



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.

EVENTS

DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT
June 3 – August	Sinsinawa Mound Center	"Let All the World Give You Thanks," a multi-media exhibit of Sinsinawa Mound heritage collection, 10 am to 5 pm daily, except Sunday.
June 6	Sinsinawa Mound Center	Free Summer Organ Concert Recital Series begins, 7:00pm; continues every Wednesday evening throughout August, except for July 4.
June 6	Shalom Retreat Center	Shalom Summer Breakfast 7:00-8:00am, Fee and registration by June 4.
June 7	Shalom Retreat Center	Pentecost Taize Prayer Hour, 7:30 - 8:30pm. Reg not required. Free will offering.
June 8-10	Sinsinawa Mound Center	"Exploring your Spiritual Life through Writing" Reg. and fee required.
June 10-15	Shalom Retreat Center	Don Bisson's - Toward the Healing of Christianity: A Jungian Christian Dialogue Retreat, fee and reg by June 6.
June 16	Shalom Retreat Center	Don Bisson's - Craving for God: A Spirituality of Food Workshop, 9:30am - 4:00pm, fee and reg by June 13 (CEUs-nurses/CEHS-social workers available)
June 22-24	Sinsinawa Mound Center	Drum-Making Retreat, 1:00pm; fee and reg. required
June 27-July 3	Sinsinawa Mound Center	In the Company of Friends of God and Prophets. Reg and fee required.
June 29-July 5	Shalom Retreat Center	Dan Crosby's - The Quality of Mercy Retreat, fee and reg by June 26
July 5	Shalom Retreat Center	Taize Prayer Hour, 7:30 - 8:30pm. Registration not required. Free will offering
July 4	Sinsinawa Mound Center	2:00 pm, Annual patriotic concert, the Sinsinawa Strings Orchestra will play music to the theme of "The Glad Earth."
July 6-8	Sinsinawa Mound Center	"Sacred Dreaming Retreat" Explore our "big" dreams and how they can become a part of our prayer life, journal writing, and devotional life. Reg and fee required.
July 8-14	Sinsinawa Mound Center	"Silent Directed Retreat" Six-day retreat with time of peace, quiet, rest, and beauty. Reg and fee required.
July 9-15	Shalom Retreat Center	Joseph Nassal's - A Cosmic Communion: Eucharist and the Healing of the Earth Retreat, fee and reg by July 3
August 1	Shalom Retreat Center	"Bask in Summer's Wonder! A Day of Reflection in the Midst of Summer", 9:00am-3:00pm, fee and reg by July 30
August 23	DACU	DACU Delegates & Friends Potluck Picnic, Eagle Point Park
September 7	Church Women United	HUMAN RELATIONS CELEBRATION, 9:30 a.m. Summit Congregational Church UCC
September 27	DACU	DACU Delegate meeting, St. Mark's Community Center, 7:00 pm
October 25	DACU	DACU Delegate meeting, details TBA
November 2	Church Women United	WORLD COMMUNITY DAY 9:30 a.m. Mount St. Francis Convent
November 21	DACU	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, details TBA
		*** You could list your event here! ***

There are no Delegate Meeting Minutes for May.

DACU Delegates & Friends Potluck Picnic

DATE & TIME: Thursday, August 23, 2007.
LOCATION: Eagle Point Park
PROGRAM: More information forthcoming.

A Message from the President

Dear Friends,

What's that noise??? I think it's probably the collective sigh of relief (mostly from the students!) that everyone who is involved in education breathes at this time of year. Summer is really here! Colleges and even most religious organizations move to a "summer schedule" that is a bit slower paced. It's time to take a breath and renew ourselves. We had our DACU Delegates Spring Worship on Thursday evening May 24 at the

beautiful Sinsinawa Mound. The Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters were the most hospitable of hosts, and Paul Schultz let a meditation about the spiritual aspect of such humble items as compost bins and CFL light bulbs. We sang "The Canticle of the Sun", and prayed together, reminding ourselves that the repair of our world begins with a commitment by people of faith to work together to that end:

