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May Friendship Day

**May 6, 2022
(IN PERSON)**

***It's Up to You in 2022
A Call to Serve***

9:30 am with lunch to follow

**Covenant Presbyterian Church,
326 Segoe Road, Madison, WI 53705**

May Friendship Day

We will gather in person on Friday, May 6, 2022 at 9:30 am for our World Friendship Day celebration at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 326 Segoe Road, Madison, WI 53705. Our theme, *It's Up to You in 2022, A Call to Serve*. We will take the opportunity to present our Valiant Woman Award to Hilda McCreight. We will also have the opportunity to enjoy a box lunch as we renew our connections.

Box lunches will be available for \$8.00. Please order by Monday, April 25th. Please specify **Vegetarian or Turkey lunch**. Please make checks payable to Madison Church Women United and mail to Marleen Lippert, Madison Church Women United, 6329 Scandia Lane, McFarland WI 53558.

Also bring your Fellowship of the Least Coin offering and your offering to support our Madison CWU. Or mail to Marleen, checks made out to Madison CWU, purpose noted.

April Forum Justice and Righteousness: Voting Rights

John Nichols gave an extensive and enlightening talk on our state's voting situation, covering our democracy and the influences, changes, pressures, developments that have affected it from earliest days until today. And looking forward to what we can do as we go forward into tomorrow. We weren't founded on democracy. White slaveholders were the major force in our founding, the ones in the room. Limited participation, with no women, no slaves, no indentured servants. Only 20% of people voted.

Our progress toward democracy has taken quite a while. We still had a poll tax until the mid 1960's. We still have work to do.

This is just the start of John's talk and discussion. The good news is that you can hear it for yourself by going to our website, where you will find a tape of his talk. The talk itself took about 30 minutes, but you can also get the questions and discussions that followed. It makes for a well-used hour of your time. If you weren't able to attend April's forum, do go to our web site and hear it for yourself.

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It was a long struggle to let everyone in. Debtor barriers, religious barriers, wealth barriers came down, but still it was just white men who voted. Civil War led to votes by blacks, immense effort led to Women's, and Native Americans in the 1920's. Still it was the 1950's and '60's before the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the poll tax overturned. Religious leaders Jewish, Muslim, Christian worked for voting rights. In the 1970's, 18-21 year olds got the right to vote. We are close to a universal franchise.

But since then, powerful forces have made it harder to vote. Gerrymandering, an effort to undo voting rights, new efforts to overturn elections, make it harder to vote, make it easier to overturn elections. After 230 years, is the arc of history bending back? Church groups Christian, Jewish, Muslim see it as a moral duty to ensure democracy is REAL, that power reflects the will of the people.

This expansion, from 1787 when it was just white men of privilege, to all people have the right to vote took a while. We put it in moral terms. Basically, we are all human beings, and all must be able cast votes. Basic premise: All are able to participate, to have their votes counted.

This is just the beginning of John Nichols' discussion. It is well worth watching again, if you took part in last months' meeting. Be heartened by his noting that women over 30 are the best voters, especially black women who are outstanding. Older folks are good voters, older women are excellent voters.

And if you were not there on Zoom, it is definitely something you want to watch and expand your knowledge of where we've been and what our challenges are today.

Officers of Madison CWU

Presently, the office of president of CWU Madison is vacant. The president is the official representative of CWU in outside activities of the movement, presides at all functions, and is responsible to contact with State, Regional, and National CWU. If you have a suggestion for a candidate or would like to volunteer your service, please bring this to our May meeting. And if you would like to be involved in other specific areas of service, do let us know.

Faith Bauman

It is with great sadness that we note the passing of Faith Bauman on March 23, 2022. Faith was an eager participant in our group and a rich inspiration to all who knew her. She was a member of Bethany United Methodist Church, and was active in women's and mission program groups, enthusiastically supporting peace and justice concerns. She was 99. Her memorial service is scheduled for 11 am Thursday, May 19, 2022 at Bethany United Methodist Church, 3910 Mineral Point Road, Madison, with visitation from 10 am to time of service.

Annual Chinese Orphans Benefit Concert *Have Flutes, Will Travel* Madison Flute Club with guest flutist Mihoko Watanabe

Join us for our 2022 annual flute concert. Enjoy an afternoon of flute music at this FREE concert and help us raise funds to provide educational opportunities to the impoverished orphans in the Chinese Orphans Project of First Baptist Church.

Concert admission is free with a free-will offering collected. Many of the city's and even the nation's best flute players have come at their own expense to perform in our concerts. This year, our guest flutist is Mihoko Watanabe, a native of Japan who is the Flute Professor at Ball State University in Indiana and a well-known flute performer. She will perform a solo she has arranged, and an alto flute piece, as well as conducting her new arrangement of Faure's Pavane for its world premiere performed by the Madison Flute Choir. Sunday, May 22, at 2 pm. First Baptist Church, 518 N. Franklin AVE., Madison, Wisconsin 53705.

**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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