

DMARC E-BULLETIN

FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17, 2008

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

Volunteers Needed

The Des Moines Area Religious Councils Emergency Food Pantry has a need for volunteers to assist in the warehouse. Volunteers assist with a variety of things including receiving donated food, sorting and repackaging of donated food items, and preparing food ordered by the eight Emergency Food Pantry sites that distribute food for DMARC.

Currently, we have a need for volunteers for the following shift:

Thursday each week between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

If you are interested in volunteering with DMARC or you know someone who might be interested, please contact the DMARC Emergency Food Pantry Director by calling 277-6969 or by email at foodpantry@dmreligious.org.

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.

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 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

DOWNTOWN FOOD PANTRY SITE, 701 Grand Ave., DM 50309 243-1381 Contact: Sherry Kepner

FOREST AVENUE COMM. CENTER, 2011 Forest Ave., DM 50311 248-6241
Contact: Danita Parker

IOWA HOMELESS YOUTH CENTERS, 1219 Buchanan St., DM 503126 or 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Deadline—Dec. 8

The Des Moines Area Religious Council makes every effort to provide accurate and useful general information in its E-bulletin but accepts no liability for the use of the material by individuals or organizations. We gladly distribute information from individuals, congregations and other agencies but our inclusion of such material should not be construed as sponsorship or endorsement by DMARC.

NOVEMBER

Thursday November 20 and Friday, November 21

SHARE WHAT YOU WEAR

Free good, clean clothing for entire family. Shopping hours on Friday: 8:00 – 11 a.m., Noon – 3 p.m., 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Shopping hours on Saturday: 8 – noon. Shop for your entire family at Grace church located at 4200 E. 25th Street in Des Moines.

For more information, contact swyw@mchsi.com.

Saturday, November 22

REENTRY AFTERCARE TRAINING

This seminar offers guidance to those working with prisoners who are reentering society and will be facilitated by Paul Harrison, National Director for Reentry AfterCare. The seminar will be at Grandview College, Krumm Center from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

To register, contact Tamyra Harrison at tamyra.aftercare@gmail.com or 230-8815.

Sunday, November 23

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

A service for all those who have been affected by the death of a loved one during the past year. All are invited. The service will be held at Wakonda Christian Church, 3938 Fleur Drive at 7:00 p.m.

For more information, call 285-8394.

Wednesday, November 23

JOINT THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT WINDSOR PRESBYTERIAN

A joint service with Windsor United Methodist, Christ United Methodist and Windsor Presbyterian will be held at Windsor Presbyterian Church at 5:30 p.m. The service is open to public.

Sunday, November 23

SECOND INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

With participation of clergy from Temple B'nai Jeshurun and Tifereth Israel Synagogue At FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, 10395 University, Clive

For more information 277-6321 x218

Sunday, November 23

FORTY-NINE MINUTES OF MUSIC, HUMOR, DIALOGUE AND FRESH INSIGHTS ABOUT BRINGING CREATIVITY INTO OUR PRACTICAL LIVES.”

Richard Cring, humorist, and Janet Clazzy, musician and conductor will present the evening. Jonathon is the author of eleven books including “20 Other Reasons to Kiss a Frog, a winner of the Billboard Music Award, and recent recipient of the Best Screenplay Award. Ms. Clazzy has played oboe in orchestras for thirty years from coast to coast. She uses her oboe and a “fabulous instrument called the WX-5 Wind Machine which gives 250 sounds. She is also the first female conductor in the state of Tennessee. This event will be held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Ankeny beginning at 6:30 p.m. A free will offering will be taken.

Thursday, November 27

PARKS COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER, INC.

Good Stewards and Businesses of Highland Park, Oak Park, Union Park, Grandview Park and Birdland Park are asking for volunteers and/or financial supporters for their annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Dinner will be held at Chuck’s Restaurant at 3610 6th Avenue.

Parks Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Inc. is a 501c non-profit organization.

To volunteer or donate call Linda or Paul Tullis at 262-4605.

DECEMBER

December 5-7

NO ROOM AT THE INN

Valley United Methodist Church in West Des Moines is hosting this event which showcases more than 200 different nativity sets. The nativity sets on display range from those collected during people's travels throughout the world to some made by children in their Sunday school classes, and are arranged in a breathtaking setting. This year, No Room at the Inn will be open Friday, December 5 from noon to 7 p.m.; Saturday, December 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, December 7, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. It is located on the main floor of Valley UMC at 4201 Ashworth Road.

