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**April Forum
Friday, April 10, 2015**

Alzheimer's & Dementia

Charlie Daniels

Diversity Coordinator, Alzheimer's & Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin

**9:00 am Gathering and Coffee
9:30 am Welcome and Announcements
10:00 am Program**

**Oakwood Village University Woods,
Westmorland Room
6205 Mineral Point Road, Madison 53705**

April Forum

On April 10, we will gather in the Westmorland Room of Oakwood Village University Woods, 6205 Mineral Point Road, for a program on Alzheimer's & Dementia. Our speaker is Miss Charlie Daniels, Diversity Coordinator of the Alzheimer's & Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin (ADAW) which is headquartered here in Madison. Every person touched by Alzheimer's or other dementia will need support to help them navigate the course of the disease. The staff at ADAW help guide people through the complex maze of issues that can arise by offering personal consultations, education, access to resources and advocacy. With the rise in cases of Alzheimer's disease, this is a timely topic and an excellent chance to learn more about this frightening disease.

March Celebration

Glenwood Moravian welcomed us with a delightful array of treats for our time of fellowship before our World Day of Prayer celebration. Some 35 people attended, Pastor Katie Van Der Linden welcomed us

with prayer and a look at Moravians, who believe in an essential unity. Their congregation is a diverse group. They love people where they are, who they are. The Moravian church is the oldest extant Protestant church, dating from 1457. March 1, they celebrated being 558 years old. Glenwood itself is 78 years old. And on a fun note, they have a trombone choir that plays once a month.

Among our guests were the new interim pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Dr. Leonard Thompson, Sr., and his wife Carolyn. Such a joy to hear that he treasures Church Women United. (He also treasures American Baptist Women's Ministries). It's important to keep all of our pastors informed about CWU, and encourage them to attend our gatherings when they can. And pastor Katie took part in our program.

The women of the Bahamas wrote this year's World Day of Prayer Celebration, a service centered on Jesus' washing of his disciples' feet. The service also introduced us to the Bahamas. The following excerpt will give you a look at the richness of the service.

"Listen now as the islands of The Bahamas welcome you. We, the women of the World Day of Prayer Committee of The Bahamas invite you to this celebration. Our early beginnings, 65 years ago, were linked to the Presbyterian Church of Scotland in the capital city of Nassau. Today, World Day of Prayer is celebrated by more than ten Christian denominations in most of our islands."

"Listen to the words of 95-year-old Gertrude Burnside, who was part of the service in 1950. 'We were all dressed in white as we walked to the presbyterian Church on that Friday afternoon. Most of the women were the wives of the ministers, and I was invited by my minister's wife to attend.'

“Today, dressed in the tropical colors of our sand, sea and sun, from Nassau to the Family Islands, the people of The Bahamas greet you. Did you know that The Bahamas is made up of more than 700 islands? About 30 of them are inhabited. Throughout today’s service, we have incorporated the names of many islands. Listen for the names, and listen to the prayers, struggles and hopes of each island.”

Our Bible reading was John 13:1-17. Our meditation began with *“Do you understand what I have done for you? Do as I have done to you.” With the washing of the disciples’ feet, Jesus sets an example of radical love: love without borders, love that crosses over borders. And he demands the same for us.*” Radical love was our theme-- our experience with it, and our need to take it out the door of our worship space and into the world. It was a meaningful worship experience.

The Ecumenical Choir led the songs, What I Have Done, Halle, Halle, Hallelujah, and The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Is Ended, and sang selections Wade in the Water, Waters Ripple and Flow, and May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You.

Upcoming Events

--Glenwood has a service every night of Holy Week, Monday through Friday, with an Easter egg hunt on Saturday. Services are at 7 pm Monday through Thursday, and at 1:30 pm on Friday.

--First Unitarian Church will show a film directed by a Palestinian woman called Why Do the Birds Fly? at 7 pm on May 15.

--FLUTES ON FIRE March 22, 2015, at 2:30, First Baptist Church, 518 North Franklin Avenue, Madison, 9TH Annual Chinese Orphans Benefit Concert. Free with goodwill offering.

Ecumenical Choir

We will practice on the following dates: March 13, March 27, April 10, April 24. We will practice from 12:00 Noon to 1:30 P.M. at Bethany United Methodist Church, 3910 Mineral Point Road, Madison, WI 53705, in the third floor choir room on these dates.

Care Concern

For those of you who know long-time member Donna Turner, she has experienced health problems and would welcome cards, but no visitors. Her address is 5171 Chapel Valley Road, #304, Madison, WI 53711.