



Dubuque Area Congregations United Monthly Newsletter

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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!		
April 8	Temple Beth El	Temple Beth El Annual Visitor Service 6:30 PM lecture 7:30 PM service
April 12	Dubuque Ministerial	Monthly Meeting, 12:00 Noon, New Hope Church in Farley
April 18	Passover begins at sundown	
April 24	Easter Sunday	
April 26	DACU	DACU Delegates' Meeting, St. Raphael's Cathedral
April 30	Global Goods	Let's Go Fly A Kite, 12-4 PM Grand View Methodist Church
April 28, 29, 30, May 5,6,7	Presentation Sisters	Annual Presentation Garage/Gym Sale...8 AM to Dusk Th-Fr, 8 AM to 1 PM Sat. Proceeds benefit the Lantern Center and other projects.
May 1	Habitat for Humanity	Chocolate Extravaganza, Holy Trinity Church, 4-6:30 PM Tickets \$12 at the door. (Discount for early purchase)
May 6	Church Women United	May Friendship Day Celebration, 9:30 AM Details TBA
May 24	DACU	DACU Delegates' Meeting



DACU Delegates Meeting

DATE: **Tuesday, April 26, 2011**

LOCATION: St. Raphael Cathedral
231 Bluff St.
Dubuque

TIME: 7:00 PM

PROGRAM: Dr. Adib Kassas and
the Tri-State Islamic Center

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



Upcoming DACU Delegates' Meetings

Tuesday, April 26: St. Raphael Cathedral
Program: Dr. Adib Kassas and
the Tri-State Islamic Center

Tuesday, May 24: Program and Location TBA

June and July: No Delegates' Meetings

Tuesday, August 23: Delegates' Picnic!
Details TBA....

Rev. Dr. Thomas Young
2011 DACU President



DACU Board Report

Sincere thanks to the following congregations contributed to DACU for the month of March:

- Church of the Resurrection
- First Baptist Church
- St. Columbkille's Catholic Church
- Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters

Best wishes to Sr. Dolores Zieser, PBVM, DACU Treasurer, as she recovers from knee surgery! Thanks to Tom Stovall for pitching in while she recovers....

FY 2011 Monthly Balance Sheet Report 03/31/2011			
	March	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2011
Income	\$ 995.42	\$2,405.42	\$6,450.00
Expense	\$ -0-	\$ 597.78\$	\$6,450.00
Ending Balance 3/31/2011	\$3,531.71		

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

If you would like a copy of the DACU Annual Report for 2010, please contact DACU Administrator Bob Krayer at bdkrayer@aol.com

A Note from DACU Secretary Sr. Sara McAlpin: If you make an announcement for your organization at a DACU Delegates meeting and would like it included in the DACU Delegate Meeting minutes, please be sure to submit written copy to Sr. Sara. That way we're sure we record accurate information! Thanks very much.....

DACU Projects

People In Need (P.I.N.)



Remember:
P.I.N. Phone Number:
581-7995
Donations to P.I.N. can be mailed to
Treasurer Tom Stovall at
3345 Tibey Court
Dubuque, IA 52002-2849

Dubuque Rescue Mission

YOUR volunteer hours and donations are always important and valued! Current need: good used single bed sheets, pillow cases, blankets, towels and washcloths.

If you have leftovers from an event like a church dinner, etc., you can always call ahead and drop them off at the Rescue Mission Kitchen. They will be dated, refrigerated, and used as soon as possible.

(Rick Mihm, Director)



Dubuque Food Pantry

The annual citywide **Scouting for Food** was held Saturday, March 19th. A big thank you to all who participated in this great event. The Scouts collected a little over 22,000 lbs. for us. They delivered it to our door, took it to the basement and sorted. **A great job by all who were involved: leaders, parents, scouts.**

If you wish to know more about the Food Pantry please feel free to call and ask questions or I would be happy to come and speak to your church group. We also have brochures that we can send out that give information about the Pantry.

God bless you and thank you for your continued support.

Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager

DACU Community

Habitat for Humanity

The Habitat for Humanity Dubuque/Jackson County-Thrivent Builds 2011 project has started. It began with a groundbreaking celebration on Sunday April 3 at the home's location 2836 White Street. A very grateful Clancy family broke the ground in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost with Pastor John Sorenson from Lord of Life Lutheran Church giving the invocation and site blessing. The family Rose (mom), Austin (13), and Ashley (11) Clancy began their sweat equity last year. They are very excited about having the chance to have a home of their own. Volunteers who want to help with the build need to contact Elaine Mitchell diettou@gmail.com or 581-5919. We need help with construction, bringing lunches, and office work. Thrivent is providing 55% of the cost of the house, Dubuque /Jackson habitat 35% and the faith community 10% (or \$9,000). We need your help to reach our goal of getting this home finished this year. The Circle of Faith is sponsoring a Chocolate Event May 1st at Holy Trinity Church (see announcement) to help raise the \$9,000. We can use any financial help that you can give us. Also consider becoming a Habitat Covenant Congregation so that more homes can be built in our community.

