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September 13, 2019

Annual Meeting

**The Climate Crisis:
Climate Interfaith Action Event**

Presenters:

Tim Condon and Janice Knapp-Condes

**9:00am Coffee and Gathering
9:30am Welcome and Presentations
10:00am Annual Meeting**

Men are Welcome

**Asbury United Methodist Church
6101 University Avenue**

Annual Meeting

Annual reports are in for the 2018-2019 year as are plans for the remaining programs for 2019. We are in planning stages for our 2020 program year, reflecting our change to calendar year instead of academic year. Lynn McDonald, our acting president, is leading us for the remainder of 2019. lynn.mcdonald@gmail.com or 608-347-4437

The August board meeting made good progress here, but feel free to contact officers and key women with program ideas as well as suggestions for hosting churches. Lynn arranged a video conference call with two leaders of the La Crosse CWU to discuss how to organize and how to keep leadership strong. They try to involve as many women as possible in their region's churches and have been successful with getting key women who are involved in planning and hosting meetings.

We should have next year's programs set up by this fall.

Fall Program Schedule

October 4, at Oakwood West. Shirley Alexander has arranged for chaplain Martha Nack to speak. Martha's mother was active in CWU.

November 1, at Mt. Zion, World Community Day, hosted by Grace Episcopal. Contact person, Lynn McDonald.

December 6, at First Baptist Church, an interactive Christmas sharing, including international students. Barbara Eggleston, arranger.

The Climate Crisis: Climate Interfaith Action Event

Presenters are Tim Condon and Janice Knapp-Condes. Here are letters from them to bring you up to speed on their messages.

Dear Members of the Madison Area Faith Community,

I'm writing to ask for your support for the youth-led Global Climate Strike that is happening all over the world starting on September 20th, 2019. I'm supporting this strike by helping the youth bring people from all walks of life together, to join their call for livable future. As a person of faith, I'm focusing on reaching out to communities of faith and I am hoping that you will feel called to help this effort in whatever ways you can.

The main way that you can help me is to reach out to the people in your congregation and denomination and ask them to join you on September 20th.

We have organized four simultaneous interfaith gatherings near the Capitol, at 10:30 am, on this day.

*** Please coordinate with your congregation/denomination, and plan on showing up at one of these – together:

Bethel Lutheran, 312 Wisconsin Ave.
Grace Episcopal, 116 W. Washington Ave.
First United Methodist, 203 Wisconsin Ave.
St. John's Lutheran, 322 E. Washington Ave.

These gathering sites were chosen for their proximity to the Capitol, which will help us to assemble for the 12:00 noon - Concert for the Climate at the State St. corner. From there we will Parade to the Youth who will be at MGE – asking for a commitment to transition to 100% renewable energy by 2030.

We plan to have wheelchairs, volunteer wheelchair pushers, and shuttle vans available for those for whom this 0.7-mile walk would be hard or impossible. (If your house of worship has one or more wheelchairs that you could loan for this event, please call 608-630-3633 and let me know.

*** In order to help disperse our numbers somewhat equitably amongst the four gatherings, we ask that someone from your congregation call Claire at 608-334-5279. With her help, you and your group will know just where to show up. Please call me (608-630-3633) if you, or any members from your community, would be willing to contribute a co-leader in one of these interfaith gatherings, to lead prayers, songs, inspiring words, or creative expressions of any kind. Lastly, please send this invitation out to any and all who may be called to support this historic turning point for humanity.

In solidarity for justice, peace, and a sustainable future,

Your Name Here

Tim Cordon

Pronouns: He, Him, His

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First Unitarian Society

Dear Church Women United,

I am writing to you not only as another woman but also as a mother and grandmother concerned about the future of our children. By “our children” I mean all the children of the world, living and yet to be born. We are caretakers, of our children and of the planet. In the Judeo-Christian Bible, we were given the charge to be stewards, caretakers of the earth. As the young Swedish activist, Greta Thunberg, has stated, “Our house is on fire.” Scientists have been telling us for decades that greenhouse gases are increasing and are changing the climate. This is going to adversely and severely affect the lives of all people on the planet but especially the lives of our children. Young people all over the world are standing up and demanding that we not only pay attention to climate change but also work to change our lives and the policies of our cities, state, and country.

Youth are calling for a Global Climate Strike on September 20. I am asking you to join in and to spread the word within your organization. Below is more information to help you in this holy work. Please feel free to contact me for more information or whatever else you might need on the subject of climate change.

In faith and love,
Janice Knapp-Cordes
member of First Unitarian Society of Madison
janice.knappcordes@gmail.com

Please give 5 minutes to watch and deeply listen to this video. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zrF1THd4bUM>
Please spread the word to your congregation, your family, friends, and co-workers. Ask them to publicly endorse and strongly promote the strike. Take the pledge below and make a commitment to act. Share the pledge form.
Join the strike on 9/20. If you cannot join one of the main strike locations, youth leaders encourage you to strike where you are for 11 minutes at 11:00 a.m. – or whenever you can.

Places to find out more information:
Global Climate Strike - Madison
Global Climate Strike: Wisconsin
Global Climate Strike - <https://globalclimatestrike.net/>

Be a part of the millions of people all over the world who will not be engaging with life/business as usual on this one day. This is a global emergency - “If not you, then who? If not now, then when?” (view this call to action across the globe)

Pledge Form

I Support the Global Climate Strike!

For the sake of all life, and to increase our chances of survival as a species on Earth, (Please, check all that you can.)

I will join the Global Climate Strike activities in downtown Madison or elsewhere on September 20, 2019.

I will promote the Strike on social media, in emails, phone calls, and/or in personal contacts.

I would like my name to be listed with those groups and individuals who are publicly endorsing the strike.

I will help reach out to other groups and individuals to request that they support the Strike.

I will contact elected leaders and ask them to work for laws and policies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

I will print and post this pledge card to show my support for the Global Climate Strike.

I will do (other):

(Please print neatly)

Name _____

Signature _____

Email _____

Phone _____ Date _____

Submit on line form or send copy to: WNPJS 30 W. Mifflin St. Madison, WI 53703 or Office@WNPJ or office@wnpj.org

Facebook: Global Climate Strike – Madison

For more info: GlobalClimateStrikeMadison@gmail.com

From Susan Becker

Fair Trade Holiday Festival

Saturday, December 3, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Monona Terrace Convention Center 1 John Nolan Drive

Free event

Go to www.fairtrademadison.org for additional information.

New this year will be a fashion show of fair trade accessories at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. , put on by SlaveFree Madison and Zonta.

Church Women United wishes to express our most sincere sympathy to Rita Honnold and her family on the passing of her husband (Jim Honnold) on July 10, 2019.

The Memorial was held Saturday July 27th.

Memorial gifts may be made to Plymouth Congregational UCC in Madison or to United Church Camps Inc., which operates Moon Beach Church Camp (1487 Moon Beach Rd., St Germain, WI 54558)

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

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