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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 17	Opening Doors	An Attitude of Gratitude, Grand River Center, 5-10 PM
November 21	DACU	Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, Resurrection Church, 7:00 PM



30th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship Service

**“Making a Difference in Dubuque
for 30 Years: People In Need”
Wednesday, November 21, 2012
Resurrection Catholic Church
4300 Asbury St.
7:00 P.M.**

Speakers will share the story of P.I.N. (People In Need). Members of the Dubuque Youth Symphony will provide music. Join your neighbors for a service of song and thanksgiving!

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.

Upcoming DACU Delegate Meetings

December: No Delegate Meeting

January: Save the Date!
DACU Annual Meeting & Dinner
Tuesday, January 22 (Location TBA)



DACU Board Report

As of October 31 a total of 22 Congregations and Associates have contributed to the work of DACU during 2012. Thanks to **Resurrection Catholic Church** and **Westminster Presbyterian Church** for their October donations!

FY 2012 Monthly Balance Sheet Report 10/31/2012			
	October	2012 YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2012
Income	\$ 4,300.00	\$8,399.17	\$6,450.00
Expenses	\$ 78.51	\$6,750.17	\$6,450.00
Ending Balance as of 10/31/2012: \$6,051.32			

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

DACU mourns the passing of Rev. Robert "Bob" Wiederanders on October 22, 2012. We honor his many years of service, including as DACU President and later DACU historian, and we remember his kindness to everyone. We extend our sympathy to his family and extend our gratitude for his dedication to interfaith dialogue in this community.

The DACU board meets at Immanuel Congregational UCC the first Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. Meetings are always open to the members of DACU.

DACU Projects

People In Need (P.I.N.)

Please join us on Wednesday November 21 as we celebrate the 30th anniversary of P.I.N. at our DACU Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service (7:00 PM at Resurrection Catholic Church).

We are seeking volunteers to serve on the P.I.N. board! We meet once/month at Westminster Church. If you would like more information please call or email me (563-589-5052; agarfield@dbq.edu).

Alan Garfield, P.I.N. President

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

Dubuque Rescue Mission

We continue to need good used furniture and other usable items for the Thrift Shop.

Volunteer Opportunities at the Mission:

- Serve meals and help clean up
- Community garden
- Maintenance skills needed
- Work in Mission Bike Shop
- Answer Mission phone
- Sort donations in the Thrift Store
- Work the Thrift Store counter

If you are interested in volunteering please call us at (563) 583-1394 or visit our website: www.dbqrescue.org

Rev. Rick Mihm, Director (mihmr@mchsi.com)



Dubuque Food Pantry

DUBUQUE FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to all who continue to support the Food Pantry with monetary donations and food collections. CROP Walk netted us 173 jars of peanut butter. *Way to go walkers.* And now we are on to the Christmas holidays. We are looking for hams ranging in size from 3-5 lbs. And we can also use: sweet potatoes, cranberries, brownie mixes, cake mixes & can frosting. Of course, we never turn anything down, so anything you wish to contribute we will use.

Needed: We are back, again, looking for boxes. The perfect size would be boxes that oranges/apples come in at the grocery store or boxes that reams of paper come in. We can also use plastic grocery bags; we can't use real small bags or the ones the newspaper comes in. Paper grocery bags are also useful. *Thank you for helping out.*

. Drop off hours are: Mon., Wed., Fri. from 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. and Tues. 9:00-noon.

God bless you and thank you for your continued support.

Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager

DACU Community

Crop Walk 2012 Ending Hunger One Step at a Time

News from DACU President Elect
Rev. Arnold Flater:

Dear Friends!

Thanks to everyone who made this year's Crop Hunger Walk 2012 - Dubuque Iowa such a great day!

Detail on the money raised will soon follow but for now celebrate in the video of this year's JOY FILLED participants! The Joy of walking with brothers and sisters of many faiths working toward relieving hunger is the center of the celebration for me!

