



# Church Women United in Madison, Wisconsin

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**March Celebration**  
**Sunday, March 6, 2011**

**World Day of Prayer**

*How Many Loaves  
Have You?*

*written by the women of Chile*

3:00 p.m. Worship Service

4:00 p.m. Refreshments

**St. Joseph Catholic Church**  
**1905 W. Beltline Highway 53713**

## **March Celebration:**

### **World Day of Prayer**

Church Women United in Madison invites women and men in our area to join us in a celebration of **World Day of Prayer**. This will take place on Sunday, March 6, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1905 West Beltline Highway, at 3 to 4 p.m., followed by coffee and refreshments.

This is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions, observing a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March (we have moved it to Sunday to enable more people to attend). This year women of Chile have developed the service with the theme *How Many Loaves Have You?* It will be colorful and will include music from several Western Hemisphere cultures.

The church is located on the service road south of the

beltline between the Todd Drive and Fish Hatchery Road exits. From the west, take the Todd Drive exit and keep straight on the service road. You will pass the church on your right and take the driveway on its east side to the parking lot in back of the church. From the east, take the Fish Hatchery Road exit. Go south, over the beltline, past Zimbrick, to the next light and turn right to Eggiman, then right to the parking lot. The church's phone number is 608-271-5771.

## **February Forum**

*Vital Issues Before the United Nations Now* was the topic of the Church Women United February Forum. The Rev. Mary Lou Plummer welcomed us to Glenwood Moravian Church, which is 82 years, having been chartered on April 4, 1929. They built their larger sanctuary in 1948. Showing an early ecological bent, they used the wood from the mighty oak they had to cut down to make room for the church to make the lectern, pulpit and service table.

The program topic attracted 35 people, including several men, to hear Tom Brown, an active member of the Dane County United Nations Association, discuss the history and importance of the United Nations. The United Nations aspires to attain the highest and best for everyone in the world. There are 18 separate institutions in the UN, each with its own issues, some of them quite staggering. For example, the Commission on Refugees helps 35 million refugees each year.

We looked at the strong, even dominant role of the United States, the concern with security that takes utmost priority, basic human rights still not fulfilled, treaties that serve as law of the world that have not been ratified, the concern for nuclear proliferation that has been a concern since the beginning. He passed out a copy of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, adopted by the General Assembly of

the United Nations on December 10, 1948. He covered several of the 30 articles of the document, examining what countries champion which ones, and how long it is taking to realize fulfillment of the ideals proclaimed in them.

Peacekeeping has been a major activity. Peacekeeping forces, controlled by the UN, come from neighboring countries, do not take sides, and will only go in if both of the warring parties request the UN's presence. They go as observers, or lightly armed troops who can only fire when their own safety is at stake. Over the years, they have had great success in calming conflicts, providing breathing room, making way for peace. Armed security forces, conflicts, wars are expensive propositions, as we are particularly aware, and the UN has calmed or controlled many situations that could have cost much more in lives and wealth if they had not been there.

U.S. foreign policy received extensive comment. We depend on the UN for security purposes. Our own practices can involve supporting the status quo at the expense of the values we profess. How can we work for peace and for the ideals of our own society and the rights upheld by the United Nations? Former Senator Feingold was working on restructuring the UN Council by adding 2 African nations to the council. The more countries taking part, having a voice, respecting the UN and each other, the better off we will all be. And consider, the treaties on the rights of the child and the law of the sea are still unratified by the United States. Much more can be done to raise the norms of behavior, to live up to the ideals we cherish.

This gives you only a taste of a program packed with information, ideas, and ideals that need our support. Tom Brown noted that when he was talking by phone to a UN person in Washington, D.C. in preparation for this program, the UN person said that CWU is always where we wish everyone should be.

## Directory Corrections

If you have any corrections to the directory, if you have changed your address, and especially if you have changed your e-mail address, please let Shirley Robbins know by calling her at 233-3581 or e-mailing her at [robbnest@sbcglobal.net](mailto:robbnest@sbcglobal.net)

## Announcements

**February 11 10 a.m. Wisconsin Democracy Campaign (WDC) launch of Citizen Vigil for the Common Good at the State Capitol.** Contact WDC at 255-4260 or email [wisdc@wisdc.org](mailto:wisdc@wisdc.org) for information about signing up to be a monitor at the Capitol while the Legislature is in session. Madison CWU is a member of WDC.

