

DMARC E-Bulletin

For the week of March 16, 2009

Here are this week's announcements. Please help publicize these events in your congregation's bulletin, newsletter or bulletin board or pass the information to someone who can benefit from it.

DMARC ANNOUNCEMENTS

DMARC PREFERRED PERSONAL PRODUCTS DONATION SITES:

Needed items include: *diapers, baby wipes, baby powder, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, bars of soap, razors and feminine hygiene products.*

BIDWELL RIVERSIDE CENTER, 1203 Hartford Ave., DM 50315 244-6251

Contact: Josh/Cassie

CITY OF WEST D.M. HUMAN SERVICES, 318 5th St., WDM 50265 222-3660

Contact: Tammy Lage

COMMUNITY SERVICES SITE ON 6TH, 1618 6th Ave., DM 50311 248-6241

Contact: Danita Parker

DOWNTOWN FOOD PANTRY SITE, 701 Grand Ave., DM 50309 243-1381

Contact: Sherry Kepner

IOWA HOMELESS YOUTH CENTERS, 1219 Buchanan St., DM 503126 265-1222

Contact: Nikki Dempsey

RED ROCK COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, Neveln Resource Center, # 305, 406 SW School St., Ankeny, 50023 965-0433 Contact: Sharon Brooks

ST. MARY FAMILY CENTER, 1815 Hubbell Ave., D.M. 50316 262-7290

Contact: Susie Paloma

SALVATION ARMY SOCIAL SERVICES, 1300 6th Ave or 1216 E 25th Ct., DM 50314/ 50317- 282-3422/ 266-3156 Contact: Shireen Braman/Joanne Norelius

All preferred sites report collections to DMARC which allows us to track distribution and to better serve those in need.

Sack Saturday Opportunities

Are you looking for a way to get more involved in the community? Each month the Des Moines Area Religious Council seeks volunteers to participate in Sack Saturdays.

Participants are asked to commit two hours to greeting shoppers at local grocery stores and encouraging either their purchase of sacks of food items costing \$5.00, individual items of food (such as peanut butter, cereal, pasta, soups) or cash. The food items collected are used to supply local food pantries in the Des Moines area. Money collected is used to purchase additional food items. This is an ideal opportunity for church, business or civic groups to work together to help meet a need in our community.

Please contact Cindy Morton, DMARC Red Barrel Coordinator at 277-6969 or 238-4593 to sign up for a sack Saturday.

DMARC Emergency Food Pantry Needs Paper Grocery Bags

DMARC's nine food pantries are in need of paper grocery bags in good condition. The pantries reuse paper sacks for packing food items to be given out to those in need. Large quantities of these paper sacks are consumed in the process, and the need is ongoing. Purchasing paper grocery sacks is not possible due to cost, and therefore, recycling paper sacks for this purpose is our only option. If you have extra paper sacks, you can drop them off at DMARC or any of our nine pantry locations.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next deadline March 27

MARCH

Saturday, March 28

CHORAL / VOCAL CLINIC FOR ADULTS

Dr. James Rodde, Endowed Chair in Music and Director of Choral Activities at Iowa State University and Artistic Director of the Des Moines Choral Society will offer a *Choral Techniques* clinic Saturday afternoon, March 28 at Grace United Methodist Church in Des Moines, sponsored by the Des Moines Choral Society. The clinic runs from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. and is open to individual adult singers as well as those who are members of church choirs and community choirs. The cost is \$20 per person.

To register or for further information, call the Des Moines Choral Society office at 273-5255 or e-mail dmcs@dmchoral.org.

Saturday, March 28

THE SURVIVORSHIP CONNECTION

This event is for adult survivors of pediatric cancer, cancer survivors diagnosed between the ages of 18-35, loved ones of adult survivors of pediatric cancer, those diagnosed between age 18-35 and health care professionals. The event has Lance Armstrong funding and features speakers from around the nation addressing issues such as long-term physical and emotional events, resources for parents and siblings and spouses, fertility, college/education, insurance/financial planning, employment and more. The cost is \$35.00 or for students, \$20.00. The event will be held at the Hotel Ft. Des Moines.

For more info, contact Breka at The Hearth Connection Children's Cancer Programs, Brecka@childrenscancerprograms.com or 243-6239 x 6.

Saturday, March 29

THE SEHARC HOT PINK GRANNIES BASKETBALL GAME

This event is a fundraiser for Calvin Community's Good Samaritan Fund and will feature a free will offering and auction. These grannies play 1920's style three court basketball with a few rule modifications. No running or jumping is allowed; however, hurrying and having fun is encouraged. The event will be at First Church of the Open Bible beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 29

DOCUMENTARY: THE TIMES OF HARVEY MILK

Westminster Church is sponsoring a showing of the award-winning 1984 documentary *The Times of Harvey Milk*. The film documents the rise of Milk from a neighborhood activist to becoming assassinated in 1978. This must-see documentary's cast includes some actual characters playing themselves (some through the use of archival footage). This is a companion piece to the recently released, award-winning movie, "Milk" by Gus Van Sant. The screening of "The Times of Harvey Milk" is courtesy of Telling Pictures, Inc., and begins at 3:00 p.m. Admission is free.

