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Church Women United in Greater Dayton — October 2018

Do you see what I see?



Todd W. Trautwein spoke to our CWU board at the September meeting about the importance of our donating eyeglasses to the Lions Club. It was Helen Keller who challenged the Lions at their national gathering in 1925 to be “Knights of the Blind in the crusade against darkness.” The Lions picked up the challenge and have been working to that end since then. Todd is the current president of the Downtown Dayton Chapter of The Lions Club.



He explained that collected eyeglasses are cleaned, sorted by prescription, packaged, and distributed to those in need, mostly in developing countries, but also in the U.S.A. Eyeglasses from our area are taken to The Ohio State University School of Optometry where students determine the correct prescription of each pair. Last year, the Dayton chapter delivered between 7,000 to 9,000 glasses to Columbus. The Lions Club will accept prescription glasses as well as readers; children’s glasses are especially needed. The group also needs your sunglasses; those don’t need to be prescription. Donation boxes are located at optometrists’ offices, libraries, schools, community centers, and places of worship. (All Lenscrafter stores and corporate-owned Pearle Vision Centers have boxes.) Need a tax verification for your donation? Just ask at the store. Can you and your friends help someone to better see our wonderful world?

PLEASE....COLLECT and bring your unused eyeglasses to the October Board meeting!

Next CWU Board Meeting:
Oct. 23, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.
Memorial Presbyterian Church
Presenter: Representative from NJOY! NJOY!

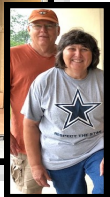


Church World Service Kits!

Churches of many denominations across America helped students in need! They assembled kits that contained identical items and they took them to gathering places across the country. From there, the kits were taken by trucks to one of two national locations in Arkansas or Maryland for distribution to students in need. Our CWU chapter has been a big contributor in this process.



Sulphur Grove UMC ladies assemble kits. (above)



Tom Myers from Westminster Presbyterian Church with the truck and driver at Normandy (left)

The value of each kit is estimated to be about \$15.00, although some people skilled in coupon-usage and/or back-to-school sales were able to shave a little off the local costs. Each kit requires a \$2.00 fee payable to Church World Services to help with transportation costs.

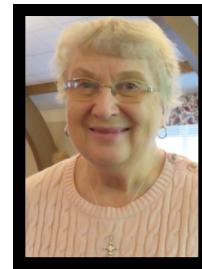
See page 5 for how to start NOW to plan for your church’s kit collection for next year!

President's Message from Jerri Wood



Church Women United (CWU)....

What do we do? Our logo is a circle with an exploding sun at the center. The rays suggest a dynamic force, vitality, and life coming from our source - Jesus, the Son. He who directs our movement to be vital and lead fulfilled lives as we go forth from Him. The four sections remind us of the four priorities on which we focus: Human Rights; Hunger & Poverty; Health & Wellness; and Diversity & Inclusiveness.



**CWU
President
Jerri Wood
(2017—2019)**

Who are we? The four sections come together in the center as the sun radiates outward — reminding us of hands coming from different directions and going back to our own churches for service. We are Christian women from diverse backgrounds coming together with Christ as our central force and focus.

Where can we be found? We are found throughout the world serving in mission. The rays show texture and richness symbolizing the qualities Christian women can contribute to others. We can be found in cities, rural communities, across the globe. We are fluid, moving, active, powerful as we come and go, returning to the Source for strength.

What are our challenges? We are challenged as a movement to keep weaving together as we seek changes to our units so we are vital in our changing society.

Peace and grace to each of you,
Jerri Wood

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Q & A Corner:

QUESTION: “Why is there a **SUPPORTING membership option on this year’s Membership Card??**

ANSWER: Up until several years ago, there was a charge for each celebration because more meals were served — with most of the fee going to the host church, and a small portion going to CWU missions. Since then, there has not been a charge for ANY of the meetings, with the exception of the Emma Murray Prayer Breakfast. Therefore, CWU has not had that additional income. At this point, the \$5.00 membership does not cover the printing and postal expenses for our newsletters. Further, we are finding more places for our mission funding. We have not increased our support of Mercy Manor for many years. We are asking members to please prayerfully consider support above the basic membership.



QUESTION: Will you be able to help?

ANSWER: We hope so, but only YOU know the actual answer to this question!

