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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!		
May 27	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting & Spring Worship, Multicultural Center, 7 PM
May 29	Operation New View	Open House 3-6 PM, 1473 Central Ave.
June/July/Aug	Sinsinawa Mound	Summer Organ Concert Series, Every Wednesday 7:00 PM, Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel/Sinsinawa Mound
June 9,10	City of Dubuque Circles® Initiative	Upper Mississippi Regional Bridges Out of Poverty Conference, Grand River Center. All invited to register and attend. See more on page 5.
August 26	DACU	Annual DACU Delegates Potluck Picnic, Arboretum, 6:00 PM
September 5	Church Women United	Human Rights Celebration, Arboretum, 9:30 AM
September 5	CROP	CROP Walk Rally at Immanuel UCC, 1795 Jackson, time TBA
September 23	DACU	Dacu Delegates Meeting, Rockdale Methodist Church, 7:00 PM



DACU Spring Worship
Tuesday, May 27
Multicultural Family Center
1157 Central
7:00 P.M.

Unity in Diversity!

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 April 30, thirteen congregations and one associate member have contributed to the work of DACU for 2014. Thanks to St. Columbkille Catholic Church, St. John's Lutheran Church, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, St. Patrick Catholic Church, and St. Raphael's Cathedral for their donations in April!!

FY 2014 Monthly Balance Sheet Report 4/30/2014			
	April	2014 YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2014
Income	\$ 459.64	\$ 2,693.64	\$6,450.00
Expenses	\$ 00.00	\$ 7,204.00	\$6,450.00
Ending Balance as of 3/31/2014: \$3,472.16			

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.)

People in Need made 31 assists in April, a monthly record.
Most were to prevent utility shut-offs.

Here is the P.I.N. assist number: (563) 581-7995

Please leave a message since this is only a recorded line.
Potential clients should not call; only social service agencies,
churches/congregations and DACU organizations should refer
potential clients.
Application via phone only.

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



Dubuque Rescue Mission.

The Thrift Store has a new Manager, Amy Gerhart. There is also a new Garden Manager, Ashley Neiss. This month the Mission received a \$2,500 donation for tools and workbench to allow furniture repair and cleaning. \$9,000 was also donated by Mercy Hospital Community Benefit for purchase of commercial canning equipment to allow preservation of garden produce.

Needs include ground beef, milk, and coffee. The website is www.DubuqueRescue.org

DACU Rescue Mission Representative
Maryann Caudill LoGuidice
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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 are happy to report that the **Scouting for Food Drive** that was held in March brought in over 20,000 lbs. *Thanks to the Scouts and all who contributed.*

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.

June – Juices of any size, pancake mix & syrup, ramen noodles, lotion, liquid hand soap, garden produce
July – Cake mix, frosting, flour, soup, toilet tissue, toothpaste, tuna, garden produce.

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
583-4440

DACU Community



The DACU Board of Directors and the DACU community are delighted to welcome **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints** (685 Fremont Ave.) as an active congregational member of Dubuque Association of Congregations United!

Unitarian Universalist Friends of Dubuque

June 7 at 7:30 p.m. at UU Church at 17th and Iowa. A fun evening of music with The Hollands!
\$10.00 (\$5.00 students.)

June 8 at 10:00 a.m. at UUFD (17th and Iowa) A special musical Sunday service with The Hollands! Swimming Upstream--Their Story. All welcome.

For more information check the UUFD website
www.uufd-dbq.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: "Come Spirit of God" Thursday, June 5, 7:00 – 8:00pm. All are welcome! Registration not required.

Faith Sharing – Bridges to Contemplative Living

Mondays, May 12, 19, 26, June 2, 16, July 14, 28, Aug 11, 7:00 – 8:30pm. Facilitator: Marci Blum OSF

We will engage in faith-sharing, using the book *Bridges to Contemplative Living with Thomas Merton*. Through reflection on our ordinary experiences, prayer and quiet, we will focus on living contemplatively in the midst of our busy and active lives. We will use the booklet "Living Your Deepest Desire."

Offering: \$40/8-session series, includes booklet, & refreshments. Register by May 6.

Dubuque Old House Enthusiasts Tour

Saturday, May 17 & Sunday, May 18

10:00am – 5:00pm each day

Shalom has been selected to be one of the historic sites in Dubuque. The 1881 Shalom building has interesting "nooks and crannies" to explore and the tour guides will lead throughout the building, giving an historic memory walk of groups occupying the building. All are welcome.

Tickets: \$12. Call 563-599-9486 or email:
katherine.kluseman@gmail.com.

CENTERING PRAYER

Monday, May 19, 7:00 - 8:00pm Registration not required.

Abide: Keeping Vigil with the Word of God

June 9 – 13. Director: Macrina Wiederkehr OSB

Our quest for God is daily in our ordinary lives. Macrina opens fresh ways of perceiving tradition. She moves beyond our yearning for God to ways to deepen our relationship with the Divine. This involves a respect for the mysteries of God, the practice of deep listening, and opening your heart to guidance. Daily Eucharistic liturgy. Overnight & commuter options available. \$25 early bird discount if registered by May 9.

WORKSHOP: The Changing Nature of Contemporary Spirituality

Monday, June 30, 9:00am – Wednesday, July 2, 3:00pm

Presenter: Fr. Diarmuid O'Murchu

In this workshop, Diarmuid O'Murchu will explore the changing nature of today's spiritual landscape, the new challenges that ensue, and the relationship between spirituality and religion in our time.