*Elaine Mitchell, DACU Representative
Habitat for Humanity*



Dubuque County Circle of Faith Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser

CHOCOLATE EXTRAVAGANZA

May 1, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Program: 6-6:30 p.m.

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Living Faith Center**

**Tickets \$10 in advance
\$12 at the door**

Come and enjoy scrumptious chocolate in various forms, and raise funds for the Thrivent Builds and Habitat for Humanity Build this summer.

Tickets entitle participants to sample exquisite and delicious chocolate goodies, as well as opportunities to bid on beautiful and creative silent auction items.

Sponsoring grant by *Thrivent Builds Homes.*

Sponsoring churches: Holy Trinity Lutheran, Lord of Life, New Hope-Farley, Our Redeemer, Resurrection, St. John, St. Joseph the Worker, St. Matthew-Dubuque, St. Matthew-Sherrill, St. Paul, St. Peter, Loras College

Operation: New View

DACU REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED TO SERVE ON ECUMENICAL HOUSING BOARD

DACU currently has a vacancy for someone who will volunteer to represent us on the Ecumenical Housing Board. The board provides oversight for the operation of four housing facilities which includes Ecumenical Towers and Kennedy Manor in Dubuque as well as two other sites in Waterloo. The board meets quarterly over the noon hour for about two hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 31st. The bylaws of the organization calls for DACU to have two representatives on the board. Tom Stovall currently serves in one of the positions. It is very important that DACU fulfills its responsibility to Ecumenical Housing by filling the second position. If you would be interested in serving, or have questions about the position, please contact Tom Stovall at 557-9227 (home) or at 556-5130 ext. 32 (work). Please consider serving in this area of DACU's mission to the community.



The Dubuque Weatherization Challenge has earned national recognition as one of 2010 Make a Difference Day's top projects. It will be featured in the April 8-10 edition of USA WEEKEND and will receive a \$10,000 award. A project partner, Black Hills Energy, will match the award, which will be put into a fund to help low-income, elderly and disabled individuals and families pay their energy bills.

Dubuque Weatherization Challenge By The Numbers:

- * **Four** annual events have been staged.
- * **1,600** volunteers have participated on **233** teams.
- * **400** homes have been weatherized.
- * **\$10,000** Make a Difference Day Award (from Newman'sOwn).
- * **\$10,000** match from Black Hills Energy with total amount to be given to the "Keep Our Neighbors Warm" program.
- * **Oct. 22, 2011, is the date of the next Weatherization Challenge.**

Make A Difference Day, the largest national day of helping others, is sponsored annually by USA WEEKEND magazine and its 800 client newspapers. It occurs every fourth Saturday in October. The April 8-10 issue of USA WEEKEND will spotlight the 13 national honorees.

Church Women United

**May Friendship Day Celebration
Friday, May 6, 2011**

**Sponsored by Church Women United
Location: Sisters of the Presentation,
2360 Carter Road.**

**9:30 a.m. Brunch (RSVP) and Celebration
"Living Our Friendship, Passing on the Key"**

May Friendship Day 2011 will be celebrated on May 6 with a 9:30 am brunch by reservation and 10:15 am program "Living Our Friendship...Passing on the Key." Women of all faiths are invited to this annual event. The celebration will be hosted at Sisters of the Presentation at 2360 Carter Road which is handicap accessible.

The gathering will give thanks to God for 70 years of Church Women United and will focus on women and their contributions in making a difference locally and globally in the world. "Key" women of all ages, faiths and impact will be lifted up during the service. Recipients of the YOUNG CHURCH WOMEN UNITED AWARD who will be honored are: Rev. Maria Wiblin, Hillcrest Family Services Chaplain and Westminster Presbyterian Minister of Member Care; Kathy Nicholson and Ellen Patch, classroom teachers at Resurrection Catholic School; and Lynn Sutton, community volunteer and Dubuque City Council member.

Fellowship of the Least Coin will be collected from the previous year. Women in 80 countries share the "least coin" in their currency each time they pray for peace, justice and reconciliation. Coins collectively provide friendship in supporting grants to women globally.

Beverage tab collections may be brought to each Church Women United celebration. Tabs finance educational scholarships for women of the Iowa prison system.

Reservations for the brunch (\$5.00) are requested by May 3 by calling the Sisters of the Presentation receptionist at 563-588-2008. All are welcome.

*Submitted by Sue Hattel,
Church Women United Leadership Team Member*

Shalom Retreat Center

***A sacred space, calling people to God and to
fullness of life.***

1001 Davis St., Dubuque, IA 52001.

E-mail: info@shalomretreats.org

Web: www.shalomretreats.org

To register, call Shalom at 563/582-3592.

**TAIZE PRAYER: Lent - Turn Our Hearts
Thursday, April 7, 7:30 - 8:30pm**

Registration not required. Free will offering.

Centering Prayer

Monday, April 18, 7:00 - 8:00pm

Facilitator: Marilyn Dansart

Registration not required. Free will offering.

