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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
Here's just a few of the events sponsored by our DACU congregations and associates. Turn the page to learn more!		
February 22	Rescue Mission	Will Bowen Fundraiser at Diamond Jo Casino, 7-9 PM
February 26	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting
March 1	Church Women United	World Day of Prayer, St. Raphael's Cathedral, 9:30 AM
March 6	First Congregational UCC	Organ Concert (Scotland): Dr. Charles Barland, 8 PM (No charge)
March 16	Multicultural Family Center	Fourth Annual Taste of the World, Five Flags Center, 11:30-2 PM
March 26	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting: Immanuel Congregational UCC
April 19	Temple Beth El	Annual Visitors' Service: Discussion with Rabbi 6:30; 7:30 Service
April 23	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting: Engine House #1
May 28	DACU	DACU Spring Worship



DACU Delegates Meeting
Tuesday, February 26
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
1755 Delhi
7:00 P.M.

Program: Mary Sawyer will present on the newly formed "Culture of Non Violence Coalition"

You are always encouraged to bring non-perishable food and paper goods for the Dubuque Food Pantry.

Mark your Calendar: Upcoming DACU Events

Tuesday March 26, 7:00 PM. Immanuel Congregational UCC (1795 Jackson St.). Learn about Kids Against Hunger and The Green Initiative!

Tuesday April 23, 7:00 PM. Engine House #1, 18th & Central. Tour the renovated building and learn about its new occupants, Operation New View Headstart Program and Crescent Community Health Center Wellness Program.

Tuesday May 28, 7:00 PM. DACU Spring Worship Service, details & location still being finalized!

(No DACU Delegates Meetings in June or July)

Tuesday August 27 we are planning our annual DACU Potluck Picnic....details to follow!

Tuesday September 24, 7:00 PM, Dubuque Rescue Mission.

Tuesday October 22, 7:00 PM, St. John Lutheran Church; Program will be Homelessness in Dubuque.

Wednesday November 27, 7:00 PM, Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

No DACU Delegates' Meeting in December.

DACU Board Report

As of January 31 no Congregations or Associates had yet contributed to the work of DACU during 2013. Thanks to **all who contributed last year; don't forget to add DACU to your budget for this new year!**

FY 2013 Monthly Balance Sheet Report 1/31/2013			
	January	2013 YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2013
Income	\$ 330.00	\$ 330.00	\$6,450.00
Expenses	\$ 4,703.78	\$ 4,703.78	\$6,450.00
Ending Balance as of 1/31/2013: \$2,201.60			

Note: January income shows receipts for Annual Dinner. January expenses show payments of \$1,500 each to the three DACU Projects, plus the cost of the Annual Dinner.

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

The DACU board meets the first Wednesday of each month at 4:15 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Meetings are always open to the members of DACU.

DACU Projects

People In Need (P.I.N.)

P.I.N. Treasurer Tom Stovall compiled data about the source of P.I.N. Funding. He notes that nearly 60 percent of P.I.N. funding comes from organizations affiliated with DACU. Thanks to Tom for his work and thanks to all of you for your generosity!

Alan Garfield, P.I.N. President

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



Dubuque Rescue Mission

Best-selling author & founder of "A Complaint Free World" will be at the Diamond Jo Casino Friday, Feb. 22nd, 7-9 PM. Limited seating, no charge but free-will offering collected for the Rescue Mission.

Prior to the event is a "Meet the Author" fundraiser from 5-6:45 PM, \$15/person or \$25/couple. All proceeds go to the Rescue Mission. Talk with Will, enjoy appetizers and cash bar. To reserve a ticket, call 563.583.1394. For more info you can call Jeff Lenhart (563)880.1042.

On behalf of the men, women, and children served at the Dubuque Rescue Mission – Thank you! Your generous support allows us to continue housing, feeding and clothing the poor of the Tri-State area. Please continue to pray for us and those we serve. The economy continues to make it difficult for many to make ends meet.

One last note...the Rescue Mission is in need of good used furniture. Please consider a donation!

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.

Souper Bowl Sunday is over and we have counted over 900 cans of soup and are still counting. We will have an exact count for you in March. Along with the soup we have 80 boxes of crackers. Lots of people will have a hot meal on these cold days because of your generosity.

City wide "**Scouting for Food**" will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2013. Watch the TH and other advertising for more details.

