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October Forum

October 4, 2019

Ministry at Oakwood

Chaplain Martha Nack

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

Men are Welcome

**Oakwood University Woods
Oaks Community Room
6209 Mineral Point Road**

October Forum

We will gather at Oakwood University Woods to share our concerns, experiences, and opportunities for service, with a program on ministry at Oakwood presented by chaplain Martha Nack, who knows us because of her mother's active participation in CWU.

Annual Meeting

We met at Asbury for our annual meeting, a change from our usual May timing. We have switched from school year to calendar year, so this tied up planning for the end of 2019. That freed May to just be May Friendship Day Celebration.

The women of Asbury greeted us warmly and hosted us with croissants, jam, pastries, fruits, and beverages. We gathered around tables for conversations and our meeting.

We had a guest speaker, Tim Cordon, social justice coordinator for First Unitarian Society. His message: prayer, share, care, spread love. Try to live in a just way. Your name, Church Women United, says it all.

Of course, his urgent desire to speak to us was the upcoming Global Climate Strike, on September 20. He brought posters and handout sheets and urged us to announce it in church, post the information, and join one of the four interfaith gatherings at Bethel Lutheran, First United Methodist, Grace Episcopal, or St. John's Lutheran at 10:30 am.

We are in deep trouble. We need solutions for our climate crisis, care for the earth, our refugee crisis. People of the earth, unite. What would Jesus, Gandhi, Mother Teresa do? We need racial justice, economic justice, criminal justice, climate justice. Tear down barriers between us. We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children.

We are putting the flyer for the 9/20/19 Global Climate Strike in this newsletter. Though it's late for posting in church, you can forward it to your church secretary and ask her to send it to your members. And we can keep working actively. MG&E has a timeline for reducing use of coal—stop using coal by 2050. Not soon enough. Aim for 2030. Be an active advocate for taking on climate change.

Tim also issued an invitation to join the James Reeb UU, 2146 East Johnson St., for a potluck supper at 6 pm and a 7 pm program. The program on 9/28 will be a report on the Global Climate Strike Week, and Updates on Upcoming Climate Justice Opportunities.

Tim also gave us thanks for our MEC directory, which was invaluable to them in reaching out to other faith communities. It has information not gathered anywhere else. Good to know we are doing useful work.

Gloria Carter called our annual meeting to order after Tim's talk. Gloria will be president of CWU Madison as of January. Lynn McDonald is serving as president this fall, but was ill and unable to attend. Gloria noted that we had provided some refreshments for coffee hour at the state assembly held at Holy Wisdom Monastery last Saturday.

Ruth Hein presented the Celebrations report. Marleen Lippert explained the Treasurer's Report. We collected \$555.52 for Fellowship of the Least Coin but gave \$568.75 because we added the Nickels for National small collection to it. Marybeth Friske, who sends out our newsletter, received a \$150 donation to acknowledge her work. This will be a twice-a-year thank you.

Marleen also stressed the importance of the Fair Share Form. Say it's a donation and the information on the form goes to Ruth Hein for information on address, email, etc. Donations keep us going. We received \$485 this year. Use the form. MEC has no form, so make checks out to Madison Ecumenical Council. The MEC office no longer has a phone, because it was costing a lot of money for about 2 calls a month. Ann Sowaske is now taking calls for MEC on her home phone. 608-203-5392 We need volunteers to receive calls for CWU. We still have space at Glenwood Moravian.

Shirley Alexander, chair of the Nominating Committee, reports that we need a vice-president/program coordinator and a Bylaws chair. No nominations. Note: outreach to affiliated churches is not in the bylaws.

We voted to elect those nominated as printed in the Annual Report for 2019. President: Lynn McDonald-2019, Gloria Carter-2020-January; Secretary, Barbara Eggleston; Treasurer, Marleen Lippert; Ecumenical Action Chair, Lynn McDonald; Ecumenical Celebrations Chair, Ruth Hein; Ecumenical Development and Key Women Co-Chairs, Ellie Metzloff and Crystal Betterley; Enabling Service Chair, Shirley Robbins; Outreach to Affiliated Churches, Ruth Hein; Madison Ecumenical Center Treasurer, Rita Honnold; Immediate Past-President, Ann Sowaske. We thank Shirley Alexander and Susan Becker for serving as the Nominating Committee.

Ruth Hein reminded us that we need a MEC subcommittee. Every two years, we must make phone calls to update our MEC directory of churches and social service agencies. We will need volunteers after January.

Gloria invited retiring president Ann Sowaske to the podium and presented her with a framed picture to thank her and honor her for her leadership of our CWU unit. Ann has been a long-serving member and is still actively engaged.

CWU Board Meeting Next board meeting is Friday morning, 9:30 am, September 27, 2019, at Bethany UMC, 3910 Mineral Point Road.

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Announcements

Cathy Elwell was excited to find Church Women United and wanted to invite members who are interested to attend the following.

All are invited to a free talk on effective prayer

It can be easy to feel alone or unsupported in our efforts to overcome difficult circumstances. It would be helpful to know how to get through it all!

