

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!						
August 25	DACU	DACU Delegates' Meeting and Annual Delegates' Potluck Picnic at the				
		Dubuque Arboretum, 3800 Arboretum Drive. 6:00 PM.				
August 30	DACU	Team signups due for 2009 Dubuque Weatherization Challenge,				
		Signup at <u>www.thonline.com/weatherization</u>				
September 3	CROP	Crop Walk Rally 6:00 PM Dubuque Rescue Mission				
September 8	Dubuque	Newly Re-organized Ministerium (Revs. Ken Bickel and Merlin				
	Ministerium	Schlichting presiding) meets at First Congregational UCC Church, noon.				
September 11	Church Women	2009 Human Rights Celebration, refreshments at 9:30, program at				
	United	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 EI, 7:00 PM.				
November 25	ovember 25 DACU 27 th Annual DACU Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve. Worship Sei					
		Church of the Resurrection, 7:00 PM.				



"DACU", a Community of Servants

Next DACU Delgates' Meeting

Tuesday, August 25, 2009

Our Annual DACU Delegates Family Potluck Picnic!

Packard Amphitheater at the Dubuque Arboretum 3800 Arboretum Drive (Follow the signs from JFK Road & W 32nd St.) 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

- *Please bring a dish to share that would feed your party plus 8 others.
- *Drinks and paper goods will be provided.
- *The program will include updates on our upcoming Crop Walk and the 2009 Weatherization Challenge, PLUS musical entertainment.

NOTE: We need a few volunteers who can come at 4:30 PM to set up tables... call Tom Stovall if you can help!



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."

	July		YEAR TO DATE		BUDGET 09	
Income	\$	140.05	\$	5,362.34	\$	4,700.00
Expense	\$	124.34	\$	4,785.05	\$	4,700.00
Net	\$	\$15.71	\$	577.29		-0-

As of July 31, 2009, 22 Member Congregations and two Associate Members have made contributions to DACU for the 2009 Fiscal Year:

Member Congregations:

Center Grove United Methodist Church (MAY)

Church of the Nativity (MAY)

Church of the Resurrection (MAY)

Dubuque Friends Worship (JUL)

First Congregational UCC (MAR)

First Baptist Church (APR)

Grandview Methodist Church (APR)

Holy Spirit Pastorate (APR)

Holy Trinity Lutheran (MAR)

Immanuel Congregational UCC (FEB)

Lord of Life Lutheran (MAY)

Mount St. Francis (APR)

Sinsinawa Dominican (FEB)

St. Columbkille (MAR)

St. Joseph's the Worker (APR)

St. John's Episcopal (APR)

St John's Lutheran (APR) (JUL)

St. Matthew Lutheran (JUL)

St. Peter Lutheran (MAR)

St. Raphael's Church (APR)

Sisters of the Presentation (APR)

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (APR)

Associate Members:

Church Women United, Dubuque Area (APR) Operation New View (MAY)

Thank You For Your Contributions to DACU!

Note: The low balance reflects the distribution of funds (\$1,200 each) to DACU projects (PIN, Food Pantry, and the Rescue Mission) in June, as voted by the Board. This is a time of great need for each of them. Please help us to support our DACU projects! Checks should be made payable to "Dubuque Area Congregations United" and sent

DACU Treasurer, to:

> P.O. Box 811, Dubuque IA 52004 Jenny Manders, DACU Treasurer

People In Need (D.I.N.)

PIN volunteers are currently sending out letters to contributors asking for continued support. The funds received from DACU in June (\$1,200) were spent and the need continues!

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

Thank you to all the congregations/churches that have donated to the Food Pantry this summer. The donations have kept our shelves full. If you church or an organization in your church is looking for a summer project we are always in need of cleaning supplies and soaps to hand out. Any type of cleaning supply is great and the soap could be dish, laundry or face soap. People cannot purchase these items with food stamps, so non-food items are always in demand.

A big thank you to those who have donated garden produce to the Pantry. A real treat!! If you or someone you know has extra garden goodies we would more than happy to have them. Please drop them off Mon., Wed. or Fri. between 11:00-3:30p.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 than that gets to heavy for people to carry.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager

Thanks for your continuing support of the **Dubuque** Rescue Mission (Rick Mihm, Director). There is currently a need for twin-size beds for use at the Mission. Call Rick if you can help!

