



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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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!		
September 8	Dubuque Ministerium	Newly Re-organized Ministerium (Revs. Ken Bickel and Merlin Schlichting presiding) meets at First Congregational UCC Church, noon.
September 11	Church Women United	2009 Human Rights Celebration, refreshments at 9:30, program at 10:00 A.M., Rockdale United Methodist Church, 1500 Old Mill Rd.
September 22	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting, St. Mark Community Center, 7:00 PM.
October 4	CROP	CROP Walk 1:00 PM St. Raphael's Cathedral
October 20	DACU	Team Leader Meeting for 2009 Dubuque Weatherization Challenge, Time and location TBA
October 24	DACU	2009 Dubuque Weatherization Challenge, starting at 8:00 a.m at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2155 University Avenue
October 27	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting, Temple Beth El, 7:00 PM.
November 25	DACU	27 th Annual DACU Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve. Worship Service Church of the Resurrection, 7:00 PM.



"DACU", a Community of Servants

Next DACU Delgates' Meeting

Tuesday, September 22, 2009

**St. Mark Community Center
1201 Locust St.**

7:00 P.M.

**Program: St. Mark Programs; Crop Walk
Update; Weatherization Challenge Update**

Remember to bring your donations of non-perishable food items for the Dubuque Food Pantry!
(Remember that pet food, toilet paper, and cleaning supplies are also appreciated!)

President's Note

Thanks to all who participated in the DACU Delegates Picnic at the Arboretum. It was a wonderful evening with 46 people in attendance. The Ott Family Minstrels did a great job with our musical entertainment. Don't miss our September DACU meeting to learn about what's been happening at St. Mark Community Center!

Tom Stovall, 2009 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."

Editor's Note: As of publication time, there was not a Treasurer's Report for August.

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

People In Need (P.I.N.)

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

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

The PIN Board consists of: Alan Garfield, Barb Featherston, Fr. Jack Paisley, Sr. Sara McAlpin, Tom Stovall, Nea Huggins and Michelle Watters.

Dubuque Food Pantry

A big thank you to those who have donated garden produce to the Pantry this summer. A real treat!! It's been great having fresh tomatoes, potatoes, cucumbers, peppers, etc....If you or someone you know has extra garden goodies we would be more than happy to have them. Please drop them off Mon., Wed. or Fri. between 11:00a.m.-3:30p.m.

We continue looking for boxes to place our clients' orders in. The ideal box would be about the size of those that reams of paper come in or oranges and apples. Anything larger gets too heavy for people to carry. Do you know someone who works at a grocery store and would be willing to drop these boxes off at the Pantry? We will be looking for lots of these boxes in the next few months to use for Christmas. Thank you for your continued support.

Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager

Thanks for your continuing support of the **Dubuque Rescue Mission** (Rick Mihm, Director).

DACU Associates

Church Women United

The 2009 Human Rights Celebration, sponsored by Church Women United, will be held on Friday morning, Sept. 11, at Rockdale United Methodist Church, 1500 Old Mill Rd. Refreshments will be served beginning at 9:30. The program will begin at 10 o'clock. The program theme is "Seeking Shalom" and will feature presentations by Richard Fischer, of Dubuque Peace and Justice; Friendship Force of Dubuque; and Sr. Charla Buklo, of "New Beginnings", the Y's Domestic Violence Shelter. Sr. Charla will be presented the Human Rights Award. All community members are invited to attend.

CROP Walk 2009

Dubuque Rescue Mission
Annual Walk - Sunday, October 4, 1:00 p.m.
St. Raphael's Cathedral
Theme: Put your speech in truth and action!

Of what value are religious scriptures, scrolls, tapestries, regalia, houses of worship, chanting, rituals, meditation, fasting, slogans, missionaries, donations and sermons, IF they do not produce useful reactions of people to people!

As the biblical scripture of 1 John 3:18 says...let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. The purpose of the Walk is to promote awareness of the critical problems facing those in need in this community and around the world,

to foster better understanding, and to provide a faith-based context for those in need, here in Dubuque and around the world. Remember, **twenty-five percent** stays right here to assist the Dubuque Rescue Mission; People In Need; and the Dubuque Food Pantry.

This year's corporate sponsors are: HyVee Foods; Swiss Valley Farms; Cumulus Broadcasting; Julien's Journal and McDonald's. The walk is supported by Dubuque Area Congregations United. Please bring to the walk in addition to your generous pledge: Boxes of pasta and spaghetti sauce to be donated to the Dubuque Food Pantry.

Come and put your speech in truth and action on Sunday, October 4, 2009- 1:00 p.m.