Monday, March 30

LEADING TERRORISM EXPERT & ANALYST

Tifereth Israel Synagogue is hosting this program include a question and answer session. Brigitte Gabriel will provide information and analysis on Global Islamic terrorism. She lectures nationally and internationally about terrorism and current affairs and is a regular guest analyst on Fox News, CNN, MSNBC. A native of South Lebanon as a preteen, she survived the first attack of the civil war in 1975. The program begins at 7:00 p.m.

For further information contact jcrc@dmjfed.org

Monday, March 30

CFUM PROGRAM

Plan to drop in on your way home from work to see, hear and be inspired by the work of the Whyld Girls and Backyard Boys. The gender specific programs at Children and Family Urban Ministries are successful because of the broad base of adult volunteers who are mentors, tutors, as well as adults who show up to listen and meet youth in our programs. In the fall of 2002 CFUM began with seven strong girls who wanted a group that helped them follow their dreams. Six years later there are 26 girls in the program and 15 boys. Meet the leaders of the future. Come to Plymouth Congregational Church for appetizers at 5:30 and a 6:00 program.

For more information, contact jcrc@dmjfed.org or Naomi@cfum.org.

APRIL

Thursday, April 2 and Friday, April 3

ADOPTION SEMINAR

The Rev. Ronald Nydam will speak about "The Heart of Adoptees—The Challenges of Their Development". Rev. Nydam teaches pastoral care classes at Calvin Theological

Seminary. He served as pastor at Third Christian Reformed Church of Denver, Colorado for 10 years. He co-produced *More Than Love*, a 55 minute video presentation on healthy adoptive development. This free public event runs Thursday from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Vermeer Global Pavilion in Pella, Iowa. Friday's conference requires pre-registration which costs \$25 before March 27 and \$35 after.

To register or with questions, contact Andrea Van Kooten at 628-3141 or avankooten@vermeer.com.

Saturday, April 4

ANNUAL DINGMAN PEACE AWARD DINNER

This annual dinner is a tribute to the memory of the late bishop Maurice Dingman. The Bishop Dingman Peace Award is awarded each year to an Iowa person or community with exemplary service on behalf of peace and justice. This year's keynote speaker is Kathy Kelly. In January, 2009, Kelley joined other companions in maintaining a presence at the Rafah border crossing between Gaza and Egypt, urging authorities to open the border for humanitarian reasons. The dinner begins at 6:30 with a suggested donation of \$35.00; larger gifts are appreciated. Tables of eight may be reserved. There is no admission fee for the 7:30 pm program without dinner.

Contact Catholic Peace Ministry, 4211 Grand Ave., D.M. for reservations by March 30.

Palm Sunday, April 5

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION FOR PEACE

As we enter the 7th year of the war in Iraq, please gather at the west side of the capital at 2:30 p.m. Palms will be provided or bring yours from your morning services. The Peace Procession will follow children and a donkey to St. Paul's Cathedral, 815 High St., for an ecumenical service. Please bring signs and banners proclaiming the Biblical call to be peacemakers and our commitment to seek peace and justice. The prayer service will feature Kathy Kelly from Voices for Creative Non-Violence. This event is sponsored by Des Moines Area Ecumenical Committee for peace.

For further info call 262-5974

Sunday, April 5

FIRST ANNUAL SALE BARN AND SILENT AUCTION

St. Mark Lutheran Church is holding this fundraiser. All proceeds will benefit local youth participants and adult advisors attending the national ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans, in July 2009. A variety of items will be auctioned including gift certificates, event tickets, hand-crafted items, donated services, collectibles and much more. The sale runs from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 8

SOLO PIANO BENEFIT CONCERT FOR IOWA FLOOD RELIEF

Pianist George Winston will be at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 815 High St. beginning at 7:00 p.m. George will be performing songs from his latest CD, *Gulf Coast Blues and Impressions – A Hurricane Relief Benefit* as well as selections from his seasonal favorites played in his melodic folk piano style. George Winston is a

consummate composer, interpreter and performer. Please support the DMARC Food pantry by bringing a donation of canned food to the concert.

For more information call Episcopal Diocese of Iowa at 277-6165. For tickets, go to www.iowatix.com.

