



# Together

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## Church Women United in Greater Dayton — October 2019



Good Neighbor House will be the featured mission presented at our October CWU board meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 22 at Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1541 S. Smithville Rd., Dayton. Please be sure to attend to find out about this valuable organization.

**Good Neighbor House** is committed to making a difference in the lives of people who need a helping hand. Their mission, vision, and values reflect that commitment to the under-served in our community.

### Mission:

Good Neighbor House is empowering healthier communities by fostering the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of our neighbors.

### Vision:

To be known for service, chosen for excellence, standing in partnership with our neighbors, providers, and funders, improving the quality of life in the communities we serve.

**PLEASE JOIN US** to learn about the services that Good Neighbor provides.

**PLEASE COLLECT AND BRING ALONG** some packaged paper products to donate to Good Neighbor House. Some examples that you might consider include: facial tissues, toilet tissue, and paper towels.

### NOTE to Key Women:

Please remember to bring along your church's CWU Membership forms and payment (church or individual memberships)!



# President's Message from Cecelia Long...



On September 11, 2019 I went to the Area C-D meeting of Church Women United that was held at the Summit Christian Church in Dayton. It was coordinated by Ina Green, the State Ecumenical Development Chairperson and Summit Christian Church Key Woman to the Dayton CWU. The event offered a wonderful opportunity for CWU members from Columbus, Dayton, Cincinnati, and communities outside of these major cities, as well as some of the State CWU officers to gather to learn from workshop leaders, share ideas, concerns, and what works well for them as CWU members. The women who came to the Area C-D meeting came with the expectation of learning and then going forward to share what they learned.

The day's program included workshops led by speakers addressing Alzheimer's disease, Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP), and heart diseases. All spoke on health issues that greatly impact the lives of women and are subjects that women need to know more about. The reason I am summarizing a little of what happened at the Area C-D meeting is that many of the Dayton Key Women and other CWU members did not attend this meeting that was opened to everyone. I don't know if the theme "A Heart at Peace Gives Life to the Body" spoke to enough persons, or if Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. was not a good day and time, or if Dayton CWU members just had too much to do to attend this Area C-D meeting, but I do know that **YOU** were missed!!!!

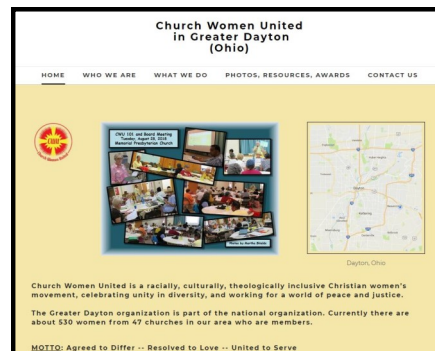
It is my vision that each Dayton CWU Key Woman, as well as other CWU members will find some time in the next year to attend a meeting outside of the Dayton CWU meetings and Celebrations. **The Dates to save in 2020 are:** CWU in OHIO Leaders' Council & 94<sup>th</sup> Annual State Assembly, Friday, April 17 - Saturday, April 18, 2020 in Sandusky, OH; CWU National 2020 Quadrennial Assembly, June 11-14, 2020 in Atlanta, GA, and the Area C Meeting in September 2020 (date and location TBA). You will be richly blessed and inspired by gathering with others in the CWU movement.

**We will be kept more vital as a local unit when we weave ourselves together with others. September 11 is a critical date in this country. CWU chose to observe the day with worship, great fellowship, and sharing peace and love ecumenically with our Sisters in Christ. Our message of PEACE is one that we must share everywhere!!**

Grace, Peace and Love,  
Cecelia Long

## OUR CWU WEBSITE ....

Don't forget to visit our CWU website! [www.cwudaytonoh.org](http://www.cwudaytonoh.org). There you will find everything you need to know about our local unit, including important dates, maps to meetings, newsletters, photo gallery, **membership forms for individuals and churches**, and MUCH more!



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# Highlights from our August Board Meeting:

The August meeting's featured speaker was Barbara Hudson-Banner, Executive Director of Mercy Manor. Her presentation included a video of stories of some of the residents. We were pleased to see Sherri Walton, as well. Donations were gathered. A wish list is posted on their website at <https://mercymanor.wixsite.com/mercymanor/wish-list>.



