



Church Women United in Madison, Wisconsin

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December Forum
December 2, 2016

The Urban League Today
Dr. Ruben Anthony

9:00 am Gathering and Coffee
9:30 am Welcome and Announcements
10:00 am Worship Celebration

New Beginnings Alliance Church
602 Acewood Boulevard, Madison 53714

December Forum

We will gather at New Beginnings Alliance Church, 602 Acewood Boulevard, for our December meeting on Friday, December 2, 2016. Our topic, The Urban League Today. Our speaker, Dr. Ruben Anthony, who will discuss how the Urban League is responding to our world today.

Come, bring a friend, neighbor or other church member to get the latest word to Madison's response to our world.

World Community Day

We met at Orchard Ridge UCC, 1501 Gilbert Road on November 4 to celebrate World Community Day. Our theme, Sharing Gifts at the Table, was a fitting start to November. "Even if you are scattered to the farthest corners of the earth, the Lord your God will gather you together and bring you back." Deut. 30:4 We sang Shall We Gather at the Table, "the magnificent, expandable table? All can be nurtured at the table, the table of our God." Also There are Many Ways of Sharing that asked God to "give us unity and vision as we serve your church and world." The choir sang Song of Peace and A Song of Peace and Harmony. It was a blessed morning of sharing and thanksgiving.

One of the wonderful things about CWU is that we visit different churches for our meetings and learn about of our welcoming host. Kim Kaspar welcomed us to Orchard Ridge and gave us a thumbnail sketch of their history and missions. They began in 1954 with the purchase of 6 lots by First Congregational UCC and began building the sanctuary in 1959. Their first meeting in September of 1955 was at a private home. They broke ground for the education wing in 1967. In 1993 they became an open and affirming church. Their current pastor, Quentin Boyd, started in 1999. He is backed up by Tammy Martens, youth minister, and Ken Pennings. They have shared the building with the Mennonite ministry since 2004. They remodeled in 2010, and as part of their capital campaign, they set aside 10% for a ministry in the neighborhood, some blocks of which have poverty and mobility problems. They formed the Southwest Partnership with Joining Forces for Families, Madison/Dane County Public Health, UW Population Institute, and others. After a process of listening, they hired an organizer and set up a Job Shop, where volunteers help people fill out applications, help with resumes. They are active with The Road Home 4 times a year.

Announcements Gloria Carter asked for support for the Coalition of Wisconsin Aging group. They will meet November 15 at Olbrich Gardens, with speakers including Barbara Lawson, Dave Schultz, Nino Amato and others.

Big news! Madison will be welcoming 150 refugees from several different countries, beginning in December and going well into the spring. Lutheran Social Services and Jewish Social Services have the contract to settle refugees in Madison. Open Doors for Refugees is a new and growing not-for-profit group working to raise awareness and build support for welcoming refugees into our community. They are forming teams for find housing, gather furniture and household items, set up apartments, provide

transportation, translate, teach English, teach refugees about our culture, and help them find a job. Another team plans and conducts public events to raise community awareness and funding, while yet another transit volunteers. Contact information: OpenDoorsForRefugges@gmail.com, on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/OpenDoorsForRefugges> or call (608)438-5240.

One specific thing that churches or individuals can do is provide a box of household goods for the newly arriving family. They have 7 boxes to prepare, and each family will receive one of each. Our board decided to recommend this project to you. Here are the lists. Even one box will help. Contact Gloria Carter at carter53597@tds.net or call 608-849-7589 if you would like more information and want to help. First arrivals are expected in December, so this would be a good project leading to Advent. That family became refugees to Egypt. Bring boxes to the December Forum. It would be great to have a complete set of seven, at least.

Kitchen Box #1 Using a tall kitchen wastebasket with or without cover, include the following items. When complete, affix this label securely on side or top of container.

- tall kitchen garbage bags
- 2 or more mixing bowls
- set of knives: paring, cleaver
- mixing spoons/rubber scrapers
- 2-4 dishtowels and dish cloths
- 1 medium bottle dish detergent
- food storage containers
(ice cream buckets; other smaller)

Kitchen Box #2 In sturdy cardboard box, include the following. When complete, affix this label securely on side of container.

- place setting of dishes for 6-8 plates, cereal bowls, cup/mugs
- # of settings
- tumblers/glasses
- silverware
- serving bowls, platters, spoons
- paper and/or cloth napkins
- divided cutlery tray for drawer

Kitchen Box # 3 In sturdy box, include the following items. When complete, affix this label securely on side of container.

- 3 cooking pots: large/med/small
- 1 skillet or stovetop frying pan with lid
- basic set of cooking utensils:
spoons/spatulas/whisks
- trivets or hot pads; oven mitts or potholders
- can opener

Kitchen Box #4 Into small wastebasket, place the following items. When complete, affix this label securely on side of container.