For more information, contact office@valleyumc.org or (515) 225-8128.

Friday, December 5

TALENT SHOW

Children and Family Urban Ministries will present the annual winter talent show. This student-driven talent-palooza is not to be missed. Everyone is invited. The show starts at 6:30 p.m.

For information, contact Janelle at Janelle@cfum.org or 282-3242.

Saturday, December 6

LECTURE: HEALING WITH SCIENTIFIC CERTAINTY THROUGH THE CHRIST

Come enjoy this exciting lecture by speaker Christine Driessen. As a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship, Driessen lectures internationally, with a focus in Africa. The lecture will be from 11:00 a.m. – noon at the Des Moines Botanical Center and is sponsored by the First Church of Christ, Scientist.

For more information, call 243-8725.

Saturday, December 13

CFUM CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

There will be a pageant, carols, party, holiday crafts, pictures with Santa and Christmas goodies. Donations needed for the celebration: cookies, set up pageant, crafts, serve, clean up. The celebration runs from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

To offer help, contact Linda at Linda@cfum.org or 282-3242.

Sunday, December 21

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

St. Mark Lutheran Church presents *The Incarnation* by K. Lee Scott. Includes choir, brass, organ and timpani beginning at 9:00 a.m. at St. Mark, 1115 Grand Ave., West Des Moines.

www.stmarkwdm.org or 515 223 -4208 office@stmarkwdm.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ESL Offerings

Iowa Workforce Development seeks churches offering ESL/ELL classes using Rosetta Stone. Ann M Morris, New Iowa Center Coordinator would like to know if you are offering classes and what software you use in order to keep IWD databases up to date. Thank you.

Ann M. Morris Des Moines phone 515 281 9606 or Ann.Morris@isd.iowa.gov.

Fort Des Moines Museum and Education Center Presents:

Thursday, Nov 20 at 6:00 p.m. Opening reception, Fireplace Decorating Prize

Saturday, Nov 22 at 9:00 am – 1:00 p.m. Women’s Military Event

Saturday, Nov. 29 at 11:00 a.m. Patriotic Ornament Class – Kids can take home

Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 7:00 p.m. – Residents, vets and others from Ft. D.M. past reminisce.

Dec 5 – Dec 7 Home for the Holidays Theatrical Tribute – Fri 7:00 p.m.,

Saturday at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m., Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, Dec 7 – Pearl Harbor Day – WW II vets free admission from noon- 3:00

Video re: Naval medicine at that time.

Dec 12- Dec 14 – Home for the Holidays Theatrical Tribute – Friday 7:00 p.m.

Saturday at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m., Sunday 2:00 p.m.

Dec 13 – 11:00 a.m. Fort Des Moines Christmas Party =- for kids of all ages

Make cards to send to soldiers from Iowa serving overseas.

Santa will be there to hand out presents, decorate cookies.

Saturday, Dec 20 – 7:00 p.m. Gospel Christmas Celebration Multi church choir presents a night of Christmas music in Ft. D.M. chapel.

For more information call 282-8060

www.fortdesmoines.org

Tending Your Inner Garden

NEW PROGRAM FOR WOMEN IN MINISTRY – nationally recognized program of spirituality and creativity will offer a 2009 series of retreats and monthly gatherings especially for women pastors and others in church leadership positions. “Women pastors have encouraged us to create a group designed specifically for those whose life work is guiding others on their spiritual journeys.” Presented by Diane Glass and Deb Engle.

Diane Glass, is a spiritual director, trained at St. Joseph’s Educ. Center and Creighton Univ.

Deb Engle is the author of *Grace from the Garden: Changing the World Ione Garden at a Time (Rodale, 2003)*

Retreats are on Tuesdays, Feb 3, Apr 21, July 14 and Oct 20. Annual fee \$720 payable up front or through monthly credit card installments. Sessions held at PineSpirit in Carlisle, Iowa. Enrollment limited to 14.

Go to innergardener.com or contact Diane at 515 989-4532 or diane@innergardnerer.com.

SHARE IOWA NOVEMBER PACKAGES AVAILABLE

SHARE CAN OFFER YOU UP TO A 50% SAVINGS ON NUTRITIOUS FOOD FOR JUST 2 HOURS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE EACH MONTH.

