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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!		
March 14	Temple Beth El	Visitor's Service 6:30 PM
March 23	St. Joseph Key West	Pulled Pork Dinner to Benefit P.I.N. 5-7 PM
March 23	Center Grove Methodist	Pancake Breakfast 8:30 AM-12:30 PM
March 25	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting, Ecumenical Towers, 7:00 PM
March 30	First Congregational UCC	175 th Anniversary Organ Recital & Hymn Sing, 3:00 PM
March 30	St. Elias Church	Lenten Vespers Service, 5:30 PM
April 22	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting, Sisters of the Presentation, 7 PM
May 27	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting & Spring Worship, Multicultural Center, 7 PM



DACU Delegates Meeting
Tuesday, March 25
Ecumenical Towers
250 E. 6th St.
7:00 P.M.

Program:
Housing In Dubuque

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

Upcoming DACU Delegates Meetings:

April 22, 2014 (7:00 PM)
Sisters of the Presentation
2360 Carter Road
"Human Trafficking"

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 February 28, four congregations and one associate member have contributed to the work of DACU for 2014. Thanks to Church of the Nativity, Frist Congregational UCC, First Presbyterian, and Church Women United for their generous donations in February!!

FY 2014 Monthly Balance Sheet Report			
2/28/2014			
	February	2014 YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2014
Income	\$ 1,175.50	\$ 1,475.50	\$6,450.00
Expenses	\$ 517.32	\$ 7,204.00	\$6,450.00
Ending Balance as of 2/28/2014: \$2,254.02			

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
(bdkramer@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.

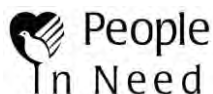
DACU Projects

People In Need (P.I.N.)

The St. Joseph Key West Social Justice Committee is holding a Pulled Pork Dinner as a fundraiser for People In Need!

Sunday, March 23, 2014 at St. Joseph Key West Social Hall, 10204 Key West Drive in Dubuque.
Menu: Pulled Pork, baked beans, coleslaw, chips, beverage, and dessert. \$8.00 per adult and \$7:00 for Seniors 60+ and children under 6. Serving 5-7 PM.
Come on out for a great meal and a great cause.

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. February found us collecting over 1,700 containers of soup and 116 packages of crackers. Thanks to the churches that supported "Souper Bowl" weekend. Our biggest "Souper" collection to date!

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.

March -- Tuna, mac & cheese, apple sauce, toothpaste & deodorant

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

More planning ahead: The city wide "Scouting for Food" will be held Saturday, March 22, 2014.

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



Temple Beth El

The **Annual Temple Beth El Visitors' Service** will be **Friday, March 14**. There will be an informational lecture by Rabbi Anne Persin 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 can bake enough cookies!)

(Contact Cindy Pearce, 563.583.1254)

Location: 475 West Locust St.

(With our apologies, Temple Beth El has no off-street parking. Please consider ride-sharing!)



St. Elias Church

Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers Service will be celebrated **Sunday, March 30**, at 5:30 PM at St. Elias Church, 1075 Rockdale Road. This is Lenten Vespers sung in the Orthodox Tradition. **Everyone is welcome to attend!** There will be a potluck supper following the service. For more information contact Fr. Dustin Lyon, dustin.lyon@gmail.com, 563.583.5902

First Presbyterian Church

LENTEN EVENING COMMUNION SERVICES

First Presbyterian Church (corner of 17th and Iowa Sts.) invites you to join us at 7:00PM the Sundays of Lent (March 9 – April 6). We will listen to God's Word in a variety of ways—in song, in the reading of scripture, in prayer, in proclamation, and in silence. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper as a family. Services run about 45 minutes. Childcare is provided. Come join us, and receive Christ!

175th Anniversary Organ Recital and Hymn Sing

First Congregational United Church of Christ

175th Anniversary Organ Recital & Hymn Sing

As part of their ongoing 175th Anniversary celebration, First Congregational United Church of Christ is hosting an ecumenical organ recital and hymn sing on **Sunday, March 30th at 3:00 p.m.** Variations on nine of the great hymns of the church will be played by **organist Dr. Thomas Dickey** and then sung by the participants.

Some of the featured hymns include "I Sing the Mighty Power of God," "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," "How Firm a Foundation," "Love Divine, All Love's Excelling,"

and "Amazing Grace." Refreshments will be served following the recital/hymn sing. People of all denominations are invited to attend this uplifting faith event. First Congregational UCC is located on the corner of Locust and 10th Streets.



BAKE SALE & RAFFLE

(Fabulous Prizes)

RELAY FOR LIFE

**(Fundraiser for Cancer Research
and Cancer Patient Assistance)**

FRIDAY, March 21, 2014

9:00 AM - 4:00

Presentation Sisters

2360 Carter Road

Dubuque, Iowa

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-dbuq.org.



Center Grove United Methodist Church

Center Grove is holding its annual Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale Sunday, March 23, from 8 AM to 12:30 PM. Menu: Fruit, rolls, scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, coffee, orange juice, and milk. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for kids ages 6-12. Proceeds will go toward new windows in the fellowship hall. Help us "let the light in"!

