



Together

Church Women United in Greater Dayton — August, 2017

**Attention, CWU members,
your church is counting on you!
to be a witness that
we are all one in Christ**
The Church Women United motto is
Agreed to Differ—Resolved to Love—United to Serve

Here are opportunities for service in the coming year:

- Visit Mercy Manor and find ways that your church can help support this project.
- Become members of CWU — (\$5). You will receive four issues of our local newsletter and a special invitation to attend our special events. We pray together as a witness to our Christian unity.
- Volunteer your time and talent to support our local projects: helping at Mercy Manor, hosting an event at your church, working to plan and present our prayer programs,.
- Subscribe to our national publication, ChurchWoman News, so that you can tell others about how church women serve and give all over our country: www.churchwomen.org
- Attend our events: World Community Day in November, Christmas Tea in December, Emma Murray Prayer Breakfast in March, May Friendship Day in May, and the Human Rights celebration in June.

Contact your church's key woman for details about projects and programs listed above.

President's Message

Greetings of peace and joy! What an honor to serve as your president this year. I look forward to meeting many of you personally at celebrations and meetings.

What is new this year?

1 - Our new web site: www.cwudaytonoh.org I hope you will check it out and share it with others in your church. You can receive so much information about Church Women United in Greater Dayton there. We are thankful to our new publicity chairperson, Martha Shields, for creating and maintaining this communication tool.

2 – Quadrennial Priorities 2016-2020: These priorities were prepared by the National CWU Global Action Committee. The theme is “Learning and Leading...Using the Principles of God’s Word”. Psalm 25:5 – “*Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; on You I wait all the day.*” We will use these priorities to guide our activities for the year.

#1 Human Rights — focus on Child Education Awareness

#2 Hunger and Poverty — focus on Childhood Hunger

#3 Health and Wellness — focus on Women’s Health-Heart Disease

#4 Diversity and Inclusiveness — focus on Racial, Ethnic Equality and Cultural Inclusion

3 – We will be holding an orientation for anyone new or old to CWU Dayton to give you a look at how we work and what we are. It will be August 22, 11:00 a.m., at Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1541 S. Smithville Rd., Dayton. There will be a free lunch included in the orientation. Please call me at 293-7225 to make a reservation and share your food limitations.

4 – At each meeting we will hear from a representative of a ministry in our community. August – Mercy Manor; September – International Peace Museum; October – UNICEF

What is the same this year?

We continue to trust God in leading us in our movement (Proverbs 3:5 – “*Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make straight your paths.*”) We know that by trusting God to guide our paths we can achieve our purpose: **to encourage church women to come together in a visible fellowship to witness to their faith in Jesus Christ and, enabled by the Holy Spirit to go out together into every neighborhood and nation as instruments of God’s reconciling love.** Let us trust each day and put our lives in the Master’s hands

Our Board meets on the Fourth Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in August, September, October, February, April and May. Each church’s Key Woman is encouraged to attend but any woman interested in what we are doing is invited to join us.

Blessings to each of you,

Jerri Wood, President CWU in Greater Dayton

Service Opportunities

Church Women United supports CROP Walk, which will be held Sunday, October 1. The Hunger Walk begins at Island Metro Park, 101 E. Helena Street, with registration at 1:00 and the walk beginning from the Band Shell at 1:30. Share this opportunity with your church youth leader and mission group. Information will be available at the August CWU meeting.

Each fall our churches support Church World Service by assembling health and/or school kits. The Ingathering will be at Good Shepherd Church, 901 East Stroop Rd from 9 a.m. to Noon on Saturday, October 7. The kits are then sent to New Windsor, Maryland. Below are lists of what goes in each kit. Church World Service asks us to send them \$2.00 for each kit to cover their mailing costs.

