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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
These are just a few of the events sponsored by our DACU congregations and associates. Turn the page to learn more!		
November 24	DACU	Dubuque Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, 7:00 PM, Westminster Presbyterian Church
January 25	DACU	DACU Annual Meeting and Dinner, 6:00 PM Westminster Presbyterian

DACU 28th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service: "In Times Like These"



*Wednesday, November 24, 7:00 P.M.
Westminster Presbyterian Church
2155 University Avenue*

*Speaker: Rev. Maria Wiblin
Chaplain at Hillcrest Family Services
Minister of Congregational Care, Westminster
Presbyterian*

Music: Dr. Charles Barland

***..Please note the new location!
(Resurrection Church is remodeling)**

*We have much to be thankful for. Take
an hour to worship with your neighbors!*

- **Dr. Charles Barland will again conduct a community choir performance. If you'd like to join the choir, just come at 6:00 PM to practice. Dr. Barland will have the sheet music!**
- **Remember that the offering will go to People in Need (P.I.N.) and is an important source of their funding. You are also encouraged to bring non-perishable food and paper goods for the Dubuque Food Pantry.**



DACU Board Announcements

SAVE THE DATE! The DACU Annual Meeting and Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, January 25, 2011, 6:00 PM at Westminster Presbyterian Church (2155 University Ave.). More information in the December Newsletter!

President-Elect Nominations: The DACU Committee on Nominations is encouraging member congregations or institutions to submit names for consideration as candidates to take the office of President-Elect in January 2011. Nominations should be emailed to Bob Kraymer – bdkramer@aol.com or telephone to 582-5117.

DACU Projects

People In Need (P.I.N.)

The emergency needs of people in our community continues to rise and People In Need (PIN) continues to receive numerous requests for assistance to help out in those emergency situations to avoid disconnects of utilities (gas, water, electric) or to avoid eviction from housing. So far this calendar year, PIN has provided 87 emergency assists for a total of \$22,676.31. During October our funds available to provide assistance fell to less than \$1,000. We hope for a big boost to the treasury from the special PIN offering at the November 24th DACU Community Thanksgiving Service at Westminster Presbyterian Church. The need is great and requests for assistance far outweigh PIN funds to help. As always, we are grateful for the support we receive from generous and caring individuals, congregations and organizations in the Dubuque community.

Tom Stovall, Treasurer
People In Need



Remember:
P.I.N. Phone Number:
581-7995
Donations to P.I.N. can be mailed to
Treasurer Tom Stovall at
3345 Tibey Court
Dubuque, IA 52002-2849

Dubuque Rescue Mission

The Dubuque Rescue Mission continues to need good used furniture, mattresses, bedding, and bikes for our bicycle repair shop. In addition, we can use coffee, milk and ground beef. Thanks for donating!

(Rick Mihm, Director)



Dubuque Food Pantry

We are getting ready for Christmas! Once again this year we are asking churches/congregations to consider donating hams for our Christmas baskets. We are looking for **hams between 3-5 lbs.** If your church/congregation is planning on donating please call and let us know about how many. Do to lack of refrigeration space we will begin **accepting hams Dec. 8-15th, 2010.** Pantry hours are: Mon., Wed. Fri. from 10:30-3:30p.m. and Tues. 8:30-noon. The other items we can use for the baskets are: pumpkin, evaporated milk, canned sweet potatoes, creamed soups, cake mixes & frosting.

Is your church/congregation looking for a project? The Pantry collects the HyVee "Baby Bucks". You may drop them off at the Food Pantry or mail them to us at 1598 Jackson St., 52001. Might be a fun activity for students.

If you wish to know more about the Food Pantry please feel free to call and ask questions or I would be happy to come and speak to your church group. We also have brochures that we can send out that gives information about the Pantry.

God bless you and thank you for your continued support.

Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager

DACU Community

Operation New View

2010 Dubuque Weatherization Challenge Follow-Up:

The 2010 Dubuque Weatherization Challenge on October 23rd was a wonderful example of a community of caring people doing good things for others. Some 225 volunteers in 38 teams spread out across the Dubuque Community and weatherized 70 homes of their elderly, disabled and low-income neighbors. And, the Dubuque faith community was a huge part of this effort.

On behalf of the event planning committee, our heartfelt thanks to the following 8 congregations who participated with 20 teams for the Dubuque Weatherization Challenge:

- Holy Spirit Pastorate (5 teams)
- St. Peter Lutheran Church (4 teams)
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (4 teams)
- Westminster Presbyterian Church (3 teams)
- First Presbyterian Church
- Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
- St. Anthony's Parish
- Presentation Sisters

Also, our thanks to DACU as an organization for their wonderful support and sponsorship of this event. And, a very special thank you to the members of Westminster Presbyterian Church for a tremendous job in hosting the event and providing many volunteers that graciously made everything run smoothly. Their sponsorship was invaluable.

For The 2010 Dubuque Weatherization Challenge Planning Committee:

Laura Roussell, Black Hills Energy
Tom Stovall, Operation: New View
Community Action Agency

Bridges Out of Poverty "Bridges Initiative" is looking for congregations to provide a meal for the families participating in the weekly seminars. If your congregation or organization can help, please contact Claudette Bees, First Baptist Church (563-6289) to schedule a date.



Shalom Retreat Center

A sacred space, calling people to God and to fullness of life.