Practitioner of Christian Science healing, Melanie Wahlberg, says, “When people contact me to pray for them, I reassure them that God loves us deeply, providing fresh ideas about our spiritual nature that wipe away fear and reveal inspired solutions. By turning to God for help, we open up to divine ideas to feel the presence of God in tangible ways, ways that change our lives and our health for the better.”

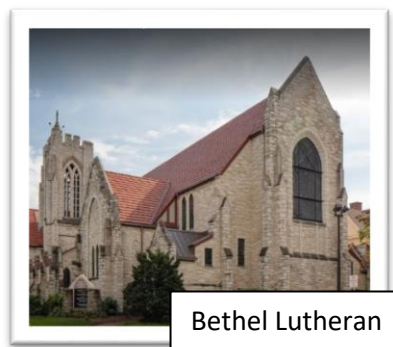
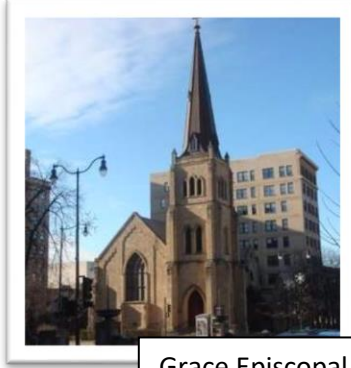
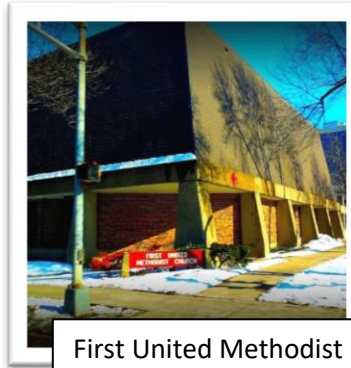
Melanie Wahlberg, Practitioner of Christian Science healing, will present her talk, “**Never alone: Prayer that Blesses Individuals and Communities**,” Sunday, October 27, 2:00 PM at First Church of Christ, Scientist, 610 S Segoe Rd, Madison. Her points come from studying Christ Jesus’ examples of healing in the Bible, as well as Mary Baker Eddy’s book, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, which offers a practical explanation of spiritual healing today based on Christ Jesus.

In addition, Wahlberg will discuss God as all Spirit, divine Love, infinite Mind, showing the connection between knowing God in this way, prayer, and reliable healing. She will also share examples from her professional healing practice of how this approach has transformed lives, including a mother and her infant daughter healed of physical and emotional issues.

**For more information contact:
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Humanity is at a critical point. Youth around the world are demanding a chance for a livable future. On Friday, September 20th, they are walking out of schools and taking to the streets. They are asking us to join them. They are calling it a

Global Climate Strike.



Communities of Faith & Conscience are Answering the CALL!

Friday, September 20th

- **Interfaith Gatherings – 10:30 am – 11:30 am – At all four churches above!**
- **Concert for the Youth - Eric De Los Santos & Lexus Annette - Capitol & State - Noon**
 - **Parade to the Youth - Capitol to MG&E - 12:30 pm**
 - **Youth-led Activities at MG&E - 1:00 - 3:00 pm**
 - **Youth-led Rally - Capitol - 4:00 pm**
 - **Rally in Rotunda & Free Pizza Party - 5:00 pm**

This is our time to act. It might not be too late!

Info: GlobalClimateStrike@gmail.com Facebook: Global Climate Strike - Madison



We Support the Global Climate Strike!

September 20th – 27th 2019

The world's youth are calling for a turning point. It might not be too late.

In Madison, on 9/20:

* **6:30 am – Sunrise Gathering** – Movement, poetry, & shared hope and gratitude (weather permitting) followed sign holding action along John Nolan Dr. - Law Park shoreline between Blair St. & Monona Terrace. Sun rises at 6:42 am.

* **10:30 am – 4 Simultaneous Interfaith Gatherings:**

Bethel Lutheran, First United Methodist, Grace Episcopal, and St. John's Lutheran

* **12:00 pm – Concert for the Climate** - Eric De Los Santos, Lexus Annette & Friends!

State St. Corner of Capitol

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* **1:00 pm – Youth-led Activities @ MG&E!**

* **3:00 pm – Return to Capitol**

* **4:00 pm – Youth-led Rally** - State St. steps of Capitol

* **5:00 pm – Youth-led Rally** – Capitol Rotunda

9/20-9/27 at the Capitol:

- Daily Student Strikes!
- Visit the *Ring of Hope* Display in Rotunda (not on 9/25)
- Visit *People's Climate Emergency Office* – 300 NE (Open – Monday – Friday)

On Saturday, 9/28

@ James Reeb UU, 2146 E. Johnson St.

6pm - potluck, 7pm - Sustainable Saturday Night –
Report on the Global Climate Strike Week and Updates on
Upcoming Climate Justice Opportunities.


Make History!

Volunteer on Friday, 9/20!


GlobalClimateStrikeVolunteers@gmail.com

Facebook: Global Climate Strike – Madison * GlobalClimateStrikeMadison@gmail.com


GLOBAL CLIMATE STRIKE: DAY 1 - SEP. 20

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