Here is the link:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=akW_zQ27mKo&feature=youtu.be

Pastor Arnold Flater
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Maryann Caudill-LoGuidice
Crop Walk Chair



Shalom Retreat Center

1001 Davis, Dubuque, IA 52001

Our Mission: Founded in the Franciscan tradition, Shalom Retreat Center is a sacred space in a peaceful environment, calling people to God and fullness of life.

Come Meet Alice, Meg & Their Nine Friends! An Enneagram Workshop

Saturday, Nov. 17, 9:00am – 4:00pm

Presenters: Meg Bolich & Alice Martin – Enneagramists certified by Loyola University. Join this lively twosome for a day of self-discovery and spirituality. The Enneagram is a powerful and dynamic personality system that describes nine distinct and fundamentally different patterns of thinking, feeling and acting. As you discover your personality type and its underlying basic proposition, you will discover what motivates you, your coping strategy and keys to personal development. Offering: \$50. Includes materials, program & lunch. Register by Nov. 14.

Centering Prayer

Monday, Nov. 19, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Facilitator: Marilyn Dansart

No registration required, but free will offerings are welcome.

Faith Sharing - Bridges to Contemplative Living

Monday: Nov. 26 and Tuesdays: Dec. 4, 11 & 18 6:30 – 8:00pm

Facilitator: Marci Blum OSF

During Advent we will reflect together in faith sharing for Advent, using the booklet "*Bridges to Contemplative Living with Thomas Merton*." Through reflection on our ordinary experiences with the writings of Thomas Merton, prayer and quiet, we will share our understandings of the spiritual life.

Offering: \$30, includes the book. Register by Nov. 22.

Using *Lectio Divina* on the Advent Gospels

Thursdays, Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13 & 20; 6:45 – 7:45am

Facilitator: Marci Blum OSF

Advent is a time to reflect and pray with the Sunday readings leading to Christmas. Our sharing will bring meaning to our understanding of the Incarnation and its application to our lives. Join us for continental breakfast and bring your Bible.

Offering: \$4/session. Register by noon the day prior to each session.

Advent Evening for Women – A Dinner & Candlelight Prayer Service.

Monday, Dec. 3, 6:00 – 8:30pm

The gospel story Mary, the mother of Jesus, and her relationship with her cousin Elizabeth emphasizes their experience of the goodness of God as they await the births of their children. Join us for a social, conversation and friendship, for prayer – and, of course, for good food!

Offering: \$22. The registration deadline is Nov. 29, if not already sold out.

Reading That Matters Book Discussion—

***Breaking Night: A Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival and My Journey from Homeless to Harvard* by Liz Murray.**

Tuesday, Nov. 27, 7:00 – 8:30pm

Offering: \$6. Call to register by Nov. 26.

A Series of Films on Personal Well-Being

Facilitated by Kim Kali-Schultes & Eileen Miller OSF

—*Happy for No Reason: 7 Steps to Being Happy from the Inside Out*, with Marci Shimoff

Wednesday, Nov. 14, 6:30 – 8:00pm

Free will offering. Call to register by Nov. 13.

—*Celebrate What's Right with the World*, with DeWitt Jones

Wednesday, Nov. 28, 6:30 – 8:00pm

Free will offering. Call to register by Nov. 27.

SHALOM WINTER BREAKFAST – Christmas Carol – Joy & Fullness of Life.

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 7:00 – 8:00 a.m., Mass at 8:15 a.m. Presenter Carol Besch OSF will share some early memories of how she learned about the joy that comes from giving. She will also reflect on Francis' perfect joy that is part of our daily lives. Offering: \$8. Register by Monday, Dec. 3.

