



# Together

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**Church Women United in Greater Dayton — February 2020**

## Don't miss the February Board meeting!

Did you know that you do not have to be a Key Woman to attend the Church Women United Board meetings? Although ALL Key Women and Denominational Secretaries are encouraged to attend the meetings, you (as a member of your church) are also most welcome.

Meetings take place at Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1541 S. Smithville Rd., Dayton — just a block south of Route 35 East of Dayton. There is ample parking in the church lot. Once there, follow the signs to the Fellowship Hall.

**NEXT MEETING:** February 25, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.  
Questions? Contact President Cecelia Long: 937-972-7045 or [cealong48@gmail.com](mailto:cealong48@gmail.com).



Memorial Presbyterian Church,  
1541 S. Smithville Rd.,  
(Just 1 block south of US 35 East)

Attend the February 25 meeting to find out about services and resources that are available. The planned emphasis of the February board meeting includes several topics of great interest to most of us:

- Shelter for the homeless;
- Challenges facing the aging;
- The U.S. Census and its ramifications for ALL of us!

NOTE: Census Day is April 1, 2020!  
Your household will be contacted by mid-March about how to respond. There are three ways of collecting data: online, by phone, and by email. You should respond before May 1, 2020! If you live in the U.S., you are required to respond!  
Learn more at: <https://2020census.gov/>



## Did you hear the news?



Church Women United is **MOVING** its National Office from New York City to Atlanta!!  
The current phone number is: 212-835-1507.  
The new address will be 3605 Campbellton Road SW, Atlanta, GA 90331.  
In the meantime, a transition office is at 5 Penn Plaza, 19th floor, New York, NY 10001. The website remains the same: <http://churchwomenunited.net>.  
NOTE: There is much information on that national website about the 2020 Quadrennial Assembly (June 11—14, 2020 in Atlanta, Georgia!) (There is currently a discount for Early-Registration!)



# President's Message from Cecelia Long...



## Greetings for 2020!

We have been waiting with anticipation to bring in the new year after a hectic time of preparing to celebrate the birth of Christ. With the comings and goings of family and friends, then trying to get in tune with the new year and making promises to ourselves to slow down a little and enjoy each day as it comes, we probably need to take a deep breath and release it slowly!!!

“This is the day that the Lord has given us, let us rejoice and be glad in it!” Psalm 118:24

On New Year's Day, I received a text message from a friend whose words of assurance I now share with you. She said, “Happy New Year. May our journey through this new year given by God bring more and more love for God and others, joy the world doesn't give, peace within that steadies us, assurance of God's plans for a future with hope, sustenance in moments of tiredness. God's guidance in times of challenge, wisdom guided by the Holy Spirit, vision for daily living pattered after the life of Jesus, and gratitude for each passing day are wished for you.”

I admit, this message of reassurance was certainly “right on time.” Talk of war is in the headlines each day; the fires over Australia are destroying homes for people and the creatures who reside in the forests and woods; and violence against family, friends, and strangers seems to be on the rise. Words of assurance are necessary to keep us going.

Church Women United is a movement that keeps going through thick and thin. We always need the assurance of the love of God in all that we do and say. I urge you to reach out to someone who may need a word of support or a sign that someone cares and loves them. We are not alone as we move ahead to do the will of our savior Jesus Christ.

“Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and God's love is perfected in us.” (1 John 4:11-12)

### 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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# Mission opportunities: Get a Round Tuit!



We have been so busy lately with the preparation of the celebration of the birth of Jesus that we may have allowed the business of our mission to be set aside, hoping to get around to it “later”! (My favorite “stash” is the laundry room counter. What is yours?) Well, it is NOW time to bring those items back into focus and “get a round tuit”!

Here are just a few reminders about how YOU can help:

- **Church World Service school kits** will be gathered soon! Please visit the website (<http://cwskits.org/assemble-kits/school-kits/>) to find directions for how to make the kits and/or the bags. If you start to assemble the kits NOW, then you won't feel so rushed to meet the early-September deadlines for getting the kits to the local churches!



