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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
These are just a few of the events sponsored by our DACU congregations and associates. Turn the page to learn more!		
June, July, August	Sinsinawa Mound	Summer Organ Recitals, every Wednesday at 7:00 PM in Queen of the Holy Rosary Chapel, admission free.
June 23	First Baptist Church	Human Trafficking Presentation, NightLight International 7:00 PM
August 24	DACU	DACU Delegates' Family Potluck Picnic, Arboretum, 6:00 PM
August 26	CROP WALK	CROP Walk Recruiter's Rally, 6:00 PM, Dubuque Rescue Mission
September 7	Dubuque Ministerium	12:00 Noon, Dubuque Rescue Mission
October 3	CROP WALK	1:00 PM, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1755 Delhi



"DACU", a Community of Servants

Next DACU Delgates' Meeting

Tuesday, August 24, 2010

Packard Amphitheater
Dubuque Arboretum
3800 Arboretum Drive
(Follow the signs from JFK Road & W 32nd St.)
Gather 5:30; Dinner 6:00 PM

DACU Delegates Family Potluck Picnic

Please bring a dish to share that would feed your party plus 8 others. Drinks and paper goods will be provided.

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

A Note from the Editor...

Summer in Dubuque ...festivals, gardening, summer schedules.....and not much news! But please read on and hear about some important opportunities to get involved in your community and to learn about some great programs you might not have heard of. As delegates, please share this information with your congregations. If you know of anyone else who should receive the newsletter, let me know. There will not be a July Newsletter but the August Newsletter will come out in late July/early August and will contain information about our Autumn DACU meeting schedule and other great plans. If you have anything from your congregation or your organization to share, please email me!

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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."

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 Board Report

The June Board Meeting included discussions of the spring worship service and suggestions for other formats, plus plans for the coming year. There was no finance report. There will be no June or August Board meetings.

DACU Projects

People In Need (P.I.N.)

Our friends and neighbors in Dubuque have been very generous this month. Gifts to PIN are up once again. And so is the need. As our local economy worsens, there are many who find that they are at their last lead. Nowhere to turn. This is where PIN comes in.

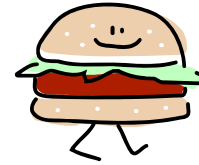
We don't give money to people; we assist people in the paying of their rent, electric, gas and water bills. The process starts with a referral from a DACU member congregation or associate member. We take it from there.

Do you know of anyone who has fallen through the cracks? If so, please contact your congregational leader and ask that they give us a call with a referral. Our telephone number, it is a new one, is: **581-7995**. Once again, we work through referrals, not directly with people requesting the funds. Once again, thank you for your help and concern.

Alan Garfield, Chair of PIN



Remember:
New P.I.N. Phone Number:
581-7995



The Dubuque Rescue Mission is in need of five pound cans of coffee and ground beef (hamburger); thanks for donating!

(Rick Mihm, Director)



Dubuque Food Pantry

We would like to thank all those who continue to support the Food Pantry with monetary donations and those that drop off food items.

Project: We are in need of boxes, again. The best sizes are those like reams of paper come in, or fruit boxes that apples/oranges come in at the grocery store. We hope to round up about 500 of them to use for our Christmas Baskets. *It's never too early to start collecting! Christmas is just around the corner.*

Garden Produce: As your garden begins producing please keep the Food Pantry in mind. We would gladly take any extras you might have. Just drop off your garden produce between 10:00-3:30.m. on Mon., Wed., & Fri.; Tues. 8:30-noon.

We thank those that have already dropped off rhubarb, strawberries and onions. What a treat!

Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager

DACU Community

CROP Walk

2010 Theme: "Enough for All"

The 2010 Crop Walk (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) will be Sunday, October 3rd at 1:00 p.m. The host church this year is Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (1755 Delhi). Please also bring jars of peanut butter for the Food Pantry.

The Crop Walk Recruiter's Rally will be Thursday August 26 at 6:00 PM at the Dubuque Rescue Mission.

Unitarian Universalist minister, Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed says so beautifully what the DACU community is about: *"The religious community is essential, for alone our vision is too narrow to see all that must be seen.*

Together, our vision widens and strength is renewed."

Come and be part of this yearly event. Maryann LoGuidice, Coordinator, maryannu@fastmail.fm,

608-348-2305

First Baptist Church

On **Wednesday June 23, 7:00 PM**, the First Baptist Church (2143 Judson Dr.) will host **Annie and Jeff Dieselberg** in a presentation on their work in Bangkok, Thailand with NightLight International.

NightLight is an international organization committed to addressing the complex issues surrounding human trafficking and prostitution. Nightlight's mission in Bangkok is to offer intervention to sexually exploited women and children. The Dieselbergs will share how NightLight is building relationships and provides hope, intervention, rescue and assistance to women and children exploited in the sex industry by offering alternative employment, vocational opportunities, life-skills training and physical, emotional and spiritual development to women seeking freedom.

