



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.

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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!		
February 10	Habitat	Chocolate Fundraiser, Holy Trinity, 6-8 PM
February 12	Center Grove UMC	Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser, 8 AM to 12:30
February 28	DACU	DACU Delegates' Meeting, Westminster Presbyterian Church
March 1	Church Women United	World Day of Prayer, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 7:00 PM
March 2	Church Women United	World Day of Prayer, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 10:00 AM
March 2	City of Dubuque	Bridges Out of Poverty Training (see inside)
March 27	DACU	DACU Delegates' Meeting, location TBA
April 20, 2012	Temple Beth El	Annual Visitors' Service 6:30 lecture, 7:30 Service
April 24	DACU	DACU Delegates' Meeting, location TBA
May 4	Church Women United	May Friendship Day Celebration & Brunch, Summit UCC, 2885 Kennedy Rd.
May 22	DACU	Spring Worship Service, location TBA
October 7	DACU	CROP Walk, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church



NEXT DACU Delegates Meeting

Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Westminster Presbyterian
2155 University Ave. – Dubuque

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

Upcoming DACU Delegates Meetings:



Tuesday, March 27

Tuesday, April 24

Tuesday, May 22

DACU Board Report

To date, a total of 23 Congregations and Associates have contributed to the work of DACU during 2011.

FY 2011 Monthly Balance Sheet Report 01/17/2012			
	January	2011 YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2011
Income	\$ 3,382.46	\$ 7,348.48	\$6,450.00
Expenses	\$ 44.00	\$ 4,670.23	\$6,450.00
Ending Balance as of 01/17/2012: \$4,402.32			

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 Projects

People In Need (P.I.N.)

Good News for People In Need!

If you attended the Annual Meeting you heard that P.I.N. dispersed \$20,894.34 in assistance to 85 households during 2011. We anticipate that the need will continue in 2012! Remember that the operating costs of P.I.N. are born by the P.I.N. Board with assistance from DACU. Every penny you donate goes directly to help people in need.

Thank you again to everyone who donated this past year!

Alan Garfield, P.I.N. President

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

Dubuque Rescue Mission

The Rescue Mission is in need of good used furniture....you can contact the Rescue Mission at 583-1394.

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



Dubuque Food Pantry

Souper Bowl Sunday: We thank all those that took part in the soup and cracker collection these past weekends. We are in the process of counting all the soups and crackers we are receiving. Next month we will be able to give you a count, but as of Monday noon we had over 600 cans of soup! Just think how many people we will be able to help in the next weeks.

Items needed: We are always in need of the following items: peanut butter, tuna, mac & cheese, rice, potatoes (any kind), dish soap, toothpaste, and shampoo. *Don't forget we also use the small soaps, shampoos, coffees, etc... that you get from hotels.*

God bless you and thank you for your continued support.

Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager

DACU Community

Center Grove United Methodist Church Pancake Breakfast!

When: Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012, 8 AM to 12:30 PM

Where: Center Grove United Methodist Church, 3140
Brunskill Road

Cost: Adults, \$7, Kids, \$4.

Menu: Fruit, rolls, scrambled eggs, pancakes,
sausages, coffee, orange juice, and milk

Why: funds raised will go to purchase of a snowblower
for the church!



Church Women United

March 1: World Day of Prayer, 7:00 pm, Westminster
Presbyterian, 2155 University Ave.

March 2: World Day of Prayer 10:00 am, Westminster
Presbyterian, 2155 University Ave. 9:30 am Coffee and
Gathering

May 4: May Friendship Day Celebration & Brunch at
Summit UCC at 2885 Kennedy Rd.

**For more information contact Sue Hattell, CWU
Leadership Team, shattell220@aol.com**

Ministerium

Ministerium - Leader: Father Mark Ressler (St. Joseph
the Worker). Ministerium meets the second Tuesday of
each month from 12 Noon to 1:30 PM:

February 14 – Dubuque Rescue Mission

March 13 – St. John's Episcopal Church

April 10 – Westminster Presbyterian Church

May 8 – Mt. St. Francis

For more information contact Fr. Mark Ressler at
dbq062@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us

**Maryann Caudill-LoGuidice, DACU
Representative**

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity will be having a **chocolate fund
raiser** February 10 from 6-8 pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran
Church to raise money for a home for the Habitat offices
with room for storage of donate building supplies. Right
now we have had to refuse paint, wood, windows, doors,
appliances and other donated building supplies which
could be used on Brush With Kindness projects or new
homes because we do not have any storage space.
These supplies could cut down on the cost of building if

we had them or they could be offered for sale at a
reduced price. This would allow Habitat to build or repair
more homes.

Please come!. There are no tickets but everyone is
asked to give a freewill offering

For more information, please contact Elaine Mitchell
563-581-5919 or dietou@gmail.com



Shalom Retreat Center

*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.*

Phone: 563/582-3592.

