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Church Women United in Greater Dayton — November 2020

Please join us for ...

World Community Day Celebration!

Theme: 2020 Vision for the Future — Resolve to Love

Saturday, November 14, 2020 (1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.)

Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church
7505 Taylorsville Rd #6313, Dayton, OH



Doors open at 12:30 p.m.; masks are required; temperatures will be taken. Please enter and be seated in the sanctuary—following social distancing procedures. Due to COVID-19, no food or beverage is permitted.

We welcome all the members and friends of Church Women United to the In-Real-Life gathering as we celebrate World Community Day—using COVID-19-safety measures!

Attendees are asked to bring paper goods and cleaning products to donate to Mercy Manor; baskets will be available for Fellowship of the Least Coin and other offerings.

The two Valiant Woman Awardees will be recognized at this meeting—along with the recipient of the Human Rights Award. (We were unable to make the announcement of these awards due to the cancellation of the May Friendship Day Celebration and the June Human Rights Celebration.)



Key Women: Please mail the membership forms and payment from your church to our treasurer (Judith Philpot, 617 Osmond Ave., Dayton OH 45417). Include the church and individual memberships as well as the membership list. All forms are located on our website: <https://www.cwudaytonoh.org/resources.html>.



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Questions? Contact Editor Martha Shields: martha.shields@earthlink.net.

CWU in Greater Dayton has a WEBSITE!

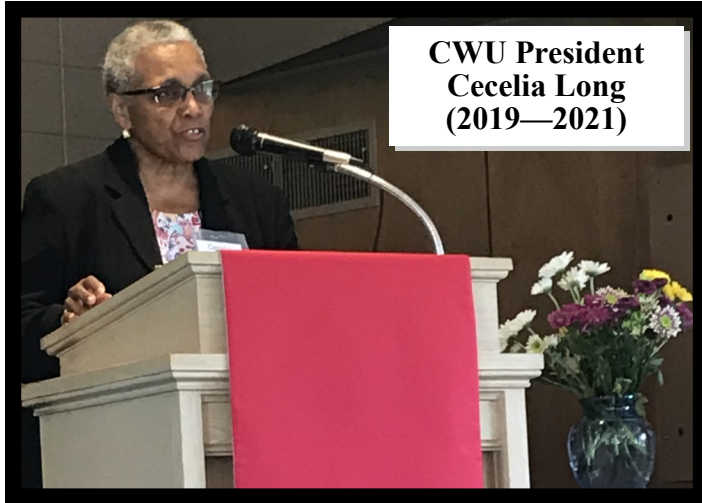
Find MANY resources at www.cwudaytonoh.org: posters / maps to our meetings; photos; programs and meeting information, officers, purpose, logo, bylaws, more!

Questions? Contact Webmaster Martha Shields (martha.shields@earthlink.net)

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President's Message from Cecelia Long...



CWU President
Cecelia Long
(2019—2021)

Greetings Dear Sisters in Christ,

In November, I am usually thinking about the fund-raising event that the women of my church sponsor annually which raises funds to support one of the important ministries of my church. But, this year has brought some changes in the plans. Some of you may resonate with my experiences and are nodding as you read this. We have had to adjust and readjust as we continue to minister to others during these challenging times. Being women of faith, we journey on and trust in God.

Church Women United in Greater Dayton has experienced some of the same challenges as we seek to serve others and continue to be vital in our communities of faith. We are saying prayers of Thanksgiving as we plan to gather as a community of faith-filled women when we celebrate World Community Day at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 14 at the Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church. Our gathering will be joyous as we see each other face-to-face even as we are socially distanced and wearing masks. What a time of rejoicing that will be for us!!! You will see more details in a related article in this newsletter.

I am saying prayers of Thanksgiving as we enter the season when we celebrate with our family and friends at meals that are filled with more than enough food to feed everyone who comes to the table. Our God has blessed us with abundance that we have sometimes taken for granted. This year, it is my prayer that our celebrations with family and friends will be celebrated with true gratitude and thankfulness. It is also my prayer that we look beyond our own inner circle of family and friends and remember those who will have little or nothing to eat or no warm clothes to cover them as the temperatures drop. Let us share generously with others.

I continue to thank God for each of the members of Church Women United in Greater Dayton. You inspire me to go beyond the call and do as much for others as is possible. We know that these are critical times for many who have lost jobs because their places of employment never re-opened or had to lay off people. Some people have been faced with illnesses that leave them with no money for medical bills or the medicine needed to regain their health. I pray for parents and grandparents who are still homeschooling and are multi-tasking to keep everything going. All of these people need our support and help whenever we are available to them.

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” is one of the hymns that keeps me focused on what a loving God can do for us in ever changing times. For God is “our shelter from the stormy blast, and our Eternal Home.” Let us be strong, Sisters in Christ! For we cannot go on the journey alone. We need a God who has been with our ancestors and continues to be a guide to us.

