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May Program Planning May 11

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for our 2018-2019 year

Bethany United Methodist Church
3910 Mineral Point Road, Madison

Board and Planning Meeting

On Friday, May 11, the CWU Board, plus all other members who can come, will meet at Bethany United Methodist Church, 3910 Mineral Point Rd. After a short board meeting, we will plan our programs for September 2018 to May 2019. If you have ideas or wishes for the year's programs or activities, please come, or let another member know.

Coffee and snacks — 9:00 a.m.
Short Board meeting — 9:30
Planning meeting — Immediately after.
Bring a sack lunch, you may be hungry before we finish. Bring your hopes and ideas, it's your last chance!

—Shirley Robbins, Communicator - 233-3581 -
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Annual Meeting

President Ann Sowaske called the meeting to order at 10:50 am after a pleasant gathering with coffee and treats. And our thanks to the Mt. Zion ladies for ample space for our meetings and celebration. Ann requested that we read the minutes from the last annual meeting for ourselves. then Marleen Lippert moved for approval, seconded by Liz Gill. Passed.

Next up, CWU Treasurer's report and MEC Treasurer's report. There was a clarification on the telephone charge MEC pays that. Donations are up from last year to CWU, and most of our income comes from the sale of MEC Directories. Ann introduced Marleen Lippert as treasurer of CWU and Rita Honnold as treasurer of MEC. Rita has been treasurer since 1976. Ellie Metzloff moved we accept the treasurers' reports. Seconded and approved.

Ann noted that a big change in January was taking our newsletter to email from bulk mailing. We still send a few copies by postal direct mail, but that is only about 20 copies. This saves us the bulk mail permit. Mary Beth Friske is our volunteer emailer and printer of the few paper copies required.

Shirley Alexander presented the Nominating Committee report. Nominees: President, Ann Sowaske; Secretary, Barbara Eggleston; Treasurer, Marleen Lippert; Ecumenical Development Co-chairs (and Key Women Chairs), Ellie Metzloff and Crystal Betterley; Enabling Services Chair, Shirley Robbins; Nominations Chair, Shirley Alexander; Treasurer-Madison Ecumenical Center, Rita Honnold. The Nominating Committee members are Shirley Alexander, Chair, and Susan Becker, Co-Chair.

Thanks to volunteers and nominations from the floor, we filled vacant positions.

Bylaws: Chair, Shirley Alexander, joined by Betsey Ernst-Mullin and Crystal Betterley. Ecumenical Action: Lynn McDonald, from Grace Episcopal.

Betsy moved the nominations be closed, seconded by Diane Scorgie. We then voted to elect the entire slate.

Ellie Metzloff brought carnations for each officer who has served the past year and urged them to take one home with them. Ellie received a round of applause.

Ann concluded the business meeting with a few announcements. We collected \$42.20 cents for Nickels for National. Our major project, the MEC Human Resources Directory, will skip 2018, but will publish in 2019. We need many volunteers, starting in January, to update our listings of churches, human resources agencies, community resources.

The CWU state meeting will be in Fond du Lac September 15. See the state newsletter on line and sign up if you plan to attend. Diane Scorgie, seconded by Rita Honnold, moved that we adjourn.

Faith Bauman quickly got in a plug for Fellowship of the Least Coin, a worldwide collection that can amount to \$120,000-\$140,000. They give grants of about \$1,000 each to different groups working to develop ways to support themselves in difficult economies.

We then adjourned to lunch, followed by the May Friendship Day Celebration.

May Friendship Day Celebration

The Rev. Dr. Marcus Allen welcomed us to Mt. Zion, thankful that we were there and grateful for the work we do in our community. He noted that this coming Sunday, Mt. Zion will celebrate the 107 years they have been here. They want to be a light on the hill, but also go down in the valley to help. He is the 28th pastor of the church. The sanctuary we were worshipping in was new in 2004. They are predominantly African-American. They have a food pantry and they are planning to build a community life center on land near the church. About 500 people worship there, and last year they baptized 24 people, This year they have already baptized 17 people. He noted that they have one of the best choirs in Wisconsin. One of their choir robes is on display in the museum downtown. His final message, the church is trying to do God's will.

