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World Day of Prayer

ALL ARE WELCOME

Friday, March 7, 2025 - 9:30 AM

First Church of Christ Scientist

610 South Segoe Road

Madison, WI 53711

Our hosts will be providing a continental breakfast - pastries, coffee, juices, etc. starting at 9:00am for those attending in person who would like to share in fellowship ahead of the program.

Time: Mar 7, 2025 9:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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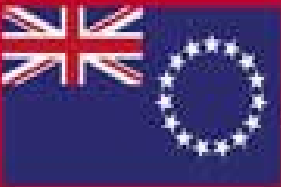
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2025 World Day of Prayer

“I Made You Wonderful”
Psalm 139:14

Artwork: “Wonderfully Made”
by Tarani Napa and Tevairangi Napa



Program written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of the Cook Islands for WDP 2025. World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice.

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SUMMARY OF HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

“Help Others At All Times” Friday, January 10, 2025

First Baptist Church, Madison, WI

Attendance: 38 in person and 2 on Zoom

10:15 AM, Welcome: Lynnette Miller, member of the First Baptist Church, welcomed us and described the special table-top creches from a variety of countries: China, Costa Rica, Germany, Italy, Nepal and Peru.

Our host, Pastor Tim Schaefer, welcomed us. First Baptist Church has a long history of serving marginalized people. Pastor Tim admired our excellent Human Rights Program and thanked all who worked so hard to set up the food service with the elegant china and those who made the Zoom connection possible.

Our CWU leader, Ann Sowaske, welcomed us and introduced Judy Loveless, CWU Board secretary. She recognized Jenny Armstrong, our former president, who had to retire because of health problems. She thanked Carolyn Rumph, CWU Board member and Ecumenical Celebrations Chair, for the excellent Human Rights Day Program.

Program:

Carolyn Rumph welcomed us and thanked all for attendance. She referred to our program handout which has the history of Church Women United. We can read this later. She read the CWU mission statement and the CWU Vision Statement.

10:30 AM BREAK

We took a 10 minute break to set up the extra tables and chairs for the staff of Urban Triage and so they could partake of the wonderful refreshments.

Carolyn Rumph read the history of Human Rights Day and read the opening prayer.

Lynnette Miller played the recorded opening song and led us in singing the CWU National Song “O Church Women United.”

Judy Loveless led the liturgy and participants responded.

Carolyn Rumph read the Human Rights Day bible study, which was composed by Rosalyn Carter, wife of President Jimmy Carter.

Introduction of the Human Rights Day Award

Carolyn Rumph read the bio for our award winner, Brandi Grayson.

Brandi Grayson accepted the award and gave outstanding credit to her staff at Urban Triage. She listed the multitude of projects that they have successfully worked on. She singled out Alecia Gray, Coordinator for Youth Programs. After summarizing the projects Urban Triage is involved in, she responded to questions and comment for almost 40 minutes!

Many of the projects are funded by grants. A few are listed here:

- *Outreach and Environmental Justice
- *New furnaces and mold mitigation
- *After school programs
- *Job training for youth and overcoming barriers
- *Financial advising, life readiness skills and trauma recovery
- *Work with landlords, cultivating relationships
- *Collaborating with the Beacon on housing navigation
- *Black agricultural programs in Verona at the Farley Center (free produce)
- *Resources and other support for evictions
- * Transitioning aged out foster young people

There are 22 staff members with three more expected soon. Brandi's report was outstanding and received a standing ovation!

Please send support to UrbanTriage.org. The office address is 2312 S Park St, Madison, WI 53713

Other Business

Fellowship of the Least Coin – Ann Sowaske explained the Fellowship of the Least Coin collection.

Linda Snell reported on the CWU endowment donated ARC Book Collection Project. There were more than 60 mostly new books donated for kiddos age 3 months to age 19. Most of the students who received books were middle school age.



Announcements:

*Ruth Hein reported on a friend who is struggling in rehab at Oakwood Village.

*March 7, 2025 is World Day of Prayer program

Friday, May 2, 2025 MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY 9:30-11:30 AM. Vista West 150 Bella Vista Dr. Madison, WI 53717, Celebration Chair: Carolyn Rumph

More information will be shared in the April newsletter.

Closing Prayer: Carolyn Rumph offered the closing prayer. As we leave this place today, let us remember we are an ecumenical movement of women who have agreed to differ, resolved to love and united to serve. Take action in your community as it pertains to each CWU celebration. This could be helpful to increase membership in your unit.

Closing Song: "I Am Woman" by Helen Reddy

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM

JUDY LOVELESS, Secretary of CWU of Madison

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