SCHOOL KIT

- One pair of blunt metal scissors (rounded tip)
- Three 70-count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (**no loose-leaf or filler paper**)
- One 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- One hand-held pencil sharpener
- One large eraser
- Six new pencils with erasers
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24)

One 12" x 14" to 14" x 17" finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag with cloth handles. (Please, no reusable shopping bags or backpacks.)

HYGIENE KIT

- One hand towel measuring approximately 16" x 28" (no fingertip or bath towels)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb
- One nail clipper
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)
- Six standard size Band-Aids

Please do not add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit. Cartons of toothpaste that have an extended expiration date will be added to Hygiene Kits just prior to shipment.

Financial Support for Church Women United—Dayton

Membership for Church Women United in Greater Dayton remains at \$5.00! This membership provides you with our newsletter.

Church membership is \$25 for each church. This helps with costs for printing our newsletter and paying for our celebration materials.

We welcome any donations for specific projects (such as but not limited to: Mercy Manor, Church World Service, Daybreak, UNICEF) or our general fund Individual Membership Form and Church Membership forms are on Pg. 4.

ORGANIZATIONAL FEES AND DONATIONS

***NAME OF CHURCH** _____

ADDRESS _____ **ZIP** _____ **PHONE** _____

KEY WOMAN _____ **PHONE** _____

CHURCH DONATION \$ _____

*Annual membership for churches and organizations is \$25.00 MINIMUM. However, contributions in excess of this amount are greatly needed in order to help promote and carry out CWU's ongoing programs within our community. Your increased support is deeply appreciated. Please make checks payable to CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN GREATER DAYTON and mail with form to:

Anna Whatley
1112 Crocus Dr.
Dayton, OH 45417-4420

***Key Women!! Please ask your church to partner with us by contributing \$25.00.**

For individuals, the form below may be used if your church DOES NOT have a Key Woman.

If you have a Key Woman, please use the form she gives you.

The forms will be distributed to Key Women at the August Board meeting.

If using the form below, please include a check for \$5.00 and mail to Anna Whatley (address above) along with the form below.

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Church Women United in Greater Dayton

This Certifies that

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Amount Paid \$ _____

Jerri Wood, President

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2017-2018

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City: _____ **OH Zip:** _____

Telephone: _____ **Cell phone:** _____

E-Mail: _____

Church & Denomination: _____

Key Woman _____

Amount Given \$ _____ **New** _____ **Renewal** _____

From Barbara Hudson-Banner, Mercy Manor Executive Director



Mercy Manor

On behalf of Mercy Manor's Board of Trustees President, Mr. Ronald Cothran, Board Members and myself we would like to thank everyone for all your prayers and support this year. Once again, with the grace of God and all your assistance, we made it through another year providing a safe, spiritual, alcohol and drug-free living environment for women recovering from alcoholism or drug addiction.

Mercy Manor held its 25th Annual Luncheon, on Saturday March 11, 2017 at the Presidential Banquet Center. The theme this year was "*Mercy Manor Paving the Way for a Brighter Tomorrow.*" Our guest speaker, the Reverend Dr. M. Patrick Murray, Senior Pastor, Living Word Church, delivered a powerful, inspirational, and timely message. The luncheon was delightful. Ms. Letitia Perry, WHIO-TV Anchor, was Mistress of Ceremonies. Mr. Robert Sanae provided magnificent music and Ms. LaToya Thomas gifted us with a solo. Three outstanding individuals were honored at the banquet:

Mrs. Rebecca Brown received the Sister Jean Foppe RSM Visionary award;
Reverend Sherry Gale, Ph.D. received the Special Community Service Award and
Ms. Khadijah Ali received the Recognition of Leadership Award

As of July 31, 2017, Mercy Manor has six (6) ladies in the house. We had two graduates thus far this year. In the new few weeks we are expecting two (2) additional ladies.

