arms the attendees for action & enables them to make a difference for child victims of human trafficking." (WFM)

This training will include:

- 1) an overview of the business model of human trafficking and how it operates,
 - 2) how to identify trafficking locations and people who are being trafficked,
 - 3) a look at current laws that address human trafficking,
 - 4) an 8-hour certification upon completion of training.
- ** All attendees are required to participate in the full 8 hour training in order to receive certification.

Pre-registration closes on Jan. 20th- For more information, contact:
dubuquejusticeleague@gmail.com

Please spread the word! Our community NEEDS to know that human trafficking is happening in our state & in our city...and that we can be equipped to do something about it!

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 topics and dates for Winter/Spring 2014 are:
Jan 23 – Temple Beth El – Scripture Study 2
Feb 20 – University of Dubuque at Hadley Aud – Love and Sex
Mar 20 – St Elias Church – Scripture Study 3
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)



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