Maryann LoGuidice, Coordinator.

Habitat for Humanity

The Habitat House on Roosevelt Street is on schedule with a completion date of late October-early November when the family will be moving in. Tools or money for tools to help build Habitat houses now and in the future is still needed. If you are interested in helping with this need, please contact Elaine Mitchell at 563-581-5919 or 563-588-1691 or diettou@gmail.com Any help would be appreciated.

Habitat for Humanity will be having an auction of new and used building materials. These are items that have been collected for a number of years. The auction will be held September 12, starting at 10:00 a.m, at a warehouse located at 460 E. 18th Street (next to Eagle Country Supermarket) This is an opportunity to find items that you might need at a reasonable price and also help the Habitat cause. For further information contact Elaine Mitchell Church Relation Chair for Habitat for Humanity, or the Habitat office at: habitat@habitatdubuque.org

Community Announcements

Shalom Retreat Center

DAYS OF QUIET & PRAYER (4-session series) Wednesdays, Sept. 16, Oct. 14, Nov. 18, Dec. 16 9:15am-cont. breakfast; 9:30am – 2:30pmFacilitator: Margaret Jungers OSF Book: *Living The Lord's Prayer* by Albert Haase, OFM Topics range from our view of God to our most intimate human relationships to how we treat the world around us and the people in it. Also, how we conceive of God, and what happens when we encounter God. *Offering: \$75 – includes book, program, materials, meal & private room. Register/prepay by Sept. 8.*

JAPANESE TEMARI BALLS: Classes in Making This Ancient Oriental Folk Art Instructor: Geri Eitter Tuesdays, Sept. 15 & 22, 6:30 – 9:30pm Learn a new craft! The creating of this unique Oriental folk art is spreading all over the world. *Offering: \$30. Includes both sessions and all materials. Register/prepay by Sept. 11.*

TAI CHI (6-session series) Thursdays, Sept. 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 9:30 – 10:15am Margaret Jungers OSF, *Capacitar Trained Educator For beginners and practicing learners, includes breath exercise, progressive relaxation, and focusing with a phrase from Scripture. Offering: \$45. Register/prepay by Sept. 15.*

AN ITALIAN FEAST FOR BODY & SOUL: St. Francis and Four Ladies Thursday, Sept. 17, 6:30 – 8:30pm Presenters: Theresa Deutsch, Kay Gaul OSF, Mary Stephany, Dolores Ullrich OSF, Vince VandenHeuvel

Enjoy a wonderful meal of traditional Italian cuisine followed by a lighthearted program about St. Francis' relationships with Lady Pica (his mother), Lady Jacoba (his friend), Lady Clare (his sister in spirit), and "Lady Poverty" (his companion in life). Offering: \$20. Register/prepay by Sept. 14.

CENTERING PRAYER Mondays, Sept. 21, 7:00 – 8:00pm
Facilitator: Marilyn Dansart Join others in quiet, meditative prayer and discussion. Registration not required. Free will offering.

FALL BREAKFAST: Autumn Is Delicious! Tuesday, Sept. 22, 7:00 – 8:00am, Mass at 8:15am Presenters: Margaret Wick OSF and Phyllis Manternach OSF Come experience simultaneous autumns through photography and reflection on this season that is such a magnificent expression of abundance and transformation. Offering: \$8. Register/prepay by Sept. 18.

SHALOM'S ANNUAL EVENING FOR PEACE: Wisdom... Then to Now... Tuesday, Sept. 29, 6:30 – 9:00pm
Presenters: Carol Hemesath OSF & Tri-State Area Musicians Enjoy a tasty dinner followed a program of music and word which will connect us to wisdom gleaned from the people of the Great Depression and to what the nearly 80 intervening years have taught us about coping, thriving and supporting one another. Offering: \$20. Register/prepay by Sept. 25.

CONSIDER THE GOSPEL OF MARK... A Six Session Series Thursdays, Oct. 1, 15, Nov. 5, 19, Dec. 3, 17; 2:00 – 3:00pm
Facilitator: Eileen Miller OSF, Shalom Program Coordinator The series will focus on the Gospel of Mark, the earliest of the four gospels and the first written account that focuses on Jesus: who he was and what he did. Some background will be given regarding the time, place and culture in which the gospel stories and the writing of them took place. After reading the entire Gospel of Mark, participants will be invited to discuss it as one story. Finally, the group will study, reflect upon and do some faith-sharing on shorter segments or "readings" from the Gospel.
Offering: \$40/includes all six sessions. Register/prepay by Monday, Sept. 28.

