



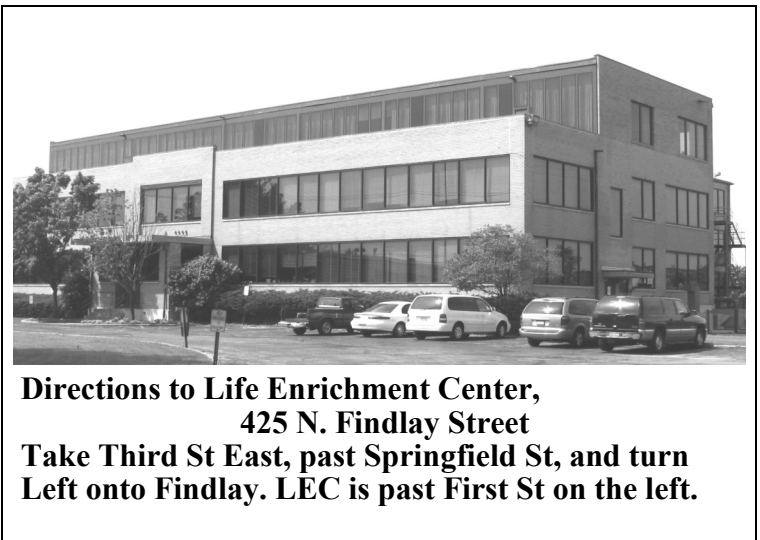
Together

Church Women United in Greater Dayton — October 2017

Church Women United of Dayton is on the move! We will visit the Life Enrichment Center Oct. 24

CWU Board will meet Oct. 24 at Life Enrichment Center

Following the Board meeting at 1 p.m. at LEC, members of CWU will tour the facility to find out about the many ways that this organization meets the needs of people in crisis in our community. This meeting is open to all Key Women and their guests.



Directions to Life Enrichment Center,
425 N. Findlay Street
Take Third St East, past Springfield St, and turn
Left onto Findlay. LEC is past First St on the left.

The LEC received our Human Rights Award in 2013 and our women have expressed interest in viewing the facility ever since. The entrance is around the back of the building.

PLEASE BRING NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS FOR LEC'S FOOD PANTRY.

Approximately 150-200 bags of supplemental groceries are distributed weekly in 2017. In a recent year, 6439 families received groceries. Activities at LEC also include GED classes, a bike shop, a café, senior groups and help with computer skills and job applications.

President's Message

Agreed to differ.....

Resolved to love.....

United to Serve

Here we are in autumn enjoying the changes of the season and weather. Before we get busy with holiday activities and shopping let's take time to count our blessings and practice an attitude of gratitude! As I ponder our motto, printed above, I thank God for the blessings revealed in CWU of Dayton.

First, Agree to Differ... We are a diverse group of believers by age, race, interests, denominations yet it is a blessing to come together in that diversity doing meaningful work for Christ. I am touched each time we close our board meetings gathered in a circle holding hands singing or praying. I love to look at the faces gathered and realize what friends and sisters in Christ I am blessed to know. — “Then everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord shall be saved” - Acts 2:21.

Second, Resolve to Love... It is a blessing that we can show compassion to those in need. Our sisters complete hygiene and school kits for Church World Service, walk in CROP Walk, bring books for Project READ, support Mercy Manor, and volunteer in many projects in our home churches. We do all out of love for Christ. — “Let us love, not in word or speech but in truth and action” - I John 3:18.

Finally, Unite to Serve... We come together for meetings to learn about needs and challenges in our community. As we serve our community we are able to do much more in unity than on our own. We are able to support ministry around us. For example, we will gather for our October Board meeting at Life Enrichment Center. Count your blessings and reflect an attitude of gratitude each day. ...”Serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received” - I Peter 4:10.

