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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

FORUM, 9:30- 11:30 A.M.,

JUST DANE

**Presented by John Givens**

John Givens 2020 Transformation Award Winner

[https://youtu.be/DflrlaE\\_YhE?si=JU2QlnMASw\\_bsOQf](https://youtu.be/DflrlaE_YhE?si=JU2QlnMASw_bsOQf)

Dale Heights Presbyterian Church

5501 University Avenue, Madison, WI 53705

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86878077937?pwd=P3wgEaA9OrtaGwKJjOcKaMCiBCNT6.1>

Meeting ID: 868 7807 7937

Passcode: 291670

The information about the **JUSTDANE** is as follows:

This is a non-profit agency with programs for individuals and families **who have been or are now involved** in the criminal justice system.

There are 5 different programs:

- Journey Home
- Just Bakery
- Healing House
- Circles of Support

*“circles of support We provide 360 degrees of support to ensure no one falls off track. contact us with questions Circles of Support provides a support system for...”*

Source: JustDane | Changing Lives. Changing the Community | Just Dane is JUSTDANE

<https://search.app/CN17jXddKBjwuQXy6>

- Just Connections

**The September 6 forum will be held at the Dale Heights Presbyterian Church 5501 University Ave. Madison, WI 53705 JOIN VIA ZOOM**

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**Fellowship at 9:30 a.m. Program at 10:00 a.m.**

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**(click on the link below to see John Givens) prior to the Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> Forum**

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At Dale Heights - There is an elevator inside the main door and parking for walkers, wheelchairs and an on-level entrance around the back of the building.

### **Other Opportunities include...**

#### **Let's Talk About Soil 1: Kiss the Ground (documentary)**

Thursday, September 12, 6:30-8:45pm

Sequoia Library - 4340 Tokay Blvd., Madison WI

Narrated and featuring Woody Harrelson, Kiss the Ground (2020, 84 minutes) is an inspiring and groundbreaking film that reveals the first viable solution to our climate crisis. The solution is under our feet.

Kiss the Ground reveals that, by regenerating the world's soils, we can completely and rapidly stabilize Earth's climate, restore lost ecosystems and create abundant food supplies. Using compelling graphics and visuals, along with striking NASA and NOAA footage, the film artfully illustrates how, by drawing down atmospheric carbon, soil is the missing piece of the climate puzzle.

We invite you to join us to learn and be inspired as well as encouraged! This free screening is made possible by ROCO Films and is hosted in partnership with the Midvale Heights Community Association Green Team.

Let's Talk About Soil, Part 2: Making and Using Compost in Your Backyard



#### [Sequoia Library](#)

Meeting Rooms A and B Combined

Thursday, Oct 3, 2024, 5:30pm to 6:30pm

What is compost and how can I use it in my yard? Why should I compost? What are the benefits of composting? Can I make my own compost? A certified Master Gardener Volunteer will answer these questions and many more during this talk. You will learn the role that oxygen, food and water play in the composting process. You will also learn what materials should never go in a compost pile.

#### **About the presenter**

Speakers for this program are Dane County Extension Horticulture Volunteers who serve their community through activities and educational presentations on a broad range of horticultural subjects. This talk will be presented by Mary Collet.

You may also be interested in other events in the *Let's Talk About Soil* series, documentary screenings of [Kiss the Ground](#) (September 12) and *Common Ground* (November 12) and these are **also presented at Sequoia Library**.

[Dane County Extension](#)

[Extension Dane County](#) What can we help you with? [Connect With Us](#) We teach, learn, lead, and serve, transforming lives and communities ...

### **Let's Talk About Soil 3: Common Ground (documentary)**

Tuesday, November 12, 6:30-8:45pm

Sequoia Library - 4340 Tokay Blvd., Madison WI

Common Ground is the highly anticipated sequel to *Kiss the Ground*. By fusing journalistic expose' with deeply personal stories from those in the front lines of the sustainable food movement, *Common Ground* (2023, 105 min) unveils a dark web of money, power, and politics behind our broken food system. The film profiles a hopeful and uplifting movement of white, black, and indigenous farmers who are using alternative "regenerative" models of agriculture that could balance the climate, save our health, and stabilize America's economy – before it's too late.

