



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
August 24- December 31	Alexander Levi Heritage Project	Exhibit: "From Distant Places to Dubuque's Shores: 175 Years of Jewish Presence " at the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium
September 12	Church Women United	Human Rights Celebration "God's Wisdom Honors Children" Westminster Presbyterian Church; Gathering 9:30 AM, Program 10 AM
September 18	Church Women United & DACFR	"Women and Education in Afghanistan" by Beatrice Litt, 12 Noon to 1:00 St. Luke's United Methodist Church...followed by dessert social hour, everyone invited (no charge).
September 23	DACU	**First DACU Delegates Meeting of the Fall...Delegates Meetings will be on the fourth TUESDAY of each month beginning September 2008*** FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH: 6:00 PM Gather/Eat; 7:00 PM Meeting
September 25	Dubuque Weatherization Challenge	Deadline for teams to register for the Dubuque Weatherization Challenge 2008
October 5	DACU/Crop Walk	2008 Crop Walk, 1:00 PM St. Raphael's Cathedral
October 16	Dubuque Weatherization Challenge	Team Leader Meeting for Dubuque Weatherization Challenge, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Dubuque Bank & Trust, 1301 Central.
October 25	Dubuque Weatherization Challenge	Dubuque Weatherization Challenge Teams meet at 8:00 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, University and Loras, for breakfast and materials and then head out to weatherize their homes. After completion, teams return to Westminster for reporting results and lunch.
October 28	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting St. Patrick's Church, 7:00 PM Program: The High Cost of Being Poor

Next DACU Delegates Meeting

DATE: **Tuesday, September 23, 2008**

LOCATION: First Baptist Church
2143 Judson Street

TIME: 6:00 Gathering (and eating!)
7:00 Meeting (don't worry if you can't get
there right at 6:00...we'll save you a hot
dog!)

PROGRAM: **Welcome Back Picnic Supper**
Members of First Baptist (including
DACU President Rev. Tim Bees) will
provide hot dogs/hamburgers and salad;
please bring a dessert to share!
Program: Habitat for Humanity Updates

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."

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

	August	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 08
Income	\$ -0-	\$ 3,542.84	\$ 5000.00
Expense	\$ 42.00	\$ 1,000.49	\$ 5000.00
Net	\$ -42.00	\$ 2,542.35	-0-

As of August 31, 16 Member Congregations and
Associate Members have made contributions to DACU
for the 2008 Fiscal Year. On behalf of all the DACU
projects that will benefit from your generosity, **Thank
You!**

Reports/Updates/Events

Dubuque Food Pantry

The Dubuque Food Pantry would like to thank all the churches/congregations that have supported us over the summer. We have been very busy this summer. Your donations mean a lot to us. We couldn't do our work without your help, be it monetary or food donations. We are most grateful for those who have brought us garden produce. Those items are always a big hit. Please pass the word to any of your friend that garden...if they have extra we would be glad to have it.

Our numbers have been very high at the Pantry this summer, so if your church or a group you belong to is looking for a project please consider doing a food drive for us. We are in need of rice, pastas, soups, canned meats, juices, cake mixes, jellies, cereals, tuna, etc... Other items that we can always use are: toilet paper, bar soap, laundry & dish soap, and personal hygiene items as these are products that our clients cannot purchase with their Food Stamps.

Thank you for remembering the Dubuque Food Pantry.
Hours: M-W-F: 1:00-4:00p.m.; Tues.9:00-Noon

Sister Lynn Wagner
Manager

People In Need (P.I.N.)

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 members of the Dubuque religious community are the number one supporters of PIN and our work. Although PIN distributed over \$5,000 over the summer months, the needs remain significant. Please remember that all administrative costs for PIN are assumed by the PIN Board of Directors...all of your donations go directly to people in need.

Dubuque Rescue Mission

The Dubuque Rescue Mission welcomes volunteers to help in the Mission Thrift Store and the Mission Organic Garden. Call the Mission at **583-1394** and ask for Rick.

Crop Walk 2008

**Crop report – Crop Rally - Big Success –
September 4 - Dubuque Rescue Mission**

A grand night it was - 25 recruiters were present at the Rescue Mission to get fired-up for the 2008 Crop Walk for Sunday, October 5. We were very privileged to have, visiting from DeWitt, Iowa an amazing 15 year old who brings in, singly, \$5,500 in pledges. His goal this year is \$6,000! Josh Willey was an inspiration to all of us and shared with us his method of getting a good pledge.

On Sunday, October 5, 2008 stepping off at St.

Raphael's Cathedral we will be putting our faith in action by taking part in the Crop Walk. The word Crop means "Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty". The idea that we all come from different faith traditions is the idea that I love so much - we do not indeed have to think alike to love alike. In loving our neighbors as ourselves we can make a difference in Dubuque to secure funds to keep twenty-five percent of all pledges here to support the Dubuque Rescue Mission; Dubuque Food Pantry and People In Need.

In the words of Mother Theresa, "*on earth, God has no hands but our hands with which to do the work of healing. Therefore, it is good for us to band together to complete a challenging task. After all, it takes many hands to do the work of God.*"

**See you all on Sunday, October 5, 1:00 p.m. –
St. Raphael's Cathedral.**

**Admission fee: Jar(s) of peanut butter and jelly for
the Dubuque Food Pantry.**

**Thanks to all for your continued loving support
Maryann LoGuidice, Faithful Coordinator**



Community Announcements

Church Women United

The 2008 **Church Women United Human Rights Celebration "God's Wisdom Honors Children"** will be hosted at Westminster Presbyterian Church at 2155 University Ave. in Dubuque on Friday, September 12, 2008. The Celebration will focus on the rights of children. We will reflect together through this event on how our community supports our children's physical, financial, emotional and spiritual needs.