- **Spread the Love Campaign!** This is a nation-wide campaign requested by the National Church Women United! It supports our Quadrennial Priority on Human Rights: "Childhood Education — Prepare our children to compete, produce and thrive in the 21st century." Donate sorely-needed school supplies to your local school this Valentine's Day! Contact the school to ask for a supply list to help you select items that are needed! For a flyer and info, visit: <https://www.churchwomenunited.net/>.
- **Mercy Manor**—founded by Church Women United — can really use your help! Please visit the website (<https://mercymanor.wixsite.com/mercymanor/wish-list>) to find the Wish List that will benefit Mercy Manor residents.



- **Donate your eyeglasses** (prescription, readers, sunglasses) to the Lions Club. (Sunglasses do not need to be prescription.) You can find drop-off boxes at your optometrist's office, or at LensCrafter stores or Pearle Vision Centers and more! (You might find a drop-off box at the Dayton Art Institute or the Masonic Temple.) You can also mail the glasses to: Lions Clubs international Headquarters, Attention: Receiving Department, 300 2. 22nd St., Oak Brook, IL 60523. Or call Todd Trautwein at (937) 478-6637 for more information.
- **Good Neighbor House** needs pantry items: canned goods (especially beans), pasta, pasta sauce, and soups. Drop-off sites include: Good Neighbor House, Kettering Seventh-day Adventist Church, Miamisburg Seventh-day Adventist Church, Centerville Seventh-day Adventist Church, and SouthBrook Christian Church. Or, feel free to donate money. For more information, call 937-224-3003.



- Give a little extra to Church Women United! We will cheerfully accept your monetary donations and use them for our approved local missions! Want to give a little more of your time, as well? Contact President Cecelia Long to see how your time and skills might benefit our mission!

# Highlights from our October Board meeting:

The August meeting's featured speaker was Marcia Ehlers, Assistant Director of Human Services and Outreach from Good Neighbor House, 627 E. First St., Dayton, OH. **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. If you missed this presentation, please visit their website to learn more about Good Neighbor House and how you can play a role in helping those in need.



**Good Neighbor House**  
 627 East First Street  
 Dayton, OH 45402-1367  
 Phone: 937.224.3003  
 Fax: 937.224.1771  
<http://goodneighborhouse.org/>



## Some of the other board highlights included:

- Devotional by Margaret Hunt
- Financial report
- World Community Day preview (Nov. 16)
- Christmas Tea information (Dec. 2)

# Highlights from our World Community Day:

## Program / Theme:

### Theme:

The Time is NOW!  
 Resolve to Love!