We invite you to join us to learn and be inspired as well as encouraged!

This free screening is made possible by ROCO Films and is hosted in partnership with the Midvale Heights Community Association Green Team.

### **Prayer read by Judy Loveless for our CWU Board meeting on August 16, 2024**

My prayer is simple:

May we choose love, Lord.

May we choose love when faced by retaliation,

love when tempted by deception,

love when addressing poverty,

love when speaking to our neighbors,

love when lured by bad choices,

love when electing leaders.

In all the things we do, in all the words we say,

And in all the places we go, may we always choose love.

Amen (Ciona D. Rouse)

# Church Women United in Wisconsin

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## Greetings – Wisconsin CWU Sisters!

This issue of our Church Women United in Wisconsin newsletter brings you news of the Wisconsin CWU Annual Assembly.

You are invited to join CWU sisters in our state for **our first in-person Assembly since 2019!**

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## CWU in Wisconsin Annual Assembly 2024 Priorities of the Heart

*“Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.” Proverbs 4:23*

Date: September 28, 2024

Time: 8:45 am – 3:00 pm

Location: St. Mark AME Church, 1616 W. Atkinson Avenue,  
Milwaukee 53206

Hosted by: Women of St. Mark AME Church and the  
CWU in Milwaukee unit.

### Plan for the day:

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| 8:45 am    | Registration and refreshments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 9:15 am    | Singing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 9:30 am    | Welcome<br>Introduction of Pastor Joy Gallmon and<br>CWU Regional Coordinator Marilyn Burch<br>Opening Worship                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 10:00 am   | Morning Program on <u>Homelessness</u><br>Focus: <i>"The Humanity of Homelessness"</i><br><i>This will be an interactive session to relate to the personal side of homelessness.<br/>Program will include video and in-person presentations ... small group<br/>discussion ... Q &amp; A session ... personal action steps.</i>                                        |
| 12:00 noon | Lunch Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 12:45 pm   | Singing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 1:00 pm    | CWU Quadrennial Priorities – presented by women who<br>attended the CWU Quadrennial Assembly, moderated by<br>Marilyn Burch, Regional Coordinator                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 1:30 pm    | Annual Meeting of CWU in Wisconsin <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Receive reports and approve the budget</li><li>• Discussion of CWU in Wisconsin moving forward</li><li>• Dedication of officers</li><li>• Book Study plans</li><li>• Offering for CWU in Wisconsin and National "Giving from the Heart"</li><li>• Mission Project</li></ul> Closing Worship |
| 3:00 pm    | Dismissal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

# Registration for CWU in Wisconsin Assembly

Registration Fee: \$25.00 Includes lunch and Assembly packet

Make check payable to Church Women United in Wisconsin

Send registration form below and payment to:

Mary Beduhn  
3621 Cherryvale Circle, #10  
Appleton, WI 54913

Registration due September 20.

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Registration for CWU in Wisconsin Assembly

Name \_\_\_\_\_

CWU unit \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate lunch choices:

Do you want \_\_\_\_\_ ham OR \_\_\_\_\_ turkey

Do you want \_\_\_\_\_ multi grain bread OR \_\_\_\_\_ Italian bread

\_\_\_\_\_ Gluten free option                      \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian option

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED – MADISON**

**CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 2024 -MAY 2025**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2024, FORUM, 9:30- 11:30 A.M., JUST DANE, Dale Heights Presbyterian Church, 5501 University Avenue, Madison, WI 53705. KEY WOMAN, WENDY WEBER, FORUM CHAIR, ANN SOWASKE.**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2024, BOARD MEETING, 9:30-11:30 A.M., Bethany United Methodist Church, Second Floor Meeting Room, 3910 Mineral Point Road, Madison, WI 53705. KEY WOMAN, LINDA SNELL.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2024, WORLD COMMUNITY DAY, 9:30-11:30 A.M., MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH, 2019 Fisher Street, Madison, WI 53713, DR. MARCUS ALLEN, COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD. KEY WOMAN AND CELEBRATIONS CHAIR, CAROLYN RUMPH.**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2025, HUMAN RIGHTS DAY, 9:30-11:30 A.M., TBD CELEBRATIONS CHAIR, CAROLYN RUMPH**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025, BOARD MEETING, 9:30-11:30 A.M., Bethany United Methodist Church, Second Floor Meeting Room, 3910 Mineral Point Road, Madison, WI 53705. KEY WOMAN : LINDA SNELL.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2025, WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, First Church of Christ, Scientist, 610 South Segoe Road, Madison, WI 53711. KEY WOMAN: CYMBRE VAN FOSSEN, CELEBRATIONS CHAIR, CAROLYN RUMPH.**

