



Church Women United in Madison, Wisconsin

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**Friday, November 1, 2013
World Community Day 2013**

Behold, I Stand At The Door And Knock *Walking Through Doors of Opportunity*

9:00 am Gathering and Coffee
9:30 am Welcome and announcements
10:00 am Worship Service

Memorial United Church of Christ 5705 Lacy Road, Fitchburg World Community Day Celebration

Our first celebration is World Community Day, which we will celebrate on November 1, 2013, at Memorial United Church of Christ, 5705 Lacy Road, Fitchburg, gathering for coffee and conversation at 9 am, welcome and announcements at 9:30, and our worship service at 10. Under the banner of Behold, I Stand at the Door and Knock, we will address Walking through Doors of Opportunity. Our celebrations allow us to consider our wider world, our sisterhood with women of other nations, and our opportunities for service to our community and beyond. Come join us, and bring a friend.

October Forum

The women of Bethany United Methodist Church welcomed us with open arms and delicious treats to our

October forum. We got caught up on upcoming events and ongoing projects. Check out the special listings later in this newsletter.

Our program for the day updated us on DAIS-- Domestic Abuse Intervention Services. Our speaker, Jamie Quam, Developmental Coordinator of DAIS, gladly reported the progress and improvements that are afoot with the preparation of the new shelter and office space on Fordem Avenue. This is quite a step up from the beginning, which was a hot line in a church basement. Since then, they have added 25 beds for those in need of shelter, and the new location will give them 56. They will be able to concentrate their programs in a central location and add more services, enabling them to serve men, women and children.

Domestic abuse can affect anyone. There are probably 12,000 cases in Dane County, only about 1/3 of which get reported. Presently they have 100 people on a waiting list for shelter or assistance. The present shelter locations are secret, but the new facility at 2102 Fordem Avenue follows the national trend of having known places. Abusers avoid showing up and announcing themselves to the world. Security will be a priority, with a series of locks protecting those sheltering there. Those in shelter have a 30-day limit at present, and the new facility may allow them to extend that to 45 days.

DAIS does more than provide shelter. They have a 24-hour help line, they provide case management, they have some hotel vouchers, help develop safety plans (which can include sleeping in cars). People in shelter can travel alone to their jobs, have their independence. If there is a restraining order hearing, a support person can go along. DAIS has a great children's program covering newborn to 18, they

have support groups for in-shelter people and support groups for outside people, battered men can get hotel vouchers. At the shelter, they have 3 support groups a week, both in Spanish and in English. They want to have even more in their new space.

Domestic abuse victims can involve spouses, date violence, roommates, domestic partners. DAIS has provided hotel vouchers to 17 men and 500 women and children. Community Partners such as Briarpatch have helped with cases of child abuse.

Prevention programs are also a part of DAIS. For example, they have teenage men's groups, at Work and Learn, at LaFollette and West High Schools, and at the Lussier Center. All young men at Work and Learn participate, and those at the others are self-selected. They are not abusers or at-risk, but are interested in growing and promoting responsible relationships. Men Encouraging Nonviolent Strength is one response to domestic violence. And DAIS works with UW-Madison on issues of date violence. And domestic violence can include elder abuse, by spouses, relatives, even by children.

DAIS cooperates with the Madison Metropolitan School District, which has amazing social workers, with the Center for Families and Children, with the legal justice system, with the sheriffs and police. And they emphasize the importance of churches as contact groups, an avenue for those who need support.

Congregations and synagogues support DAIS. They give monetary support, sponsor classes and workshops, raise awareness. Interfaith support has helped raise over \$46,000 so far. (CWU meetings can provide new ways of giving to share with congregations. For example, Bethany is giving all loose change in the offering plates in October to DAIS -- they choose a different local organization for this each month.) And a group of women, dressed as church ladies and wearing purple flowers, put out tip baskets at Taste of Madison as a collection for DAIS. Taste of Madison itself gave \$358 for DAIS; tip buckets added \$27 to that, with a bit more coming in.

Needless to say, fundraising is of great importance. DAIS is a United Way agency and received support that way. They have an annual fash-

ion show that raises money, and on October 15 is Dine Out for DAIS, with 58 restaurants committing 10% of their income that day. Check out the list at www.abuseintervention.org and treat yourself to lunch that day.

Ecumenical Choir Practice

It is time to get started again. We have our first practice on October 25, 2013, from 12:00 Noon to 1:30 P.M. in the third floor choir room of the BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 3910 MINERAL POINT ROAD, MADISON, WI 53705. Our other practices will be at the same time and at the same location on: November 8th and November 22nd. We will sing for our World Community Day Celebration and the Racial Justice Forum on December 6 at First Baptist Church.

ARC Book Project

We will have a box out at the registration table for all meetings to get an early start on the book project for the ARC houses. These half-way houses for women receive books the mothers can give to their children as well as books for the women themselves. Audrey Hinger, Jacqueline Rodman, and a librarian friend spend hours reviewing requests and selecting books, which are purchased new at local book stores. Some places do give discounts, but new books are expensive, so think generously when you see the little box.

CWU Directory

Thanks to Betsey Daniels, who has already updated this year's CWU Directory which she had reformatted, including an alphabetical listing of key women and the schedule on the last two pages so it will be easy to post on bulletin boards or put with your planning calendar. Updated directories are available at all of our meetings.

MEC Directory

The Madison Ecumenical Community directory is done and available for \$10 a copy. You can order from the MEC office or pick one up at the next forum. Orders come in from churches, Agrace, funeral homes, libraries, and resource agencies. The book serves as the approved list of people admitted to the Dane County jail as ministers. If you're not in the book, you don't get in.

Celebrate United Nations Day and International Year of Water Cooperation

**Thursday, October 24, 2013, 5:30-7:30 pm,
University Club, 803 State Street (Library Mall),
\$20 adults, \$10 students. Children 12 and under
are free**

This will be a casual family friendly event with live music, childcare, light refreshments, cash bar and a short program with Dr. Thomas Neeson, UW Limnologist, and presentation of the Global Citizen Award to Dr. Vine Kavaloski of Edgewood College. Register online at www.unadane.org. Pay at the door. Send check with names of those attending to UNA Dane County, 122 State Street, Madison 53703.

Sing-Along For Fun!

Where?

Bring a friend and come to West Madison Senior Center, 602 Sawyer Terrace.

When?

Wednesday, October 16, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm (1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month). Save the dates! November 6 & 20!

Who's Invited?

Anyone who loves to sing! You don't have to be a super singer!

Accompaniment?

Fantastic Pianist Robert Auerbach plays by heart and by music.

What Kind of Music?

Songs from Musicals; Your Old & New Favorites.

Questions?

Call Ellie Metzloff at 608-230-6704 or Will Armstrong at West Madison Senior Center--608-238-0196.