



WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Youth-Led Global Climate Strike Interfaith Gatherings

Dear friends and colleagues,

On September 20th, a youth-led Global Climate Strike will take place. There are a wide variety of events being planned for that day and the week that follows. I am writing with information about Global Climate Strike activities that are being coordinated by some members of the faith community in Madison. They have been working with a variety of groups including, Youth Climate Action Team, 350-Madison, Extinction Rebellion, Climate Reality and the Sierra Club, to plan a week and a day of activities that include four simultaneous interfaith gatherings, at 10:30 am, on the first day of the Climate Strike (September 20th).

The interfaith gatherings will take place at churches that were selected due to their close proximity to the Capitol. The locations are:

Bethel Lutheran, 312 Wisconsin Ave
Grace Episcopal, 116 W. Washington Ave
First United Methodist, 203 Wisconsin Ave
St. John's Lutheran, 322 E. Washington Ave

We hope you will consider attending and will encourage people in your congregations to attend. After the interfaith gathering, people will assemble at the State St corner of the Capitol for the Concert for the Climate, which will take place at noon. Following the concert, the group will parade to the youth who will be at MGE—asking for a commitment to transition to 100% renewable energy by 2030.

The organizers plan to have wheelchairs, volunteer wheelchair pushers, and shuttle vans available for those who would find the .7 mile walk to be difficult or impossible. (If your church has one or more wheelchairs that you could loan for this event, please call 608-630-3633 to let Tim Cordon know.

To help disperse the numbers gathered somewhat evenly between the four gatherings, the organizers ask that someone from your congregation call Claire at 608-334-5279 to find out which location you should plan to attend.

The organizers are also hoping that there will be some UCC representation in leadership for these gatherings. If you, or someone in your congregation, would be willing to participate by leading a prayer, a song, inspiring words, or creative expressions of any kind, please contact Tim at 608-630-3633.

If you have questions, please contact me.

Blessings,

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