



# Dubuque Area Congregations United Monthly Newsletter

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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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**EVENTS**

DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT
January 17	Grandview United Methodist	"Souper Supper", 6:00 PM; cost \$6.00. All proceeds benefit Black Hills Cares which helps needy people afford heating costs.
January 19	Faces and Voices	17 <sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Breakfast, 7:30 AM Keynote Speakers Claudette and Rev. Tim Bees. Grand River Center. Register online at <a href="http://www.dbcfoundation.org">www.dbcfoundation.org</a>
January 27	DACU	DACU Annual Meeting, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 6:00 P.M.
April 3, 2009	Temple Beth El	Annual Temple Beth El Visitors' Service



"DACU", a Community of Servants

## Don't Forget! DACU Annual Meeting

**DATE: Tuesday, January 27, 2009**

**LOCATION:** Westminster Presbyterian Church  
Fellowship Hall  
(2155 University Ave., Dubuque)

**TIME:** 6:00 PM

**DINNER:** \$7.50; Please make checks to "DACU" and mail to DACU, P.O. Box 811, Dubuque, IA 52004. Reservations due by January 20, please.

Questions? Contact Bob Kraye, 582-5117,  
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**REMINDER:** Don't forget to bring a donation of canned food for the Food Pantry!

## Reports/Updates/Events

### **Treasurer's Report**

According to the DACU Bylaws, "Dubuque Area Congregations United will be supported financially by the voluntary contributions of its member congregations and institutions, keeping in mind the purposes and needs of the organization."

At the January 8 Board Meeting Treasurer Jenny Manders reported the ending balance for December 2008 was \$4,854.69. This represented contributions from 22 member congregations. A budget of \$4700 for 2009 will be presented to the delegates at the Annual Meeting.

**Checks should be made payable to "Dubuque Area Congregations United" and sent to:  
DACU Treasurer,  
P.O. Box 811, Dubuque IA 52004**

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### **DACU Board Notes**

The DACU Executive Board is happy to announce the 2009 slate of officers:

**Tom Stovall, President**  
**Rev. Tim Bees, President-Elect**  
**Jenny Manders, Treasurer**  
**Sr. Sara McAlpin, Secretary**

Delegates will vote on this slate at the Annual Meeting on January 27. Thank you to everyone for their service to our Dubuque Community!

## Dubuque Food Pantry

We handed out 500 Christmas Baskets on December 16 & 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all the parishes/congregations that supported this project with monetary donations, conducting food drives and/or purchasing hams for the baskets. We received more hams than ever before! We could not do this project without your help. *God bless you.*

At the Food Pantry we are always in need of something, so as we look forward to 2009 we are looking towards **Super Bowl Sunday**. Many churches have started the practice of having a "**Souper Bowl**" collection on that weekend. What if every member of your congregation brought just one can of soup or a box of crackers? Think how many people could be enjoying a hot bowl soup on some cold winter day. What a great way to begin a "**Super Weekend**". *Thank you for remembering the Food Pantry.*

*Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager*

## People In Need (P.I.N.)

During the 2008 year, People In Need (PIN) assisted 80 Dubuque Area households to meet emergency needs.

The total amount of assistance given was **\$19,162.62**, an average of \$239.53 per assist. Thanks for the generous contributions from congregations, organizations and individuals that made this possible!

Congregations are reminded that all contributions to the work of People In Need (PIN) should be directed to Tom Stovall, PIN Treasurer, as follows:

**People In Need (PIN)**  
c/o Tom Stovall, Treasurer  
3345 Tibey Court  
Dubuque, IA 52002-2849

The PIN Board consists of: Alan Garfield, Barb Featherston, Fr. Jack Paisley, Sr. Sara McAlpin, Tom Stovall, Nea Huggins and Michelle Watters.

*Alan Garfield, Chair, PIN Board*

## Dubuque Rescue Mission

The number of people seeking shelter and meals remains high. If you have food items left over from office, family, church celebrations; please bring the leftover items to the Dubuque Rescue Mission. In addition, if you are out grocery shopping, please grab an extra gallon of milk and/or an extra pound of ground meat for the Mission meals. Thank you for your assistance!

*Rick Mihm, Director, Dubuque Rescue Mission*



## Community Announcements

### Shalom Retreat Center

Consider Shalom Retreat Center . . .

*A Sacred Space ...*

**Calling People to God and to Fullness of Life!** Shalom Retreat Center offers a wide range of spiritual and educational programs/retreats year-round for people of all faith traditions.

**Jan. 15: Sound & Color Therapy: An Introduction to Chakra & Meridian Balancing** 7:00 – 9:00pm

Reg & fee by Jan. 13

**Jan. 19: Centering Prayer Hour**

7:00 - 8:00pm, reg not required.

**Jan. 21: Lunch 'n a Movie: Away from Her**

12:00 - 3:30pm Reg & fee by Jan. 19.

