



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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EVENTS

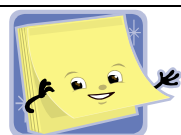
DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT
August 30		Deadline for teams to register for Operation Weatherization (a DACU sponsored project)
September 4	DACU	Crop Walk Recruiter's Rally, Dubuque Rescue Mission, 6:00 PM
September 12	Church Women United	Human Rights Celebration "God's Wisdom Honors Children" Westminster Presbyterian Church; Gathering 9:30 AM, Program 10 AM
September 23		**First DACU Delegates Meeting of the Fall...Delegates Meetings will be on the fourth TUESDAY of each month beginning September 2008***
October 5	St. Raphael's Cathedral	2008 Crop Walk, 1:00 PM
October 25	JFK Mall	Operation Weatherization (www.keepdubuquewarm.org)
		*** You could list your event here! ***

Next DACU Delegates Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, September 23, 2008

LOCATION: First Baptist Church

**PROGRAM: Welcome Back Picnic Supper
Habitat for Humanity Updates**



Mark your calendar now for the NEW TUESDAY SCHEDULE beginning September 23 2008.

(Questions? contact Bob Krayer, 582-5117)

President's Comments

Over the last several months the DACU Board has been discussing how to refocus our mission, how to grow our footprint in the community, and how to better serve those who are falling between the cracks of society. It's been hard work. I can't say we have come any closer to a conclusion either. But the work will continue on.

With the advent of summer both our Board meetings and Delegate meetings will be suspended until September. The first Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 4th. The first Delegate meeting is scheduled for **TUESDAY, September 23rd**. Please note the shift in days for delegate meetings. We are moving from the fourth Thursday to the fourth Tuesday. The move came about because of an informal survey that seemed to suggest that more people can attend on Tuesdays. I hope that will be the case.

That first Tuesday meeting will be held at First Baptist Church. We will have a picnic and proceed to the meeting. Food will be supplied by the host church and we are asking that delegates and guests bring a dessert to share. Representatives from Habitat for Humanity will be there to talk about their plans for the year.

Tentatively we have Jim Ott scheduled for the October program and he will talk about how expensive it is to be poor. No, we don't have a location yet but look for more information in the September newsletter.

There is great power when faith communities link arms to assist the poor. That is why I accepted the call to be president. There is a lot of work that has to be done. We haven't quite gotten a clear idea of what "linking arms" looks like. We can only pray that some day we will get it right. Enjoy the summer and all the opportunities it may bring.
Rev. Timothy Bees, 2008 DACU President

Treasurer's 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: Jenny Manders, DACU Treasurer, P.O. Box 811, Dubuque IA 52004

	April	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 08
Income	\$ 1064.46	\$ 2700.50	\$ 5000.00
Expense	\$ 35.55	\$ 788.49	\$ 5000.00
Net	\$ 1028.91	\$ 1912.01	-0-

As of April 30, 12 Member Congregations have made contributions to DACU for the 2008 Fiscal Year. On behalf of all the DACU projects that will benefit from your generosity, **Thank You!**

May Delegates Meeting

Thirty-eight delegates and friends learned a little about the history of American religious music and enjoyed a sing-along in the newly restored sanctuary at St. Luke's United Methodist Church on Thursday, May 22. Many thanks to Mr. Merrill Crawford (Westminster Presbyterian) for his program and displays and to St. Luke's for their (delicious) hospitality!



...We're looking for "angels" to mail about 30 Newsletters per month to those without email. If you can volunteer for a month please let the Editor know (pgarfie@dbq.edu, 589-0028). Thank You!

Reports/Updates/Events

People In Need (P.I.N.)

All congregations are reminded that all contributions to the work of People In Need (PIN) should be directed to Tom Stovall, our new PIN Treasurer, as follows:

People In Need (PIN)
c/o Tom Stovall, Treasurer
3345 Tibey Court
Dubuque, IA 52002-2849

We are entering the time of year when PIN receives many requests for emergency assistance but also a time when few contributions are received to meet those needs. Donations are urgently needed at this time and are truly appreciated by the PIN Board. The members of the Dubuque religious community are the number one supporters of PIN and our work. Thank you.

Dubuque Food Pantry

We would like to thank all the churches/congregations that continually make donations to the Food Pantry. With summer on the way and school getting out we will be serving a larger number of clients for the next few

months, so our need for food will be greater. One thing that our clients enjoy getting is garden produce. So, if you or someone you know has a garden and it's over producing we would be very glad to get the excess. Please feel free to drop it off at the Food Pantry. Our needs are great and we are grateful for anything you drop off. If you want to concentrate on and do a special collection of just one or two things, here are some suggestions of things we always need: pasta, rice, potatoes, juices, crackers, soup, canned meats, dish and bar soap.

God bless you for being so generous to the Pantry.
Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager

Dubuque Rescue Mission

The Dubuque Rescue Mission is looking for volunteers to help in the Mission Thrift Store and the new Mission Organic Garden. Call the Mission at **583-1394** and ask for Rick.

Crop Walk 2008

Crop Walk organizer Maryann LoGuidice announces that the 2008 Dubuque Crop Walk will be **Sunday, October 5 at 1:00 PM** at St. Raphael's Cathedral. The Recruiter's Rally will be on **Thursday, September 4 at 6:00 PM** at the Dubuque Rescue Mission. Admission for the Recruiter's Rally is jar(s) of peanut butter; admission for the Crop Walk is jar(s) of jelly, all to be donated to the Food Pantry. The theme of this year's Crop Walk will be "Putting Your Faith in Action".