Is your church/congregation wanting to know what we could use? Each month I will be listing a few items that we could use so you can plan ahead and get the list in your church bulletin/announcements.

February—Ravioli, Spaghetti O's and liquid hand soap
March--- tuna, mac&cheese, applesauce and toothpaste

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



Unitarian Universalist Congregation Bi-Monthly Coffeehouse Night of Talent!

The next Historic District Coffeehouse will be 7:30-10 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Dubuque, 17th and Iowa streets.

All experienced and developing Dubuque regional acoustic musicians, poets, writers, performance artists are invited to come and perform live. The public is invited to enjoy the evening free of charge (donations for coffee or canned goods for the Dubuque Food Pantry are appreciated).

If interested in performing, contact Bruce at 608-348-5099, but walk-ons for the open mic also are welcome.

The coffeehouse is hosted bi-monthly. Upcoming 2013 dates, all on Saturday nights, are March 23, May 11, July 27, Sept. 21 and Nov. 16.



Church Women United

**2013 World Day of Prayer, March 1
"I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me."**

World Day of Prayer will be celebrated in Dubuque on Friday, March 1, 2013 (snow date March 8). Hundreds of thousands of women, men, youth, and children will collectively worship on the first Friday in March in 170 countries. The common day of prayer will be hosted at St. Raphael's Cathedral Center at 231 Bluff Street with 9:30 a.m. Coffee and 10:00 a.m. Celebration. Off street parking behind the church and handicap accessible entrance.

The Christian women of France invite people of all cultures and traditions to participate in the service entitled "I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me." All are considered to be "strangers and foreigners on earth." Through photos, word and song, Lorrie Etheredge will reflect on France. Gisella Aitken-Shadle, Director of Hispanic Ministries, St. Patrick's Catholic Church will share a meditation "The Stranger."

Freewill offering supports the work of World Day of Prayer of USA and helps meet the needs of families in

France and around the world who are victims of many forms of poverty, violence, discrimination and other injustice. All are invited to this worldwide service sponsored by Dubuque Church Women United.

**Submitted by Sue Hattel, Iowa Church Woman
United State President, 563-556-1394**

First Congregational UCC Scottish Organ Concert

Dr. Charles Barland, Professor of Music at the University of Dubuque, will perform a recital of Scottish music in the sanctuary of First Congregational Church (255 W. 10th St.) on Wednesday March 6 at 8:00 PM. No charge; everyone is invited!

St. John's Guest House

St. John's Guest House is up and running! An Open House was held January 26. There are still many opportunities to support the Guest House. Contact St. John's Lutheran Church to learn how you can help.



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.

Check the website for current events!

Phone: 563/582-3592

E-mail: info@shalomretreats.org

Web: www.shalomretreats.org

Sinsinawa Mound Center

Upcoming Events Feb/March

Lenten Taize Prayer: Mondays, Feb 25, March 4, 11, and 18; 7:00 PM

Living Last Supper: Saturday, March 2, 7:00 PM; Freewill Offering

Lenten Retreat Day: Mary Magdalene's Resurrection Faith. Saturday March 16, 9 am to 3 PM; \$45

Women of the Bible Drama: Wednesday March 20. Dinner & performance, \$30, 5:45 PM. Performance only, \$20, 7 PM. Thursday Lunch & Performance, \$30, Noon; Performance (\$20) at 1:30.

Make it Take It with Sr. Priscilla Wood, OP. Saturday March 23, 9 AM to Noon. \$8 includes materials.

Spring Concert: "Sing of Victory Won", Sunday, March 24, 2 PM; Freewill Offering.

Father Forgive Them, Holy Week Retreat; Thursday March 28, 3 PM to Saturday March 30, 8 PM. \$128 for commuter or \$190 overnight.

Gourd Art: Whimsies, Saturday, April 6, 12:30-4:30 PM; \$45.

Meeting the Mystery of Alzheimer's: Wednesday April 10 6:15 to 8:45 PM or Saturday, May 4, 9:15 to 11:45 AM, \$25.

