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Church Women United in Greater Dayton — February 2019

Emma Murray Prayer Breakfast



Emma Murray was a former president of CWU and a member of Tabernacle Baptist Church. She had a dream that in Dayton there would be an annual prayer breakfast for Christian women of all denominations. Her dream came to reality as CWU has held these breakfasts for many years. Christ United Methodist hosted us in March 2018 with Mary Beth Melville as coordinator. More than 135 people gathered to enjoy a delicious and nutritious breakfast. The program was adapted from the World Day of Prayer International program that was written by the women of The Republic of Suriname. We were honored to have relatives of Emma Murray present. The theme for the year was “All God’s Creation is Very Good.” Our guest speaker was Erin McKenzie, an Environmental Activist, who gave a challenging message about preserving and conserving our natural resources. The photo above is from that breakfast in 2018.



Won't YOU join us for THIS year's Emma Murray Prayer Breakfast on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at Corinthian Baptist Church?

The theme is: “Come. Everything is Ready” (based on Luke 14:15-24). Please bring canned goods and/or cash to donate for The Foodbank, Inc. Reservations are required. Breakfast and a program are provided. A nominal fee of \$10.00 must be paid to your Key Woman to ensure your reservation; reservations must be received by your Key Woman by Sunday, March 10. If you do not know the name of your Key Woman, please contact Dolores Thurman (937-276-3956). CWU Hostess for the Prayer Breakfast 2019 is Margaret Hunt 937-409-4738 Questions? Please contact

your church's Key Woman for details on how to reserve your space! Please alert your Key Woman of any special food needs when you reserve your space! **Corinthian Baptist Church**, 700 S. James H. McGee Blvd., Dayton. NOTE: Free parking lot is on-site. See page 6 for directions and the website for a map.

May Friendship Day

The **International Fellowship of the Least Coin (IFLC)** is a worldwide ecumenical movement of prayer for peace and reconciliation. Persons in this movement make a commitment to spend time in prayer, and to uphold in prayer others who are victims of jealousy, hatred, violence, and injustice to the family, community, nation, and the world. Every time one prays, she sets aside a “least coin” of her currency as a tangible token of her prayer. Church Women United is the custodian for the International FLC offerings in the USA.

Theme:

The Time is NOW! “Agree to Disagree”

Watch for more details about this May celebration in the April newsletter. **In the meantime:**

- **See page 7** for a few details.
- **Add it to your calendar:** Friday, May 3 at 1:00 p.m. at Bethel Baptist Church.
- **Gather your church's donations SOON** for The Fellowship of the Least Coin so that you can bring those to the May Friendship Day celebration!



President's Message from Jerri Wood

Greetings for 2019! This period of the year always seems to be a “down” time. After the excitement and celebration of Christ’s birth, January and February seem to be those gloomy, gray days of winter.....so I hope to give you an encouraging word! Not just for yourself, but also for your ladies’ group at your church.



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



What we need is “new boots for weary feet”! Now, I wish that were an original idea, but it is not. Instead it is from one of my favorite devotionals, *Quiet Heart, Daily Devotionals for Women*, by June Masters Bacher. She says, “ Spring seems but a dream. We need Your help, Lord, as we try to navigate through the snowdrifts we yet must climb. You have blessed an old world with a New Year. Now we need hope for old situations and new courage to face them. Give us, we pray, new boots for our weary feet.”

In 2 Corinthians 5:17 we read that if we are in Christ we are new creations, everything old has passed away; and everything has become new. The new year 2019 gives us the chance for opening our eyes, hearts, and ears to something new (like boots).

I think we need teachable spirits, being eager to change and not to cling to old ways, be transformed by the renewing of our minds. Psalms 33:3 encourages us to sing a new song! I challenge each of you to try one new thing – maybe spending more time in prayer, in reading your Bible, visiting or calling shut-ins. Try a new recipe or call a friend and see a movie with her. The possibilities are endless!

