

DMARC E-Bulletin

For the week of March 2, 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 13

MARCH

Tuesday, March 3

THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS, INC.: "WE NEED NOT WALK ALONE"

The March meeting of the Compassionate Friends, Inc. will be an opportunity to share about your child. Bring a picture, favorite poem, song, memory or special item that belonged to your child. Tell what you had hoped to do with your unborn child, or something special you had for them to use when they arrived. Compassionate Friends is a "self-help organization offering friendship and understanding to bereaved parents, grandparents, and siblings. The meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. at Hamilton's Funeral Home on Westown Pkwy., in the Butterfly Reception Room.

Thursday, March 5

"TAKE FIVE" DAY IN IOWA

This day is proclaimed by Gov. Culver a day for parents to take five minutes to talk with their kids about drugs. Teenagers who learn at home about the dangers of drugs are up to 50 percent less likely to use drugs. For tips on how to begin, visit the Partnership for a Drug-Free Iowa website at www.FaceItTogether.com.

For immediate help, call the Iowa Substance Abuse Information Center at 1/866-242-4111.

Thursday, March 5

COOKING FOR A HEALTHY LIFE STYLE

Join Chef Robert Lewis, known as the Happy Diabetic, as he demonstrates his cooking techniques, dishes out advice on health eating and shares his own health concerns. This exciting event is located at the Kelley Conference Room at Iowa Methodist Medical Center and runs from 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Register by Tuesday, March 3 at www.iowahealth.org/livewell.

Friday, March 6

“WOMEN HELPING WOMEN” FUND RAISING EVENT

The Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center is sponsoring this event featuring award winning author and member of Westminster Church Kali VanBaale who will speak at the luncheon. Her topic will be “Finding Sisterhood: An Unexpected Journey.” The cost is \$40.00 per person. The fund raiser will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in West Des Moines beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Contact Linda Albaugh, 274-1534 or lalbaugh@westpres.org for reservations.

Friday, March 6

ANNUAL LASAGNA DINNER

This dinner benefits New Horizons Adult Center and will be held at Ankeny First United Methodist Church from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. Lasagna, salad, bread sticks, beverages and pie will be served. Also whole pies will be available, and there will be a drawing for door prizes. Tickets are available at the door and cost \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids.

Friday, March 6

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Church Women United invites Christian women to a celebration of the World Day of Prayer. This year the service is written by Christian women in Papua, New Guinea and will be hosted by Urbandale United Church of Christ at 3530 70th Street.

To make reservations, contact Eileen Rowat at 288-1798.

Saturday, March 13 and Sunday, March 14

“POPPY’S DANCING PUPPETS a newly created children’s event of theater and dance based on a story by Patricia Lee Gauch will be presented on the above dates at 7:00 p.m. Attendees are invited to enter the doll-maker’s whimsical world and see his latest creations come to life. Children are encouraged to bring their favorite doll or stuffed animal to place on the stage to be a part of the play’s magical story.

*Presented at Westminster Presbyterian Church
Free, childcare provided, reception following
515 274 1534 or jdavison@westpres.org*

Monday, March 15

POTATO BAKE

Capitol Hill Christian Church is hosting this delicious event beginning at 11:15 a.m. Come and bring a friend! Adults cost \$6.00, Children 6-12 cost \$3.00, and children 5 and under eat free.

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 (515) 273-5255 or e-mail dmcs@dmchoral.org.

APRIL

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.

LOOKING AHEAD

June 22, 2009

WORLD RENOWNED MORMON TABERNACLE CHOIR

The Mormon Tabernacle Choir will perform at Wells Fargo Arena. Tickets are currently on sale at Iowa Events Center Box Office. Call 866-553-2457 or visit www.dahlstickets.com for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, 6.4 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.

A Food Pantry Birthday

When Davey Daft, member of Westminster Church, planned his birthday party, he decided rather than having a normal party, he would have a Food Pantry Birthday. Davey mailed his birthday invitations and ask invitees to bring items for the Food Pantry instead of presents. He included a list of needed foods. Seven of Davey's friends brought 11 bags of food, a total of 69 items. He donated the bags to Westminster Church's Food Pantry Collection.

Beds Needed

Lutheran Services is desperately in need of beds for refugee arrivals. Over the next week and a half, 27 people are scheduled to arrive. Between now and September 30, a total of 400 arrivals are expected. Twin beds with frames and box-springs are needed. Currently, they are short 20 beds. Another long-term source is needed in addition to the current need. Offers to solve either the short term or the long term crisis will be most appreciated.

Call Jill Stuecker, Service Coordinator at 515-271-7418.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Iowa Health Hospice Volunteers Needed

Hospice volunteers can give as little or as much time as they wish. Some volunteers donate several hours each week while others commit to a few hours each month. There's a place for you to bake or prepare a meal, sewing projects, be a greeter, do gardening or provide caregiver support.

For more information contact Sara at Sullivs@ihs.org or Darcy at Howelldl@ihs.org or call 557-3287

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*

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL

Immediate opening for fall 2009, for Catholic Elementary grades K-8, approximately 675 students. The Parish is seeking a faith and academic leader. Submit letter of application, resume, credentials and three letters of recommendation to:

Principal Search Committee, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School
7075 Ashworth Rd., West Des Moines IA 50266 or
mlihs@saintfrancischurch.org.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

Campfire Summer Camp will again be hiring staff ages 18 and older to work with youth as day camp counselors, bus drivers and site directors. If interested, please call Julie at 515-274-1501 or email her at Julie@campfireusaia.com.