Also, join us for worship at 10:30 AM and enjoy glorious and uplifting music by New Faith Band!

3140 Brunskill Road, Dubuque, IA (563.582.8157)

Web: www.centergroveumchurch.org

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



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.

March 9 – Fr. John Haugen, **"Shalom' – Its Biblical Meaning and Roots"**

March 16—Sr. Nancy Schreck, **"Shalom A Place of Outrageous Hope"**

March 23 – Deacon Jim Thill, **"Shalom – Announcement in Word and Action"**

March 30 – Amanda Osheim, **"Shalom: Life, Longing and Love"**

April 6 – Sr. Margaret Wick & Sr. Phyllis Manternach, **"The Circles of Our Lives" A Meditation in Photography and Words"**

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

AN IRISH CELEBRATION: Irish Identity: Past, Present and Future

Tuesday, Mar. 11, 6:30 – 8:30pm

Presenter: Dave Cochran

Enjoy a wonderful Irish dinner, Irish tunes and a program presented by Dave Cochran, who is involved in Irish programming at Loras College. Offering: \$23. *Register by Mar. 6.*

READING THAT MATTERS Book Discussion

I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban by Malala Yousafzai and Christina Lamb **Tuesday, Mar. 18, 7:00 – 8:30pm**

Offering: \$6. *Register by Mar. 17.*

SPRING BREAKFAST: And Wisdom Played...

Wednesday, Mar. 19, 7:00 – 8:00am; Mass at 8:15am

Come for a delicious, nutritious breakfast and reflection by Meg Gemar OSF. Offering: \$9. Register by Mar. 17.

MAY THE SPIRIT BE PRESENT & ACTIVE! A Reflective Day of "Art Making"

Saturday, Mar. 29, 9:00am – 3:00pm

Presenter/Instructor: Jo Myers-Walker

"Art making" is a waterway to awaken our truth, our dreams. Through it, we find a different point of view regarding who we are. We will play with symbols, words and colors." Art supplies will be provided, and participants will leave with several pages filled with Spirit-filled creativity. Offering: \$70, includes lunch. Register by Mar. 25.

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.

ST. FRANCIS & POPE FRANCIS

Tuesday, April 1, 7:00 – 8:00pm

Presenters: Ginny Heldorfer OSF & Lisa Schmidt

Pope Francis is like St. Francis of Assisi in more than name. This program compares the values, actions and life-styles of these two very influential men, one from the 13th century and the other from the 21st century.

Offering: \$10. Register by Mar. 31.

LUNCH & LEARN: Yoga – Relief for Neck and Shoulders

Wednesday, April 2, 12:00 – 1:00pm

Presenter: Deb May, Certified Yoga Instructor

Enjoy a tasty lunch and learn some gentle, effective yoga stretches to ease tension and help improve range of motion.

\$13. Register by Mar. 31.

CENTERING PRAYER

Mondays, Mar. 17, 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.

Church Women United

...Save These Dates!

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
RSVP by April 29 -Gretta 563-556-6629

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

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

Sue Hattel, CWU Leadership Team 556-1394

OPERATION: NEW VIEW COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

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

*It's Your Money!
It's Your Money!
Earn It, Keep It, Save It!*

It's Tax Time Again!

Do you have EARNED INCOME from working in 2013? You may qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit—even if you do not owe any taxes. Even if you don't qualify you can file your tax return for FREE at a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Site!

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

NICC Peosta

8342 NICC Dr., Peosta, IA
March 11, 18, & 25 3:30-8:00 pm
Make an appointment by calling 563.556.5130 xt 14

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

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 remaining topics and dates for Winter/Spring 2014 are:

- 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)

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



Crescent Community Health Center *Are You Ready?*

Crescent Community Health Center is providing the Dubuque Community with education, enrollment and determining eligibility for the Health Insurance Marketplace for individuals to shop for health care insurance.

The Marketplace is a new way to find health care coverage that fits your budget and meets your needs. With one application, you can see all your options and enroll.

Every health insurance plan in the new Marketplace will offer “essential health benefits”, including doctor visits, preventative and wellness services, hospitalization, prescriptions, mental health and substance abuse disorders, laboratory, ambulatory services, emergency services, rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices, pediatric services, maternity and newborn care.

Open enrollment will end on March 31, 2014. You can find out more information about enrollment and eligibility through a Certified Application Counselor at Crescent Community Health Center. Please call (563) 552-8080 or (563) 690-2856 to schedule an appointment today.

Website: www.crescentchc.org.Dubuque



Dubuque Community Foundation

Do you like to eat lunch with friends?

Stop by the Roshek Building Lobby, 700 Locust Street, anytime between 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on **Thursday, March 13**. For just \$10, you'll enjoy soup, salad, bread and a silent auction--all while helping local youth in poverty. Yappers present the 8th annual “Feed the Need”.



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

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