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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!		
September 12 & 13	St. Mark Community Center	2012 Volunteer Fair at St. Mark Community Center, Sept. 12, 11-1 PM; Sept. 13, 4-6 PM. Free and open to all.
September 13	Catholic Charities	Open House for Ecumenical Towers, 4-6 PM (280 W. 6 th St.)
September 13	Hope House	Round Table Discussion on Non-Violent Communication (6:30 PM)
September 21	Dubuque Committee for the International Day of Peace	International Day of Peace Celebration, 7:00 PM, Alumni Center Ballroom at Loras College. Speaker: Rajmohan Ghandi
September 25	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting, Holy Trinity Lutheran, 7:00 PM
September 28	Operation New View	Deadline for home signups for Make A Difference Day
October 1	Operation New View	Deadline to register volunteer teams for Make A Difference Day
October 7	DACU	CROP Walk, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1:00 PM
October 23	Operation New View	Team Leaders Meeting for Make A Difference Day 6:30 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church
October 27	Operation New View	Make A Difference Day 8:00 a.m. Volunteer Teams Breakfast, Training and Sendoff Westminster Presbyterian Church



DACU Delegates Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, September 25

**LOCATION: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
1755 Delhi, Dubuque**

TIME: 7:00 PM

**PROGRAM: CROP Walk 2012:
Rev. Russ Melby, Church World Service**

REMINDER: Don't forget to bring a donation of canned food for the Food Pantry!

Upcoming DACU Delegates' Meetings

Tuesday, October 23: Program and Location TBA

Wednesday, November 21:
Community Thanksgiving Service

December: No Delegates' Meeting

Tuesday, January 22: DACU Annual Meeting

Rev. Dr. Thomas Young
2012 DACU President



DACU Board Report

As of August 31 a total of **20** Congregations and Associates have contributed to the work of DACU during 2012. Thanks to Lord of Life Lutheran and Summit UCC for their July donations!

FY 2012 Monthly Balance Sheet Report 08/31/2012			
	August	2012 YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2012
Income	\$ -0-	\$3,982.17	\$6,450.00
Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$6,171.66	\$6,450.00
Ending Balance as of 08/31/2012: (- \$ 2,189.49)			

President-Elect Nominations: The DACU Committee on Nominations is encouraging member congregations/institutions to submit names for consideration as candidates to take the office of President-Elect in January 2013. Nominations should be emailed to Bob Kraymer – bdkramer@aol.com or telephone to 582-5117.

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 Projects

People In Need (P.I.N.)

2012 marks P.I.N.'s 30th year of service to people in need in the Dubuque area. Your gifts truly make a difference. If you would like more information please contact Alan Garfield at 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

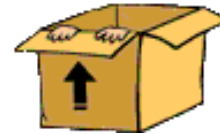
We continue to need good used furniture and other usable items for the Thrift Shop.

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

Thank you to all who continue to support the Food Pantry with monetary donations and food collections. If your congregation is looking for a project we are in need of the following items: soup, peanut butter, cake mixes, mac & cheese, tuna and dish soap.

Needed: We are back, again, looking for boxes. The perfect size would 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.*

We would like to thank all those who have stopped by the Pantry with garden produce. It's still not too late. Please remember the Pantry if you or someone you know has an excess of garden produce, we would be most happy to receive it. *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

Crop Walk Rally: 6:00 PM Thursday, September 13, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. The Yearly CROP Walk (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) is a sponsored event of Dubuque Area Congregations United. Come and learn from Director of Church World Service, the Rev. Russ Melby (ELCA Lutheran) as well as others how to get involved in the faith community of DACU through getting healthy pledges and taking part in the Walk on Sunday October 7.

Crop Walk: 1:00 PM Sunday October 7, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. I think you will find that this following quote from the Unitarian Universalist faith tradition speaks to what being involved in the CROP Walk is truly about: *“love is the spirit of this organization and service its law. This is our great covenant, to dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love and to help one another.”*

Pledges help support the Dubuque Rescue Mission; People In Need; and the Food Pantry. Please also bring jars of peanut butter to be given to the Food Pantry.