Last year there were over 250 walkers representing 23 faith communities and \$15,360 was raised. This year more colleges are getting active and Maryann is working on grants from Thrivenet Financial, ELCA and local corporations. Corporate sponsors include HyVee Foods, Swiss Valley Farms; Julian's Journal, Telegraph Herald, and Cumulus Broadcasting. If your congregations wishes a personal presentation just contact Maryann at 608-248-2305, cell 563.564.5112, or email maryannu@fastmail.fm Presentations would be good in September....please make your reservations early!

Remember...you can view all DACU Newsletters on our Website at www.DACUonline.org

Community Announcements

The Iowa Resource for International Service (IRIS) is seeking host families for international students so they can attend high school in Dubuque this year. IRIS brings Nigerian and Tanzanian high school students 15-17 years old, to stay in Iowa communities for 10 months to attend high school and participate in the community. IRIS looking for host families willing to host for next school year in several Iowa communities and they are hoping to place three in Dubuque. For more information contact Chantal Roberts at chantal@iris-center.org, office phone (515) 292-7103.

Rockdale Selling Brats at Sams!

Rockdale United Methodist Church members will be selling brats at Sams' Club Friday through Sunday, June 20, 21, and 22nd. Proceeds will go to Mission camps for adults and youth, as well as other mission projects for the year.

Events at Sinsinawa Mound

Summer Organ Concert Recitals

Every Wednesday evening throughout the summer (June, July, and August), the Sinsinawa Mound Outreach Music Department hosts organ recitals performed by guest musicians in Queen of the Holy Rosary Chapel at Sinsinawa Mound. The Summer Organ Concert Recital series is free and open to the public, beginning at 7 p.m. Look for a complete listing of organists and their scheduled recital dates on the **Center Events** page at www.sinsinawa.org.

The **Sinsinawa Mound Art Gallery** will host the 3rd annual Sinsinawa Mound Heritage Art Exhibit, *Faces and Places: Portraits and Landscapes from the Motherhouse Collection*, from June 4 through Aug. 10. Visitors will see a multi-media exhibit of Sinsinawa Mound heritage collection art works and artifacts. More information at on the website at www.sinsinawa.org.

Shalom Events for May

(All Events take place at the Shalom Retreat Center, 1001 Davis St., Dubuque.)

June 15 - 20: Retreat: "Like the Air We Breathe: An Approach to the Spiritual Life" directed by Albert Haase, O.F.M. Early-bird discount if registered by May 15

June 21: Retreat Day: "The History of Christian Spirituality" by Albert Haase, O.F.M. Reg by June 18

June 29-July 5: EcoSpirituality Retreat: "In Communion with All of Creation" directed by Lucy Slinger FSPA, Reg deadline: June 24.

June 29 - July 6: Wholeness/Holiness Retreat for Women by Margie Hosch OSF & Connie Fahey FSM. Reg. deadline: June 23.

July 6 - July 13: Silent Directed Retreat. Directors: Fr. James Starbuck, Bernie Dansart, Margaret Jungers OSF, Dorothy Schwendinger OSF. Reg. deadline: June 30.

July 19: Learning to Hang on by a Hare: A Day of Reflection by Gerarda Lahey Keppler. Reg & fee by July 15.

August 9: Finding Hope Through the Grace of God Retreat Day by Fran & Marilyn Riley. Reg & fee by Aug. 4.

August 14: Clare of Assisi: A Miracle for All Ages Retreat Day by Margaret Jungers OSF & Eileen Miller OSF Reg & fee by Aug. 11.

For more information regarding these programs/retreats, call Karen Knepper at Shalom at 563/582-3592 or send e-mail to: kknepper@shalomretreats.org or visit our new web site at: <http://www.shalomretreats.org>.



The DACU newsletter is taking a summer holiday! Deadline for items to be included in the next newsletter is September 1.



DACU is a sponsor of THE DUBUQUE WEATHERIZATION CHALLENGE 2008

www.keepdubuquewarm.org

"KEEP THE WEATHER OUTSIDE"

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2008

On Saturday, October 25th, volunteer weatherization teams will spread out across the Dubuque community in a one-day blitz to perform energy saving measures on the homes of their elderly, disabled and low-income neighbors. The goal of this second annual event is to provide over 100 homes with simple weatherization measures such as caulking, weather-stripping, window plastic, door sweeps, furnace filters and other energy-saving techniques. This will reduce energy consumption and save money on heating bills.

Dubuque Area Congregations United (DACU) is one of the official sponsors of this event and encourages all congregations to join in this important community outreach effort. Several congregations took part in last year's event as 340 volunteers weatherized 96 homes. We hope to have even more congregations participate this year to show the power and caring spirit of our local religious community.

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

1. **Recruit one or more volunteer teams** to do the weatherization work on October 25th. Each team consists of 6 volunteers and will be asked to weatherize 2 homes that day. The work does not require a lot of skill and all materials will be provided to complete the job.
2. **Assist in identifying and referring households** that could really use the weatherization services being provided. Again, the target homes are those of elderly, disabled and low-income neighbors. The planning committee will follow up with all homeowners referred by congregations.
3. **Donate funds** to assist with purchasing all of the weatherization supplies that will be required to weatherize 100 homes. This includes caulking, weather-stripping, door sweeps, window plastic, furnace filters and other items. It will cost approximately \$50 per home to provide the service.

Complete details on the Dubuque Weatherization Challenge 2008, including Team Signup Forms and Homeowner Referral Forms, can be found on our special event website at:

www.keepdubuquewarm.org



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