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning, great is your faithfulness.” Lamentations 3:22-23

~Jerri Wood, President,
CWU of Greater Dayton

Contact
Jerri Wood
CWU President:
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937-293-7225

REMINDER: Tues., Feb. 26 at 1:00 p.m. is the board meeting at Memorial Presbyterian Church! Our speaker is a representative from Miracle Clubhouse from Goodwill Easter Seals. Want to help? Bring along condiments, salad dressings, cooking spray, and/or butter. This organization serves lunch to those recovering from mental illness, but they cannot get items on this list from The Foodbank, Inc. ALSO, please bring eyeglasses for Lions Club!



Q & A Corner:

CWU Newsletter is published quarterly. Issue: February 2019
Church Women United, 2882 Stone Mill Ct., Beavercreek, OH 45434
Questions? Contact Editor Martha Shields: martha.shields@earthlink.net

QUESTION: Why didn't my friend get a newsletter this month? She received the August and October issues, but not this February issue.

ANSWER: There was a “grace period” for receiving memberships for the 2018—2019 year. Before the February issue was published, CWU removed the names of those who had not renewed for the current year. If you believe there might be an accounting error, please contact Member Care Chairperson Dianna Brigham (937-238-3721 or brighamdianna1945@gmail.com).

QUESTION: I just joined CWU in October—after the newsletters went out. How can I get a copy of the August and October newsletters?

ANSWER: Go to the website to see/print the newsletters: www.cwudaytonoh.org/newsletters.html.

QUESTION: How can I become more involved with CWU?

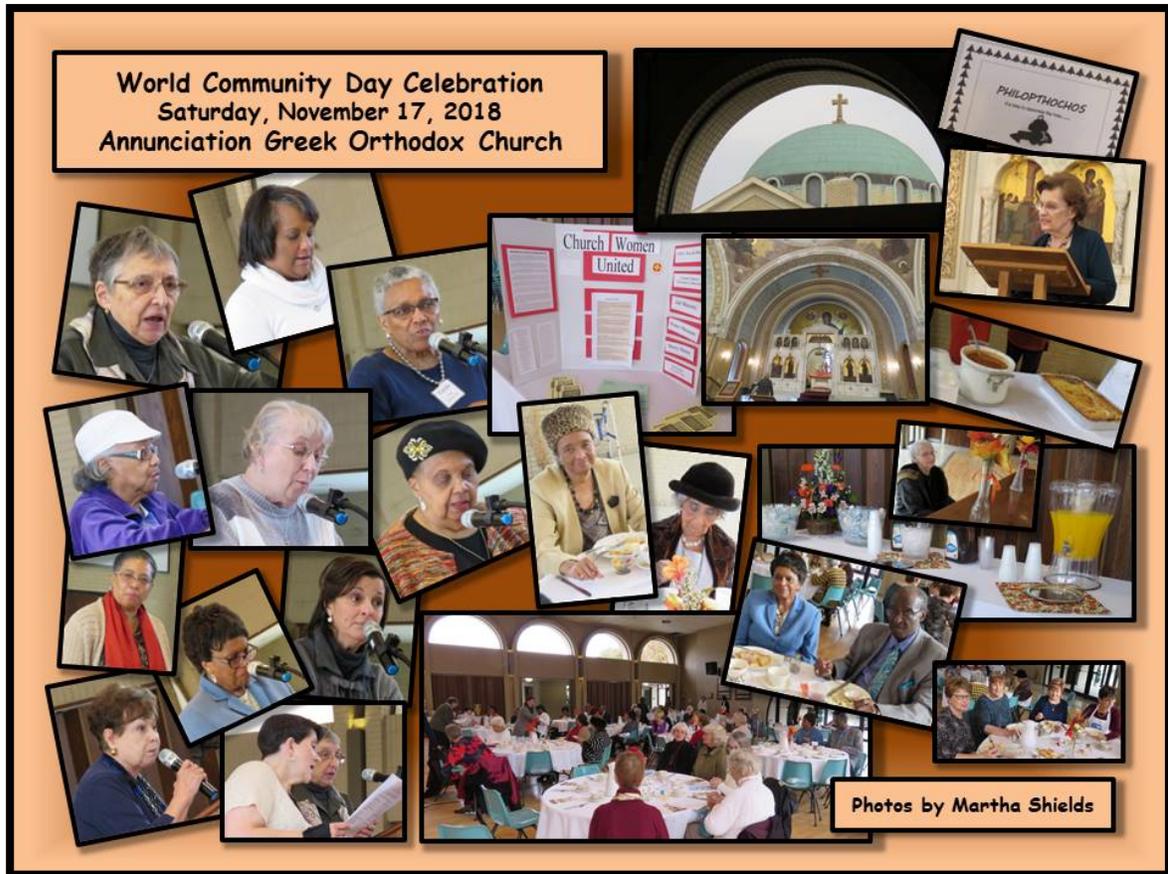
ANSWER: Please know that you are welcome at ALL board meetings and also at all of the CWU events. If you cannot contact your Key Woman or cannot find a contact person associated with a particular event, please contact President Jerri Wood: jswood3gk@gmail.com or 937-293-7225.

