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World Day of Prayer

March 4, 2022

**I Know the Plans
I Have For You**

11:30 am-1:30 am

Please note time change

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World Day of Prayer

The theme for this year's World Day of Prayer on March 4, 2022, is *I Know the Plans I Have for You*, which was prepared by the WDP Committee of England, Wales, and Northern Ireland and the World Day of Prayer USA Committee. **Our celebration will be held from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. via Zoom. (Please note time change).**
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World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer and action each year on the first Friday in March. Each year a different country serves as the writer of the World Day of Prayer worship service, interpreting the Bible in their own context, and lifting up issues of mission, justice and peace.

Offerings collected during the services are granted by WDP national committees to nonprofit organizations that deal with issues identified by the writer-country. The WDP motto is “Informed prayer. Prayerful action.” World Day of Prayer USA promotes justice and equality for women through prayer, partnerships, service, and celebration.

About World Day of Prayer 2022

World day of Prayer 2022 is brought to us by the women of England, Wales & Northern Ireland. They call us to worship with the words “I know the plans I have for you”, inspired by Jeremiah 29:1-14. The program is based on the letter that the prophet Jeremiah wrote to the exiles in Babylonia. The exiles were in a place of suffering, uncertainty, and opposing views on how to respond to the moment. Today, we come together to hear the stories of women who feel excluded, listen to the fear of child refugee and learn to see the context of a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural, and multi-faith society in England, Wales & Northern Ireland.

For Jeremiah, God’s plan was clear, and we share this assurance by singing it. Let us celebrate hope by lighting a candle on behalf of the seven regions of the world, knowing that our prayerful action can bring to life the promises of God who, like a Mother and Father, cares for us all.

We are given a seed of hope to ponder where it needs to be planted in our lives and in our communities. Take this opportunity, to raise awareness of the needs of your community and offer the gifts of prayers and commitment. A seed, nourished by prayers of intercession and actions of love, binds us together around the world.

February Program—The Road Home

Our February Program was *The Road Home*. Peggy Halloran, Development Director of The Road Home Dane County gave us a view of the history and present work of this organization. The homeless need housing in our community. And she thanked CWU for our support for a number of years. There has been a decline in homeless families. In 1999, the Interfaith Hospitality Network set out to make sure that there was no child, no family being without a home. At first it was a small group, two or three families. There

was a traveling shelter. Families were hosted by churches a week at a time. Half a day shelter with services to help them, and overnight at churches for shelter. It was one solution, overflow for the Salvation Army, which is the largest shelter.

Housing is the answer, that is also better for other issues. To be stable every night, to add housing opportunities with case managers. We have thirteen housing programs now. Have phased out small shelter. Salvation Army, Beacon by day.

We have helped over 200 families, 500 children. Funds make a difference. We help families with low income below 30% , under \$15,000, 80% have women as head of household. Barriers to housing can be medical, jobs, security deposits. Chronic homelessness has a number of factors. Case managers help set goals. Community based help, wrap-around services, food pantries, St. Vincent, Salvation Army for clothing. We try to help connect with services. Want to have centralized feed, shelter. Call a single number, get an assessment, get matched with appropriate organization. There's a range of experiences.

Homeless. Lack of affordable housing. Madison has shortages. Low vacancy rates. New apartments being built are expensive. Working to identify affordable new housing. Housing vouchers in Madison and Dane help the decline of homelessness. Insufficient Income. Most families are working, low income wages, entry level work. Some are working 2 and 3 jobs, and transportation can be a problem. Childcare. Also transportation a huge factor, accessible child care. Discrimination. Transitions can be difficult, out of hospital, out of prison. All services aim to overcome all this. Families committed to being successful. One-year milestone, two-year milestone. 90-95% get housing. We work with them for two to three years.

Learn more about the homeless. Try to be part of the solution. 150 families a day are homeless. Last year, a dip below 100. Things we're doing are working. Have a number to call to get service.

Families with children fear homelessness. Those in housing still need services. Refugees are another area. Housing Consortium of all agencies. Case managers work with families, with landlords. The network can tap into rent assistance availability, vouchers, fund-raising, long term goals. Short term, what they need. Long term, how sustain them.

Salvation Army telephone for help 608-250-2203.

Attendees asked about making donations. Donors can give general support or for specific areas such as mental assistance. Web site will give you a wish list. www.trhome.org

Donations to The Road Home, send check to 890 West Wingra , Madison 53715. You can donate cleaning supplies, household goods.

email: peggyh@trhome.org.

Web site: www.trhome.org

They have given gas vouchers, purchased gas cards, groceries, toys for kids and Vail for emergency transportation.

Salvation Army coordinates response, does intake. Call the Salvation Army if there is an immediate need. We send families to the Beacon during the day.

We fully used our Zoom time, learning more about The Road Home and the great job they are doing with their allies.

Madison Church Women

Faith Bauman misses all of her CWU friends and invites you to call or write to her. 608-661-0470 732 Struck Street, #212, Madison, WI 53711

**Announcing the 2020-2022
Madison Area Religious and Human Resources Directory**

The Most Current Directory is STILL available to order: It is now 8 1/2 by 11 size sheets, so the print is a little larger, and for future editions we will be able to send inserts for the updated copy. There are about 300 faith communities listed and 300 human resource agencies, as well as special listings for Emergency Community Resources for Food, Shelter and Clothing; an Emergency/Hotline/Crisis-Stress/Information Chart; and a page on End of Life Services. Any Questions, phone Ruth Hein- Church Women United and Madison Ecumenical Center Outreach at 608-347-4724.

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