Overnight & commuter options available. \$25 early bird discount if registered by May 30.

FRANCISCAN MYSTICISM and the New Cosmology

Sunday, July 6, 5:30pm – Sunday, July 13, 9:00am

Director: Fr. Norman Comtois OMI

Integrates the mystical insights of Francis of Assisi with new scientific theory and ecological understanding including our current environmental crisis. Explores Francis' love of creation and its implications for our lives today. Thomas Berry and Brian Swimme's research will be integrated with Francis of Assisi's Canticle of Creation and Peace Prayer as guides. Daily Eucharistic liturgy. Overnight & commuter options available. \$25 Early bird discount if registered by June 6.

GROWING IN WISDOM & GRACE: A Spirituality for Every Day Living July 21 - 26

Director: Helene Cote PM

We are invited to imitate Jesus and thus to grow in wisdom and grace. We will focus on how to use the "stuff" of our every day lives to walk faithfully on this journey towards wholeness and holiness, balancing spirituality with psychology. Daily Eucharistic liturgy.

Overnight & commuter options available. \$25 early bird discount if registered by June 21.



CROP Walk

The CROP 2014 Rally is set for Thursday September 5th at Immanuel UCC, 1795 Jackson Street. Supper will be provided for recruiters, and following an informational meeting there will be a tour of the Food Pantry.

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Sinsinawa Mound Center

Don't forget the Summer Organ Concert series every Wednesday (June through August) at Our Lady of The Rosary Chapel, 7:00 PM. For a list of performers check the website.

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: https://www.sinsinawa.org/moundcenter/events_retreats.cfm



OPERATION: NEW VIEW COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

Open House!
Thursday, May 29, 2014
3:00 PM to 6:00 PM at 1473 Central Ave., Dubuque
For more information call Amanda at 563.556.5130
or email at ahohmann@operationnewview.org

Church Women United

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

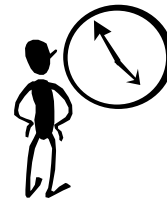
1795 Jackson Street

9:30 a.m Gather/Coffee

10:00 a.m. Celebration

Contact: Phyllis Anderson, 563.582.9901

Sue Hattel, CWU Leadership Team 556-1394



It is time for our annual update of the **DACU Worship Brochure** which we distribute to local hotels and hospitals. We want to list your congregation, its address, phone contact, email or website, and worship and religious school schedule.

Please send updates to the DACU Worship Committee, attention Phyllis Garfield, phyllisgarfield@hotmail.com. To check how your congregation is currently listed, go to www.DACUonline.org and click on "Worship Brochure".

(Remember! Even if your congregation is not a member of DACU, we are still happy to list your services in our brochure. Just let us know!)

Dubuque Community



Hospice of Dubuque Tree of Life Memorial Service

The Hospice of Dubuque Tree of Life is a living symbol of those we love and will always remember. Hospice of Dubuque invites the community to the annual Tree of Life Memorial Service on Tuesday, May 20, at 7:30 pm

in Washington Park, downtown Dubuque. The service will include music, readings and lighting of the Tree of Life. Each light placed symbolizes a donation made in memory or honor of a loved one. All memorials, not only those served by Hospice of Dubuque, are welcome. You are invited to add a light to the tree by sending a monetary gift of any amount no later than Friday, May 16, to ensure names appear in the program.

Please send your request to Hospice of Dubuque, 1670 JFK Road, Dubuque, IA 52002 or visit www.hospiceofdubuque.org

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!



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.



City of Dubuque Circles® Initiative

The City of Dubuque Circles® Initiative is excited to announce the Upper Mississippi Regional Bridges Out of Poverty Conference to be held at the Grand River Center on June 9 and 10, 2014. Leaders from all sectors of the Dubuque Community will learn and work together to have greater collective impact on poverty in Dubuque by applying principles that help communities move people from poverty to self-sufficiency, reduce social costs related to crime, poor healthcare and welfare, and increase on-the-job productivity.

This conference will feature Dr. Ruby Payne, author of Bridges Out of Poverty and Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin’ By World, foundational texts for our local Circles® work.

We would love to see you at the conference and we want low-income Circle Leaders to be part of the conversation too. Here’s how you and your congregation can help:

1. **Become an organizational sponsor.** For \$250 one Circle Leader will attend the conference at no cost, and a representative from your organization can attend the opening reception, dinner, and keynote address on Monday, June 9. In addition, you will be invited to a meet-and-greet with Dr. Ruby Payne on Monday June 9, and your organization’s name will be printed in conference materials. You will also receive table space to share your own materials.
2. **Attend the conference!** Find registration fees and more information at www.ahaprocess.com/event/upper-mississippi-bridges-poverty-conference/

To learn more about sponsorship or to ask any other questions, please contact Rev. Iliana Wood at 563-564-7373 (Iliana.wpcdbq@gmail.com) OR Jim Ott at 563-495-2924 (jim@jmoservicesllc.com) . If you are ready to send a check for sponsorship, you may make the check out to **Aha! Process Inc.** and mail it to:
Mr. Jim Ott
60 Clarke Drive
Dubuque, Iowa 52001

We hope you’ll join us in our effort to alleviate the root causes of poverty!

On behalf of the Circles® volunteer community,
Rev. Iliana Wood,
Volunteer Guiding Coalition Chairperson



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

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