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

2009 Annual Crop Walk - Rally - Thursday, September 3, 2009 - 6:00 p.m. **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

Habitat for Humanity is building a house in Dubuque which is in progress right now. The need for money for tools for that build and future builds is great. The total needed is \$1200. We are trying to see if any of the congregations would donate in any amount to help raise the needed funds. Checks are to be made out to Habitat for Humanity, earmarked for tools. Send your donations to: 2790 Ethel Avenue Dubuque, Iowa 52001 If there are any questions contact Elaine Mitchell 581 -5919, DACU representative for Habitat and Church Relations Chair for the Habitat Board.

Community Announcements

Shalom Retreat Center

TAIZE PRAYER: "Discipleship" Thursday, Sept. 3, 7:30 – 8:30pm, Shalom Chapel People of all faiths welcome. Registration not required.

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.

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

Sinsinawa Summer Organ Concert Recital series: A different guest musician performs every Wednesday throughout the summer on the Casavant pipe organ in Queen of the Rosary Chapel at 7 p.m. The concerts are free and open to the public.

**August 12: Kirstin Synnestvedt of Chicago.

Synnestvedt studied music and dance in Philadelphia as a child. She went on to study at the Juilliard School in New York City; Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y.; and the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa. She also studied for four summers at Tanglewood in Massachusetts. Synnestvedt's organ teachers included Vernon de Tar, Arthur Poister and Gerhard Krapf. Synnestvedt has performed from coast to coast as well as in England. She currently resides on Chicago's North Shore where she teaches piano, organ, and voice privately and also serves as assistant organist and choirmaster at Christ Episcopal Church, Winnetka, Ill.

**August 19: Bruce Bengtson of Madison, Wis.

Bengtson is director of music at Luther Memorial Church, Madison. He plays a weekly noon-time concert during the nearby University of Wisconsin's academic year. Bengtson is active in the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, for which he is immediate past-president of the Midwest region, and the American Guild of Organists. He has two commissioned anthems published by Augsburg Fortress.

**August 26: Stephen Steely, Moline, Ill.

Steely serves as minister of music at historic First Lutheran Church, Moline, and organist at Temple Emanuel, Davenport, Iowa, and St. Pius X Church, Rock Island, Ill. He previously was organist at St. John's Abbey and University, Collegeville, Minn., and taught at the College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, Minn.; Marycrest College, Davenport, Iowa; and Eastfield College, Dallas. Steely's doctoral work was at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, where he studied organ and improvisation with Gerhard Krapf and Delbert Disselhorst. He also holds degrees in organ, sacred music, and music history from Hastings College, Hastings, Neb., and Southern Methodist University, Dallas, where he was a student of Robert Anderson.

For more information about the concert series, contact Sister Marie Juan Maney, OP, at (608) 748-4411, ext. 807.

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."

Didgeridoo Workshop - Thursday, Aug. 20, 7-9:30 p.m.

Introduce yourself to the Australian didgeridoo (di-g*-reedoo) – an ancient instrument made from a eucalyptus tree and traditionally playedin ceremony and healing by the Aboriginal clans of Australia. Phil Jones, workshop presenter, is a visiting Australian lecturer and recording artist and can be seen performing and teaching the Australian didgeridoo on the IMAX DVD, Sydney: A Story of a City. Playing the didgeridoo creates soothing and resonant harmonics that easily focus the mind, enhancing mental clarity and emotional calmness.

No musical experience is necessary. All participants will be provided an authentic Australian didgeridoo to play during the workshop. Registration deadline is Aug. 17. Fee is \$20. Call (608) 748-4411 for more info or www.sinsinawa.org.

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.

Public, Parochial, and Home Students -- Please Join the Sinsinawa Mound Youth Choir!

We invite students, grades 4 -10, to join the Sinsinawa Mound Youth Choir. The Choir meets Monday evenings, 6:30-8 p.m., throughout the school year.

Tryouts are Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. on August 17, 24, and 31 at Sinsinawa Mound. Cost is \$50/student per semester. Bring a sister or brother for free. Scholarship funds are available for those who request financial assistance. For more information, call Sister Marie Juan Maney at 608-748-4411, ext. 807.

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. So all may attend in good health, please refrain from wearing perfume, cologne, after shave, and other scented body care and laundry products. This program is funded in part through a grant from the Unitarian Universalist Funding Panel, Boston, MA

The annual update of the <u>DACU Worship</u> <u>Brochure</u>, which we distribute to local hotels and hospitals, is finished. Thanks to the DACU Worship Committee for distribution! To view the new brochure, go to <u>www.DACUonline.org</u>

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 n'eighbors. 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.



- 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 2009 Dubuque Area laura.róussell@blackhillscorp.com. You can also visit the website www. thonline.com/weatherization



















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There are a number of ways to participate:

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