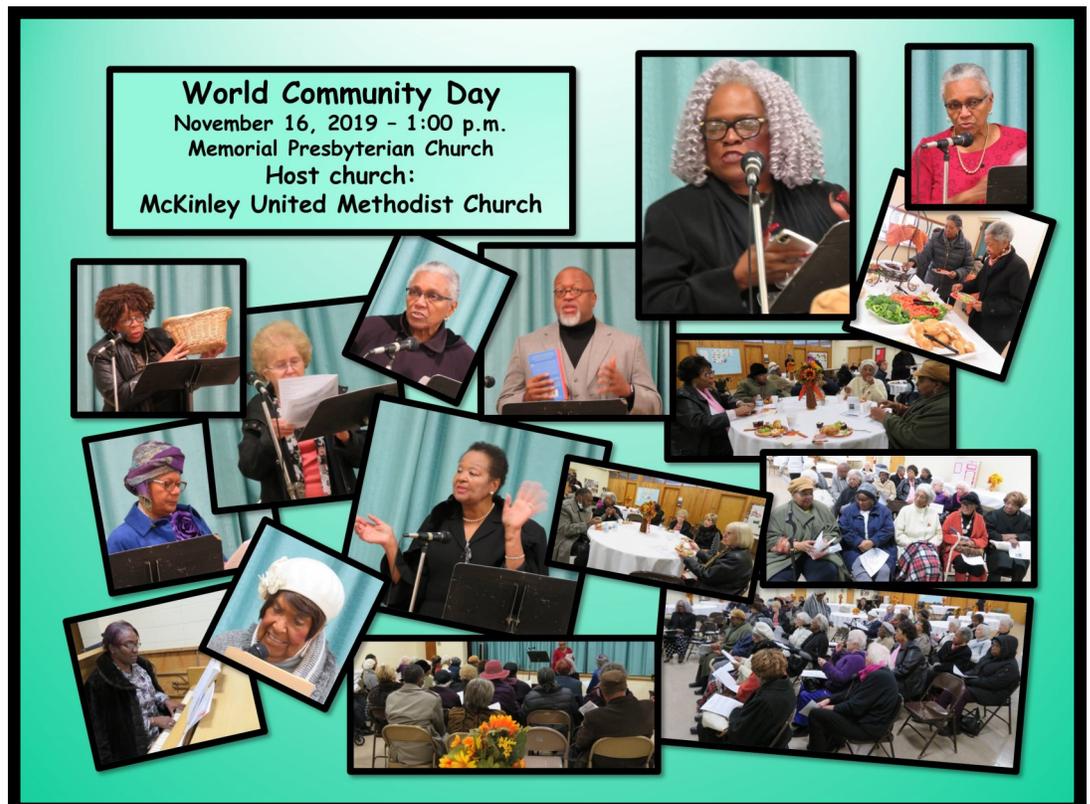
**Focus:** Global  
 Peace and Justice

Our hearts were warmed by the words of many!

The featured speaker was Denise Williams, President of the NAACP in Springfield, Ohio, and Third VP for NAACP in Ohio.

We sang, "Bind Us Together, Lord"

Thank you, Evelyn Harrison, and McKinley UMC, for hosting us!



# Highlights from our Christmas Tea:

## The 2019 Christmas Tea

**Host church: Summit Christian Church**

The scriptures included readings about Mary, Mother of Christ; Visit by the Angel Gabriel; Visit to Elizabeth; the Witness of the Shepherds.

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, goodwill toward men!”

We sang, “Jesus, the Light of the World” and “Bind us Together, Lord.”



Our President addressed the group. Special announcements were made. Special thanks went to Ina Green and her committee for organizing this special event! We also thanked The Rev. Shelby Walker, The Rev. Dr. Crystal Walker, Kathy Bagley, Timothy Green, Margaret Hunt, Wanda Anderson, Caroline Joyner, Edna Nelson, and Pamela Hamby. We were so glad to welcome visitors as well as familiar faces!

## Your Officers and Committees at work:



In addition to the Board meetings, your CWU officers and committee leaders have additional responsibilities. Many attend two Executive meetings — one in June and one in January. Most also commit to numerous tasks that fill countless hours in their days to ensure that CWU has a wonderful, meaningful year! Some of those tasks include:

- Contacting all the officers to ensure that the work is continuing on-track;
- Writing up the minutes;
- Checking on the finances, including all the income and ensuring that all the bills and mission commitments are paid;
- Planning and contacting speakers for all the programs;
- Obtaining host churches for our meetings and programs;
- Contacting International HQ to obtain program materials;
- Preparing the Bible Studies for all the meetings;
- Composing the newsletters and updating the website;
- Preparing the mailings of the newsletters;
- Following up on mission projects;
- Many other tasks!



These tasks are all done with joy and with the camaraderie of the other members! Would you like to help out with some of these tasks? Let Cecelia Long or Costella Terrell know!

# Who was Emma Murray?

## Why should I attend the prayer breakfast?

Emma Murray (Mrs. Clad Murray) was born on December 28, 1910 and died on April 28, 1981. Her husband, Clad Murray, served as a Private in the U.S. Army; he passed away on October 31, 1969. Because of his military service, they are buried in the National Military Cemetery on McMahan Avenue in Dayton.