## Some of the other highlights included:

- Devotional by Margaret Hunt
- Overview of the Mini-directory and programs
- Overview of the website: [www.cwudaytonoh.org](http://www.cwudaytonoh.org)
- Fellowship of the Least Coin
- Church World Services school kits
- CROP Walk info.
- Area C/D meeting
- DAYBREAK information
- Financial report
- Prayers for Dayton and for many of our CWU friends



# Highlights from our September Board Meeting:



Pam Walker, our CWU Ecumenical Action Chairperson, spoke about "Ration Challenge," which is a program started by Church World Services, a faith-based organization supporting refugees. Co-founders of the Ration Challenge, Kaz McGrath and Ben Littlejohn, started the Ration Challenge in 2014 during a visit to a refugee camp on the Thai-Burma border, where they met with refugees and saw first-hand the rations refugees had to survive on. They were shocked at the meager rations.

The "Ration Challenge" in June 2019 asked Americans to eat the same rations as refugees to increase awareness of the struggles of the refugees. Volunteers signed up to reserve the ration pack which was sent to them. The kit included the same rations as a Syrian refugee living in a camp in Jordan; that included: a small amount of rice, flour, lentils, chickpeas, beans, fish (or alternative for vegetarians and vegans), and oil. Participants could earn extra ingredients to add to the meals by working hard on fundraising by asking friends, family, and colleagues to sponsor them and raise vital funds for refugees. THE IMPACT? The money raised in the USA (this year \$371,609) provides food for 1905 refugees for one year. It also supports the ongoing work of CWS to help vulnerable people rebuild their lives in safety. Over \$10 million has been raised by over 81,000 challengers!

Would you like to participate in the Ration Challenge? The Ration Challenge has always been held during World Refugee Week. That week is always around World Refugee Day, which is June 20. The week for Refugee Week in 2020 is June 15 - 21, 2020. Donations are also greatly appreciated! Go to: <https://cwsglobal.org/ration-challenge/> to securely contribute one-time-only or to set up a monthly payment. Registration for doing the challenge in 2020 will be posted on that website.



# Church Women United in Greater Dayton



**World Community Day**  
**Theme: The Time is NOW!**  
**Resolve to Love**

**Saturday, November 16 at 1:00 p.m.**  
**Memorial Presbyterian Church**  
**(Reservations NOT Needed)**  
**No charge to attend!**

CWU Hostess: Evelyn Harrison (937-837-7424)  
Host Church: McKinley United Methodist Church

Questions? Please contact your Key Woman:

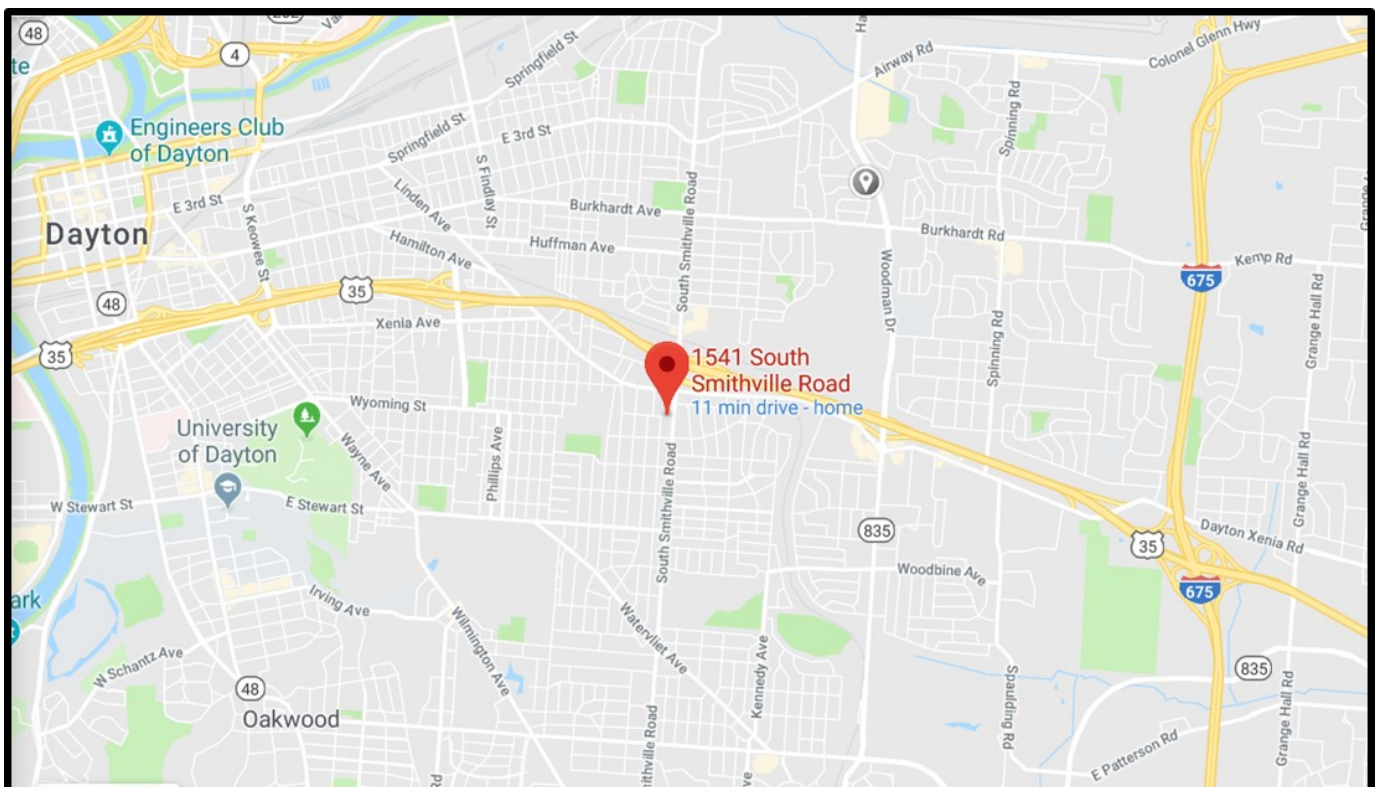
**Memorial Presbyterian Church**  
**1541 S. Smithville Rd., Dayton**

