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**May 3, 2019**

**May Friendship Day**

- 9:am Coffee and Gathering**
- 9:30am Welcome and Announcements**
- 10:00am Worship Celebration**
- 11:30am Lunch**

**Men are Welcome**

**St. Stephen's Lutheran Church  
5700 Pheasant Hill Road, Monona**

**RSVP by sending a \$10 check, made payable to**

**Church Women United,  
to Marlene Lippert,  
6329 Scandia Lane  
McFarland, WI 53558  
by April 26**

## **May Friendship Day Celebration**

On Friday, May 3, 2019, we will gather at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 5700 Pheasant Hill Road, Monona, for our May Friendship Day Celebration. We begin at 9 am with coffee and fellowship, followed by welcoming and announcements. Our worship celebration begins at 10, followed by a catered luncheon.

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This will be a celebration of the friendships we make as church women, of the excellent programs that have informed us, of the opportunities ahead for us as Church Women United.

This year we will not have our annual meeting at the May meeting. We have moved to a calendar year rather than the school year, so we still have four months more of our year. We will hold our annual meeting on September 13 to solidify our calendar and install officers elected to finish this calendar year.

Bring a friend from your church or from your social group to give them a chance to learn about Church Women United and be inspired by your dedication and work here in Madison. Also bring your Fellowship of the `convert your coins to paper money for our treasurer's sake.

## **April Field Trip**

Our visit to Middleton Outreach Ministries began seated around a large meeting table in their main office building. Shannon Ash, Program Director, gave us a brief history and a comprehensive view of their operation.

Middleton Outreach Ministries (MOM) began in 1980, originally in the basement of St. Luke's Church, then in a house on Hubbard Street. Five or six years ago, they moved to their present location on Parmenter Street. They have more staff space and their food pantry and clothing facility are in the same location with ample space. Two people staff the pantry, administrators and workers have space, and they have two case managers so they are able to give wraparound services. The case manager is the first step. They will meet with family, connect them to different sources for food, housing, clothing or financial information: rent assistance, help with rent, moving, auto repair,

systems repair, prescriptions, and other areas of need. They have a good budget to cover their mission.

Access to food and clothing comes from MOM, The River, and St. Vincent's, which serve different geographic areas. MOM's service area is Madison west of Midvale Avenue, north of the beltline, and all of the Cross Plains School District. This third area is very scattered and is a transportation problem for those so far out. This includes The Crossings, and Elver Park area.

MOM has a truck and they do two mobile pantries, at Segoe Terrace and Voss House. Boundary line is a problem. They have partnered with Elver Park Food Market.

Funding is 70% private donations from individuals, farmers, churches, businesses, and United Way. Poverty and affordable housing are problems they see. You really don't see homeless people around Middleton. Shelters are on Capitol Square. The biggest population they serve are those doubled up. Sleeping on couches of friends, family members. There are 800 families doubled in the Madison school system.

MOM provides fresh fruit, other fresh food, produce to these families. So many farmers donate as do private gardeners. They partner with 2nd Harvest Food Bank. MOM has its own gardens, including one near their location, where they grow tomatoes, cilantro, lots of things. The Madison area has a food pantry garden network. A volunteer group helps clients garden a 20x20 garden for themselves. They average a produce production of 200 lbs. MOM has a garden for watermelons. People can glean from UW gardens and from other places. MOM gets 1000's of pounds of potatoes.

MOM's food pantry is a free choice pantry. Each recipient pairs with a client host, who keeps records on household sizes and pounds given. Clients choose what they want. MOM has cultural foods. They have recipe bags that contain what you need to make the dish as well as the recipe. They work with UW Extension.

Clients don't have to be American citizens. There is no cost for clients. MOM is open 6 days a week from Monday through Saturday. They help 65 households a day, Monday to Thursday, 10-2. Friday and Saturday, 9-12. Clients can come every day.

MOM has the food pantry and the clothing store. They don't have a commercial kitchen and don't provide cooked meals.

MOM has health and medical connections. Some companies will ask to do presentations. A physician in town near Pic n' Save does a program of medical care. Health is really important, food is necessary, and for mental health, the case managers get their clients connected to Medicare and Medicaid.

MOM has a newsletter, a web site and relies on word of mouth to reach those who need their services. Joining Forces for Families offices have MOM pamphlets. MOM takes no money for providing assistance. They offer other services because housing is a human right.

Then on to the food pantry. The warehouse is across the parking lot and houses the food pantry and the clothing store (no charge). Both areas are staffed by volunteers who stock shelves, process donations, and help clients. They have a refrigerator and a freezer as well as stocked shelves of canned and packaged food. Volunteers record the poundage of each person's daily choices. We were quite impressed with the quality and organization of both areas. Our thanks to MOM for their hospitality and even more thanks for the work they do for our community.

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### **State CWU Annual Meeting**

This year it will be a retreat that takes place on September 7, at Holy Wisdom in Middleton. The theme, *God's Good Creation*, should be a perfect match for that location, and is a great opportunity for us to attend.

### **CWU Board Meeting**

Next board meeting is Friday morning, 9:30 am, April 26, 2019, at Bethany UMC, 3910 Mineral Point Road. Coffee and fellowship at 9 am.

### **CWU Planning Meeting**

Planning for the 2020 CWU program year will take place at Bethany on August 23. Planning is done for the remainder of 2019.

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