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CHURCH WOMEN UNITED FORUM

Friday, Jan 10, 2025

Human Rights Celebration Forum

9:30-11:30 AM

First Baptist Church

518 N Franklin Avenue, Madison, WI 53705

Award for Human Rights

Brandi Grayson,

Founder & CEO Urban Triage

(there will be no Zoom information to share)

Dear Friends:

Our unit is continuing to function without our dear president, Jenny Armstrong. She discovered health problems September 6, 2024 when we held a forum at Dale Heights Presbyterian Church, University Ave, Madison. Our speaker was John Givens who described the "JustDane" program.

We met together as a board with a few others on October 11th, with Judy Loveless leading. Carolyn has scheduled the Human Rights celebration at First Baptist Church on January 10, 2025. The award will be presented to Brandi Grayson. The First Church of Christ. Scientist has offered again to host the World Day of Prayer celebration. This will be Friday, March 7, 2025.

We are in need of a host church for the May Friendship Day Luncheon on Friday, May 2, 2025. If you could check with your church to see if we could meet there, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Carolyn Rumph to answer any questions you might have about this. Her email is br0wnsugar@charter.net (use the number 0)

Summary of World Community Day Program

Mt Zion Baptist Church, Madison, Wisconsin Friday, November 1, 2024

"Walk Humbly With God" Welcome – at 10 AM Rev. Dr. Marcus Allen, Pastor, welcomed us to Mt Zion Baptist Church which has been a frequent host for Church Women United Community Day programs. Carolyn Rumph read the Bible verse, Micah 6:8 "O People ! The Lord has told you what is good, and this is what He requires of you: to do what is right; to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." And, Matthew 5:5 "God blesses those who are humble, for they will inherit the Earth." Carolyn read the history of Church Women United. She defined our mission: "Church Women United is an inclusive, ecumenical Christian women's movement celebrating unity in diversity and empowering women to work toward a world of peace and justice." She defined our vision: "Women of Faith, cultivating Love, Hope and Peace for all creation." Kathy Maldegan led us in singing "O Church Women United."

Deacon Antonia Daniels led us in the World Communion Day litany. Patricia Diehl sang a solo. The lyrics emphasized appreciation for our pastor: steadfast, always prepared, immovable, trusting in God's promises, always seeking the hand of God.

Carolyn Rumph presented the Community Leader Award to Rev. Dr. Marcus Allen, for his life of service and faith. Dr. Allen's acceptance speech described his faith journey through his Army service and his parttime assignment in Virginia with a focus on social justice. His wife is from Alabama; he had a grandmother nearby when they moved to Wisconsin in 2016. He credited Carolyn Rumph with the continued successful connection to CWU and thanked her for all the help she has given him in his ministry.

Many service and mission programs at Mt Zion Baptist Church were cited:

*a learning center for K-5th grade

*food pantry

*school without walls

*support for kids exiting out of Foster Care

*wellness program with immunization shots for flu and Covid 19, and for mental health counseling

Judy Loveless took the offering collection and Emmy offered a prayer.

Patricia led us in a song of praise.

Patricia led us in a closing hymn. Carolyn Rumph offered our closing prayer and announced that our Human Rights Award will be presented to Brandi Grayson.

CWU Calendar 2025

Friday, Jan 10, 2025 Human Rights Celebration Forum, 9:30-11:30 AM. First Baptist Church, Award for Human Rights, Celebration Chair: Carolyn Rumph

Friday, March 7, 2025 World Day of Prayer, First Church of Christ. Scientist, 610 S, Segoe Rd, Madison. Key Woman: Cymbre van Fossen; Celebration Chair: Carolyn Rumph

Friday, May 2, 2025 May Friendship Day 9:30-11:30 AM. (TBD), Celebration Chair: Carolyn Rumph



Bio: Brandi Grayson Founder/CEO Urban Triage

Brandi Grayson is a transformative leader who founded Urban Triage in 2019 to support those affected by state violence, including mass incarceration and housing shortages. Under her leadership, the organization has mobilized significant resources to assist vulnerable communities in Madison and has grown to over 23 employees.

In 2020, Brandi secured the second-largest contract in Dane County to provide rental support during the COVID-19 pandemic. Urban Triage is now a key community institution, offering emergency assistance, transformative personal and leadership development cohorts, advocacy, and housing support to thousands annually.

Brandi's contributions have earned her numerous accolades, including recognition as one of Wisconsin's most influential African Americans in 2015 and the Community Leader of the Year award in 2022. In 2023, the Madison Black Chamber of Commerce honored Urban Triage as the People's Choice Business and Nonprofit.

Her collaborative leadership style emphasizes community, integrity, and gratitude. Brandi works across political divides, partnering with organizations like UW Health and the Madison Police Department to support those in need.

As a co-founder of the Young Gifted & Black Coalition, which leads grassroots campaigns and Black Lives Matter protests Brandi amplified essential voices within the community. Currently, she hosts the Black Convergence radio show on 92.7 FM, where she continues this important work. Outside of her professional life, Brandi is a devoted mother and a nature enthusiast, finding joy in simple pleasures. Her commitment to addressing systemic challenges makes her a powerful advocate for vulnerable populations.

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