**We would LOVE to have you join us!**  
**Bring a Friend!**

**Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1541 S. Smithville Rd., Dayton**

**NOTE that although the host church is McKinley United Methodist Church, the location of the meeting is at Memorial Presbyterian Church.**

**DIRECTIONS:** From downtown Dayton, take U. S. 35 East. Take the Smithville Road South Exit. Merge onto S. Smithville Road. Proceed .2 mile; Memorial Presbyterian Church will be on the right.





# Focus on World Community Day...

**World Community Day 2019 focuses on "The time is NOW! Resolve to Love!"**

Church Women United offers the invitation to prayerfully approach this celebration with open hearts, willing to leave our comfort zones and become more inclusive communities, living peacefully together.

World Community Day began in 1943 from discussions at a meeting of CWU denominational presidents and executive secretaries, asking that a day be set aside in the fall for the study of peace by church women. Although many denominations were printing their own studies on the new world order, it was determined at this meeting that their unity would be strengthened on one day of united study.

World Community Day continues to emphasize peace, but it has been broadened to include justice, a vital partner of peace. The once-clear categories of "domestic" and "foreign" were consciously blurred so the global scope of the wide range of problems could be emphasized on World Community Day.

Please join us in Dayton as we kindle the new fires toward peace in an inclusive community through mutual respect and caring for everyone. (See page 4 for details on how to join this celebration in Dayton!)

**Saturday, November 16 at 1:00 p.m. - Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1541 S. Smithville Rd., Dayton**



## A Mission Opportunity: Homefull

Homefull is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization; it was formerly known as "The Other Place" According to Homefull's website (<http://www.homefull.org>), Homefull assists more than 600 people daily. The Agency's objective is to provide fair and equal opportunity for employment advancement and all other aspects of the employment relationship in an environment where unlawful discrimination is not permitted. It now provides a comprehensive continuum of services designed to help people find and keep jobs and homes. Homefull provides case management and programming for the gateway shelter system while St. Vincent de Paul provides all the meals and shelter operations. The organizations work closely together. The case managers work one-on-one with clients in the gateway shelters with the primary goal of moving them into appropriate permanent housing, and out of the shelter system. Homefull also provides educational classes for shelter clients, including basic life skills and job search and employability courses. Through its community partnerships with other organizations, Homefull is able to offer additional services such as employment, legal and veterans' assistance, and credit counseling. Homefull is located at 33 w. 1st St., Dayton.



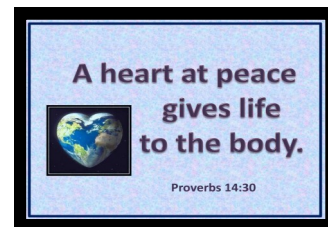
**Please help by getting involved:**

- **Give money.** Cash; check; or credit card.
- **Give time.** Administrative assistance; life skills programming; organizing donations; urban agriculture; healthy cooking recipes and demos; after-school tutoring; and other ideas.
- **Give goods.** Homefull starter kit or Amazon list items (see Homefull's website); bus passes and stamps; seeds and gardening equipment; laundry detergent, dryer sheets, quarters; men's and women's toiletries; gift cards from Target, Walmart, Meijer, *etc.* for programs.