Friday, April 17 and Saturday April 18

PEACE CONFERENCE at WESLEY WOODS CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

The theme of this conferences is the scripture: "They shall hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." – Micah 4. The purpose is to facilitate discussion about what we as individuals and members of churches can do to promote peace in our world. Sponsors include the Iowa Chapter of the Methodist Federation for Social Action and the Presbytery of Des Moines. The conference coordinator is the Rev. Hugh R. Stone, pastor of the Osceola United Methodist Church. The fee is \$50.00 per person, and includes lodging, Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast and lunch.

To register, call or e-mail Rev. Stone at 641-414-4876 or hugh8@juno.com.

Sunday, April 19

DRAKE UNIVERSITY PRESENTS "TO BE CERTAIN OF THE DAWN"

This Holocaust Memorial Oratorio will be at the Civic Center beginning at 3:00 p.m. The Drake Choir, Drake Chorale, Drake Chamber Choir, Drake Community Chorus, Heartland Youth Chorus and Drake Student/Faculty Orchestra will be there with Aimee Beckman Collier, Conductor. Tickets cost \$7.00 for students and \$15.00 for non-students and are available at the Drake Fine Arts Box Office (271-3841) or Civic Center Box office, or charge by phone at 243-1888.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, May 10

INTERNATIONAL CONCERT ORGANIST

Dr. Herndon Spillman will provide a major organ event for St. Luke's Episcopal Church and for the Des Moines community. Dr. Spillman coordinates the organ studies program at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. He studied abroad with French organist Marie-Claire Alain. The concert is at St. Luke's and begins at 4:00 p.m.

June 22, 2009, at 7:30 p.m.

WORLD RENOWNED MORMON TABERNACLE CHOIR

The Mormon Tabernacle Choir composed of 360 vocalists, accompany by the Orchestra will perform at Wells Fargo Arena. The Choir will perform American folk songs, spirituals, hymns and choral masterworks Tickets are currently on sale at Iowa Events Center Box Office. Call 866-553-2457 or visit www.dahlstickets.com for more information.

Ticket prices \$75/\$55/\$40/\$25.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEEDED – GAMES & PUZZLES

FOR Children and Family Urban Ministries – New games and puzzles needed. Some newer games include: Twister, Hopscotch, Sliders, Million Dollar Password, I Spy Bingo, Snorta, Sequence States and Capitols, In a Pickle, and Pictureka. Puzzles for ages K-8 give options for Puzzle Day at the Breakfast Club. Decks of cards are always in demand.

For more information, please contact Vivian Bryson at Vivian@cfum.org or 282-3242

CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR EMPLOYMENT STATUS? Maybe even unemployed? Plan for the future by building your job-skills. Technology and computers are prevalent in just about every occupation today. New Horizons Computer Learning Centers, 6200 Aurora Ave Ste 207E, Urbandale, IA. 50322 of Des Moines offers a 15% discount off their Computer Application SkillBuilder Night Program. The program will focus on Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint and Access as well as the Internet. In addition, several sessions will focus on career planning, interviewing and creating a resume.

Program begins Monday, March 30 through May 18. Classes Monday & Tuesday evenings and Saturday morning. Sample class on March 10

To register or inquire contact Teri Vos with New Horizons at 515 226 3265 or email TeriV@Newhorizonsdm.com

WE CAN!

A multi church collection of 29,000 food items during March and April 2009.

Originally a project of Polk City United Methodist Church. Last year they collected 29,000 food items with the help of other churches and residents in and around Polk City.

Why 29,000? In 2008, WorldVision reported that 29,000 children die every day of hunger and other preventable causes. Even though the WorldVision reports this year are down to 26,000, our goal still remains at 29,000'

What to collect? Food items will then be distributed to food pantries and homeless ministries in central Iowa. Wanted are cans and packages that you can build a meal around: rice and black or red beans, stew and pasta, peanut butter and cereal. People can also donate money, but actual items are wanted until the goal of 29,000 is reached.

How will the 29,000 number be achieved? All churches that participate in WE CAN are invited to bring the food collected to a WE CAN rally at Capitol Square in downtown Des Moines on **Sunday, April 26 between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m.** During this time the food will be sorted and displayed. There will also be a live concert, and speakers. Invitations are extended to the public.

Between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. that evening, food will be loaded on a semi truck and other transports to deliver to the DMARC Food Pantry, homeless ministries in the DM area, including Hope Ministry. If a church has a relationship with a particular ministry, they can deliver a portion themselves.

Become a WE CAN church by encouraging your congregation to collect at least 1,000 cans or other items of food during March and April.