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025, 9:30-11:30 A.M. BOARD MEETING, 9:30-11:30 A.M., Bethany United Methodist Church, Second Floor Meeting Room, 3910 Mineral Point Road, Madison, WI 53705. KEY WOMAN: LINDA SNELL..

**FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025, 9:30-11:30 A.M., MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY, TBD, CELEBRATIONS CHAIR, CAROLYN RUMPH.**



**PRESIDENT' CORNER** Where does the time go. Here we are approaching the middle to end of August already. We must take stock of what we have accomplished and what we want to accomplish before the end of the 2024 Year, on December 31. For us, CWU'ers, we have to ask ourselves what progress have we made toward reaching our organization's goals of...Unity in diversity and empowering women to work towards a world of peace and justice.



**Peace can take on many faces in our daily lives if we view it in a multidimensional fashion. The kids aren't fighting. The neighbors aren't fighting. The big mean kids aren't bullying the weaker, smaller, kind- mannered kids. The boss at work is appreciating you and not putting undue pressure on you. You are at peace with the world.**

**Justice can take on many meanings as well. Fairness, factualness, desire for power, lack of balance, are all facets of justice. Why is there no peace in Ukraine? Can it be a desire for power? Can it be greed? Why? Why is there no peace in Palestine? Is it fear? Is it hate? Why? Why is there lack of peace in our daily lives at home, at work, at school? Is it fear? Is it a desire for power? Is it our lack of kindness?**

**My take on things in our daily lives is to stay positive no matter what. Take time to say thank you. Take time to love yourself and others. Trust in yourself. Believe in yourself. Do something good with your talents. Don't stand still. Move!**

STATE CWU BOOK PROJECT

The State Church Women United (CWU) Organization has chosen for its main project this year the selection of two books on homelessness to be read by participants and then discussed at a statewide virtual and at loci meetings in each of the State Member Organizations Locations: Madison, Milwaukee, Columbus, Outagamie County, Platteville, Richland Center, and Watertown. Jenny Armstrong, State CWU Projects Chair, will host the meetings through ZOOM from Madison.

The two books that will be read in advance by all of the participants are:

**“When We Walk By, Forgotten Humanity, Broken Systems, and the Role We Can Each Play in Ending Homelessness in America” by Kevin F. Adler and Donald W. Burns**

and

**“Journeys Out of Homelessness the Voices of Lived Experience” by Jamie Rife and Donald W. Burns.**

The first book will be read in its entirety in preparation for the CWU BOOK MEET. The second book, although you may wish to read it in its entirety, the focus at the CWU BOOK MEET will be on the individual stories: “Barb’s Story,” pp.19-32; “Tim’s Story”, pp.33-44; “Marie’s Story, pp. 45-67; “Tiffany’s Story”, pp. 69-85; “Blizzard’s Story”, pp. 87-103; “Leanne’s Story”, pp. 105-134; “James’s Story”, pp. 135-144; “Caroline’s Journey”, pp. 145-185.

To participate in the CWU BOOK MEET, you must register on the following form and provide your contact information so that JENNY ARMSTRONG can be in touch with you for any updates regarding CWU BOOK MEET particulars. JENNY ARMSTRONG’S contact information follows. Please contact her for any questions you may have.

JENNY ARMSTRONG, PRESIDENT CWU- MADISON and PROJECTS CHAIR, STATE CWU

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**REGISTRATION FORM FOR CWU BOOK MEET:**

**FRIDAY JANUARY 17, 2025, 2:00-4:00 P.M. ZOOM AND PHYSICAL LOCATIONS:**

Madison, Milwaukee, Columbus, Outagamie County, Platteville, Richland Center, and Watertown.