Celebration includes: 9:10 - 9:55 am
Coffee/juice/pastries and information table displays by community agencies/organizations dedicated to children, youth and/or families; 10:00 am Celebration Service with keynote speaker Nancy Van Milligen of the Community Foundation. **ALL are invited.**

*Contact Maxine Griep 557-8158 or Sue Hattel to reserve an organization information table area.

Also Plan To Attend:

WOMEN AND EDUCATION IN AFGHANISTAN
~ اناناس نارغف ~
Beatrice Litt

Presented by the Dubuque Area Committee on Foreign Relations, in cooperation with Church Women United, St. Luke's United Methodist Women, and St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

Thursday, September 18, 2008: 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.
(Open to the Public at No Charge) St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 1199 Main Street, Dubuque, Iowa
Following the presentation, DACFR invites you to meet Mrs. Litt over dessert and beverages in the social rooms.
You are also welcome to bring a sack lunch.



DACU is a sponsor of THE DUBUQUE WEATHERIZATION CHALLENGE 2008

www.keepdubuquewarm.org

**"KEEP THE WEATHER OUTSIDE"
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2008**

On Saturday, October 25th, volunteer weatherization teams will spread out across the Dubuque community in a one-day blitz to perform energy saving measures on the homes of their elderly, disabled and low-income neighbors. The goal of this second annual event is to provide over 100 homes with simple weatherization measures such as caulking, weather-stripping, window plastic, door sweeps, furnace filters and other energy-saving techniques. This will reduce energy consumption and save money on heating bills.

Dubuque Area Congregations United (DACU) is one of the official sponsors of this event and encourages all congregations to join in this important community outreach effort. Several congregations took part in last year's event as 340 volunteers weatherized 96 homes. We hope to have even more congregations participate this year to show the power and caring spirit of our local religious community.

Congregations can participate in this much-needed project in three important ways.

1. **Recruit one or more volunteer teams** to do the weatherization work on October 25th. Each team consists of 6 volunteers and will be asked to weatherize 2 homes that day. The work does not require a lot of skill and all materials will be provided to complete the job.
2. **Assist in identifying and referring households** that could really use the weatherization services being provided. Again, the target homes are those of elderly, disabled and low-income neighbors. The planning committee will follow up with all homeowners referred by congregations.
3. **Donate funds** to assist with purchasing all of the weatherization supplies that will be required to weatherize 100 homes. This includes caulking, weather-stripping, door sweeps, window plastic, furnace filters and other items. It will cost approximately \$50 per home to provide the service.

Complete details on the Dubuque Weatherization Challenge 2008, including Team Signup Forms and

Homeowner Referral Forms, can be found on our special event website at:

www.keepdubuquewarm.org

An update on the Dubuque Weatherization Challenge

There is still time to sign up your congregation's 6-member teams to participate in the Dubuque Weatherization Challenge on Saturday, October 25. **The signup deadline has been extended to September 25th.** To sign up a team, please call Laura Roussell at Black Hills Energy at 583-0415, extension #22.

Thanks to the congregations who have signed up teams so far:

- Resurrection Catholic Church (6 teams)
- Hope Church(4)
- Center Grove United Methodist (2)
- Westminster Presbyterian (2)
- Lord of Life Lutheran (1)
- St. Joseph The Worker (1)
- Wartburg Seminary (1)
- Hispanic Ministry (2)

There are currently 37 teams registered and 19 of those are from the Dubuque faith community. That is great participation and we hope to do even better. Be sure to sign up your teams today!

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.

Oct. 3 - 10: Retreat - Learning the Gospel Way of Francis directed by Michael Crosby OFM-CAP, Discount if registered by Sept. 3.

Sept. 11 - Oct. 16: Tai Chi 9:30 - 10:15am Reg & fee by Sept. 9.

Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19 & Dec. 17: Days of Quiet and Prayer 4-session series. Focus: Book: Jesus Today by Albert Nolan
Reg and fee by Sept. 8

Sept. 15: Centering Prayer Hour Reg not required.

Sept. 16: Shalom's Annual Evening for Peace: We Are One!
Theme: **Dubuque's 175th Anniversary**; 6:30 - 9:00pm,
Reg & fee by Sept. 12.

Sept. 23, Oct. 21 & Nov. 18, Getting It All Together 3-session series:

Sept. 23 session: De-Cluttering Life by Eileen Miller OSF,
6:00 - 8:30pm each day includes simple supper. Reg & fee by Sept. 19.

Sept. 23: Fall Breakfast: "Seasons of Mists and Mellow Fruitfulness" (John Keats) 7:00 - 8:00am, 8:15 Mass. **Presenter:** Veronica Bagenstos OSF Reg and fee by Sept. 22.

Sept. 30: An Evening of Italian Culture: For the Love of Francis and Mother Earth 6:30 - 8:30pm Presenters: Margaret Jungers OSF & Marie Therese Kalb OSF, Reg and fee by Sept. 26.

Oct. 9: Honoring the Catholic History of Dubuque presented by Most Rev. Jerome Hanus, OSB, Archbishop of Dubuque
6:00 - 8:30pm, Reg & fee by Oct. 6.

For more information regarding these programs/retreats, call Karen Knepper at Shalom at 563/582-3592, send e-mail to: kknepper@shalomretreats.org or visit our new web site at: <http://www.shalomretreats.org>.

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