- wastebasket liners to fit basket
- paper towels and holder
- aluminum foil
- Ziploc baggies of various sizes
- sponges
- bottle of all-purpose cleaner

Bedding Box: Full-Size

In laundry basket, include the listed new or gently used items. When complete, affix label securely on side of container.

- 1 full-sized/double mattress pad
- 1 set of sheets: fitted/flat + pillowcases
- 2 pillows (new only) – may be bagged separately
- 1 blanket (full or queen-sized)
- 1 quilt/comforter or bedspread
- alarm clock with cord

Bedding Box: Twin

In clothes basket, include new or gently used listed items. When complete, affix label securely to rim or handle of basket.

- 1 twin-sized mattress pad/cover
- 1 set of sheets: fitted/flat sheet & pillowcase
- 1 pillow (new only please)
may be bagged separately
- 1 blanket
- 1 quilt/comforter or bedspread
- alarm clock with cord

Bathroom Box

In small wastebasket, include the following items. When complete, affix label securely on side of container.

- shower curtain and pkg. of rings
- 4 sets of towels**: 2 sets/person
bath, hand, wash cloth
- toilet paper (minimum: 4 rolls)
- 2 toothbrushes/toothpaste*
- shampoo; deodorant; razors*
- hand/body soap: bar or liquid

**More towels added when composition of family is known. *Personal hygiene items may be chosen by individuals.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- Broom and dustpan
- Fluorescent screw-in light bulbs
- Entry rug(s) and shoe-boot tray
- Cutting board
- Floor and/or table lamps

1 25-lb. bag of rice (Jasmine or Basmati)
Writing paper
pens
pencils
Current wall calendar
United States map
Sturdy plastic hangers
Laundry detergent
TV (antenna or converter if needed)

And don't forget the ARC book project. We already have some money for the purchase on news books for them. Bring contributions in December.

Upcoming Events

Fair Trade holiday Festival

Saturday, December 3

9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Monona Terrace Convention Center

1 John Nolan Drive Free event

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. Go to www.fairtrademadison.org for additional information.

CWU Board Meeting

The Madison CWU Board will meet Friday, November 18, at 9:30 am at Bethany United Methodist Church, 3910 Mineral Point Road. Coffee hot by 9:00, snacks ready. Shirley Robbins, Enabling Chair, emphasized that all are welcome to come, officers present or past, or future, or members who want to share ideas.

Ecumenical Choir

Jenny Armstrong invites all interested singers who would like to sing with the choir to join us from noon to 1:30 pm at Bethany Methodist Church, 3900 Mineral Point Road, Madison, 53705, in the 3rd floor Choir Room. Practice schedule: November 18; December 9, 23. She looks forward to seeing you and for a grand season of singing.

Key Women Meeting

November 18, 2016

As Key Woman for your church, you are invited to the Church Women United Key Women meeting at 11 am at Bethany United Methodist Church, 3910 Mineral Point Road. If you have a friend who is also interested, please bring her along. Please review the Key Woman Role below and bring any comments. Please RSVP to crystal@wisdomandwit.org

Key Woman Role:

Church Women United is a national ecumenical movement of church women devoted to peace and justice issues. Church Women United of Madison welcomes all denominations.

Ideally each member church selects one Key Woman, or two Key Women as representatives to Church Women United. This woman is the liaison between her church and CWU. She will also acquaint new churches with CWU and bring them into the movement. Her duty is to inform and invite her church's members to the forums and celebrations through oral announcements, newsletter items, and bulletin board displays. In addition she will inform church members about the Least Coin Fellowship, collect the coins regularly, and turn them over to the Treasurer at May Friendship Day. She will also acquaint new churches with CWU and bring them into the movement.

A Message From Your President

I need everyone involved with Church Women United to try to think of someone, woman or man, who can help with the productions of our yearly MADISON AREA RELIGIOUS AND HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTORY. Since Donna Eaton, our office manager, died, this job needs to be filled.

This can be done by getting the information from her computer & using your home computer, or the one at the Madison Ecumenical Center office in the Glenwood Moravian Church at 725 Gilmore St. In January 2017 we will be starting to call to get updates from everyone in the directory. These need to be entered into the computer for the printing of the directory.

Please try to think of someone to fill this void. Let me know if you succeed. Ann Sowaske
bsowaske@sbcglobal.net or 238-7903

Message to snowbirds

If you are headed south for a while, or on another great and extensive trip, please let the CWU office know so that we won't send you a newsletter while you are gone. The post office charges us for every one they return to us, so do let us know when you are away.