The ladies of Mount Zion led the May Friendship Day Service. Our theme this year: ***Reaching for Wholeness In Gratitude for God's Presence***. The overall theme for the 2018 celebrations is God's Presence, tak-

en from Colossians 1:17—*And God is before all things, and in and through God the universe is a harmonious whole*. May Friendship Day focuses on our gratitude for God's presence in all things and especially as we respond to human needs. Childhood hunger is one of the most important needs at the present time, and that is our focus in this program.

The choir gave us an opening song, The Gift of Love, before Ann Sowaske read about friendship, leading up to collection of the Fellowship of the Least Coin offering.

The high point of the service was the presentation the Valiant Woman of the Year Award to Faith Bauman. This is a national award from CWU, and so she received a plaque and a pin to commemorate this award. The following paragraphs are the biography we sent to national to document Faith's worthiness for national recognition.

Faith Bauman was born in the village of Chicopee, (now Kitchener) Ontario, Canada on October 2, 1922. She had an identical twin named Hope and an older brother George. Their family was quite poor, even by the standards of those years. Around the age of 13, the twins met a missionary from India, Rev. Bob Cummings, who taught them Christian songs in the Hindi language. This experience gave them both the desire to become missionaries.

Several years later they learned that one of the United Church Of Canada's requirements was to complete a 2 year course in Christian education after a bachelor's degree. With the financial aid from their church they got their degrees. Unfortunately Hope was unable to pass the physical exam to be a missionary. So Faith went through the process alone. At the age of 28 she traveled on an ocean liner to India, where she educated children about Christianity. After meeting & marrying David Bauman, she & David conducted Sunday Schools & vacation bible schools which had been non-existent in their rural areas. They have 2 sons, Mark and Philip.

After 35 years they retired in 1986 to a rural area near Cleveland, Ohio, where he was a pastor in a small Methodist church. When He died in 2017, she moved to Madison, WI to live near Mark. She joined Bethany U.M.C., immediately becoming involved with CWU and United Methodist Women.

Faith is a good name for this woman, for she is a very faithful Christian. She is quick to volunteer to give a program or a talk. She has varied interests in the world, giving hopeful information about areas she has studied.

The Methodist churches on the west side have had a woman's retreat at the church camp for 17 years. She has attended 9 of them & was co-leader in 2011 & 2017. She eagerly offers to do devotions, have a bible study or some part to make it even better.

She is a young 95 Christian woman! Now all of this was a complete surprise to Faith. She had no idea she was the one to receive this recognition. She was so appreciative and joyful, and glad to share with us how much she loved her mission work, her time in India, how rewarding her service was to her. She had felt a call to service since she was 10 or 11, which she shared with her sister. Her sister did serve. She was a pastor in Canada.

Faith loved being in India. She went there as a Canadian Methodist, married an American Methodist in India, and they served gladly for those 35 years. They concentrated on rural are-

as, helped with farmers who were learning methane production. Pastors who conducted worship services were not well trained, so the Bauman's set up Sunday Schools and Vacation Bible schools to teach children what Christianity was all about.

After they retired, they returned to India 6 or 7 times. So many people there were witness to their work. They have become devoted Christians and they want to return to the rural areas to lead Vacation Bible Schools. Faith concluded: Thank God for opportunities and how God used them.

As a surprise well hidden, Faith's son Mark and his mother-in-law came to the celebration, discretely at the back.

One reason that we were able to keep the plans for this secret was that Faith had suffered breakage from a fall and was house-bound for a while.

The fun part of that. Faith is 95 years old. She broke her arm playing ping pong.

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