**REGISTRANT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP CODE:** \_\_\_\_\_

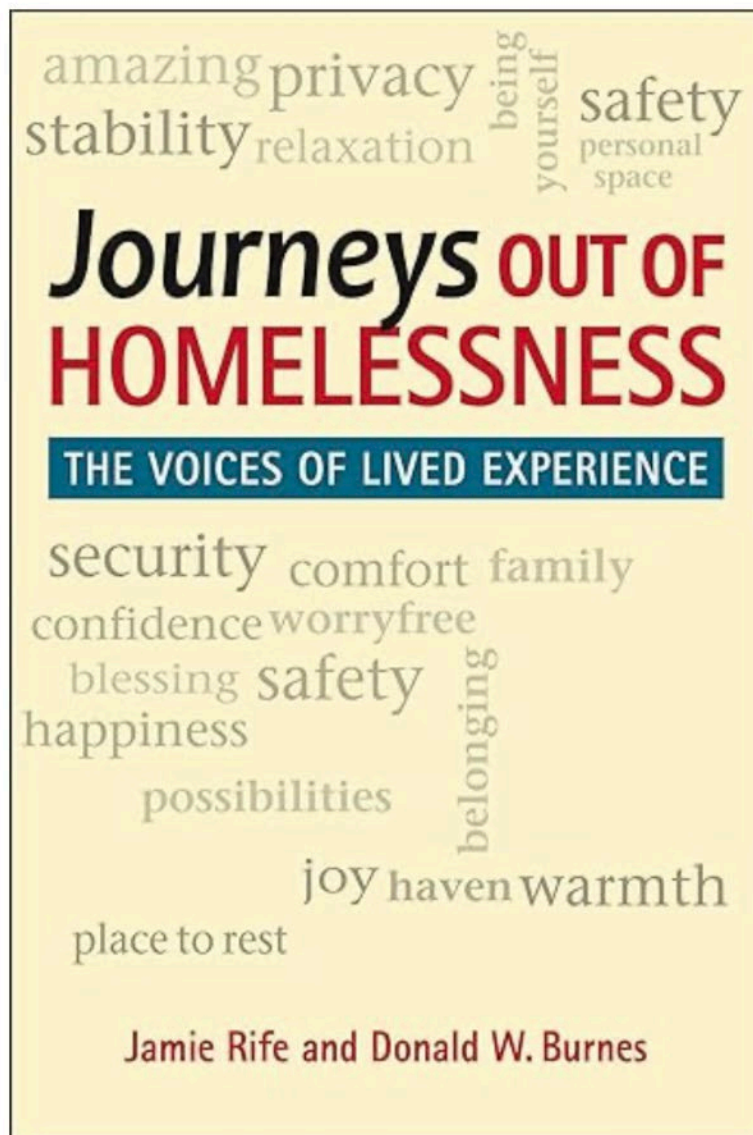
E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT AFFILIATION: \_\_\_\_\_

**SEND OR E-MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO JENNY ARMSTRONG BY DEADLINE DATE OF DECEMBER 17, 2024.**

**CIRCLE ZOOM OR PLACE CHOICE FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION:** ZOOM, Madison, Milwaukee, Columbus, Outagamie County, Platteville, Richland Center, and Watertown.



FAIR SHARE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS &  
DONOR ONTRIBUTIONS FORM  
FOR CHURCH WOMEN UNITED OF MADISON

Please Note: These contributions will be used for the general operating expenses of CWU of Madison, as well as for the Celebration materials, choir music, annual donations to selected community social services, and annual contribution to Church Women United of Wisconsin. GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES include, in part, the cost of producing and mailing the CWU newsletter, and the P.O. Box rental.

Please send in contributions by November 30 of each year. Our financial year ends on December 31 of each year.

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of church/organization or individual donor.*

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

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*For church or organization.*

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Please make your check(s) payable to: Church Women United of Madison and send to:

Marleen S. Lippert, Treasurer,  
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Thank you for your financial assistance in carrying out the various projects of CWU. Your contributions are sincerely appreciated.

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