*When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
when you are discouraged thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
and it will surprise you what the Lord has done.
Count your blessings – name them one by one;
Count your many blessings – see what God has done!
(Lyrics by Johnson Oatman Jr // Music by Edwin Othello Excell)*

Peace and joy,

Jerri Wood

DAYBREAK ANNUAL FUND RAISING BREAKFAST/LUNCH — NOV. 1, 2017

Daybreak Fund Raising Breakfast & Lunch are scheduled for Wednesday Nov., at the Mandalay Banquet Center, 2700 E. River Rd, Moraine. Reservations are required. Cecelia Long will take reservations for the Breakfast (8-9 am) Call Cecelia at 972-7045. Plan to arrive at 7:30 am. For Luncheon reservations (Noon to 1 pm) call Ina Green, 344-6029. Lunch attendees, plan to arrive by 11:30 am. No one will be admitted if have not reserved a space. There is no charge to attend. Donations accepted. Thank you for helping Daybreak respond to the needs of youth and young adults who do not have permanent housing or who need employment assistance.



Christ United Methodist Bazaar

The United Methodist Women of Christ Church, 3440 Shroyer Rd., invite you to attend the **50th Angel Works Bazaar** on Saturday, November 4th from 9 to 3. Bring the children to take a Selfie with Santa from 9 to 1. Enjoy coffee and treats from 9 to 1:30 and lunch from 10:30 to 1:30. Handmade crafts, gift items, plants, wreaths and floral arrangements, gourmet specialties, baked goods and homemade candy will be offered. All proceeds from the Bazaar are distributed to local, national and worldwide missions.

New Hope Church, 544 Xenia Ave, with St. Mary's Catholic Church

will have a **Holiday Bazaar** on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 9 am to 3 pm. featuring specialty wooden craft items and original paintings . Lunch will be available

David's United Church of Christ,

170 W. David Rd, On Saturday, Nov. 4 the **Bazaar** is open to everyone in the community from 9:00AM-3:00PM. Lunch will be available starting at 11:00AM. There will be lots of Christmas ornament, baked goods, and a variety of Christmas decorations as well as knitted goods plus some vintage items.

Dixon UMC, 1691 Infirmiry Rd, Dayton, will celebrate **Homecoming** October 29, at 9:30 am with preaching by former Pastor, the Rev. Don Wilson. Brunch will be served following the service.

Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church

4417 Bigger Rd, Kettering, will present a **HOLLY DAZE**, in the fellowship hall Saturday, Nov. 4, from 9 AM to 4 PM. Lunch served will include three homemade soups, sloppy joes and pimento cheese sandwiches. Items for sale will include gently used Christmas items, attic treasures, homemade crafts and decorations.

Westminster Presbyterian Church

125 N Wilkinson St, Dayton, OH in Downtown Dayton presents **Organ Recitals** each Thursday in October at Noon followed by lunch. A combined choral vespers and dinner is planned for Sunday, Oct. 15, beginning at 4 PM. There will be an Advent Potluck Dinner and choral program on Sunday, Dec. 3, beginning at 5 pm.

Dorothy Lane American Baptist

960 W. Dorothy Lane, will present a **Christmas Bazaar** on Nov. 3 and 4 from 9 am to 3 pm with homemade crafts and baked goods. Lunch will be served.

St. Margaret's Episcopal Church

5301 Free Pike, Trotwood, will present a **Concert** featuring the Dayton contemporary Dance co. and Central State University Choir Oct 21, Saturday, at 4 pm. The church also holds a **Fish Fry** every first Friday of the month from 11am — 6 pm.

Visit the Church Women United website:
www.cwudaytonoh.org

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN GREATER DAYTON

September 26, 2017

Board Meeting Minutes

Twenty-five women attended the September 26, 2017 Board meeting of Greater Dayton Church Women United at Memorial Presbyterian Church. President Jerri Wood called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Devotional Leader Margaret Hunt led a Bible study based on Colossians 3:15, "*let the peace of Christ rule in your heart.*" Guest speaker Bill Meers from the Dayton International Peace Museum gave a brief introduction to the museum and talked of ways CWU members can support their mission.

Visitors were introduced: Lori Price from the Salvation Army and Dianna Brigham from Bethel Baptist Church. President Jerri welcomed back members who have been recovering from health problems: Phyllis Caldwell, Julie Trine, Anna Whatley and Doris Moore.

The minutes of the August 22 meeting were presented. There were two corrections: Dianna Brigham's first name was incorrectly written as Donna, and the presentation of the revised by-laws and proposed budget, to be voted on at the September meeting, was left out. With those corrections, the minutes were accepted.