Although, Mercy Manor has had many success stories, one that sticks out in my mind and is a young lady, a speaker at this year's luncheon, who began her journey purchasing drugs at 25 Grosvenor Ave, before it became Mercy Manor. After being released from prison, she returned to 25 Grosvenor Ave. which was now Mercy Manor, as a resident. After completing her program at Mercy Manor, with years of recovery behind her, she now works at Mercy Manor as a Recovery Peer Supporter / House Manager. Currently we have a resident, also a speaker at this year's luncheon, who has been a resident for almost two years and is doing great. She has held the same job since she arrived at Mercy Manor and has been promoted three times. She is diligently working on her recovery, reunited with her family and working through traumas she has suffered.

PROGRAM UPDATE: Mercy Manor provides hope for women broken from addiction. It is a ministry for women with histories of homelessness, abuse, mental health, incarceration, and alcohol and drug addiction. We accept women transitioning from community addiction facilities, hospitals, behavioral health facilities and criminal justice facilities. A resident's duration of stay is determined by the resident's needs, progress, and willingness to abide by the recovery housing protocols. Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Access to Recovery (ATR) for grant will end in 2018. We are currently in partnership with the ADAMHS Board.

WE NEED YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. As we continue to seek new grants and other means for donations, we are asking the churches/members of Church Women United (CWU), other congregations, and organizations, if they would consider making an **annual financial** contribution to help retain this worthy ministry for women.

MERCY MANOR WISH LIST: Again, we would like to thank everyone for your prayers, your love and donations. When the women arrive at Mercy Manor they have nothing but the clothes on their backs. Your donations are instrumental in our daily operations and helping the women to get back on their feet, get a job, a place to live and to successfully move back into the community: paper goods (toilet tissue, paper towels, facial tissues, trash bags – tall kitchen and large), cleaning products (laundry detergent, body soap, Pine Sol, Windex, Lysol cleaner and spray); gloves/hats/scarves, gently used winter jackets, gently used winter clothing/shoes, socks, gift cards to Kroger and Walmart (\$10, \$20, and \$25), hair products (hair spray, conditioner, hair gel, hair oil); twin bed sheets and blankets, clock radios, electric fans, RTA Bus Passes or tokens (monthly passes \$55, weekly passes \$19) and movie theatre tickets or gift cards.

SAVE-THE DATE

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE OF SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018, FOR OUR ANNUAL LUNCHEON.

A Visit to the Church Women United National Office

Written by Kathy Zamonski, National Celebrations Chair

Why do I think about making banana bread muffins when I am sitting in the Church Women United national office sorting my thoughts in order to write an article about what goes on in the national office? One reason might be that it is mid-afternoon and I didn't eat much lunch. Another reason might be that there is a process happening around me as women in the office go about their tasks and it reminds me of what goes into the baking process.

We call Church Women United a movement. I can see the action in the national office first hand as a week-long guest/observer, serving the National Board. I sit and watch. The phones ring. People pop in at the door on the second floor of the Interchurch Building on Riverside Drive in Manhattan. The microwave beeps. Fingers pound the keyboards. Staplers snap. Fans hum – keeping the air cool. The copier starts up seemingly on its own – activated by computers in other rooms. All this action is dedicated to a particular outcome -- service to the 1000+ local units of Church Women United.

A dream, or vision, is a really important part of a movement. The same vision that inspires us to make banana bread muffins is that process of looking ahead to a particular outcome, of looking for a recipe, of finding the ingredients for a great product or a really good idea. The Church Women United National Board provides the vision and defines the “brand” for all the local units. The national officers are the heat, lighting a fire, just as the 2017 celebration themes call us to do.

The ingredients are the local units. Without them there is no movement. The national office provides the mixing bowl and utensils needed to create a form for the vision. Ideas are the yeast and salt.

Djamillah Samad is the chef/chief in the national office, having served for almost 12 years. She knows the history; she knows the people who made the history. She is a walking encyclopedia of Church Women United. Djamillah has several “cooks-in-training” to help facilitate all the action in the national office. There is much to do.