QUESTION: Are **CHURCH/ORGANIZATIONAL memberships important for CWU?**

ANSWER: Although we cherish each one of our **individual** CWU members, we sorely **ALSO** need the support of your church’s **paid organization membership** to help us with costs of printing and mailing newsletters, as well as program materials. We also have expenses such as honorariums for speakers, *etc.* Please encourage your church to pay at least the minimum \$25.00 church fee and to prayerfully consider an additional donation to CWU to support the local mission work of our organization. Thank you!

CWU in Greater Dayton has a WEBSITE! Find MANY resources at www.cwudayton.org:

- Posters with maps to our meetings and follow-up photos of our events
- Dates of our programs, board meetings, and executive committee meetings
- Current officers, purpose, logo, bylaws, and history
- Newsletters and membership information
- Other events in the local area that are related to CWU — and MORE!
- Questions? Contact Webmaster Martha Shields (martha.shields@earthlink.net)



ORGANIZATIONAL FEES AND DONATIONS

NAME OF CHURCH _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

KEY WOMAN _____ PHONE _____

CHURCH DONATION* _____

*Annual membership for churches and organization 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 give it to your Key Woman or mail it with the 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 or more.**

NOTE: This form may be found online in a fillable *.pdf that can be printed and saved.

<https://www.cwudaytonoh.org/membership.html>

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

The individual membership forms were distributed at the August and September Board meetings and will be available at the October board meeting and the events (World Community Day and Christmas Tea). If your church has a Key Woman, please use the form that she gives you and return it, along with your payment to your Key Woman. If that is not possible for you, please use the form below. Include a check for \$5.00 (or \$20.00 or more) and give it to your Key Woman. If that is not possible, please send it to Anna Whatley, along with your payment.

CWU WELCOMES YOU to our organization, and we treasure your contribution to our local mission.

MEMBERSHIP 2018-2019

Church Women United in Greater Dayton

This Certifies that

_____ is an individual member of C.W.U.

Amount Paid \$ _____

Jerri Wood, President

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

This Contribution is Tax Deductible.
It entitles you to receive the newsletters.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN GREATER DAYTON (2018-2019)

Please Print:

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____, OH Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Church & Denomination: _____

Key Woman: _____

BASIC DUES: \$5.00 _____ SUPPORTING DUES: \$20.00 _____

(Note: Supporting dues option includes \$15.00 donation to our local CWU's ministry.)

NEWS! Church Women United in Greater Dayton

AREA C / AREA D MEETING WAS A SUCCESS!

Our own CWU-member and Vice-President, Cecelia Long, attended the Area C/D meeting in Hillsboro, Ohio on Friday, September 14, along with Margaret Hunt and Pam Hamby. Ina Green, the State Ecumenical Development Chair, was unable to attend due to family illness. The theme was Diversity and Inclusiveness - based on Galatians 3:28, "Among us you are equal, that is, we are in common relationship with Jesus Christ." The Bible Study was lead by Pastor Mark Stevens; the workshop leaders were Pastor Vicki Burns (currently an Ohio Civil Rights Commission Mediator) and The Rev. Phyllis Clemons, who has written four Christian books. Matthew Stevens from Church World Services spoke, as well. The host church, Cornerstone Assembly of God in Hillsboro, is a prime example of diversity and inclusiveness; the building houses several denominations and worshippers who are African-American, Caucasian, and Asian.



World Community Day

**Theme: Reaching for Wholeness
in Harmony with God's People**

Saturday, November 17 at 1:00 p.m.

(Reservations are NOT needed.) Program is provided and a light Greek lunch will be served. Church Tours available!

CWU Hostess: Theona Russell (937-372-7738)

Questions? Please contact your church's Key Woman!

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church

500 Belmonte Park N., Dayton, OH 45405

This church is next to the Dayton Art Institute. A free parking lot is located on-site; look for the community building next to the church building.

NOTE: For a map, click the red "HERE" at

<https://www.cwudaytonoh.org/2018-world-community-day.html>.

WHAT ABOUT 2019 — 2020?

CWU is planning now for 2019 - 2020. Below is a list of what we know so far.

Would YOUR church like to change a "TBA" to YOUR church's name and address? Contact President Jerri Wood at jswood3gk@gmail.com. NOTE: A host church may have flexibility in adjusting the date, if necessary. Please check with Jerri Wood, if this is needed.

