

Dear Madison Church:

Is your church a member of Church Women United of Madison? Do you have a Key Woman? Are you interested in joining? Our goal is to “encourage women to come together in a visible community to witness to their faith in Jesus Christ and, enabled by the Holy Spirit to go out into every neighborhood and nation as instruments of reconciling love”.

Church Women United is open to all women of faith who wish to manifest their unity by building a covenantal community

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED: WHO WE ARE

Church Women United is a racially, culturally, theologically inclusive Christian women’s movement, celebrating unity in diversity and working for world of peace and justice. Church women UNITED are who we are when Orthodox, Protestant, Roman Catholic and other Christian women are together. We are a movement of women mobilizing around a strong purpose and common goals.

Church Women United provides the ecumenical dimension of the women members of the churches and allows women to take some initiative in the way they express their faith in today’s world. In one sense, we do not “join” Church Women United. We are members of different churches and CWU gives us a channel through which we work together. We welcome all who wish to share in responsible action through CWU.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN MADISON

Madison Church Women United is made up of groups and individuals who aspire to its purpose. **Financial Support comes from Fair Share gifts from MEMBER CHURCHES.** Fair Share gifts range from \$25 to \$200. Individual contributions are also welcome. All contributions are used for the general operating expenses of CWU in Madison, as well as

for the Celebration materials, choir music, annual donations to selected community social services, **SPECIAL PROJECTS (see pp. 13-16)** and annual contributions to Church Women United in Wisconsin.

IF YOU WISH TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR PROGRAMS:

Checks should be made out to Church Women United in Madison and sent to the local treasurer: Marleen Lippert, 6329 Scandia Lane, McFarland, WI 53558.

KEY WOMEN:

Many affiliated churches have a representative, or Key Woman, who is the connecting link between that church and Church Women United. **If you do not have a KEY WOMAN identified on this list, we hope that you will identify a woman within your church to serve in this capacity and contact me with their name, address, phone number, E-mail address, and Church Affiliation, so that I may be in touch with them.**

CWU OFFICERS, KEY WOMEN, KEY MEMBERS

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED MADISON LEADERSHIP TEAM

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CWU KEY WOMAN

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CWU TREASURER, KEY WOMAN, ECUMENICAL CHOIR

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Linda Whitelock

**CWU KEY MEMBER CHURCH CONTACT FOR WOMAN'S PROGRAMS
Bashford Methodist Church**

**CWU KEY WOMEN KEY MEMBERS OFFICERS
CWU MADISON LEADERSHIP TEAM
AS OF 02-23-2023**

OUR NEXT CELEBRATION: PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND:

March 3, 2023

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
9:30 A.M.
Church of Christ Scientist
610 South Segoe Road
Madison, WI 53711
Contact: Carolyn RUMPH**

OUR SCHEDULED FORUM:

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED FORUM
April 14, 2023**

**TOPIC: "THE POWER OF ECUMENICALISM:
Working Together to Build a Better and More Just World"**

HELP WANTED

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED MADISON needs your help. We are seeking five CWU Member Church Clergy and five CWU KEY WOMEN, to speak for 10 minutes each, on, "The Power of Ecumenicalism: Working together to Build a Better and More Just World", at our annual Forum on April 14, 2023, at 9:30 A.M.

If you would be willing to serve as a speaker for this Forum, please contact:

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ECUMENICALISM*

The Concise Evangelical Dictionary of Theology, defines ecumenism as “the organized attempt to bring about cooperation and unity among Christians”.

On the international level, the World Council of Churches and “Evangelicals and Catholics Together: The Christian Mission in the Third Millennium” are examples of ecumenism.

Ecumenism has also been defined more broadly as: “a movement that promotes worldwide unity among all religions through greater cooperation”.

The ecumenical movement seeks to recover the apostolic* sense of the early church for “unity in diversity” and it confronts the frustrations, difficulties, and ironies of the modern pluralistic world. “It is a lively reassessment of the historical, sources and destiny of what followers perceive to be the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church of Jesus

Christ.” (Erickson, Milliard J., *The Concise Dictionary of Theology (Revised Edition)*, Crossway Books, 2001; Elwell, Walter A. (Editor, Abridged by Peter Toon), *The Concise Evangelical Dictionary of Theology*, Baker Publishing Group, January 1, 1991.)

***APOSTOLIC**

(def. Adj. belonging or relating to the early followers of Jesus Christ and to their teaching)(Synonyms: ecclesiastical, ministerial, monastic, pastoral, rabbinical, pious, religious, doctrinal, metaphysical, pontifical, priestly, canonical, churchly, cleric, ecclesiastic, episcopal, holy, monkish, papal, parsonical).

Apostle n. Synonyms (advocate, champion, proponent, supporter, pioneer, propagandist, apologist, booster, adherent, advocator, backer, believer, campaigner, crusader, espouser, expounder, friend, gospeler, gosseller, herald, hierophant, paladin, protagonist, spokesman, spokesperson, spokeswoman, tub thumper, upholder, propagator, companion converter devotee, high priest, messenger, true believer, devotee, white knight, witness, defender, patron, sponsor, partisan, protector, missionary, enthusiast,
Proposer, pleader, follower, ally...more)

Ecumenical (adjective) promoting or relating to unity among the world’s Christian Churches or more broadly the world’s religions. The power of Ecumenicalism is unity for the purpose of doing good and promoting the doing of good in our shared world.

