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2019 Human Rights Day

The Time Is Now!
“Unite to Serve”

January 4, 2019

9:00 am Refreshment & Fellowship
9:30 am Welcome and Announcements
10:00 am Celebration

Wellspring United Methodist
5702 South Hill Drive, Madison



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Human Rights Day Celebration

On Friday, January 4, at 9 am, we will gather at Wellspring UMC, 5702 South Hill Drive, Madison, for Church Women United's Human Rights Celebration. This year we are honoring Will and Becky Green from Mentoring Positives. Will Green from the nonprofit Mentoring Positives will receive this year's Human Rights award. Mentoring Positives, based in the Darbo – Worthington neighborhood, uses mentoring with urban agriculture and social entrepreneurship to help young people learn important life skills. The youth helped develop "Off the Block", a local salsa and pizza brand, and jewelry recycling brand "ReJeweled" that help support this program. Their mission is to build "strong, trusting relationships, positives attitudes, and life skills in youth through mentoring and social entrepreneurship".

To learn more about Mentoring positives, go to mentoringpositives.org.

December Silent Auction Results

A huge Thank You to all who donated items and purchased items at the Silent Auction. Hopefully you found some good Christmas gifts for others or for yourself. We raised \$435.25 by the auction and a few separate donations. All this will go to the Madison Ecumenical Center (MEC) to help fund the publishing of the next Madison Area Religious and Human Resources Directory. Thank You and Have a Great Holiday Season. —Ruth Hein

December Forum and Christmas Silent Auction

As you can see from the above results, our Silent Auction was a success at raising money for the MEC Directory. Reports from those who request it, buy it, use it attest to its value as a resource for finding agencies and churches that give access to help in

time of trouble for numerous problems. Another thank you for all who contributed to this fun way to share talents and raise money. That knit monkey eating a banana was adorable.

Our program, My Life as a Missionary in India by Faith Bauman, gave us an exciting look at the joys and hardships of serving in the mission field. Faith brought an exciting display of items from India—many beautiful saris, blouses, petticoat, grain winnower, woven belts, wooden tools, and more. To start, she dressed two women in the traditional dress. Pat put on a petticoat, a blouse, and then Faith draped a sari around her. These three garments are what women wear. She dressed Ann Sowaske in a petticoat and blouse, then added a shorter version of a sari around the shoulders and head. This is the way women dress who work in the fields. Women home often just wear the petticoat and blouse. Saris get in the way of housework.

With a plane ride of 18-20 hours, we flew to Bombay. There beggars roam the streets, street vendors sell cabbage, cauliflower, fresh vegetables. Many shops line the sidewalks, have no aisles, and transactions take place on the street. The food is spicy. Beds are made with fibrous tapes made from the roselke(sp.?) plant. Then just a quilt or blanket.

Faith is from Ontario, Canada, and was in the mission field of India for five years before she met the most wonderful man who became her husband. He was from the United States and he was an ordained preacher in the Methodist Church. Faith was there for the United Church of Canada. (In 1925, the Congregational, Presbyterian, and Methodist Churches united as one organization.) They spent time on the road, conducting Vacation Bible Schools. Faith remembers walking 4 miles to do a meeting, getting in

bed at midnight, and having the bed tapes break and drop her on the ground.

Mission work with him meant learning another new language from the one she was using, involving different script, words. This was necessary because the average person doesn't know English. She taught English in Jugiaroc (sp?). For the first two years she worked in a boarding school with 75 little boys in elementary school. The high school was miles away.

Her husband was the director of Christian Education of entire congregations in villages with up to a thousand families, most of whom were Hindus. Going to school with Christian children who had no culture, no Bibles, with no idea of what it meant to be Christian. Surrounded by Hindu festivals, pastors were not well-educated, many just high school grads. They knew the Bible stories but didn't know the faith. They started Sunday School training, but many couldn't read.

All through May, they conducted Vacation Bible Schools. The temperature was high, and they stayed in homes of the villagers. The homes were connected by a veranda, and that was their classroom. They'd set up under a tree, set up a flannel board, at 7 am they'd have a story, sing, read scripture, prayer, then go to class. Elementary kids sat quietly, doing handwork using construction paper, carbon paper, crayons, pencils, scissors. If talking about Moses, make a little book including the Red Sea and a burning bushes. The kids didn't have crayons. Faith asked for crayons and got a whole trunk of them. At 10 am they played with Frisbees and were done by 11 am. Eighteen-year-olds were eager to go to vacation Bible school. Faith led a class of mothers.

At 2 pm they went to another village until 6. Then to another village for an evening of singing, talking. Her husband did the elementary, Faith took the high school. They did about 5 VBS during the month of May, with temperatures at 105 degrees. It was hot but exhilarating.

Her husband became a district superintendent, and for several years they traveled by narrow gauge railroads to visit pastors, pay salaries. Then he wanted

to work with farmers. Erosion was a concern, and developing use of methane gas. The Baumans had a couple of Jersey cows that supplied manure for a methane well, which supplied the methane for their two-burner stove. The natives' milk cows were water buffalo, and the milk was high in protein and delicious. The natives dried their manure in patties and burned it for cooking—smelly, smoky and a waste of precious manure for fertilizer. So developing methane gas would provide a clean fuel for cooking with the manure taken from the methane well after supplying fuel having all its nutrients left. And methane also means no flies.

So the natives needed methane wells, and the government, working with the Brethren Church, set up an underwriting program for villages to build their own wells. And this grew out of Vacation Bible Schools and her husband's commitment to helping farmers develop a more productive and environmentally positive way of farming.

This gives you a taste of what attending a CWU meeting can give you. And Faith hopes that Wisconsin farmers can learn about this source of power as well.

A MEC (Madison Ecumenical Center) Appeal

For many years Rita Honnold has served as MEC Treasurer. She is not going to be able to continue secondary to her many responsibilities caring for her husband now.

So the MEC Board is asking you all to consider whether you could use your talent and time to serve in this capacity. Rita will be happy to mentor you regarding the responsibilities and tasks. It primarily involves writing periodic checks and doing some "end of the year" government reporting forms and, the years we sell the directories, keeping track of the incoming funds from the sale of the directories. If you are considering volunteering for this, please contact Ruth Hein on her cell at 608-347-4724 or via e-mail at rich4parse@charter.net.

CWU-Madison Social Action Report from Lynn McDonald (CWU Ecu- menical Action Chair)

Well done everyone in helping to get out the vote on November 6 in Madison for the recent election. The most amazing turn-out statistic is that of all the eligible voters in Madison, 93% showed up and actually voted. This is almost unbelievable. Everyone helped achieve this by talking about how important this vote was for mothers and children and for reducing disparities of race and income, which are Church Women United Priorities. Congratulations on contributing to a change in state power which will help our goals.

Concert Announcements

Liz Gill invited us to a concert of the Isthmus Brass, December 12, 7:30-9:00 pm, at First Methodist UMC, 203 Wisconsin Avenue, Madison 53703. They will take a freewill offering for Porchlight.

Caroline Rumpf passed out flyers. Musical-Lee Yours presents GOSPEL CAROLS concert series, Friday, December 21st, 7 pm at The Alliant Energy Center, 1919 Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI 53713. For tickets, visit GOSPELCAROLS.COM.

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