E-mail: info@shalomretreats.org

Web: www.shalomretreats.org

HEALING HURTS & REGRETS - Forgiving & Healthy Alternatives to Forgiving Fri., Feb. 24, 7:00pm – Sun., Feb. 26, 1:00pm

Director: Gary Egeberg, author of: The
Pocket Guide to Inner Peace, The Pocket Guide to
Prayer, From Self-Care to Prayer, and The Forgiveness
Myth; Background in addiction studies, 26 years in
recovery, and a passion for interfaith spirituality
Though our brains are “wired” to remember our hurts for
survival purposes, they are also wired for healing. If you
are unable to forgive someone, or if you can't seem to
forgive yourself, learn how to honor your own unique
way of healing. Discover a variety of spiritual and
psychological tools. You will learn:

- When forgiving is likely to work well and when a
healthy alternative might be more effective
- How to keep the focus on your needs rather than
on your offender, so that you can heal
- Ways to manage disturbing thoughts and upsetting
emotions so that you can enjoy more peace of mind and
heart

- How to reinterpret your life through a gentle and
compassionate lens

Offering: \$165. Commuter: \$145. Register by Feb.

17. A \$50 deposit secures your registration and is
credited to the offering for the retreat.

**TO REGISTER, call Shalom at 563/582-3592 or send
check payable to Shalom Retreat Center with your
contact information to: 1001 Davis St., Dubuque, IA
52001**

Operation New View

It's Your Money!
It's Your Money!
Earn It, Keep It, Save It!

It's Tax Time Again!

Free Tax Preparation Sites: Individuals with low to moderate incomes are eligible to receive free and confidential tax preparation at any of the free filing tax sites listed below:

St. Matthew Lutheran Church (AARP)

1780 White Street
February 1 – April 15, Monday- Friday, 12:30 pm-4:00 pm
Walk-ins ONLY

Loras College (563.588.7695)

February 20 – March 26, Mondays at 2:00 PM
Appointments ONLY

Hills and Dales Lifetime Center (AARP)

563.585.0560 3505 Stoneman Road
February 1 – April 15
Appointments ONLY

University of Dubuque

563.556-5130 ext. 14 2000 University Ave.
Tuesday February 7 and Wednesday February 8
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Appointments ONLY

Operation: New View, Dubuque

563.556.5130, ext. 14 1473 Central Ave.
January 26 – April 12, Mondays and Thursdays,
6 PM to 9 PM Appointments ONLY

Operation: New View, Manchester

563.927.4629 721 South 5th St. Suite B
Saturday February 4 & 18 and Saturday March 3
10 AM to 3 PM Appointments ONLY

Operation: New View, Maquoketa

563.652.5197 904 East Quarry
Saturday February 11 & 25 and Saturday March 10
10 AM to 3 PM Appointments ONLY

What to bring:

- Valid picture ID
- Social Security Cards for you and each member of your family included on your return
- Birthdates for you and each member included on your return
- W-2s for all jobs in 2011 and any other tax related documents
- 1099 forms for other income, if any
- A copy of last year's tax returns (federal and state)
- If you are claiming childcare expenses, bring documentation of expenses and either the childcare agency's ID or the provider's Social Security number
- All adults on your return must be present to sign forms
- College tuition and student loan interest statements
- A blank check if you want your refund direct deposited

Questions??

Contact bjenkins@operationnewview.org or 563.556.5130, ext. 14. Coordinated by Operation New View Community Action Agency with the collaborative effort of the Earned Income Tax Credit

(EITC) Outreach Task Force of Dubuque, Delaware, and Jackson Counties.

Dubuque Community

Hospice of Dubuque

Hospice of Dubuque will be sponsoring two six-week bereavement support groups. They will be 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.

One group is scheduled to meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:30–8:30 pm, beginning February 21st and ending March 27th. The other group is scheduled to meet on Wednesday afternoons from 1–3 pm, beginning February 22nd and ending March 28th. The groups will meet at the Hospice of Dubuque office, in the Theisen Education Center, 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 February 14th. For a registration form, please contact the hospice office at 563.582.1220 or visit our website at www.hospiceofdubuque.org. Although there is no fee, a contribution to defray the cost of materials would be appreciated.

Jessica Finkenauer
Bereavement Coordinator

Save The Date!

The Annual Temple Beth El Visitors' Service will be Friday, April 20. There will be an informational lecture by Rabbi Ann Landowne at 6:30 PM followed by Sabbath Worship at 7:30 PM. Refreshments and a social hour will follow. Everyone is warmly invited. If you plan to bring a group please let us know in advance so we bake enough cookies! (Contact Phyllis Garfield, 599-4898)

Location: 475 West Locust St. (With our apologies, Temple Beth El has no off-street parking. Please consider ride-sharing!)





Bridges Out Of Poverty Training

When: Friday March 2, 2012

Where: Loras College Ballroom, 1450 Alta Vista

Registration: \$75, covers training, book, breakfast, and lunch. Social Work CEU \$5, Foster Care CEU free. Registration at 8:00 AM, workshop 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

Speaker: Jim Ott

Who should attend: Anyone who has not yet received this training! Open to all.

For more info, or to register, go to:

www.cityofdubuque.org/bridgesoutofpoverty or call or email Carroll Clark (563.589.4230), cclark@cityofdubuque.org.

Children of Abraham

...a series of conversations about faith from personal perspectives.

This series of five interfaith discussions led by representatives of Jewish, Christian, and Muslim congregations is 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. All sessions are on Thursdays, 8:00 PM. All are welcome; there is no charge.

Remaining Sessions:

February 23, 2012: *Joseph/Yusuf. University of Dubuque, Dunlap Technology Building (Hadley Auditorium)*

March 22, 2012: *Scripture. Temple Beth El, 475 West Locust*

April 19, 2012. *Peace. Loras College ACC Ballroom*

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