# Highlights from the Area C and D Meeting...

**“A Heart at peace gives life to the body” (Proverbs 14:30)**

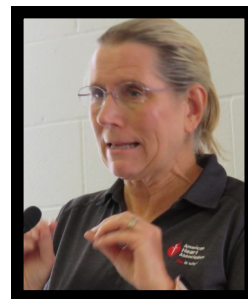
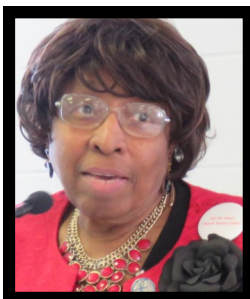
Area meetings are held every fall to provide for local Church Women United Units to participate in Area-wide events for the purpose of training CWU leadership, sharing information, inspiration, and providing opportunities to experience community as an ecumenical group of Christian women. The Coordinator of Ecumenical Development, in consultation with the Executive Board and the Area Chairs, is responsible for scheduling and planning these area wide events. This was our fourth year of combining Areas C & D. The event was held this year on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at Summit Christian Church, 4021 Denlinger Road in Dayton. As OCWU Ecumenical Development Coordinator, Area C/D, our own Ina M. Green was the Chair of this year's event — and what a magnificent day she had planned for us! Thank you, Ina, and Summit Christian Church, for the wonderful planning and hosting of this important event!



We began at 9:00 a.m. with a lovely breakfast and numerous welcomes, including Summit's Women's Fellowship President Kathy Bagley. A very insightful Bible Study was given by Margaret Hunt. We heard from Warren Riffle, a community educator on the Alzheimer's Association Speaker's Bureau. Melissa Kerr, respiratory therapist and supervisor, spoke about CPAP (Continuous Positive Airway Pressure) machines and how they can help us obtain necessary sleep. We thoroughly enjoyed a delicious lunch (with Grace offered by Jerralyn Wood), after which Beth Langfels from the America Heart Association spoke to us about the importance of good heart health.



We heard from several of the state board members, including Vice-President Bennie J. Williams-Roper, Janet Coleman (Ohio CWU Ecumenical Celebrations Chair from Area A), Peggy Burke (CWU member from Columbus), Cecelia Long (our local CWU President), and several others. Other introductions were made, as well. About twelve members of our Dayton unit attended. The day also included the singing of hymns, numerous prayers, and much opportunity for fellowship. Cecelia Long gave the benediction.





# Church Women United in Greater Dayton

Please  
join  
us!



## Christmas Tea: Honoring priests and pastors and their spouses

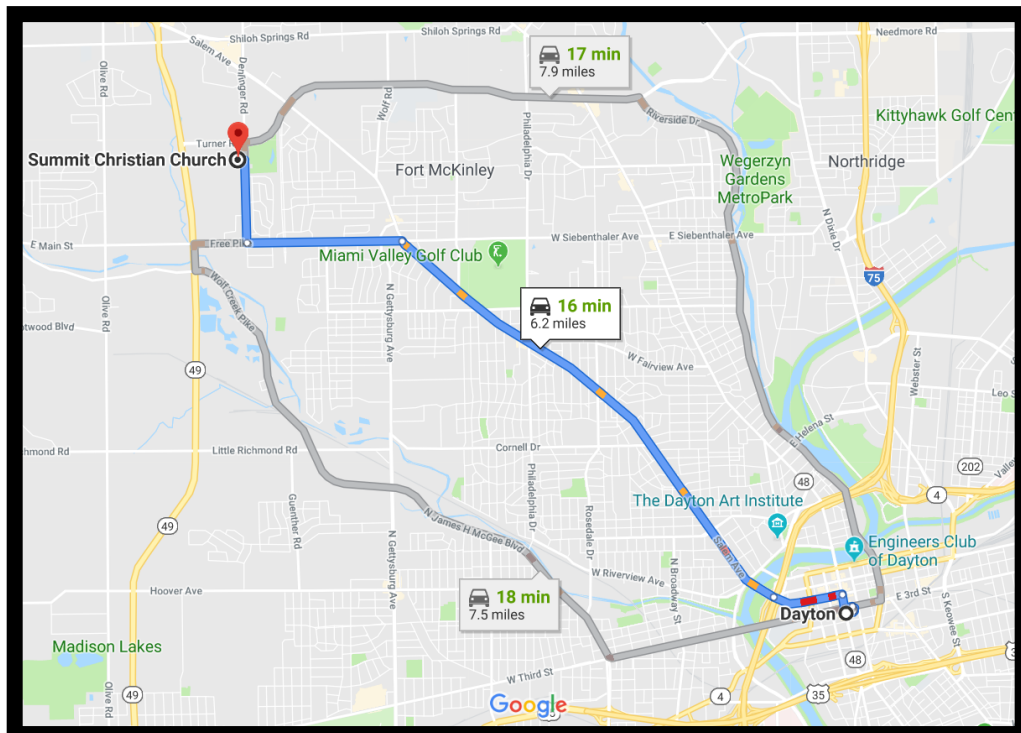
**Monday, December 2 at 1:00 p.m. (Reservations NOT Needed) FREE!**  
Program and refreshments! CWU Hostess: Ina Green (937-344-6029)