CWU in Greater Dayton has a WEBSITE! Find MANY resources at <https://www.cwudaytonoh.org>:

- Meeting dates and posters with maps and follow-up photos.
- Current officers, Purpose, Logo, Bylaws, History, Newsletters, Membership Info!
- Other events in the local area that are related to CWU — and MORE!
- Questions? Contact Webmaster Martha Shields (martha.shields@earthlink.net)

Website
www.cwudaytonoh.org

Were you there? If not, please know that you were missed!



MERCY MANOR by Barbara Hudson-Banner, Chief Executive Officer

On behalf of Sandra Collie, Board President, Mercy Manor's Board of Trustees and myself, we extend Seasons Greeting to everyone! We would like to thank everyone for all your prayers and support last year. The ladies had a fantastic Christmas! They are grateful for the clothing, shoes, blankets, snacks, purses, lotion, gift cards, *etc.*

As of January 6, 2018, Mercy Manor has five ladies in the house, four graduates since last year, and two left to go home. We are in the process of interviewing new clients for Mercy Manor based on their exit dates from their respective facilities.

Program Updates: Mercy Manor is a ministry for women with histories of homelessness, abuse, mental health, incarceration, and alcohol and other-drug addiction.

The women who come to Mercy Manor are serious about their recovery. We can house ten women. We accept women transitioning from community treatment 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, in collaboration with Mercy Manor's chief executive officer and house managers. Our programming for the residents consists of a spiritual drug-free housing, certified Recovery Peer-Support staff, medical and dental assistance, financial management assistance, employment guidance, life skills training, re-connecting with family as appropriate, physical activities, meditation, and bible study. ACCESS Counseling Services provides us with an on-site case-manager, weekly counseling and groups.

Mercy Manor's Plea: We receive funding from the Church Women United and grants from the ADAMHS Board (*Recovery and Re-entry grants*), CPPS Heritage Mission, Physician Charitable Foundation, the Iddings Foundation and The Catholic Women of Dayton. In addition, we receive funds from community organizations, churches, individuals donating to us by way of the United Way, Combined Charity Campaign and the CFC (for government employees). Again, we thank the CWU, your churches and individuals for your prayers, donations financial and material. **However, 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 or continuing making an annual financial contribution to help retain this worthy ministry providing hope for women.**

Mercy Manors Wish List: Many times, 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. Our wish list consists of prayer; financial contributions; 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; and movie theatre tickets or gift cards.

Mercy Manor's 27th Annual Founder's Day Luncheon and Fundraiser will be held on **Saturday, March 16, 2019, at 12:00 pm** at the Presidential Banquet Center, 4572 Presidential Way, Dayton, OH 45429. Our Honorary Co-chairperson is Jenell Ross, president of Bob Ross Auto Group. Our theme this year is "**Mercy Manor: Journey to Recovery: Body, Mind, and Spirit.**" We will be honoring the Sisters of the Precious Blood with the Sister Jean Foppe Visionary Award, the Reverend Father Benjamin Speare-Hardy II and Mrs. Stacy Thompson Speare-Hardy with the Special Community Service Award; and the Reverend Marva Mitchell with the Special Leadership/Community Award. Our speaker will be Mr. Ray Miller, President and Publisher of *The Columbus African American News Journal* and former Ohio State Senator. Mr. Miller was a prolific legislator and is well known for being the chief sponsor of legislation which established the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, the Ohio Commission on Minority Health, The Institute for Urban Education at Central State University, the Mental Health Reform Act, first-time State funding for Head Start in the State of Ohio and many other public policy and systemic change initiatives. The donation for the Founder's Day Luncheon and Fundraiser is \$60 per person and \$480 for a table of eight. Souvenir Journal ads are: back cover \$200, inside front or inside back cover, full page \$100, half page \$50, quarter page \$25.