Vice President Cecelia Long presented the revised by-laws, which were handed out to key women at the August meeting, for final approval. Upon motion of Cecelia, seconded by Dolores Walker, the revised by-laws were adopted. The by-laws will not be reprinted. Members were advised to write "accepted 9/26/17" at the top of their copy of the proposed revisions to the by-laws. Martha Shields, website coordinator, was assured that money had been allocated for the new web site. Upon motion of Cecelia Long, seconded by Marilyn Moritz, the proposed 2018 budget was accepted.

President Jerri reminded everyone that the October 26 meeting will be held at the Life Enrichment Center and will include a tour of the building. We are asked to bring a food item to donate to their food pantry.

There was a ten-minute break for a get-acquainted activity presented by Member Care Chair Kathy Zamonski.

Martha Shields reported on the new web site. She showed a publicity flyer she prepared for World Community Day. The flyer is geared to her church but she offered to customize it for any church, and she can put a generic flyer on the web site.

Kathy Zamonski asked for reports and church events to be put into the next newsletter to be sent to her by next week. She can accept memberships any time but the official membership deadline is the end of the year. National will sponsor a march against hate on April 7, 2018. They will try to get a bus from Ohio. Five key women who brought in the most memberships so far were gifted with CWU mugs.

President Jerri suggested that the unit make a donation to Zion Baptist Church in memory of Frances Williamson. Anyone who would like to donate can contact her. Ina Green reported on the Area C meeting to be held Thursday in Columbus, and the CROP Walk October 1. Dolores Walker reported that St. Margaret's Episcopal Church will celebrate its 125th anniversary October 21. Three churches were started in the same year: St. Margaret's Episcopal, Bethel Baptist, and Greater Allen.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. with a prayer written by Dolores Walker and the hymn Let There Be Peace on Earth sung in a circle.

Pam Hamby, Secretary

Sr. Donna Liette, former director of Mercy Manor, highlighted on Megyn Kelly's Morning Show



On Megyn Kelly TODAY, September 25, Ms. Kelly told the uplifting story of Sr. Donna Liette, a 77-year-old Catholic sister, formerly the director of Mercy Manor in Dayton, who decided to do something about the violence tearing apart her Chicago neighborhood. Sr. Donna was joined live on the show by Father David Kelly of the Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation and members of the moms circle she organized.

She got a joyful surprise live on the air. Caldwell Banker representatives presented Sr. Donna with a \$12,000 check to help in remodeling a building in her neighborhood to house victims of violence. Ace Hardware also gave her with a gift card for \$10,000.

Sr. Donna embodies Ms. Kelly's mantra of "settling for more" — or as Ms. Kelly puts it: "If you want change, you must seek it." Sr. Donna has been making that change in Chicago's Back of the Yards neighborhood by helping young men and families touched by violence for the past eight years. According to the segment on Ms. Kelly's show, Sr. Donna helped create a group where mothers who lost children to violence and mothers of those who have committed acts of violence can come together and heal as one.

Ms. Kelly showed a film of Sr. Donna driving around the neighborhood saying hello to residents; catching up with men who consider her "their grandmother," and helping women who are moving forward in their own grief. "Most of the mothers have lost children to violence or incarceration," Sr. Donna said.

Sr. Donna recalled many of the mothers carried a lot of shame and guilt about their children, but now the women meet once a month to support one another. As one mom said, "I have to visit my son in the cemetery and you get to visit your son in prison ... now I realize you lost your son too." Sr. Donna says she hears about homicides, at least five to seven a week, and recently she saw one young man from the neighborhood shot and seriously wounded in an alley near her office.

"It's a horrible thing to see," she told Ms. Kelly in the interview. "A lot of our boys don't expect to get old. I cry a lot on the way home." But Sr. Donna said she is inspired by the people who call the South Side home — the mothers who want to make their home better, and not just leave it. "There's still a lot of good here," she said. "There's a lot of people working together. We can't lose hope.

Article written by Darcel Rockett, for the Chicago Tribune, Sept. 25, 2017

Google Sr. Donna Liette to view the Megyn Kelly Show and hear Sr. Donna's story.