Questions? Please contact your Key Woman: \_\_\_\_\_

**Summit Christian Church, 4021 Denlinger Rd., Trotwood, OH 45426**

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

**DIRECTIONS:** From downtown Dayton, drive west on Second Street to continue onto Salem Ave. Drive 3.8 miles. Turn left onto Free Pike and drive 1.1 miles. Turn right onto Denlinger Road and drive .6 miles. The church will be on the left. Google Maps estimates 16 minutes / 6.2 miles from downtown. Ample parking is provided at the church.



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IN GREATER DAYTON**

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**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN GREATER DAYTON — COMING EVENTS:**

Oct. 22, 2019 (Tues.)	1:00 p.m.	<b>BOARD MEETING</b> (including all Key Women/denominational secretaries) at Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1541 S. Smithville Rd., Dayton
Nov. 16, 2019 (Sat.)	1:00 p.m.	<b>WORLD COMMUNITY DAY CELEBRATION</b> — Key Woman: Evelyn Harrison (from McKinley UMC) Open to all CWU members /friends. Location: Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1541 S. Smithville Rd., Dayton
Dec. 2, 2019 (Mon.)	1:00 p.m.	<b>CHRISTMAS TEA</b> — Key Woman: Ina Green; Summit Christian, 4021 Denlinger Rd.
Jan. 28, 2020 (Tues.)	1:00 p.m.	<b>EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING</b> , Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1541 S. Smithville Rd.
Feb. 25, 2020 (Tues.)	1:00 p.m.	<b>BOARD MEETING</b> at Memorial (including all Key Women/denominational secretaries)
Mar. 17, 2020 (Tues.)	9:30 a.m.	<b>EMMA MURRAY PRAYER BREAKFAST</b> —Key Woman: Cecelia Long Fairview United Methodist Church, 828 W. Fairview Ave. (Catalpa and Fairview)
March 21, 2020 (Sat.)	12:00 noon	<b>MERCY MANOR FOUNDERS' DAY LUNCHEON</b> — Presidential Banquet Center
Apr. 17-18, 2020 (Fri/Sat.)	Time TBA	<b>94th OCWU LEADERS COUNCIL and ANNUAL STATE ASSEMBLY</b> (Sandusky, OH)
Apr. 28, 2020 (Tues.)	1:00 p.m.	<b>BOARD MEETING</b> at Memorial (including all Key Women/denominational secretaries)
May 9, 2020 (Sat.)	1:00 p.m.	<b>MAY FRIENDSHIP CELEBRATION</b> — Key Women: Gail Penney, United Christian Church, 8611 Hoke Rd., Clayton
May 26, 2020 (Tues.)	1:00 p.m.	<b>BOARD MEETING</b> at Memorial (including all Key Women/denominational secretaries)
June 8, 2020 (Mon.)	1:00 p.m.	<b>HUMAN RIGHTS CELEBRATION / ANNUAL MEETING</b> — Key Woman: Dolores Walker; St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, 5301 Free Pike, Trotwood
June 11—14, 2020	Time TBA	<b>2020 Quadrennial Assembly</b> , Sheraton Hotel, 165 Courtland St. NE, Atlanta, GA 30303
June 23, 2020 (Tues.)	1:00 p.m.	<b>EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING</b> , Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1541 S. Smithville Rd.

**THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE MAILED Wed., Feb. 12, 2019. Submission deadline: Jan. 15, 2020.**  
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