World Community Day

Saturday, November 16, 2019 at 1:00 pm

LOCATION: TBA

Christmas Tea

Monday, December 2, 2019 at 1:00 pm

Summit Christian Church, 4021 Denlinger Rd. Trotwood, Key Woman: Ina Green

Emma Murray Prayer Breakfast

Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: TBA

May Friendship Day

Saturday, May 9, 2020 at 1:00 pm

LOCATION: TBA

Human Rights Celebration

Monday, June 8, 2020 at 1:00 pm

LOCATION: TBA



CWS Kits

Church World Service Kits are small packages of supplies assembled by volunteers and shipped to families and communities in need around the world.

The collection dates are in September, so please begin to collect EARLY in the year!

Save page 5 of this newsletter in a safe place and start YOUR gathering of supplies SOON so that you are ready for next year's early-September collection!

Questions? Contact CWU's Church World Service Kits Coordinator, Claudia Chapman!



School Kits

One pair of blunt scissors removed from the package (rounded tip, only)

- Three 70-count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper)
- One 30-centimeter / 12" ruler
- One hand-held pencil sharpener removed from the package
- One large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers, removed from the package
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24)
- One 12"x14" to 14"x17" finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag (solid color or kid-friendly fabric) with cloth handles (no reusable shopping bags, backpacks, or bags with logos)

All items must be packed inside of the cloth bag. To purchase an affordable bag, visit: www.myshopangel.com.

Or, use the CWS school bag pattern and make your own! <http://cwskits.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/school-bag-pattern.pdf>

School Bag Pattern

Needed: ½ yd. of "child-friendly" fabric / thread

MAKE THE BAG:

- Cut two pieces of fabric 13" X 17"
- Place the two pieces together, right sides together, and sew a ½" seam down one side, across the bottom, and up the other side, leaving the top open.
- Turn the bag so the seam is in the inside.
- Turn under ½" on the top edge and press.
- Turn under 2" at top edge to form a hem; stitch.

MAKE THE HANDLES:

- Cut two pieces of fabric 4" x 22". Fold in half one of the 4" x 22" pieces with right sides together. Stitch with a ½" seam allowance and turn inside out. Alternatively, turn under and press ½" on long sides of fabric. Fold wrong sides together. Top stitch close to edge. Press.
- Repeat for the second handle. Press.
- Turn under raw edges; stitch to the top of bag. Finished bag will be approximately 12" x 14". Place CWS School Kit items in bag.

Canvas tote bags can also be used; they may be available at area craft and discount stores.

CWS, P.O. Box 968, Elkhart, IN 46515 800-297-1516
For the nearest CWS Regional Office, call 888-297-2767.

Church World Service Kits (continued)



Assembly-line-process worked for putting the kits together at Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church!

Claudia Chapman has been spearheading this project for our Church Women United chapter in 2018-2019.

Here are some highlights from the collection process!

Local churches assembled kits and took them to either Normandy United Methodist Church in Centerville or to Phillipsburg United Methodist Church. From there, our kits were sent to Maryland.

CWS collects three types of kits: School kits, Hygiene Kits, and Cleanup Buckets.

Shipping of the kits to their final destination is expensive. Costs include renting space on trucks, boats, and planes, paying for gas, shipment insurance, and other delivery fees. Donors are asked to upload payment of \$2.00 / kit to help cover these transportation costs.

Visit the CWS webpage for more kit details: <https://cwskits.org/>.



Hygiene Kits

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb, removed from the package
- One fingernail or toenail clipper, removed from the package
- One bath-size bar of soap in the wrapper
- One toothbrush in the package
- Ten standard size Band-Aids

All items need to fit inside a one-gallon plastic zipper closure bag. Remove the excess air from the bag and seal before boxing. Do NOT add any extra items or toothpaste. (NOTE: A tube of extended expiration date toothpaste will be added to each hygiene kit just prior to its final journey.)

EVENTS at CWU-RELATED VENUES in Dayton....

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (WPC) is holding free **Noonday Organ Recitals** on each of the remaining October Thursdays (18 and 25) from 12:10-12:35 pm) Would you like to stay for lunch in Fellowship Hall afterwards? Cost is nominal. Reservations not required.

WPC is also holding Taizé services in the Sanctuary on Wednesdays in October (Oct. 17, 24, and 31, 6:00-6:40 pm) All are welcome! (125 N. Wilkinson St. The Sanctuary doors are on First Street between Perry and Wilkinson Streets.) An optional nominal-cost meal is available in Fellowship Hall after each service.