*def. n. the doctrine of the Ecumenical movement that promotes cooperation and better

April 14, 2023

**FORUM SHOWCASING CWU MEMBER
CHURCHES AND KEY WOMEN**

**TITLE: “The Power of Ecumenicalism:
Working together to Build a Better and
More Just World”**

**MODERATOR: JENNY R. ARMSTRONG,
Ph.D., J.D., PRESIDENT, CHURCH WOMEN
UNITED MADISON**

**SPEAKERS: Five Clergy from CWU Member
Churches TBD; Five CWU KEY WOMEN TBD.**

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

**LOCATION: Christ Presbyterian Church
944 East Gorham Street
Madison, WI 53703**

Contact: Jenny Armstrong

PLEASE ALSO PLAN TO ATTEND OUR MAY FRIENDSHIP CELEBRATION

May 5, 2023

**CELEBRATION May Friendship Day
Labor with Love A Heart to Care
9:30 A.M.**

**First Congregational Church, UCC
1609 University Avenue
Madison, WI 53726**

**Contact: Jenny Armstrong
or Carolyn Rumph**

I want to tell you about two exciting programs of CHURCH WOMEN UNITED MADISON and solicit your participation. The first program is:

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED MADISON

Audrey Schmitz Hinger Children's Book Project

The CHURCH WOMEN UNITED MADISON Audrey Schmitz Hinger Children's Book Project is being established to honor Audrey Schmitz Hinger, a long-time devoted member of CHURCH WOMEN UNITED MADISON and GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC PARISH AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, 1905 Beltline Highway, Madison, WI. Audrey died on February 5, 2022, at age 94.

Audrey was very active in CHURCH WOMEN UNITED MADISON. For her work she was honored as one of three CHURCH WOMEN UNITED Valiant Women in 2012. As a Member of CHURCH WOMEN UNITED MADISON, Audrey, with her own funds and those raised by CHURCH WOMEN MADISON, each Christmas would carefully select and purchase books for women in prisons and halfway homes and their children. She and her husband George would personally deliver the books to the women and their children.

The CHURCH WOMEN UNITED MADISON AUDREY SCHMITZ HINGER BOOK PROJECT is continuing this legacy. The CWU AUDREY SCHMITZ HINGER BOOK PROJECT is soliciting: 1. Volunteers to serve on a Committee to Identify Children who can benefit from the book donations; 2. Volunteers to serve on a committee to identify and purchase books; 3. Volunteers to serve on a committee to deliver the books; 4. Donations to the CWU MADISON HILGER BOOK FUND to help defray the costs of the books.

You can volunteer at

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSIkWdsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAAAAMAAKwRgO5UOTIwUFROTzFWUDVDTU9HT01LUVVQQ1dVUC4u>

The second Program is:

**THE CHURCH WOMEN UNITED MADISON
ELIZABETH (LIZ) ANN WALKER GILL
CHILDREN'S MUSIC PROJECT**

The CHURCH WOMEN UNITED MADISON ELIZABETH (LIZ) ANN WALKER GILL CHILDREN'S MUSIC PROJECT is being established to honor Elizabeth Gill a long-time devoted member of CHURCH WOMEN UNITED and the First United Methodist Church of Madison, where she served as Music Librarian and sang in the Choir.

Elizabeth was a member and active leader of the CHURCH WOMEN UNITED ECUMENICAL CHOIR from its inception in 1982 to the time of her death on September 18, 2022 at age 78. The Music Project is being established in her honor.

The Liz Gill Music Project will provide free music lessons to needy children who without this project might not have the opportunity to learn music. Members of the CHURCH WOMEN UNITED ECUMENICAL CHOIR have volunteered to loan musical instruments and music and have pledged their time to teach in the program.

The CHURCH WOMEN UNITED MADISON ELIZABETH (LIZ) ANN WALKER GILL CHILDREN'S MUSIC PROJECT is soliciting: 1. Loaned Music and Musical Instruments; 2. Volunteers to pledge time to teach children in the program music; 3. Volunteers to identify Scholarship Children for the Program; 4. Member Churches to donate space for the Music Lessons; 5. Volunteers to accompany Singers in the Program during practices and performances at CWU Celebrations and Member Churches Events where they are asked to sing; 6. Committee Members to Manage the Program.

You can volunteer at:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSIkWdsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAMAAKwRgO5UNEZCWTc4VIVPR1VZRVIQVUFOMEYxUTI0MC4u>

By clicking on the URLs you will have the opportunity to become involved in these exciting and worthwhile projects. You can also copy and paste these URLs into your Browser to respond to the Programs.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. We hope you will become involved in our programs.

**Please let me know how CHURCH WOMEN UNITED MADISON can become involved in your Church's Mission. Together, we can make a difference. Regards,
Jenny**

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