Widening the Space of Our Tents Monday, Oct. 5, 7:00 – 8:30pm
Presenter: Nancy Schreck OSF, President, Sisters of St. Francis, D.M. Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, CA This evening reflection will focus on the spiritual richness and critical need for Inter-religious dialog as a way to peace in our world.
Offering: \$8. Register/prepay by Friday, Oct. 2.

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.

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.

Sinsinawa Mound

Pottery, Paintings in Mound Gallery

Aug. 11 through Sept. 30, the Sinsinawa Book & Gift Gallery will exhibit Figure and Function: Paintings by Kate Eshelman and Pottery by Paul Eshelman. Visitors may view the shows from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Paul Eshelman, Elizabeth, Ill., creates functional pottery pieces that combine elegant function and visual interest. He uses red clay, leaving a portion of the piece unglazed to create visual and tactile interest.

Kate Eshelman, Paul's daughter-in-law, will display her paintings. She says, "The use of ink and transparent wash

lends my drawings an ethereal quality, which captures the elusiveness of memory, imagination and longing."

A Circle of Drums: The Rhythms of Life - Saturday, Sept. 12, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Explore the rhythms you feel within and around you at "A Circle of Drums: The Rhythms of Life." Leader Bill Kehl will be at Sinsinawa Mound for his popular drumming retreat Sept. 12. Kehl, a former member of the popular eclectic folk/acoustic group Northern Lights, will provide a variety of drums on which you will delve into the background of the human rhythmic experience and explore uses of drumming in various cultures.

The retreat will provide an interactive and hands-on opportunity to learn firsthand about the power and joy of group rhythmic dynamics and help encourage strong confidence when participating in rhythmic activities.

Registration deadline is Sept. 5, and there is a fee. To register or for more information, contact Guest Services at (608) 748-4411.

Sheila Heim, Director of Outreach, Sinsinawa Mound
608-748-4411, ext. 869

Healing Moments™ Alzheimer's Ministry & The Alzheimer's Association, Greater Iowa Chapter, Dubuque Office Announce:

A UNIQUE TRAINING PROGRAM TO ENHANCE THE LIVES OF PERSONS WITH ALZHEIMER'S AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2009

WHO? Church staff and volunteers involved in pastoral care for congregations of all faiths within Dubuque County

WHAT? Are invited to attend: *Meeting the Mystery of Alzheimer's: A Training for Pastoral Volunteers, Parish Nurses, Pastoral Care Staff, and Pastoral Ministers*

WHEN? Saturday, November 7, 2009 – 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM; Registration begins at 9 AM.

WHERE? Location to be determined

WHY? Learn to Celebrate the Beauty of Living in the Moment with loved ones and members of our faith communities who have Alzheimer's.

EDUCATORS: Rev. Jade Angelica, MDiv., DMin. Candidate; Amy Ressler, MFA; Mary McNally, Program Manager, Alzheimer's Association

QUESTIONS? Please contact Rev. Jade Angelica, Director of Healing Moments™ at 563-582-4724.

This is a Fragrance Free Event. This program is funded in part through a grant from the Unitarian Universalist Funding Panel, Boston, MA

The annual update of the DACU Worship Brochure, which we distribute to local hotels and hospitals, is finished. To view the new brochure, go to www.DACUonline.org

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

Do you have items for the DACU Newsletter? Just email Phyllis Garfield at phyllisgarfield@hotmail.com. (We appreciate brief, ready-to-print information!)

Volunteers needed for the Dubuque Area Weatherization Challenge

On Saturday, October 24, 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 or disabled neighbors. Teams will provide simple weatherization measures such as caulking, weather-stripping, window plastic, door sweeps and other insulating techniques. All materials are provided. The service is FREE for homeowners.

Dubuque Area Congregations United (DACU) is one of the official sponsors of this event and is encouraging all congregations to participate.

There is no cost to participate. The tasks are easy but they will make a positive difference for the homeowner in comfort and reduced energy bills. You don't need to be skilled. Just have a willingness to help others. Training is provided for those who are interested.

There are a number of ways to participate:

- 1) Recruit a six-member team from your church. **Register on-line at www.thonline.com/weatherization.** Please register by August 1, if at all possible so that we can determine the number of households we can serve.
- 2) Help identify and refer households. They should be homeowners who are either elderly, handicapped, disabled or otherwise unable to do these things for themselves.
- 3) Volunteer to help with set up and clean up on the day of the event.

For more details contact Laura Roussell at Black Hills Energy at 585-4022 or by email at laura.roussell@blackhillscorp.com. You can also visit the website www.thonline.com/weatherization

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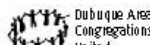
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