



Church Women United in Madison, Wisconsin

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**November Celebration
Friday, November 2, 2102**

World Community Day: Abiding in Community Sights & Sounds of Harmony

9:00 a.m. Gathering and Coffee

9:30 a.m. Welcome and Announcements

10:00 a.m. Program

**Bashford United Methodist Church
329 North Street**

For further information, call Crystal at 244-0313

World Community Day

The theme for World Community Day this year is *Abiding in Community*, under the umbrella theme of **Sights & Sounds of Harmony**. On Friday, November 2, we will gather at Bashford United Methodist Church at 9 am for coffee and fellowship, followed by welcome and announcements, with the program to begin at 10 am. Celebrations are a good time to invite other members of your congregation to join in this world-wide service of Christian women.

October Forum

The program on *Mental Health in Aging* proved to be both uplifting and informative. Three members introduced us to MOST, Dane County's Mobile Outreach to Seniors Team, a community-based interdisciplinary geriatric mental health team consisting of nurses, therapists, case manag-

ers and a psychiatrist. MOST seeks to promote older persons' social, emotional and physical well being, thereby enabling them to live more independent, satisfying lives in the community. Lorraine Snyder, Kate Shenker, and Faith Lerner told us of their work, going out into the community to meet, counsel, support and provide therapy for people coping with emotional problems or mental health disorders as they are faced with the major and multiple changes that occur in later life.

They give priority to individuals who are 65 or over, at risk for psychiatric hospitalization, are returning to the community after hospitalization, or are medically frail and/or have complex and serious medical conditions. Their emphasis is on individualized assessments and a wide range of services that support people at this important and difficult time of life. Any Dane County Resident 60 years of age or older, who meets criteria for a mental health diagnosis and is experiencing symptoms that are interfering with their functioning and/or ability to remain living independently in the community is eligible for their services.

They receive referrals from Aging System case-managers, hospitals, nursing homes, primary care providers and other health service, mental health providers, family members, and individuals on a case-by-case basis.

For further information or to make a referral, you can call Journey Mental Health Center at 280-2510 and ask for the MOST program.

Valiant Woman Award

At the October Forum, we presented the Valiant Woman Award to two of our long-time members whose service to Church Women United exemplifies what this organization stands for. Audrey Hinger and Kay Newton received a standing ovation and will receive their physical awards when they arrive from national. The newsletter will print their autobiographies as they were presented to national and shared at the forum in later issues.

Forthcoming Opportunities

- Daoud Nasser, a Palestinian Christian farmer whose family works its 100-acre farm and orchard just outside the town of Bethlehem, will speak at 7 pm November 5 at Anderson Auditorium, Predolin Hall, Edgewood College. The Nasser family established Tent of Nations (TON), a dynamic peace and local education center in 2000 that strives to bring people together in solidarity and shared goals in the pursuit of a just peace through non-violent activities.
- Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 2019 Fisher Street, invites anyone interested to join them Sunday, October 28, at 4 pm, to learn about Judy Sutterlin's mission ministry in China. Judy is the only American Baptist missionary in China, though she does the work of at least four people. A great opportunity to learn about this Asian giant.
- The International Ministry Team at First United Methodist Church takes Spanish and bilingual books to El Salvador on our annual Habitat for Humanity work trips. We welcome donations of books for all ages: children's picture books, early readers, chapter books for upper elementary school kids and fiction and non-fiction for teens and adults.

The purpose is to build up a community library for the village of Gethsemani.

Please drop off books in good condition at First

United Methodist Church, 203 Wisconsin Ave. Madison or call Liz Gill at 243-1488 to arrange for a pickup. If you have questions about the project, please contact Kathi Kemp at (608) 295-6425.

Ecumenical Choir Rehearsal

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. Practice dates are October 12, October 26, November 9 and November 16.

Organ Donation

Crystal Betterley shared Kim Messenger of Rhinelander's presentation on Organ Donation from the state CWU annual meeting. She told of a woman who only weeks before her death shared with her husband her desire to be an organ donor when she died. She shared this with her mother. But if any family member were against this decision, they could block it from happening when she died. If you want to be an organ donor, even if you have the orange dot on your ID or drivers license, you need to register on line. The website is (YesIWillWisconsin.com).

Send A Book to Prison

Co-sponsored by the Wisconsin Council of Churches, Wisconsin Council on Library and Network Development (COLAND), and the Wisconsin Libraries' Delivery Network

The Wisconsin Council of Churches recently launched a new project for congregations to collect and send books to our state's prison libraries. Many of the libraries are in serious need of a fresh supply of books to update their collections. Access to reading materials can help those in prison become productive citizens when they re-enter their communities.

The Wisconsin Council of Churches website (www.wichurches.org) has the following

instructions for congregations wanting to participate. Go to the website for the links or call the number listed at the end of the sheet.

How It Works

Congregations collect recently-published books from an approved list provided by the Department of Corrections, package and deliver them to a local public library where they are shipped to an intake facility in Madison for screening and distribution to prisons throughout the state.

Now You Can Get Started: Here's the Process

- To register your congregation's participation in the Prison Book Project, click [here](#) to download a form to return to the Wisconsin Council of Churches.
- Collect books from your congregation using the approved list from the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. Books must be in good condition, soft-covered, current, and with the exception of literary classics, published within the past three years. Click [here](#) to download the approved list.
- Books should be packaged in sturdy cardboard boxes (no larger than the size of copy paper boxes) with lids and securely taped shut. Click [here](#) to download the routing label which should be taped to the top of each box.
- Call ahead to your local public library to arrange a convenient time and day to deliver your Prison Book Project boxes. Each local library may limit the number of boxes that can be delivered at any one time. A map of public library systems, links to each system's web site and a link to a directory of Wisconsin public libraries can be found via this link <http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/pld/wisysdir.html#public>.

- The Wisconsin Libraries' Delivery Network, a cooperative delivery service for public libraries managed on a regional multi-county level by the 17 Public Library Systems in Wisconsin, will pick up your books from your local library and deliver them to the Department of Corrections intake facility in Madison. For more information about the Wisconsin Libraries' Delivery Network and its important role in the Prison Book Project, click on this link:

<http://www.sclsdelivery.info/prisonbookproject.htm>

- The Department of Corrections will distribute your books to prison libraries throughout the state.

Questions? Call the Wisconsin Council of Churches Mon – Fri before noon at (608) 837-3108 or email the Council at wcoc@wichurches.org.