**Jan. 28: Traditional Chinese Medicine**

1:00 – 3:00pm Reg & fee by Jan. 26.

**Jan. 30: Grayson Warren Brown Concert**

7:00pm Tickets: \$15 at the door \$12.50 if purchased by Jan. 16.

**Jan. 31: Liturgy Workshop: What Do You Want, Why Are You Here?** Director: Grayson Warren Brown

8:30am - 2:30pm Reg & fee by Jan. 26.

**Days of Quiet & Prayer** - monthly 4-session

series: Feb. 11, Mar. 11, Apr. 15, May 13, 9:15am -

2:30pm. **Focus:** Book - *Things Hidden: Scripture as Spirituality* by Richard Rohr

Reg & fee by Jan. 28. Includes lunch.

**NEW!! Prayers for a Wonderful World**

**Music CD Features Sacred and Secular Favorites**

Following the success of four Shalom music CDs, Sister Marie Therese Kalb OSF and Jim Brimeyer have once again combined their musical talents.

**Their new music CD features instrumental violin and piano music.** Includes a booklet containing

the lyrics of the 18 songs. To hear song samples visit the Shalom web site at:

<http://www.shalomretreats.org/giftshop.html>.

For more information, call Karen Knepper

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or visit our web site at:

<http://www.shalomretreats.org>.

## Sinsinawa Mound

Start the New Year with a visit to Sinsinawa Mound to refresh your mind and soul.

The Sinsinawa Mound Art Gallery will present **Winter's Journey**, a collection of photo images of Sinsinawa Mound by local artist John Solarz, in the Sinsinawa Mound Art Gallery from Jan. 2, 2009, through Jan. 29, 2009. The Sinsinawa Mound Bookshop will be closed Sundays and Mondays from January through March. Visitors may view the

show in the gallery from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. More art can be found in the nearby Bookshop, open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Sundays and Mondays.

Sinsinawa Mound is offering a Youth Retreat, "**Distracted**," to help area youth focus on God for a day. Come hang out with the gang from Leap of Faith, a contemporary Christian band, and let the music, fun, and smiles show the youth how great God can be! Meet the band for a Youth Retreat Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The day also includes prayer, breakout sessions, and Mass. Cost for the day, which includes the noon meal, is \$10. Registration and payment are due by noon Jan. 12. For more information or to register, contact Sheila Heim at (608) 748-4411, ext. 869, or via e-mail at sheim@sinsinawa.org.

The **Six Rivers West Honors Choir Festival** will be held Monday, Jan. 19. Students in grades seven through 12 from Belmont, Benton, Cassville, Highland, Potosi, River Ridge, Shullsburg, and Wauzeka will participate in clinics beginning at 9 a.m. The public is invited to a concert at 7 p.m. Michael Pufall will conduct the middle school choir, and Peter Engh will conduct the high school choir. Contact Sheila Heim for more information at (608) 748-4411, ext. 869.

A retreat for women, "**Manitoumie-Where the Spirit Dwells**," will be held Jan. 23-Jan. 25. Native Americans called Sinsinawa Mound Manitoumie, which means "where the Spirit dwells." Participants will have the opportunity to rekindle their spirits, stretch their souls, renew their energy, and find their balance. Private spiritual direction will be available throughout the weekend. Leaders will be Trish Jones, Judith Wojcik, and Jeannette Bell. The registration deadline is Jan. 16, and there is a fee. Contact Guest Services at (608) 748-4411 to register or for more information.

The gallery will exhibit the work of Sister Joeann Daley, OP, in **Making a Good Impression**, Feb. 1 through March 29. The show is a retrospective of etchings, created between 1970 and 2007, with an emphasis on the process. Sr. Joeann will set up a small studio as part of the exhibit which will include an etching press with metal etching plates and a case with all of the things needed to make an etching such as tools, inks, and paper. This exhibit teaches the process of etching. The term, "making a good impression" is a printmaking term for the process of transferring the ink from the lines below the surface of the etching plate to the dampened

etching paper, resulting in a visible impression of the plate edges on the paper. It is also a term that is commonly used when a person wants to put their "best foot forward"-making a good impression. Sr. Joeann hopes that the viewer is able to experience both definitions of the expression. Contact Michelle Till at (608) 748-4411, ext. 849, for more information.

## Operation New View



### Souper Supper

Saturday, January 17, 2009, 6:00 PM

**Grand View United Methodist Church**  
**3342 John Wesley Dr., Dubuque, IA**  
(just north of soccer complex on JF Kenney Road)

Featuring Grand View soup chefs with  
8 varieties of soup to sample.  
Relishes, rolls, desserts and beverage.  
\$6.00.

Call 582-8875 for advance tickets  
or purchase at the event.

All proceeds will benefit Black Hills Cares. This program is offered by Black Hills Energy matching our contribution dollar for dollar. Operation New View will distribute the funds to area needy people to help avoid a disconnection or help with emergency furnace repair.

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