**Upcoming Activities
at CWU-related
Venues in Greater Dayton**



DAYBREAK:

Champions for Youth Breakfast

(8-9 am) / Luncheon (noon-1pm) Wednesday November 7, 2018
The Mandalay Banquet Center, 2700 East River Road, Dayton, 45439
Call 937-395-4600 ext. 112 with questions or to reserve your seat.

Daybreak promises that the hour you spend will be powerful, inspirational, educational, and fun. The program includes a video presentation and personal remarks by a Daybreak youth. There's no charge to attend, however everyone will be asked to consider making a donation at the end of the program. No one will be pressured to give. As much as anything, Daybreak wants people to come learn more about Daybreak. Volunteer table captains are enlisted to fill tables of 10 with their friends, family, and colleagues. A table captain's obligation is to fill their table and make sure their guests know that the events are fundraisers. Table captains do not have to ask their guests to make a donation. For more information about being a table captain or a sponsor, please call Lisa Fry: 937-395-4600 ext. 112.

REACH OUT at HOLIDAY TIME — or at ANY time!

Thanksgiving 2018: Please remember that there are many people in Dayton who do not have the resources to dine with family around the table filled with traditional celebration food. Won't you share your time or your finances with those in financial or social need? Google to see how your time and talents match up with the needs in our community. Some starters include: Feast of Giving at the Dayton Convention Center, St. Vincent de Paul, House of Bread, Good Neighbor House, *etc.*

Christmas 2018: Find a way to celebrate the TRUE meaning of Christmas. How can YOU help? Send cards to deployed service men and women. Donate to one of the area organizations that serve Christmas meals. Spend an hour or two with someone who has no family members. Go Christmas Caroling at a nursing facility. Call a friend from the past to wish them a Merry Christmas. Create a gift of love for someone in a homeless shelter or a domestic-violence shelter (perhaps a prayer shawl, a scarf, a hat, or a card).



Church Bazaars in our area:



- Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church (960 West Dorothy Lane in Kettering) will hold its Christmas Bazaar on November 2 and 3 from 9:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. There will be homemade crafts and goodies. Lunch will also be available. Don't miss it! Questions? Call Jerri Wood at 937-293-7225.
- The annual Christ United Methodist Church Angelworks Bazaar is Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 pm. Come to 3440 Shroyer road (at Lincoln Park Drive) in Kettering for antiques, plants, homemade baked goods and candies, gourmet food and mixes, handcrafted gifts, florals, gently-used clothing, delicious lunch, and more. For more information, contact Mary Beth Melville at 296-0071.

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Christmas Tea: Honoring priests and pastors and their spouses

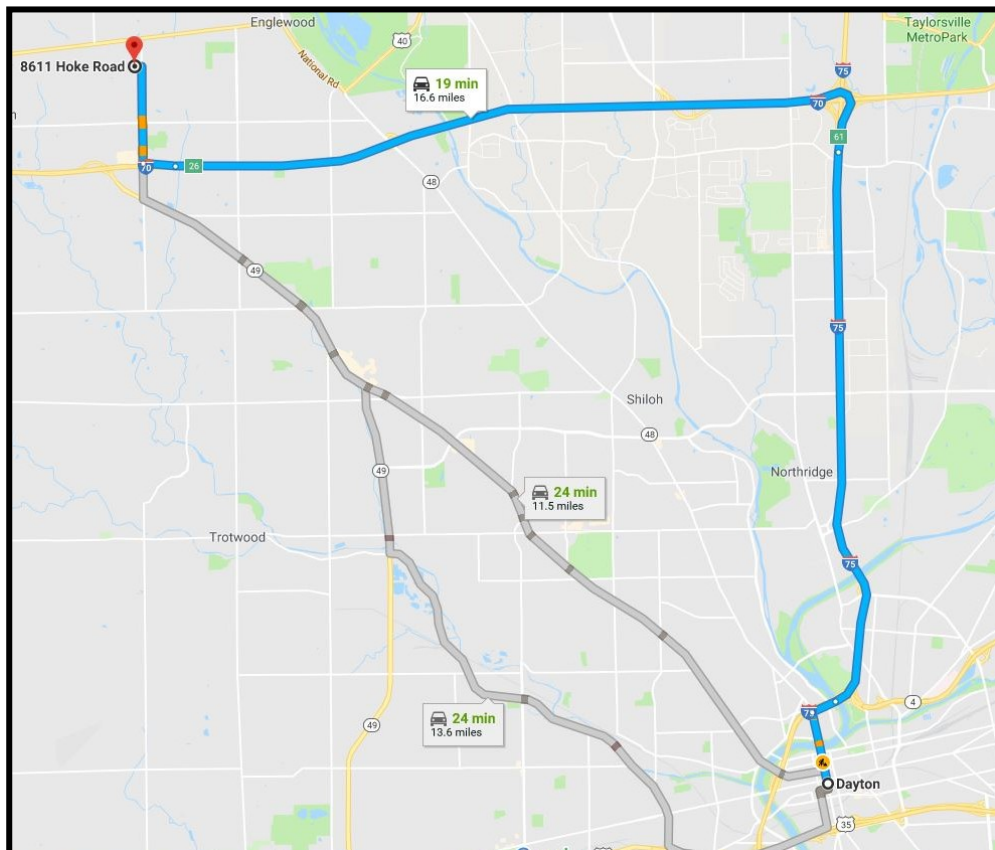
Monday, December 3 at 1:00 p.m. (Reservations NOT Needed) FREE! Please join us!
Program provided and refreshments served. CWU Hostess: Gail Penney (937-836-0909)