For more details contact Polk City United Methodist Church, 1421 W. Broadway St., Polk City, IA 50226 515 984 6274

March Share Iowa Food Packages

A: Best Value Package \$22.00 1 lb. Boneless Pork Chops, 1 lb. Popcorn Shrimp, 1 lb. Cocktail Smokies, 1 lb. Fully Cooked Chicken Strips, 6.4 oz. Brown-n-Serve Pork Sausage Links, 12/7 inch Tortilla Shells, 40 oz. Sara Lee Ready to Bake Caramel Applenut Pie, Assorted Fresh Fruits and Veggies.

B: FRUIT & VEGGIE PACKAGE \$12.00 Assorted Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, 12/7 in. Tortilla Shells, 40 oz. Sara Lee Ready to Bake Caramel Apple Pie.

C: MEAT ONLY PACKAGE \$12.00 1 lb. Boneless Pork Chops, 1 lb. Popcorn Shrimp, 1 lb. Cocktail Smokies, 1 lb. Fully Cooked Chicken Strips, 64 oz. Brown-n-serve Pork Sausage Links.

D. RIB EYE STEAK PACKAGE \$13.00 Six 8 oz. Steaks, Individually Wrapped.

E. COOK'S SPIRAL HAM \$19.50 9 LB. Honey Cured Spiral Ham

F. CHOICE ITEM \$7.00 – Limited Supply, Deli Meat Assortment
2/6 oz. Roast Beef, 12 oz. Turkey Breast, 8 oz Ham Slices, 12 oz. Diced Ham, 12 oz. Pepperoni

Check out www.shareiowa.org or cal 1-800-344-1107.

Sacred Practice Leadership Series

Sponsored by The Center for Renewal, Grand View University and the Southeastern Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, this is a two year series for church leaders—laity or clergy--to cultivate prayer, discernment and service. The series features six renewal events over the course of two years with online resources available

between events and will feature twelve prominent authors and theologians. Participants can expect to learn to use sacred practices as a means of shaping their own congregation's life and ministry. Sessions include those on visioning, discernment, healthy relationship, prayer, proclaiming, interpreting scripture and service. The series is held at Sinsinawa Mound Center, WI and Shalom Retreat Center, Dubuque, IA. The cost is \$1900 per person and covers registration, housing, meals, and web-based seminars.

For further information contact Dwight DuBois at 515-263-6021 or ddubois@gvc.edu.

Women of Achievement Awards

WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT AND YOUNG WOMEN (age 17-24) OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS The YWCA of Greater Des Moines is hosting the women of achievement and young women of achievement awards. Recipients are to be announced by April 22. The luncheon will be held June 3 at the Polk County Convention Complex.

Application Criteria:

- Nominee's volunteer work emphasizing the YWCA Mission to empower women, children and promote racial justice.
- Impact of the nominee's volunteer work on the community as it relates to YWCA Mission.
- Other indicators of nominee's achievements
- Nominee's innovation with regard to issues of empowerment of women and children and promotion of racial justice.
- Requires three letters of support.

*Return completed applications by 1:00 p.m., April 3 to
YWCA of Greater Des Moines, Attn. Deb Brewer, Exec. Director
717 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50309*

DRIVER'S LICENSE TESTS AVAILABLE IN 20 + LANGUAGES

The Iowa Department of Transportation announced that the new automated noncommercial operator driver knowledge test system is available in the languages below, both written and verbal. The automated system is operational only at DOT operated driver's license stations.

Albanian	Chinese	Hebrew	Polish
Arabic	English	Hmong	Portuguese
Bosnian	French	Italian	Russian
Burmese	German	Korean	Spanish
Cambodian	Greek	Laotian	Somalian
Vietnamese			

The commercial CDL knowledge tests, other than hazardous material test, are available in English, Spanish and Bosnian.

COKESBURY'S IN DES MOINES HAS NEW HOURS AS OF JAN. 5, 2009. NEW HOURS ARE 10:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. MONDAY-FRIDAY AND 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. ON SATURDAYS.

IOWA RELIGIOUS MEDIA SERVICES

Has recently added multiple resources for adults and children. Established in 1986, IRMS is a source for more than 7,900 video, audio and book titles, plus other resources, for enhancing Christian education and worship and for assisting with the ministry and management of churches.

The resource center is supported by many member churches and their members may borrow materials from its library.

IRMS is located at 3116 – 104th St., Urbandale.

Additional info at www.irms.org

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Census Takers for 1010– Call 866-861-2010 or visit www.2010CensusJobs.gov

POLK COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Des Moines, Iowa

PROGRAM MONITOR POSITION (Grant funded for three years).

Salary Range \$53,037 - \$69,755

Hours: 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 p.m.

Submit application by 5:00 p.m., March 19, 2009 to:

Polk County Human Resources Dept.

111 Court Ave., Ste. 390

Des Moines, IA 50309

Job Line (515) 286-3831 Fax (515) 286-3316

www.polkcountyiowa.gov

Applications are subject to the Open Records Law. E.O.E. A criminal background check may be required.