Forty-two years ago Mrs. Murray's vision of an Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast became a reality. Emma was active in CWU at Tabernacle Baptist Church beginning about 1965 and she served in many CWU positions, including president of CWU of Greater Dayton from June 1977 — June 1979. Those who remember Sister Emma Murray's active years remember her joy and enthusiasm for every activity sponsored by CWU. She often shared a favorite saying, "Church women do not fade away!" Mrs. Murray passed on to glory on April 28, 1981, on the day when she would have been at a CWU Board Meeting. Her life example reminds us that "Where there is no vision, the people perish." We are thankful that she had a vision of women praying together as we will do once again this year—on March 17!



**Emma M. Murray**  
CWU President: 1977—1979

"Why should I attend this breakfast?" you might ask. Individuals can pray anywhere, but the power of corporate prayer is huge! As President Eisenhower said, "Even our supplications are imperfect. Of course, they are. We are imperfect human beings." Eisenhower continued, "But if we can back off from those problems and make the effort, then there is something that ties us all together."

Won't YOU come to the Emma Murray Prayer Breakfast to be a part of joining together in prayer with others in Dayton? Details on page 7.

### Some fast-facts about Emma Murray:

- She collected cups and saucers.
- She frequently started board meetings with poems by Helen Steiner Rice.
- Her favorite hymn was, "This Little Light of Mine."

### Did you know????

The first **Presidential Prayer Breakfast** was held in Washington, D.C. — started in 1953 by President Eisenhower with Billy Graham convincing him it was the right move. It has often been a place for the chief executive to talk about his faith. Every President since then has attended, although the name was changed to National Prayer Breakfast in 1970. There are always two speakers: The President of the U.S., and another who is announced only on the morning of the breakfast. Past speakers have included Mother Theresa, Dr. Ben Carson, Max Lucado, Tony Blair, Rajiv Shah, Barry Black, and Bono.



# Church Women United in Greater Dayton

## Emma Murray Prayer Breakfast

Tuesday, March 17, 2020  
at 9:30 a.m.  
Please join us!

Program provided and breakfast served.  
\$10.00 - (Reservations Required)  
CWU Hostess: Cecelia Long  
(937-972-7045)