We offer Sponsorship levels ranging from \$250 to \$1,000 plus. In recognition of your sponsorship support, Mercy Manor will offer the benefits as listed on our sponsorship form. You may reserve your seating any time. For forms or more information, please contact Barbara Hudson-Banner (937) 554-2239 or Sherri (937) 268-0282.



93rd Ohio Church Women United Leaders Council and State Assembly: Friday, April 26 —Saturday, April 27

ALL CWU members are welcome — not just officers—at this state assembly! This year’s meeting is in Wilmington, just a 40-minute drive from downtown Dayton, making it easy to drive down for activities on just one or both days. Staying overnight in Wilmington is also an option. Questions about registration for this event? Please contact Communications Chair Ina Green at 937-344-6029. Location: First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 120 Columbus St., Wilmington, OH 45177 Church Phone: 937-382-2251. Please watch our website so that you can see the details and get the registration form when they are released. <https://www.cwudaytonoh.org/2019-93rd-oh-cwu-leaders-councilstate-assembly.html>



Upcoming events around the Greater Dayton Area:

ORGAN RECITAL BY DAYTON NATIVE, GRANT WAREHAM on Sunday, February 17, 4:00 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Grant has begun graduate study at Yale University under the tutelage of Thomas Murray, and will serve as Organ Scholar at Christ Church in New Haven, where he will work with Choirmaster Nathaniel Adam and Artist-in-Residence Thomas Murray. A Freewill offering will be received.

TAIZÉ SERVICES AND LIGHT SUPPERS at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Services at 6:00 p.m. (Sanctuary) and Light supper at 6:40 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) on March 13, 20, 27 and April 3 and 10. NOTE: Ash Wednesday Services at 12:10 and 6:00 p.m. on March 6 with lunch or light supper following.

SINCLAIR CELEBRATES AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY WITH THE 10TH ANNUAL NIA AWARDS/GOSPELFEST Please join Sinclair Community College for the 10th Annual Celebration of Purpose-The Nia Awards/GospelFest on Friday, March 1, 2019 in Building 2 Blair Hall from 5:30—7:30 p.m. At 5:30 pm is the Meet and Greet Reception and at 6:30 pm the program will begin. RSVP online at <https://sinclaircelebrationofpurpose2019.eventbrite.com> or by calling the African American Studies Office at 937-512-2889. NOTE: “Nia” is Swahili for “purpose” and the Nia Awards honors individuals who perform good deeds, but who have gone unnoticed for his/her exceptional efforts.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Palm Sunday (April 14); Maundy Thursday (April 18) and Easter (April 21).

SUNRISE SERVICE AT CARILLON PARK on Sunday, April 21, 2019 at 6:30 a.m. at 1000 Carillon Blvd. FREE parking available at Carillon Historical Park. Free admission. First started in 1942 with 10,000 people, this traditional continues in 2019. You are MOST WELCOME to attend this powerful display of faith. <https://www.daytonhistory.org/events/special-events/easter-sunrise-service/>

REMINDER 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 Vice President Cecelia Long at cealong48@gmail.com. NOTE: A host church may have some flexibility in adjusting the date, if necessary. Please check with Cecelia.