**February 19 6-8:30 p.m. "Celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice (WNPJ), Goodman Community Center, 149 Waubesa Street, Madison.** Program will include WNPJ's founder, Frank Boyle, CODEPINK founder, Medea Benjamin, The Raging Grannies, unique silent auction items, WNPJ t-shirts, birthday cake and other food and drink. Contact "WNPJ at 250-9240 or email [diane@wnpj.org](mailto:diane@wnpj.org) for information and reservations. Madison CWU is a member of WNPJ.

**February 24 8-10 a.m. Faith Labor "Breakfast, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4100 Nakoma Road.** Program: Rev. Trina Zelle, founder and "Director of the 'Arizona Interfaith Alliance for Worker Justice, will discuss how Arizona's anti-immigrant law, has affected workers and what we can do to protect local workers and prevent the passage of a similar bill in Wisconsin. To make a reservation contact the Interfaith Coalition for Worker Justice at 255-0376 or email [director@workerjustice.org](mailto:director@workerjustice.org). Cost is \$25., payable to the Interfaith Coalition for Worker Justice.

**February 23 9 a.m Lobby Day sponsored by the WI Network for Peace and Justice(WNPJ) at the WI State Capitol.** Lobbying with legislators will be on clean energy, immigrant rights, prison reform and opposing a drone aircraft facility in Wisconsin. To register contact the "WNPJ at 250-9240 or email [diane@wnpj.org](mailto:diane@wnpj.org).

**March 5 Zonta Zing: A Night in Old Havana, sponsored by Zonta of Madison, a women's service club. Turner Hall, 3001 South Stoughton Road. 7:30-10:30 p.m., featuring MadiSalsa musical group.** Appetizers, silent auction, raffle, salsa lessons. Cost: \$25. Proceeds will benefit the Domestic Abuse Intervention Services facility in Madison. Reservations: Sylvia Armstrong, 827-8648 or email [sfarmstrong@juno.com](mailto:sfarmstrong@juno.com). This should be a fun evening! CWU works with Zonta in SlaveFree Madison.

**March 15 WI Council of Churches Advocacy Day to focus on social justice issues that will affect everyone in Wisconsin as the state budget is developed. *People of Faith United for Justice* 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Bethel Lutheran Church,, 312 Wisconsin Avenue.** Keynote speaker; Bishop Bruce Burnside, South Central Synod of Wisconsin, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. The day will include visits to legislators at the State Capitol.

Register before March 4 (\$25). After March 4, fee is \$35. Contact the WI Council of Churches at 837-3018 for details.

### **Flute Concert to Benefit Chinese Children Orphaned by AIDS**

**ENJOY AN EVENING OF CHARMING MUSIC AND SUPPORT A GOOD CAUSE March 18, 2011 at 7 PM, First Baptist Church, 518 North Franklin Ave., Madison, WI**

On March 18, 2011, at 7PM, First Baptist Church will present its 5th annual flute and friends concert for the benefit Chinese AIDS orphans. You will hear music of Bach, Haydn, Delibes, Faure, and more, as well as charming Chinese and Asian pieces, all performed by Madison's best flute players, along with piano, organ, and cello. There will be solos, duets, larger ensembles, and even the full Madison Flute Choir of 25 flutists with its full array of flutes including alto and bass flutes. Come enjoy the music and contribute as you can. Admission is free. The concert benefits rural Chinese children whose parents died of AIDS contracted from donating blood. The funds provide the sponsored children with school fees, school books and supplies, adequate summer and winter clothing, and a healthy diet, all things that were previously beyond their reach. First Baptist Church is currently supporting 56 of these beautiful orphaned children with funds generated by the annual flute concerts and donated by the members and friends who sponsor individual children. (Poster included.)

### **Ecumenical Choir**

All singing women welcome. We practice at Bethany United Methodist Church, 3910 Mineral Point Road, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the third floor choir room. Spring practice dates: February 11, 25; March 11, 25; April 8, 15.