Corporate sponsors: Cumulus Broadcasting (five radio stations); HyVee Foods; Panera Bread and St. Stephens Food Bank.

Peace,
Maryann Caudill-LoGuidice
608.642.1270
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Sinsinawa Mound

Alzheimer's Workshop led by Rev. Dr. Jade Angelica Saturday, October 6, 2012. Registration begins at 8:45 a.m. There are two sessions; cost is \$25 each or \$40 for both; optional lunch is \$8. Morning session: *Hope and Healing: Spiritual Support for Alzheimer's & Dementia Caregivers.* Afternoon session: *Healing power of Yes! Meeting the Mystery of Alzheimer's & Dementia.*

Sinsinawa Mound Retreat Center
585 County Road Z
Sinsinawa, WI

To register please call :
(608) 748-4411

www.sinsinawa.org/moundcenter



Center Grove United Methodist Church

Center Grove United Methodist Church, 3140 Brunskill Road, Dubuque, IA 52003 is having a Rummage Sale in the fellowship hall on Friday, September 28, 1-5pm and Saturday, September 29, 8am-2pm. You will probably find something you really need or just a special treasure!

Center Grove's Annual Porkchop Dinner: Saturday September 22, 4:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Adults \$9, Children \$4; Carryout Available! Ticket Information: Call Donna at 563.582.8504 or Jane at 563.879.3221

St. Mark Community Center



Join Us for the 2012 Volunteer Fair!
Wednesday September 12th, 11 AM to 1:00 PM
OR Thursday September 13, 4-6 PM
St. Mark Community Center
1201 Locust St., Dubuque

This first-time event will allow members of your business or organization to see all the opportunities to get involved in our community! There is no fee to attend and no need to register, please just show up and see, first-hand, all the great things happening in our community!

For more information please contact Event Coordinator Karen Bryant at (563) 582-6211 Ext. 105 or events@smccdbq.org



www.thonline.com/makeadifferenceday

DUBUQUE AREA MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY 2012
“A NATIONAL DAY OF DOING GOOD FOR OTHERS”
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2012

On Saturday, October 27th, volunteer teams will spread out across the Dubuque community in a one-day blitz to provide helping hand services to the homes of their

elderly, disabled, veteran and low-income neighbors. Services may include both light-duty and heavy-duty chores around the home, curb appeal and yard work projects outside, socializing and playing games with homebound seniors, simple repairs, and weatherization activities such as caulking or applying window plastic. The goal of this sixth annual event is to provide 100 homes with free helping and caring services.

Dubuque Area Congregations United (DACU) is again one of the official sponsors of this event and is encouraging all congregations to join in this important community outreach effort. Several congregations have participated over the past years. We hope to have even more congregations participate this year to show the power and caring spirit of our local religious community in doing good for others.

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

1. Recruit one or more volunteer teams to participate in the project on October 27th. Each team consists of 6 volunteers and will be asked to assist 2 homes that day. The work does not require a lot of skill and all materials will be provided to complete the job. We hope to have teams signed up by October 1st.
2. Assist in identifying and referring households that could really use the volunteer services being provided. Again, the target homes are those of elderly, disabled, veterans and low-income neighbors. The planning committee will follow up with all homeowners referred by congregations. We hope to have homes identified by September 28th.
3. Donate funds to assist with purchasing all of the supplies and materials that will be required to serve 100 homes. It will cost about \$50 per home. Donations may be sent to Operation: New View Community Action Agency, 1473 Central Avenue, Dubuque, IA 52001. Please indicate "Make A Difference Day" on checks. Donations are tax deductible.

Complete details on the Dubuque Area Make A Difference Day 2012, including Team Signup Forms and Homeowner Referral Forms, can be found on our special event website at:

www.thonline.com/makeadifferenceday

Special thanks to Westminster Presbyterian Church for hosting this year's event.