1001 Davis St., Dubuque, IA 52001.

E-mail: info@shalomretreats.org

Web: www.shalomretreats.org

To register, call Shalom at 563/582-3592.

Shalom Winter Breakfast: Winter Serendipity

Wednesday, Dec. 1, 7:00 - 8:00am; Mass at 8:15am
Presenters: Phyllis Manternach OSF & Margaret Wick OSF
"Things aren't always as they appear to be." That's one of the definitions of "serendipity." See how this might apply to the season of winter by reflecting on the winter themes of darkness and solitude through photography, music and poetry. Offering: \$8. Register by noon, Nov. 29.

Celebrating Holidays in a New Way . . . Dinner, Sharing & Prayer for Those Who Have Lost a Spouse. Thursday, Dec. 2, 5:00 - 8:30pm. Facilitators: Barbara Meloy Callahan & Margaret Jungers OSF. Join friends or make new friends while enjoying a festive meal, sharing/listening to stories, and concluding with Advent Taize Prayer. Offering: \$20. Register by noon, Nov. 30.

Advent Taize Prayer: Maranatha. Thursday, Dec. 2, 7:30 - 8:30pm People of all faith traditions are invited. Registration not required. Free will offering.

There is a Balm in Gilead: Advent Reflections with African-American Spirituals Sunday, Dec. 5, 10:00am - 4:00pm. Presenter: Paulette Skiba BVM, Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Clarke University. Inspired by the Scriptures, African-American spirituals have a unique ability to illumine the prophetic texts of the Old Testament used during the Advent season. Paulette will place the spirituals in dialog with the Advent readings as well as offer time for personal and communal prayer. Includes lunch and Sunday liturgy. Offering: \$40. Register/prepay by noon, Wednesday, Dec. 1.

Annual Advent Evening for Women: Sisters to Sisters in Mystery Monday, Dec. 6, 6:00 - 9:00pm
Presenters: Ruth Jackson SVM and Friends. Join us for conversation and companionship around an evening meal, followed by prayer and song. The evening will begin with a social. Offering: \$25. Limited seating. Please call 563/582-3592 before mailing reservation.

WAITING FOR LOVE: An Evening of Advent & Christmas Music & Readings Monday, Dec. 13, 6:00 - 9:00pm
Presenters: Dubuque Community Musicians
Enjoy a tasty, home-cooked meal following by Advent/Christmas music and readings.
Offering: \$22. Register by Dec. 9. Limited seating. Please call 563/582-3592 before mailing reservation.

Christmas Manger Evening for Families with Small Children Thursday, Dec. 16, 7:00 - 8:00pm. Presenter: Deacon Steve MacDonald. Bring your family's Christmas manger scene to celebrate the real reason for the season. Refreshments will be served. Offering: \$6/person. Children under 5 are free. Register by noon, Dec. 14.

News YOU can use from the Director of Global Goods:

Global Goods is a non-profit fair trade gift shop that has both a global and local mission. Our global mission is to help artisans from 3rd world countries earn a fair wage by selling their items at Global Goods so they are able to feed, shelter and clothe their families. Almost 70% of the artisans are women who are the sole support for their families. As the United Methodist Church is a mission oriented church we feel we can serve both a global and local mission. All the items sold at Global Goods are beautiful hand crafted pieces from baskets, hand carved soap stone nativities, jewelry from recycled paper to wonderful chocolates or coffees.

Our local mission is working in many areas in Dubuque. We have some wonderful volunteers here at Global Goods but are in desperate need of more. We are also blessed to have college student interns that are majoring in Business Management, Marketing, Accounting and Social Services. They are getting experience in their fields at Global Goods as well as helping others. They are learning the business of our mission as well as the social aspect of our mission: to help eradicate poverty wherever it resides. We are also working with ARC (Area Residential Care) giving adults with physical or mental challenges the opportunity to work and earn a wage. We work with Voc- Rehab (adult services) to evaluate the participants as to where their job skills should be placed, retail or in office. We also receive help from Hillcrest Family Services (youth), who may be serving community service hours, only to learn there are those out there in the world that are working with much less and are still thankful for what they have. Bridges out of Poverty is a wonderful local program that has a 20 week program to teach people how to get out of poverty. Global Goods was honored to have a few of their participants come do a 12 week job training program after they have completed their 20 weeks. This training gives them the opportunity to learn employable office, computer, and retail skills.

Global Goods is celebrating their one year anniversary here in Dubuque. Global Goods was the brain child of John Woodin our Faith ReStored Board of Directors president. This dream came to life with the grant from the sale of Faith United Methodist Church. We have many representatives from all the Dubuque area UM Churches on our Board of Directors as well as some volunteers. The Dubuque area UM Churches have all been a strong part of our Global and Local mission. Global Goods is looking forward to continued support from our Dubuque area UM churches. We continue to need volunteers from all our churches as well as their support. We have Fair Trade Gift Boxes that are made available to them to share the Fair Trade items in their churches if they are not able to come down to the store.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 563-588-3000.

Blessings,
Juanita A Nelson, Executive Director
Global Goods, 1141 Main Street
Dubuque, IA 52001
563-588-3000
Hours: 10 AM to 5:30 PM Monday-Friday;
10 AM to 2 PM Saturday

Global Goods: A Fair Trade Gift Shop *Give the gift that gives twice!*

- ✓ Once to the person you are gifting
- ✓ ...and again to the artists who made the items by giving them a fair wage so they can care for their families





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