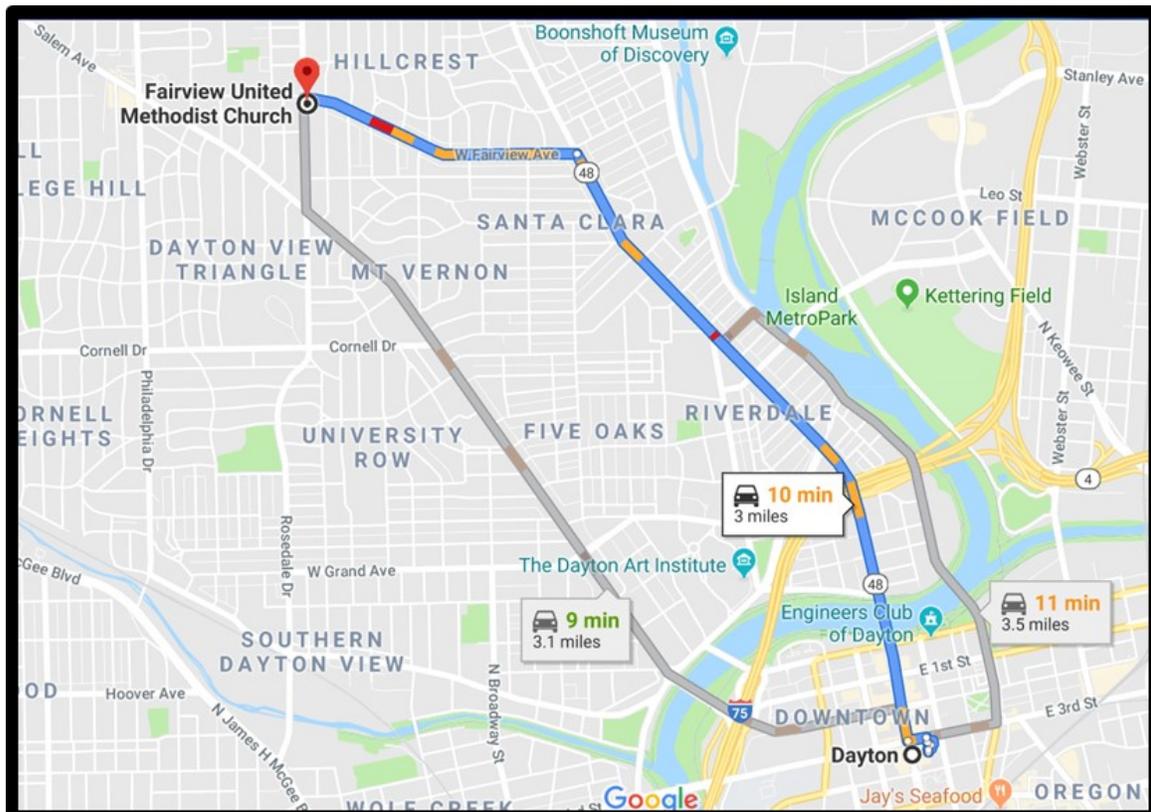


Questions? Please contact your Key Woman: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Be sure to make your reservations with your Key Woman by Sunday, March 8.  
Cash or checks to "CWU in Greater Dayton" for \$10 are required for reservations.  
Please advise your Key Woman of any special food needs when you reserve your place.

**Location:** Fairview United Methodist Church,  
828 W. Fairview Ave. (Catalpa and Fairview)

**DIRECTIONS:** From downtown Dayton, drive north on North Main St. for 2.1 miles. Turn left onto W. Fairview and drive .8 mile. The church will be on the left. (Alternatively, drive northwest on Salem Ave. Drive 2 miles. Turn right onto Catalpa Dr. and go .3 miles. Turn right onto W. Fairview and turn right into the parking lot.)



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

- Feb. 25, 2020 (Tues.) 1:00 p.m. **BOARD MEETING** at Memorial (including all Key Women/denominational secretaries)
- Mar. 17, 2020 (Tues.) 9:30 a.m. **EMMA MURRAY PRAYER BREAKFAST(\$10.00 Reservations needed! —Key Woman:**  
Cecelia Long. Fairview United Methodist Church, 828 W. Fairview Ave. (Catalpa and Fairview)
- March 21, 2020 (Sat.) 12:00 noon **MERCY MANOR FOUNDERS' DAY LUNCHEON** — Presidential Banquet Center
- Apr. 17-18, 2020 (Fri/Sat.) Time TBA **94th OCWU LEADERS COUNCIL and ANNUAL STATE ASSEMBLY** (Sandusky, OH)
- Apr. 28, 2020 (Tues.) 1:00 p.m. **BOARD MEETING** at Memorial (including all Key Women/denominational secretaries)
- May 9, 2020 (Sat.) 1:00 p.m. **MAY FRIENDSHIP CELEBRATION** — Key Women: Gail Penney.  
United Christian Church, 8611 Hoke Rd., Clayton
- May 26, 2020 (Tues.) 1:00 p.m. **BOARD MEETING** at Memorial (including all Key Women/denominational secretaries)
- June 8, 2020 (Mon.) 1:00 p.m. **HUMAN RIGHTS CELEBRATION / ANNUAL MEETING** — Key Woman:  
Dolores Walker. St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, 5301 Free Pike, Trotwood
- June 11—14, 2020 Time TBA **2020 Quadrennial Assembly**, Sheraton Hotel, 165 Courtland St. NE, Atlanta, GA 30303
- June 23, 2020 (Tues.) 1:00 p.m. **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**, Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1541 S. Smithville Rd.

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