**Can the future once bright have its luster restored?
With the world in our hands....will wisdom prevail?**

**Only by turning our hearts to the Lord,
only by opening our ears to God's call,
only by finding compassion within,
for all living things and those yet to be born.**

**May it be so...and may God do what God often does:
Use our waiting hearts and willing hands for the blessing of
many....**

**Then God's reign will come down---on earth, as it is in
heaven---
and all of God's creation will live in abundance and peace.**
(Source: David Radcliff, New Community Project)

I hope you will enjoy summer's "change of pace". Please remember that some needs are greater in the summer. Sr. Lynn Wagner of the Dubuque Community Food Pantry reminds us that their supplies go down and demands go up in the summer, when children are out of school and away from the school lunch programs. Sr. Lynn will be happy for any donations, and especially welcomes produce from your gardens.

Sister Elizabeth Presseller, DACU Worship Committee Chair, reports that the DACU Worship Brochure, listing Dubuque area churches, is ready for the printer and will be distributed to hotels and the Welcome Center soon. Thanks to all who helped update this!

Our next DACU Delegate's Meeting will be our annual Potluck Picnic on August 24 at Eagle Point Park. Watch the August Newsletter for more information!

One final note: In April we said "goodbye" to former DACU President Ann Barrash who moved to Iowa City. Now we must say farewell to past DACU President Rev. Jerry Oakland, who is leaving St. Luke's United Methodist Church to take a pulpit in western Iowa. We thank them for their service and wish them well in their new homes.

Blessings to all of you,
Phyllis Garfield

Treasury Report

According to the DACU Bylaws, "Dubuque Area Congregations United will be supported financially by the voluntary contributions of its member congregations and institutions, keeping in mind the purposes and needs of the organization." Checks should be made payable to "Dubuque Area Congregations United" and sent to:
Tom Stovall, DACU Treasurer, 3345 Tibey Court, Dubuque IA 52002

	May	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 07
Income	\$ 816.83	\$ 2506.36	\$ 5000.00
Expense	\$ 8.20	\$ 945.29	\$ 5000.00
Net (loss)	\$ 808.63	\$ 1561.07	

Our thanks to the following members who have renewed their financial support to DACU for 2007 during the month of May: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Lord of Life Lutheran Church, St. Raphael's Cathedral Catholic Church, Operation: New View Community Action Agency.

April Board Meeting

- Jim Ott, school psychologist and soccer coach, brought a program to our attention: **Bridges Out Of Poverty**, a

workshop on May 24, 2007 at the Grand River Center from 9 AM to 4 PM.

- Planning for the May DACU delegates' meeting to be held Sinsinawa Mound on May 24, 2007 at 7:00 P.M., on the theme *Purposeful Creation: Creating Community*.
- The board discussed the use of the DACU Mail and E-mail List. It was the consensus that will not be distributed to anyone who asks for it. Rather:
 - o The list will only be used for the DACU Newsletter and to announce upcoming meetings
 - o Delegate information on the list is not public information
 - o The DACU worship services brochure and the Yellow Pages of the phone directory give the information that area churches want to make public.

Reports/Updates/Events

PEOPLE IN NEED (PIN) March and April, 2007

February 28, 2007 Balance \$1004.31

Income: Gifts and contributions \$90.00

Expenses:

March Assists (5) \$812.00
PIN Expenses \$127.36
Total Expenses \$939.36

March 31, 2007 Balance \$154.95

Income:

April gifts \$594.00
Board Contributions \$300.00
Total Income \$894.00

Expenses:

April Assists (5) \$206.31
PIN Expenses \$133.06
Total Expenses \$339.37

April 30, 2007 Balance \$709.58

A Fond Farewell

Former DACU President Jerry Oakland is leaving St. Luke's United Methodist Church to answer a call to Storm Lake UMC. He will be preaching his last sermon in Dubuque on June 17, and hit the road a few days later. He can be contacted until then c/o St. Luke's UMC.

- **Deadline** for Updates/Reports/Events is the first of the month.
- Utilize this opportunity to update us and promote events!
- **Don't forget to let us know if your email-address changes!**

Special thanks to a member of the DACU board for this month's print newsletter mailing.



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