Jewelry made by the rescued women, created from semi-precious stones and metals will be for sale during this event as well. Refreshments will be served following the presentation.

The public is invited, no admission charge. A free-will offering to support the Dieselberg's work will be collected. For additional information please contact Linda Chapman (lindalouise63@yahoo.com, 556-2115) or visit the NightLight website, <http://nightlightinternational.com>

Habitat for Humanity

A Brush with Kindness (ABWK) is Habitat's house-preservation initiative that focuses on minor repairs, painting, weather-stripping and landscaping. It is part of Habitat's broader Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative that will enable affiliates to offer a wider variety of construction services using the Habitat model.

It allows us to serve a different population than currently served, yet follows the same basic tenets for eligibility (need, ability to pay, willingness to partner). It is a direct fit with Habitat's strategic plan to exponentially increase the number of families served annually.

A Brush with Kindness uses volunteers, donated materials and no interest loans to make repairs affordable, helping low-income homeowners continue to live independently and securely in their homes. Groups of 10-20 volunteers work alongside the homeowner to revitalize a home's exterior. Team leaders make the experience of helping others a positive one.

ABWK is a holistic approach, which assists communities as well as families. It revitalizes the appearance of the neighborhood, strengthens connections within the community, and most importantly, helps preserve and create affordable housing stock.

If you know of someone that could use this service or you want to volunteer to help contact Elaine Mitchell diettou@gmail.com for more information.

Shalom Retreat Center

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

1001 Davis St., Dubuque, IA 52001

SUMMER RETREATS AT SHALOM

- **Dancing with God** June 28 - July 3, Director: Charles Wehrley CSsR, Offering: \$300. Early Bird: \$285 if \$50 deposit is received by May 28.
- **The Mirror of My Unseen Face:** Using the Parables as a Map for Our Spiritual Journey. July 4 -11, Director: Nancy Schreck OSF, Offering: \$400. Early Bird: \$375 if \$50 deposit is received by June 4.

For more information or to register, call Karen Knepper at 563/582-3592, send e-mail to: kknepper@shalomretreats.org or visit our web site at: www.shalomretreats.org Shalom Retreat Center, 1001 Davis St., Dubuque, IA 52001.

NOTE: 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.

Sinsinawa Mound

Summer Organ Concert Recitals (June, July, August):

Every Wednesday evening throughout the summer, the Sinsinawa Mound Outreach Music Department hosts organ recitals performed by guest musicians. The free concerts are held in Queen of the Holy Rosary Chapel on the Casavant pipe organ. Concerts begin at 7:00 PM.

For more information contact Sr. Marie Juan Maney, OP at (608) 748-4411, ext. 807 or visit our Web site at www.sinsinawa.org.

Sinsinawa Mound, the Motherhouse for the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters, is located in southwest Wisconsin on County Road Z, off Highway 11, about five miles northeast of Dubuque.

Community News



It is closet cleaning time again!!!

The City of Dubuque's Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program works with very low income families to help teach them the skills they need to be free of all welfare benefits and to become economically independent.

You can help our families achieve their goals. The FSS participants are in need of **clean**, ready to wear clothing. Clothing should be appropriate to wear for job searching and interviewing. All sizes of men's and women's clothing, shoes and accessories are needed. Wire hangers would also be appreciated.

Donations may be dropped off at the Housing & CD Department at 350 West 6th Street Ste 312 or call 589-4230 to schedule a large pick up. Donations will be accepted from June 21- July 16, 2010.

Thank you for your continued support of the Family Self Sufficiency Program and the Road to Success. If you have any questions, please call Carroll at 589-4230 or e-mail at cclark@cityofdubuque.org.

VOLUNTEER NEEDS FOR ROAD TO SUCCESS-2010

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED THE DAY OF THE EVENT JULY 26 FROM 3:00 – 7:30 PM (PARTIAL SHIFTS ARE AVAILABLE). The number of volunteers I have listed is how many volunteers we need per hour. Possible shifts include 3:00-5:30 pm and then 5:30-7:30pm.

SIGN IN AREA (1 VOLUNTEER)

Greet participants; have them sign in, hand out agendas, etc...

PREPARING FOR YOUR INTERVIEW (2-3 VOLUNTEERS)

Look at client's current dress & discuss appropriateness for an interview, touch on proper grooming, mentally preparing for an interview, etc...

MOCK INTERVIEWS (10-12 VOLUNTEERS)

Need 5-6 people to perform mock interviews (would prefer some experience with performing interviews) and 5-6 to

critique/provide feedback; we have a form that will be used for providing feedback and scoring the interview

CLOTHING GIVE AWAY (2-3 VOLUNTEERS)

Help clients pick out and coordinate donated clothing. We are looking for outfits that are appropriate for interviews/work. Be prepared to discuss appropriateness in regards to work requirements and also in regards to body shape/size.