Administrative Professionals Luncheon: "Oh, The Places You'll Go!" Wednesday, April 27, 11:30am – 1:00pm Presenter: **Bobbi Earles, Executive Director of Alumni & Communications, Loras College** Bring yourself and/or your office staff to Shalom's annual salute to administrative professionals. We will begin with a delicious chef salad entrée, sweet breads, dessert and assorted beverages. Immediately following the meal, Bobbi will give her earnest (and a little humorous) tribute to all dedicated office workers. *Offering: \$10. Seating is limited. Registrations accepted through Apr. 22, if not already sold out.*

A Celebration of German Food & Music

Thursday, Apr. 28, 6:30 – 8:30pm

Musicians: Dave Overby & Friends

Enjoy a feast of those wonderful, mouth-watering German foods while listening to German music.

Offering: \$22. Seating is limited. Registrations accepted through Apr. 25, if not already sold out.

Good for the Earth, Good for Us

Saturday, Apr. 30, 8:30am – 12:30pm

Presenters: Michelle Balek OSF, Chris Olson, Bev Wagner

A morning of reflection regarding the foods we eat and the implication of our food choices on our own health and that of our earth. Including prayer, input, reflection, discussion and good food, the time is designed to nourish both body and soul. Each of our presenters actively works with some aspect of this topic in the city of Dubuque.

Offering: \$30. Includes continental breakfast & concluding lunch. Register by April 27.

Shalom's Annual Mother / Daughter Evening: A Tapestry of Delight

Thursday, May 5, 6:30 – 8:30pm

Enjoy a scrumptious pre-Mother's Day dinner and a program of music, especially chosen for the occasion by Sue Kalb and Tapestry. Treat your mother, daughter, sister, grandmother and/or whoever fits those roles in your life to this evening fun, food, and music.

Offering: \$22/adults; \$11 girls age 12 & under. Seating is limited. Registrations accepted through Monday, May 2, if not already sold out.

Retreat: Deepening the Contemplative Attitude

Reserve Our Facility

Groups: Shalom's facilities (including food service) are available for meetings, staff/board retreats, spiritual gatherings, and more - for a few hours, a day, an overnight or longer. Groups of 10 to 150 people can be accommodated. Rates are reasonable.

Individuals: Shalom offers private retreats for individuals. They may choose spiritual direction as part of their retreat, or they may prefer to spend their time in solitude. The length of the retreat is flexible.

Foods Resource Bank "Growing Hope" Projects

Growing Hope is the local Foods Resource Bank growing project, a group of area congregations working together to create lasting solutions to world hunger. Dispersed through respected Christian humanitarian organizations, the money we raise helps small farmers around the world become able to feed their families and build a future. Since 2005 our efforts have yielded more than \$100,000 through growing crops and fund raisers. We would appreciate your support at the following upcoming events. Contact Dan Zauche at 590-8290 for more information about how your church can participate in other ways.

**Bake Sale Sat., April 9 (9-12)
Theisen's Home & Farm 2900 Dodge St.
**Brat Sale Sat., June 11 (11-5)
Sam's Club, 4400 Asbury Rd.

Bridges Out of Poverty "Bridges Initiative" continues to need congregations to provide a meal for the families participating in the weekly seminars. If your congregation or organization can help, please contact Claudette Bees, First Baptist Church (563-6289) to schedule a date.



Global Goods A Fair Trade Gift Shop Presents... Let's Go Fly a Kite!

Saturday, April 30, 12 – 4 PM at Grand View Methodist Church, 3342 John Wesley Drive (Off JFK Road)

---\$5.00 per Kite
---Chance to win beautiful handmade Kites
---Food---Kite Making---Face Painting

Dubuque Ministerial Association

The Dubuque Ministerial Association meets monthly for lunch and fellowship. It is open to anyone who does "ministry" in any capacity, including clergy, Deacons, Hospital and Hospice Chaplains, etc. At the present time Rev. Ken Bickle and Rev. Merlin Schlichting are the conveners. The Ministerial Association meets from Noon to 1:30 and a monetary donation for lunch is expected. Upcoming dates/locations are:

- April 12th - Farley, New Hope Church
- May 10th - St. Peter Lutheran

Maryann LoGuidice,
DACU Representative to the
Ministerial Association

Don't Forget!

The Annual Temple Beth El Visitors' Service will be Friday, April 8. There will be an informational lecture by Rabbi Jennifer Flatte at 6:30 PM followed by Sabbath Worship at 7:30 PM. Refreshments and a social hour will follow. Everyone is warmly invited. (Questions? 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!)**



Help us grow the newsletter! Send notices, event reminders, etc. to Phyllis Garfield (phyllisgarfield@hotmail.com) And if you know someone who should be on our mailing list, let us know!

Women and Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America

Showing at the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium from February 18 to May 22, 2011

This is an acclaimed national traveling exhibit, which is being shown in just a few locations in the USA. Plan to attend!





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