Celebrating Holidays in a New Way Dinner, Sharing & Prayer for Those Who Have Lost a Spouse

Thursday, Dec. 6, 5:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Facilitators: Barbara Meloy Callahan & Marci Bum OSF
Holidays can be a difficult time for those who have lost a spouse. But in the company of others, life is shared and made new. Join friends or make new friends while tipping a sparkling beverage, sharing stories, enjoying a festive meal and concluding with Advent Taize Prayer.
Offering: \$20. Register by noon, Dec. 4.

THE BELLS OF CHRISTMAS – An Evening of Advent and Christmas Music & Readings

Monday, Dec. 10, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

On this evening, we gather to share a meal and to hear the happy, exulting and blissful, heavenly bells and music of Christmas. Let the joyous sounds of the evening carry you through the holiday season and into the new year!

Offering: \$22. Register by Dec. 6.

Shalom Retreat Center
Phone: 563/582-3592.

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TO REGISTER, call Shalom at 563/582-3592



Opening Doors

Opening Doors Celebrates 11th Annual “Attitude of Gratitude”

Opening Doors: Maria House and Teresa Shelter is gearing up for the 11th annual “Attitude of Gratitude” fall dinner/auction scheduled for Saturday, November 17 at the Grand River Center. Together with Platinum sponsors, Prudential and the Grand River Center, Opening Doors hopes to follow in the success of previous years in raising support for their mission to help homeless women and children in the Dubuque community.

Executive Director, Michelle Brown said, “This year’s event promises to be a fun-filled and elegant evening. We are excited to see all of our very enthusiastic guests who continue to come back year after year, as well as welcome many new faces to this community of support. So much of what we are able to accomplish at Opening Doors comes from their willingness to get involved.”

The evening of November 17 in the Grand River Center ballroom begins with cocktails and a silent auction with items donated by local businesses, along with music provided by “Tapestry.” Dinner includes: Chef’s garden salad, center cut Iowa pork roast with shallot and mushroom demi-glaze, herb roasted potatoes, green bean almondine, pumpkin cheese cake with white chocolate or chocolate lovin’ cake. After dinner, we hear from from Opening Doors residents who will to share their personal stories. The program features emcee Bobbi Earles and auctioneer Jeff Vaassen who will preside over our live auction.

Please join Opening Door in this night of celebration, gratitude, and generosity. For an invitation and registration information, please visit www.openingdoorsdbq.org, and click “Attitude of Gratitude” under the “Events” tab. Tickets are \$60 for individuals. Sponsorships start at \$700 and include a table for 10.

Since 2000, Opening Doors has served over 1800 women and children. The Maria House provides transitional housing programs for women, alone or with children, for up to two years. The Teresa Shelter offers similar transitional housing programs, as well as supporting women in need of emergency shelter. Opening Doors is a United Way agency.

Dubuque Community

Children of Abraham

Join us for our second series of interfaith conversations aimed at enhancing understanding of religious traditions in a non-threatening, non-competitive environment. These conversations will not be debates but rather dialogues grounded in civility, a willingness to listen to others, and to learn and reflect. Round table group discussions, often with a bit of food .

October 25: Prayer (TriState Islamic Center, 805 Century Dr. Suite 201)

November 15: Women (Temple Beth El, 475 West Locust)

January 31: Moses (St. Raphael Cathedral)

February 21: Secular Perspectives on Religion (University of Dubuque, Hadley Auditorium)

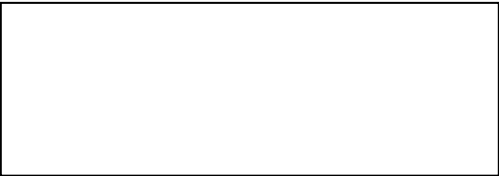
March 21: Conversion and Proselytizing (First Congregational Church)

April 25: Racism/Discrimination (Loras College, Alumni Center Ballroom)

Always Thursdays at 7:00 PM. Questions? Email John Eby, Loras College (john.eby@loras.edu) or Alan Garfield (University of Dubuque (agarfield@dbq.edu))



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