For more information or to register for any of these events visit the website

www.sinsinawa.org/moundcenter

or phone 608.748.4411



Dubuque Sisters of St. Francis

"Culture of Non-Violence Coalition"

A community meeting to address gun violence was held at **12:30 PM on Sunday, January 13**, at the BVM Motherhouse on South Grandview (1100 Carmel Drive). Hosted by the Peacemakers Circle of the Dubuque Sisters of St. Francis, the group formed the "culture of Non-Violence Coalition". **The next meeting will be Sunday, March 3, 3 PM at St. Mark Community Center.** Representatives of SMCC will be talking about gun control legislation. Everyone is welcome to attend. For addition information, or to obtain window clings with the words "Weapons Free Environment," contact Mary Sawyer at 563-845-0712. .

Mary Sawyer, sawyer8@gmail.com

Operation New View

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

It's Tax Time Again!

Do you have EARNED INCOME from working in 2012? You may qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit—even if you do not owe any taxed. File your tax return for FREE at a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Site!

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

St. Matthew Lutheran Church (AARP)

1780 White Street

February 1 – April 15, Monday- Friday, 12:30 pm-3:30 pm

Walk-ins ONLY

Loras College (563.588.7695)

February 5 through April 8, Tuesdays at 3:00 PM

Appointments ONLY; No appointments March 26

University of Dubuque

563.556.5130 extension 14

2007:0 University Ave. Tech Center Rm 103

Wednesday January 30, 4 PM to 8 PM

Appointments ONLY

Hills and Dales Lifetime Center (AARP)

563.585.0560 3505 Stoneman Road

February 1 – April 15

Monday through Wednesday 9 AM to 4 PM

Thursdays 9 AM to 6 PM

Appointments ONLY

Operation: New View, Dubuque

563.556.5130, ext. 14 1473 Central Ave.

January 28 – April 11, Mondays and Thursdays,

6 PM to 9 PM Appointments ONLY

Operation: New View, Manchester

563.927.4629 721 South 5th St. Suite B

Wednesday February 20 & 27 & March 6, 5:30-8:30 PM

Saturday March 9, 10 AM to 3 PM Appointments ONLY

Operation: New View, Maquoketa

563.652.5197 904 East Quarry

Saturday February 16 & 23

Saturday March 2

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 2012 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 reloadable debit card OR if you choose direct deposit, a blank check (the name on the bank account must match the name on the tx return and only one refund is allowed per account).

Questions??

Contact ahohmann@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.

Opening Doors

Black Hills Energizes “A Bed of Hope” Program

Opening Doors is pleased to announce that Black Hills Energy presented a check for \$2,000 which will sponsor 200 nights of shelter for a homeless woman or child through the “A Bed of Hope” program.

Between the two facilities at Maria House and Teresa Shelter, there are a total of 46 beds available each night for homeless women and children in our community which adds up to 16,790 beds annually. Through this program, sponsors can provide a warm bed of shelter for just \$10 – for as many beds as they would like.

Black Hills Energy Operations Supervisors Jeff Welty and Tony Engling, took the opportunity to tour the facility after presenting the check. “Opening Doors is a vital community service and we are pleased to help support their efforts,” said Welty. “Even though we’re best known for providing safe, reliable natural gas service, we’re just as excited to support community organizations like Opening Doors that help improve life in the communities we share with our customers.”

The “A Bed of Hope” program, now in its second full year, has been well received in the community with support from businesses, schools, churches, civic organizations, and individuals.

“We are so pleased with the tremendous support that Black Hills Energy has provided to assist us in helping the homeless over the years,” said Michelle Brown, Executive Director. “This generous gift to our “A Bed of Hope” program helps us carry on our mission to homeless women and children in our community.”

Opening Doors was established in 2000 to offer hospitality and opportunity to women, alone or with children, who need emergency or transitional housing, and support services. Opening Doors offers transitional housing at Maria House. Teresa Shelter also offers transitional housing, but is the only emergency shelter in the area that serves women with children.

For more information, contact Michelle Brown, Executive Director or Ann Lorenz, Development Director, at 563-582-7480.

Save The Date!

The Annual Temple Beth El Visitors’ Service will be Friday, April 19. 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 Cindy Pearce, 583-1254, or Phyllis Garfield, 599-4898)

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



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 .

February 21: Job (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))



**Fourth Annual “Taste of the World”
Saturday, March 16, 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM**

\$5 per person, \$15 per family

Five Flags Center, 405 Main St.

**Enjoy food samples, activities, and performances
from around the world.**

For more information call 582.3681 or email

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