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**Church Women United
May Friendship Luncheon Celebration
Friday, May 2, 2025**

9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Program
and Valiant Woman Awards
NOON Luncheon catered by Vista West

**Luncheon Celebration Reservation Form
(enclosed)**

Vista West Senior Living
150 Bella Vista Rd Madison, WI 53717

9:30 am gathering **10:00 a.m. Meeting In-person**

Bring a friend and join us for May Friendship Day,
Friday May 2, 2025. Gathering at 9:30 a.m.,
Program at 10:00 a.m.
which will include Annual Meeting,
review of Bible Studies
and Valiant Woman Awards.
Lunch to follow.

Church Women United in Madison, Wisconsin

**Reservation form
May Friendship Celebration**

Program and Luncheon,
May 2, 2025

MENU:

Roasted Lemon Chicken
Rice Pilaf
Spring Vegetable Medley
Garden Salad with Dressings
Rolls
Assorted Dessert Bars

Name_____

Address_____

City and zip_____

Phone_____

Email_____

YES_____ I plan to attend the May Friendship Day Celebration at Vista West, 150 Bella Vista Drive, Madison WI. 53717 on May 2, 2025.

_____ Enclosed please find my check for the luncheon \$12.00/person. *

NO_____ I am unable to attend but wish to support CWU with my enclosed check.

DEADLINE: April 22,2025

*Please make check payable to **Church Women United** and **mail checks** to Marleen Lippert, 6329 Scandia Lane, McFarland WI 53558. Thank you.

SUMMARY OF WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: CWU event

"I Made You Wonderful" Friday, March 7, 2025
First Church of Christ Science

Attendance: 24 people in person and 4 on Zoom
(Each person was presented with a lei of colorful flowers, upon registration)

9:45 AM Welcome

*Cymbre van Fossen welcomed us to the First Church of Christ Science and opened with a prayer for commitment to resolve conflict. The World Day of Prayer program is based on traditions of Christian women in the Cook Islands.

*Margaret Lewis reminded us of the goals of the church's founder, Mary Baker Eddy. The "Christian Science Monitor" is a non-biased publication that encourages us to think for ourselves, but pray for the world. She encouraged us to take home a copy of the "CS Monitor" from the table in the church entrance.

Announcements

*Ann Sowaske thanked our host church for the coffee and snacks and for the use of their church for hosting our World Day of Prayer program. She also thanked Gordon Meyers for tech support for the music, microphones and Zoom.

Ann introduced Judy Loveless, CWU Board secretary.

Ann announced an invitation to attend a program by John Nichols, "Madison Votes for Peace" on May 26, 2025 at the Masonic Temple on Wisconsin Ave. Let Ann know if interested in attending.

*Carolyn Rumph announced that her church, Mt Zion Baptist is celebrating their pastor's 8th anniversary at Mt Zion on Sunday, March 9 at 3 PM.

*Ruth Hein announced that Crystal Betterly is back in the hospital for cancer and is under palliative care. Her husband, Wayne, needs food care packages. She has cards for us to sign for Crystal and Wayne.

Program

*Margaret Lewis read the content introduction of our worship service, opening with "Kia orana!" a phrase in the Maori language that Cook Islanders use to greet each other. It means more than "hello"; also "May you live long and live well. May you dance with the waves." We practiced saying it.

*Carolyn read the worship service, encouraging us to look around and appreciate the gift of each other.

*We sang the song, "Wonderfully Made and Cymbre led us in the prayer of the women of the Cook Islands.

*Jackie read the scripture, Psalm d139: 1c-6 and read the story of Mii, a 15-year old whose father had Covid 19. She was comforted to know that God knew her and would care for her.

*Cymbre and two other readers continued our program with the remaining scripture, Psalm 139: through to verse 18.

*Ruth Hein continued the program reading about Dr. Dawn, the first female Cook Island doctor at the Pediatric Department of Cook Island.

*We again sang, "Wonderfully Made."

*Cymbre, Margaret and Carolyn read the remaining program prayers. We prayed for the beauty of the Earth, for forgiveness of our sins, for the longings of our hearts, for wisdom to guide our leaders and their hearts and minds to make good decisions to move our world toward unity and peace, and an end to domestic violence.

*We listened to the Lord's Prayer sung in the Maori language and then we recited it together in English.

Offertory – Two men from the church passed collection baskets.

*Margaret Lewis offered the offertory prayer.

*Carolyn introduced the recorded hymn, "Let Every Land Thund'rously Rejoice," which we listened to during the collection.

*Marleen, our CWU treasurer, clarified that the money collected would all go to the Cook Islands CWU committee; not to our local CWU treasury.

*Cymbre reminded us of the Least Coin collection can on the registration table at the church entrance. She offered a prayer for the Least Coin.

*Margaret encouraged us to greet fellow participants with "Kia orana" and then compliment our partner and say. "God made you wonderful!" We spent several minutes circulating and doing this greeting and mixing with our fellow participants. It was especially nice to receive this mutual blessing!

Commitment to Prayerful Action – We listened to recorded wave sounds.

*Carolyn asked us, "What happens next?" now we know God is with us and we recognize we are wonderfully made?

*Carolyn and Cymbre said we are called into prayerful action...GOOD NEWS! Treat yourselves as precious and beloved children of God! AMEN!

Program adjourned at 11 AM.

*Cymbre reminded us to finish eating the morning "goodies" and enjoy the social time. The church will stay open.

Respectfully submitted,
JUDY LOVELESS
Secretary, Madison CWU

VALIANT WOMAN AWARD PRESENTED TO JACQUELINE RODMAN



The Madison, WI Unit of Church Women United is pleased to present the Valiant Woman Award to Jacqueline Rodman, a longtime member of this Unit.

Jacqueline is a member of Mt Zion Baptist church here in Madison. At her church, she is currently on the Mothers and Daughters Board. She is also a member of the Madison Metropolitan (WI) Links Incorporated, and a member of the Madison Symphony Orchestra Board of Advisors.

Representing our Unit, she has served as a Key Woman representing Mt Zion Baptist church and has been a President of our Unit.

Jacqueline has served us well, fulfilling the “National mission of Church Women United as a racially, culturally, theologically inclusive Christian women's movement”. Throughout her tenure as our President, she worked to promote the “strong purpose and common goals” of Church Women United.

VALIANT WOMAN AWARD PRESENTED TO CRYSTAL BETTERLY

Crystal Betterly-Quallman has been an active member of Madison (WI) Church Women United group for more than 25 years. She has served CWU in many roles. She was the Key Woman contact for Bashford United Methodist Church for 15 years. Within her local CWU she assisted with many programs, mission initiatives, committees and more. She worked with Ellie Metzloff as leaders of the Key Woman Committee. She also worked on the Madison Area Human and Religious Resource Directory published every 2 years. Wayne Qualmann also assisted for many years.

Crystal was married to Wayne Qualmann and had 3 adult children. She served with her young family in Papua New Guinea in God's service as a missionary in a primitive home. She has served God, her church, and worldwide community in teaching the Word to old and young and in support of local and world missions. Her devout faith guided her life and was surely admired and a model for others.

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& DONOR CONTRIBUTION FORM

FOR CHURCH WOMEN UNITED OF MADISON

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