<u>World Community Day</u>	Saturday, November 16, 2019 at 1:00 pm	LOCATION: TBA
<u>Christmas Tea:</u> Hostess: Ina Green	Monday, December 2, 2019 at 1:00 pm	Summit Christian Church, 4021 Denlinger Rd./Trotwood
<u>Emma Murray Prayer Breakfast</u>	Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.	LOCATION: TBA
<u>May Friendship Day</u>	Saturday, May 9, 2020 at 1:00 pm	LOCATION: TBA
<u>Human Rights Celebration</u>	Monday, June 8, 2020 at 1:00 pm	LOCATION: TBA

REMINDER ABOUT MEMBERSHIPS (2018—2019): We are still accepting Church/ Organizational Memberships, as well as individual memberships. Please use the forms on page 5, if you would like to be a part of our CWU unit.

REMINDER: Please bring used **EYEGLASSES** to the February meeting! We’ll send them to the Lions Club.



Membership

If your church has not paid the church organization fee or if you have not paid your individual membership dues for 2018—2019, please do so as soon as possible. Feel free to use the appropriate form below. For an individual membership, you may also use one of the forms distributed at the August, September, and October Board meetings or one of the 2018 events (World Community Day and Christmas Tea). Both forms are also available online at www.cwudaytonoh.org/membership. Please include payment with the form.

ORGANIZATIONAL FEES AND DONATIONS 2018—2019

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.**

CWU WELCOMES YOU to our organization, and we treasure your contribution to our local mission. Please give your completed membership form, basic dues, and any supporting dues that you may wish to contribute to your Key Woman. If that is not possible, please send them directly to Anna Whatley.

MEMBERSHIP 2018-2019

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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.)

Church Women United in Greater Dayton

NOTE: Maps are on the website at www.cwudaytonoh.org. Click on What We Do tab!



Emma Murray Prayer Breakfast

Tuesday, March 19 at 9:30 a.m.
(Reservations are REQUIRED!)

Cost: \$10.00 in advance.
Please contact your church's CWU
Key Woman to make your reservation!
Program provided.

CWU Hostess: Margaret Hunt
(937-409-4738)

Questions? Please contact your Key Woman: _____

Corinthian Baptist Church, 700 S. James H. McGee Blvd, Dayton, OH 45402

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

DIRECTIONS: From downtown Dayton, take I-75 south to Exit 52B (U.S. 35 west) to James H. McGee Blvd. Exit and turn left onto James H. McGee and left onto Gold St; the church will be immediately on your right. **OR** take Ludlow south to U.S. 35 West and follow the above directions. **Alternatively**, take 4th street and head west. (Street name changes to West 5th and then Germantown Pike.) Turn right onto McCall, bear right onto Celina St., turn right onto S. James H. McGee, right onto Gold and the church parking lot will be immediately on your right.

May Friendship Day Celebration

Friday, May 3, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.
Please join us!

Program provided and refreshments served.
Valiant Woman Awards will be presented.
FREE - No Reservations Required

CWU Hostesses:
and Dianna Brigham (937-238-3721)



Questions? Please contact your Key Woman: _____

Location: Bethel Baptist Church, 401 S. Paul Laurence Dunbar St., Dayton, Ohio

DIRECTIONS: From downtown Dayton: Take 4th Street west. It becomes 5th Street and then Germantown Pike. Turn right onto S. Paul Laurence Dunbar Street. The church and the parking lot will be on your left at the corner just before reaching Home Ave.

Alternatively: Take 3rd Street west for 1.2 miles and turn left onto S. Paul Laurence Dunbar Street. The church and parking lot will be on your right after you cross Home Ave. (From downtown, the trip is about five minutes.)

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COMING EVENTS

Feb. 26 (Tues.)	1:00 pm	BOARD MEETING (including all Key Women/denominational secretaries) Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1541 Smithville Rd., Dayton ... BRING EYEGLASSES!	
Mar. 16 (Sat.)	12:00 noon	MERCY MANOR ANNUAL LUNCHEON , Presidential Banquet Center, \$60 or \$480 for a table of 8. Contact Barbara Hudson-Banner (937) 554-2239 or Sherri (937) 268-0282.	
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 , First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 120 Columbus St., 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, April 10, 2019. NOTE: Submission deadline: March 20, 2019.**

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