Report for Area C/D Meeting

With the declining number of local units, Ohio has changed its area map so that the northern part of the state (A/B/E) is one area and the southern part (C/D) is another area. The southern area, including Dayton, met Sept 28 in Worthington, OH. Those attending from Dayton included Jerri Wood, Pam Hamby, Kathy Zamonski, Ina Green, Carolyn Joiner, and Margaret Hunt.

“Learning and Leading...Using the Principles of God’s Word” was the theme for the day. Ina Green, State Ecumenical Development Chair was the Convener. She introduced the state officers: President Michele Alexander; Vice President Bennie Williams-Roper, Treasurer, Marie Milo; Ecumenical Celebrations, Bobbie Chaney; and welcomed the 50+ participants.

The Rev. Jermaine D. Covington, pastor of the host church, St. John AME Church, in Worthington, OH led the Bible Study, with emphasis on Psalm 25 — “Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.”

Sergeant Shawn Dysert and Ms. Joyce Lawler spoke about the drug crisis and emphasized our need to love people into health rather than criticizing and shunning them. He teaches his officers to first ask people, “Are you hungry,” and give them food before making judgments.

Mrs. Shirley Seward, a fitness instructor and Chair of the Health and Wellness Ministries at St. John AME Church, had some words of wisdom about maintaining a healthy lifestyle. She talked about the importance of personal boundaries and about healthy eating habits (“We eat too much!”) and how even chair exercises can be helpful in keeping fit. She passed out some helpful hints, including a sheet with the Personal Bill of Rights which can be found online. Find Personal Bill of Rights on Google and meditate on how these rights can lead to a positive attitude.



Kathy Zamonski got to visit with her daughter, Carol Zamonski, at the Area C/D meeting. Carol is active in the Columbus CWU unit.

SAVE THE DATES FOR 2018

Mercy Manor's 26th Annual Founders Day

Saturday, March 17, 2018
at Noon at the Presidential
Banquet Center, Kettering
Donation = \$60
Table of 8 = \$480

Church Women United State Meet Apr. 20-21

Members from around the state will gather in Wooster, OH. The State Meeting gives women a chance to share stories of what their local units are doing and encourage one another in the broader CWU mission.

Church Women United Regional Meeting October 18-21, 2018

CWU members will gather from East Central Region including five states: Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana & Michigan Meeting site to be announced at a later date.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED
2017 World Community Day



**KINDLING
NEW FIRES
FOR
Peace**

Reservations not required.

You Are Invited

Date: November 11, 2017
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Place: Memorial Presbyterian Church
1541 Smithville Rd.
Contact Person: Marilyn Moritz, 667-6848

Church Women United schedules events on Saturday so that younger women who work will have an opportunity to celebrate with us. Please, Key Women and members, invite younger relatives and friends.. Church Women United is a movement of Christian women who show the unity that Christ wants. Our combined prayers are a powerful witness for peace on earth.

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COMING EVENTS

OCT 24 **BOARD MEETING** (for all Key Women/denominational secretaries) **1:00 PM**
(Tuesday) at the Life Enrichment Center, 425 N. Findlay Street

NOV 11 **WORLD COMMUNITY DAY** **1:00 PM**
(Saturday) Theme: Kindling New Fires For Peace
Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1541 Smithville Rd
Hostess: Marilyn Moritz, 667-6848
DIRECTIONS: From Downtown: Take 35 East to Smithville South exit.
Continue south on Smithville Rd, past Linden, for two blocks. Church is on the right.

***** **NO BOARD MEETING IN NOVEMBER** *****

DEC 4 **CHRISTMAS TEA — Honoring Priests, Pastors and Spouses** **1:00 PM**
(Monday) Zion Baptist Church, 1684 Earlham Dr
Hostess: Costella Terrell, 263-2997

JAN 23 2018 **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING** for CWU officers and Committee Chairs **1:00 PM**
(Tuesday) Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1541 S. Smithville Rd, 1 block south of Rt 35

Next Board Meeting will be February 27, 2018

**THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE PREPARED FOR MAILING
AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (DOWNTOWN) ON WEDNESDAY, February 14, 2018**

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