NOVEMBER PACKAGES:

A: Best Value Package: \$22.00 Pork Chops, Chicken Drumsticks, Smoked Sausages, Sliced Roast Beef Deli, Breaded Cod, Del Monte Peach Chunks, Banana Quick Bread Mix, assorted fresh fruits and veggies.

B: Fruit & Veggie Package: \$12.00- Assorted Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, Del Monte Peach Chunks, Banana Quick Bread Mix.

C: Meat Only Package \$12.00 – Pork Chops, Chicken Drumsticks, Smoked Sausages, Sliced Roast Beef Deli, Breaded Cod portions

D: Holiday Package: \$25.00 – Pre-baked Whole Turkey, Potatoes, Gravy Mix, Stuffing Mix, Brown-n-serve Rolls, Cranberry Sauce, Egg Noodles, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Pre-baked Pumpkin Pie, thaw and serve.

E: Spiral Ham - \$22.00 – 9 lbs Honey Cured Spiral Ham, netted and gold foil wrapped..

F: Shrimp Cocktail - \$5.50 - Two containers of Shrimp Rings with Cocktail sauce. Must purchase package A,B,C,D, or E to qualify for this item.

- Share your time and talents with others without being paid. Ideas include: help a neighbor, visit shut-ins, activities with your church or other local civic organizations, Scouts, Volunteer Fire Dept., etc.

For more information visit www.shareiowa.org or e-mail shareiowa@mahaska.org.

Rental Assistance Program

Opening for two business weeks only from Dec 1, at 8:00 a.m. through Dec. 12, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. Weekdays only.

Applicants will be placed on a waiting list for a Random Lottery Drawing. This program provides rental assistance for participants who want to rent from a private landlord. The program provides rental assistance for low-income families, single persons, elderly persons and disabled persons. Eligibility determined by family composition, income, arrest history, past participation in Federally subsidized programs. Max annual income per household are: 1 person \$23,800 to 8 persons \$44,900 etc.

Applications can be picked up at Park Fair Mall, 100 E. Euclid St., D.M. , Monday, Dec 1 through Friday, Dec 5 and Monday, Dec. 8 through Friday, Dec 12 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. only.

AV Carts Available Free for a Church or Non-Profit

24 x 18 x 42 Two open shelves below top TV shelf

30 x 20 x 48 Two open shelves below top TV shelf

30 x 20 x 54 One open shelf w/ closed cabinet on bottom below top TV shelf

29 x 25 x 25 Two open shelves below top TV shelf

29 x 25 x 54.5 One open shelf with a closed cabinet on bottom below top TV shelf

Call either Kathy or Elaine at Holy Trinity Lutheran: 964-4348.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CORRECTION!!

CHILDREN AND FAMILY URBAN MINISTRIES offers the following volunteer opportunities:

In mid-November, families from the neighborhood will begin to sign up to be included in the Family Christmas Project. Through the project, families with limited resources are provided with gifts for the season. Specific family information will be available through the CFUM office by November 17 for those who would like to provide gifts for this project. Gifts need to be returned to CFUM by December 5. It is asked that those who provide the gifts be willing to spend at least \$35.00 per child and purchase a gift for the parents. Last year 120 families participated. Church school classes, youth groups, businesses and families are needed to purchase gifts for participating families.

If you would like to help, contact CFUM at 282-3242 or www.cfum.com.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

HOUSING AND FINANCIAL EDUCATION ORGANIZER with Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement (Iowa CCI).

Mission of Iowa CCI is to empower and unite grassroots people of all ethnic backgrounds to take control of their communities.

Organizer Responsibilities: Conduct and coordinate Financial Education workshops/classes, Do one-on-one financial education counseling, Conduct and coordinate home education tours, Fundraising.

Qualifications: Excellent communication skills, computer skills, details, creative and strategic, work as team, motivated, housing and financial education a plus. Need a car.

Salary & Benefits: Starting \$24,000 (higher with experience), health & dental insurance, Vacation, 401(k)

Send resume & 3 references by Dec. 10 to

*Sharon Zanders-Ackiss, Iowa Citizens for Community Improvements
2001 Forest Ave., D.M. IA 50311 or e-mail Sharon@iowacci.org*