Questions? Please contact your Key Woman: _____

United Christian Church of Clayton, 8611 Hoke Road, Clayton, OH 45315

If you need further directions, please contact your Key Woman; she will help you with specifics!

DIRECTIONS: From downtown Dayton, take I-75 north then I-70 West to Exit 26 / Hoke Road. Turn right and go about 1 mile. Alternatively, take Salem Ave. for about 9.5 miles; turn right onto Hoke Rd. go about 1.4 miles. OR: Take 35W. to right on James H. McGee/Wolf Creek Pike; right onto Rte. 49; right onto Hoke Rd.; go 1.4 miles.



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COMING EVENTS

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| Oct. 18—21 (Thurs.—Sun.) | | CWU Regional Meeting, Detroit, MI |
| Oct. 23 (Tues.) | 1:00 pm | BOARD MEETING (including all Key Women/denominational secretaries) Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1541 Smithville Rd., Dayton (NJOY! NJOY to speak.) |
| Nov. 17 (Sat.) | 1:00 pm | WORLD COMMUNITY DAY , Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 500 Belmonte Park N., Dayton, OH; Key Women: Theona Russell 362-7738 THEME: Reaching for Wholeness in Harmony with God’s People |
| Dec. 3 (Mon.) | 1:00 pm | CHRISTMAS TEA United Christian Church of Clayton, 8611 Hoke Rd., Clayton, OH; Key Woman: Gail Penney 836-0909 |
| Jan. 22 (Tues.) | 1:00 pm | Executive Board Meeting (for CWU officers and committee chairs) |
| Feb. 26 (Tues.) | 1:00 pm | BOARD MEETING (including all Key Women/denominational secretaries) Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1541 Smithville Rd., Dayton |
| Mar. 16 (Sat.) | 12:00 noon | MERCY MANOR ANNUAL LUNCHEON , details to be announced! |
| Mar. 19 (Tues.) | 9:30 am | EMMA MURRAY PRAYER BREAKFAST , Corinthian Baptist Church, 700 S. James H. McGee Blvd. \$10.00 Reservations required; see your Key Woman. |
| Apr. 23 (Tues.) | 1:00 pm | BOARD MEETING (including all Key Women/denominational secretaries) Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1541 Smithville Rd., Dayton |
| April 26-27 (Fri.-Sat.) | TBA | 93rd Ohio CWU LEADERS COUNCIL / STATE ASSEMBLY , Wilmington, Ohio |
| May 3 (Fri.) | 1:00 pm | MAY FRIENDSHIP CELEBRATION , Bethel Baptist, 401 S. Paul Laurence Dunbar St. |
| May 28 (Tues.) | 1:00 pm | BOARD MEETING (including all Key Women/denominational secretaries) Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1541 Smithville Rd., Dayton |
| June 10 (Mon.) | 1:00 pm | HUMAN RIGHTS CELEBRATION / ANNUAL MEETING , Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church, 960 W. Dorothy Lane Road, Kettering |
| June 25 (Tues.) | 1:00 pm | Executive Board Meeting (for CWU officers and committee chairs) |

THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE PREPARED FOR MAILING AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (DOWNTOWN) ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2019. NOTE: Submission deadline: January 7, 2019.
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