When 1000+ units are preparing for May Friendship Day, they send in their order for Worship Bulletins. They also choose their Valiant Women and then contact the national office for award certificates and pins. All those letters and calls need to be taken care of ASAP. Djamillah has a very small team because the national budget has been shrinking, as with many other non-profits. When a key ingredient is lacking in the recipe, then some changes need to be made to ensure success.

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In a recent article in “FloridaToday,” Wayne T. Price, community columnist, cites several trends that are threatening non-profits. Price writes, “ 1) Funding for charity is shrinking; 2) Nonprofits are struggling with how to engage millennials; and 3) nonprofits are reacting slowly and poorly to the change around them.” According to Price, “nonprofits are being asked two hard questions: 1) How will you cut costs, improve efficiency and deliver more for less; and 2) the tougher question: why do you even exist?”

Many women in the local units begin to ask, “Why do we need a national office?” Very few people have an opportunity to spend a week in the national office, as I have. The challenge, as I see it, is two-fold. We definitely need more money to run a national office efficiently. We also need to find more and better ways to connect with women at the local level.

The national office should be a data bank. The lack of data software is holding them back from communicating with the national board. When the Communications Committee chair calls to find out how many copies of the ChurchWoman newsletter have been printed and sent or emailed to our members there is no data. When the Celebrations Committee chair calls to find out how many copies of May Friendship Day were sent out to local units last year there is no data. The lack of a data base is mostly due to lack of staff. Lack of staff is due to lack of funds.

Some people still ask, “Do we need a national office? Can this work be spread out to other parts of the country? Do we need the expense of a national office?” My one week of exposure has provided me with a few insights. We have a history -- we need to learn our history and be proud of it. Check out the website for the national office: www.churchwomen.org.

You will be amazed that Church Women United has been in the forefront of every major issue during the entire time that it has existed. Leadership on the national level has impacted political action on the national and local levels through the years. When we could afford it, we had representation in the United Nations Ecumenical Office in New York City and we also had a person in Washington monitoring legislation and informing our constituents about current issues.

We have work to do. Let’s look at what changes we need to make. Let’s look at ways to cut costs, improve efficiency and deliver more for less. Let’s stick together and blend our talents, like the ingredients in banana bread. Let’s praise one another and look for the good. Let’s find some new recipes for making our programs interesting to younger people. Let’s find some new funding sources that are creative and help people to feel part of a meaningful project. Let’s do it—together!

(Kathy Zamonski visited the Church Women United New York office for a week in June to make a report for the CWU National Board of Directors.)

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COMING EVENTS

AUG 22 (Tuesday)	BOARD MEETING (for all Key Women/denominational secretaries) Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1541 S. Smithville Rd, 1 block south of Rt 35	1:00 PM
SEPT 26 (Tuesday)	BOARD MEETING (for all Key Women/denominational secretaries) Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1541 S. Smithville Rd, 1 block south of Rt 35	1:00 PM
SEPT 28 (Thursday)	AREA C&D MEETING CWU Area C-D Meeting St. John AME Church, 7700 Crosswoods Blvd., Columbus, OH 43235 Contact: Ina Green 937-344-6029	
OCT 24 (Tuesday)	BOARD MEETING (for all Key Women/denominational secretaries) Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1541 S. Smithville Rd, 1 block south of Rt 35	1:00 PM
NOV 11 (Saturday)	WORLD COMMUNITY DAY Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1541 Smithville Rd Theme: Kindling New Fires of Peace: Hostess: Marilyn Moritz 667-6848	1:00 PM
DEC 4	CHRISTMAS TEA Honoring Priests, Pastors & Spou Zion Baptist Church, 1684 Earlham Dr Hostess: Costella Terrell, 263-2997	1:00 PM

**THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE PREPARED FOR MAILING
AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (DOWNTOWN) ON WEDNESDAY, October 11, 2017**

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