WRAP UP (1-2 VOLUNTEERS)

Hand out survey, distribute door prize tickets, and hand out certificate of attendance

FLOATERS & RUNNERS (4-6 VOLUNTEERS)

Help out wherever needed at the time, will also show people to the interview room and introduce them to the interviewers

WE ALSO NEED HELP WITH:

SORT AND HANG CLOTHES-JULY 19TH AND 20TH 9 - 11AM and 1:30-4:00PM

We need lots of hands to sort out, hang up and organize the donated clothing. This will be done in the Federal Building on the 2nd floor

SET UP – MONDAY, JULY 26 9:00 – 11:00 AM and 1:00 - 5:00 PM

We need a few hands (2-5 would be great) these volunteers would be needed to set up tables and booths. We may still need people to finish sorting and setting up clothing also. Again-the more hands the merrier.

CLEAN UP – TUESDAY JULY 27TH 9:00AM - 12:00PM

We need many hands to help with this part. We will be taking down tables, loading extra clothes into vehicles and then hauled to St. Johns clothes closet, light clean up (sweep, wipe off tables, etc...), take down signs, etc...

ALL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE AT PRESCOTT SCHOOL (UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE)

The Road to Success really is an awesome opportunity for the clients, but it is also a good opportunity for city employees to meet the clients and see how hard they work toward financial self sufficiency. We appreciate any and all help that we receive. It takes the work of a lot of people to continue to host the best Road to Success Event possible. Wouldn't you like to be a part of something wonderful?!

Contact Carroll Clark at 589-4230 or at cclark@cityofdubuque.org to sign up to help or with questions, comments or suggestions

Update on Bridges Out of Poverty

The Bridges Initiative has graduated two more groups of Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World classes for a total of 99 in the Dubuque community. The graduation was open to the public and was a huge success. During the graduation we also unveiled our newest initiative to sustain the changes the graduates make in their lives: **Circles**. **Circles** is an innovative program, based on research that suggests that building social relationships

and networks is crucial to allowing families with low income to improve their situation.

For a brochure that explains a bit about the **Circles Initiative** and our need to realize this action plan, or for the updated **Getting Ahead Brochure** and our timeline for the next round of class (beginning August 4th, 2010), please email our office (gettingaheadbq@live.com). We are always in need of community support, so even if all you can do is spread the word, it is highly appreciated.

We would like to remind you that the Bridges Team is always willing to answer any questions and even go into your place of employment or worship and present an overview of the Bridges concepts. We hope that you have found ways to use the Bridges concepts that have benefited your lives and the lives of others.

We would like to thank all of you for participating in our training and supporting us through this journey of ending poverty in our community.

Ermina Soler, AmeriCorps Volunteer
Bridges Initiative's Internal Working Team



Dubuque's United Nations International Day of Peace 2010
"Creating a Culture of Peace"
September 21, 2010

Peace lies at the heart of each individual, all families, communities, territories, and nations. Peace is the dream we hope and strive for. It is possible to see a world turn from violent to nonviolent solutions within our lifetimes. A group of Dubuque-area residents invites all to create a culture of peace by participating in a city-wide celebration of the United Nations International Day of Peace on Tuesday, September 21, 2010. Since its 1981 inception, the Peace Day has marked humanity's personal and planetary progress toward peace. The celebration has grown to include millions of people in all parts of the world through events ranging in scale from private gatherings to public events with wide attendance. Please join us in promoting a collective commemoration of the day in the Dubuque area, gathering around the theme of **Creating a Culture of Peace**.

The speaker will be Ken Butigan:

Topic for Tuesday: Everyone a Peacemaker: Unleashing the Power of Nonviolent Change in Our Lives, Our Communities, and Our World.

Topic for Sunday: Conflict Transformation in Families (for a multi-generational audience with age-appropriate break-out times).

Topic for Monday and Tuesday: "Can We Get a Little Peace Around Here?": We're All Part of the Solution to Violence (for high schools and colleges)

Coming Soon:

--Sample prayer services for congregations to use that day and religious education resources adaptable for differing age levels, including a list of books, videos and the like.

--In-service workshops for congregations and other group leaders on how to use and adapt the resources to their individual settings

Please mark your calendars and speak with those in charge of programming at your congregations about considering dedicating the service and/or religious education preceding September 21 to peace.

For more information, contact Dr. Evelyn Nadeau at Evelyn.Nadeau@clarke.edu. We welcome ideas and input from congregations, as well as participation on committees!

The annual update of the DACU Worship Brochure is finished and 1,000 copies are being printed and distributed to local hotels, hospitals, and the Visitor's Center. It will also be available on the DACU Website. Thanks to everyone who helped with information!



Don't forget to support St. Mark Community Center's annual "Apples for Kids" collection. Just send a check to SMCC and they'll purchase school supplies in bulk to help Dubuque's neediest kids get a great start in school this fall.





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