Sisters of the Presentation

ART & CRAFTS BOUTIQUE
And BAKE SALE

A Benefit to support People In Need

Avoid the consumer Christmas rush –
Find unique, hand crafted gifts by
Presentation Sisters and Associates

Saturday, October 20, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Mt. Loretto Main Building
Lakeside Door
2360 Carter Road
Dubuque, Iowa

Hand Woven Baskets, Framed Watercolor Paintings, Denim Shopping Bags, Framed Floral Photos, Denim & Colored Aprons (with potholders), Handmade Jewelry, Handmade Greeting Cards (watercolor paintings and floral photos), Refrigerator Towels, Tote Bags, Fabric Trivets, Throw Pillows...AND MORE!

Loras College

The National Association of Catholic Chaplains is offering a one-day workshop for people engaged in pastoral care and related Church work:

“Exploring the Ethical Dimensions of Health Care Services: Some Current Issues”.

September 19, 2012

8:15 AM to 4:00 PM

Loras College

1450 Alta Vista Street

Dubuque, IA

Mary Alexis Room in the Alumni Campus Center

For more information and to register email Jeanine Annunziato, jannunziato@nacc.org, phone (414) 483-4898 OR visit the website:

www.nacc.org/resources/edops.asp#sep2012



Hope House

Thursday September 13: Are you craving more connection in your life? Are you longing to live more in harmony with your values, especially love, peace, and nonviolence? Check out Nonviolent Communication, the world-reknowned, four-part process developed by Marshall B. Rosenberg, PhD.

Toni Baur Schoer will lead our discussion. She has been studying and training in Nonviolent Communication since 2008. She has learned through experience that "as long as someone is thought of as *wrong*, there will be the violence."

You are welcome to join us for Evening Prayer at 5:00 pm and dinner following. Please let us know if you plan to attend the prayer and dinner. We will begin the discussion shortly after the meal (approx. 6:30 pm).

Hope House, located at 1592 Locust St, is a Catholic Worker House of Hospitality, offering free food and lodging, free meals for the community twice a week, welcoming drop-in visitors, hosting a free food pantry, and round table discussions on a variety of topics twice a month. Call 582-9079 for more information.



Hospice of Dubuque

Hospice of Dubuque will soon be sponsoring two six-week bereavement support groups. The group is open to anyone in the tri-state area who has experienced the loss of a loved one, through death, within the past twelve months. It is suggested that participants wait at least three months after a loss before attending.

A group is scheduled to meet on Tuesday evenings, beginning September 25th and ending October 30th, 6:30—8:30 pm. Another group is scheduled to meet on Wednesday mornings, beginning September 26th and ending October 31st, from 10 am—Noon. The groups will meet in the Theisen Education Center at the Hospice of Dubuque office, 1670 JFK Road. The sessions are meant to be both educational and emotionally supportive. There is no requirement to have had a previous connection with Hospice of Dubuque. Group

size is limited so pre-registration is required by September 17th. Please contact the hospice office at 563.582.1220 for a registration form. Although there is no fee for the group, a contribution to defray the cost of materials would be appreciated.

Dubuque Community



Dubuque's United Nations International Day of Peace Festival 2012

Mark your calendar! Spread the word.

For the third consecutive year, Dubuque will join people from across the globe in celebrating the United Nations International Day of Peace on Sept 21. This year's focus is an exploration of **Alternatives to Violence – There are Other Ways.**

The featured event for the 2012 UN Day of Peace Festival will be at 7:00 pm on Friday, September 21 at the Alumni Center, Loras College. **Rajmohan Gandhi, grandson of Mohandas K. Gandhi**, will draw on his experience as a peace researcher and activist to explore alternatives to violence in resolving conflicts. A short Intercollegiate Choral Concert will be a prelude to Professor Gandhi's presentation. This is a free event.

Professor Gandhi will also speak at Divine Word College in Epworth at 1:30 p.m. on the relevance of Mahatma Gandhi's wisdom for current and future leaders. This is also a FREE event. A Q & A session will follow both presentations.

Professor Gandhi is author of numerous books including *A Tale of Two Revolts: India 1857 and the American Civil War* which is available at the Library and River Lights Book Store.

Church congregations, social justice committees, youth groups, etc. are encouraged to design and promote events and activities during the Peace Festival, September 15 to 30, 2012 relating to the theme **Alternatives to Violence – There are Other Ways..**

More information, additional events at:
www.dbqdayofpeace.org



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