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

With dignity ♩ = 69-80

1. O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2. With - in the shad - ow of thy throne, Still may we dwell se - cure.
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived her frame,
4. O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,

May God Continue
to Bless and Keep each of you.

Cecelia M. Long
President

Questions?
Contact Cecelia Long,
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Miscellaneous Memos

The Dayton CROP HUNGER WALK went virtual this year! If you missed the October 31 deadline, you still have an opportunity open for you to donate!

Our own Ina Green is the Dayton CROP Walk treasurer. She announced that she can still accept checks until December 15! Please make the checks out to “Church World Service / CROP Walk” and mail them to Ina Green.

CROP Walk is one of the Church World Service projects; donations go to fight hunger as well as the challenges of disease and disaster that leave people hungry. Twenty-five percent of the collections in Dayton stay in Dayton — going to The Foodbank, Inc.

**CROP
HUNGER WALK**
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



Church World Service Kits were assembled and/or purchased online this summer / fall. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our local depots were shut down, but we still managed to get many of our kits to a depot in Indianapolis and/or Jackson, Ohio, by October 16, 2020. Others purchased kits on-line at <https://www.cws.org>. Please see the July CWU newsletter for an article on these kits; more information is at <https://cwskits.org>. CWS needs Hygiene Kits, School Kits, and Buckets (Emergency Cleanup bucket kits). Do you need flexible drop-off times / dates? Ask Claudia. CWS also needs monetary donations to cover shipping costs from CWS to disaster sites. Questions? Contact CWS Chairperson, Claudia Chapman.



Virtual Celebration on Zoom
We celebrate our Pastoral Staff Members!
Wednesday, December 9, 2020 - 1:00 p.m.

Please watch for an email and a USPS mailing to Key Women for log-on link, Meeting ID, and Passcode. Contact President Cecelia Long to be included:
cealong48@gmail.com or 937-972-7045

NOTE: 2020 Quadrennial Assembly was CANCELLED!
It is expected to be rescheduled for 2021.

Did you know??? These are partners of CWU!



Highlights from our August Meetings!



Executive Committee Meeting (Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.)

Margaret Hunt led our meeting with a meaningful devotional based upon Jeremiah 2.

The board was concerned about caring for our members — those who were impacted last year by the tornadoes in May 2019 and now all of us with COVID-19 factors. Plans were made for our program year—keeping in mind that the COVID-19 pandemic situation is vastly changing how we hold our board meetings and our celebrations. Certainly *flexibility* is the key word — along with changing how we will be communicating in 2020—2021.

CWU Board Meeting (Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.)

Margaret Hunt led our meeting with a meaningful devotional based upon Philippians 4.

We were honored to have Barbara Hudson Banner speak with us. She announced that the Mercy Manor Founders Day banquet will be held on March 20, 2021 at the Presidential Banquet Center with Judge Littlejohn as the speaker. Details to follow. Barbara expressed gratitude for Church Women United's continued support; she reminded us that the wish list online has been updated to meet COVID-19 guidelines.

Key Women were reminded to recruit memberships for this year. Forms were included in the July newsletter, which can be found online. (Click on What We Do and then Newsletters.) Send all forms and money to Judy Philpot.

Many reports were given.

- We were told that the Church World Service kit depots in Dayton (Normandy and Phillipsburg) are now closed; Indianapolis is the closest site.
- At this point, no area or state meetings are planned.
- CROP Walk information will be virtual (online) this year.
- Our Annual Report is online. (Click on Resources).
- UNICEF donations can be sent to Dianna Brigham.



Highlights from our September 22 Meeting!



Our speaker was Emma Andrews, Administrator for the Wesley Community Center, Inc. She spoke for Aisha Pitts, who is in charge of Infant Mortality division of the Wesley Center; it is called Baby Ready. Donations are welcome at 3730 Delphos Ave., Dayton, OH 45417. The website is: www.wesleycenterdayton.org, or call 937-263-3556 x 219.

Margaret Hunt opened our meeting with a meaningful devotional. About 17 members were present, including the three on telephones. Reports were heard from most of the committees. Jerry Wood presented the budget from the Finance Committee; Cecelia presented the revised by-laws.

CROP Walk, Church World Services, UNICEF, the state gathering, and the possibility of future face-to-face meetings were some of the topics that were discussed.

Highlights from our October 27 Meeting!

Michelle Payette (from Angel Tree Prison Fellowship) spoke with us about this wonderful opportunity for a mission project. Please watch for more information forth-coming on this critical topic!

We have new bylaws! Watch the website for an update!

About 355 CWS kits were delivered this month to the two depots (Indianapolis and Jackson, Ohio).

CROP Walk contributions can be made through Dec. 15 for 2020. Please address checks to "Church World Service"; mail to Ina Green.

Please join us at 1:00 p.m. On Sat., Nov. 14 at World Community Day (see page 1).

Please join us for the virtual Christmas Tea on Zoom. Wed., Dec. 9 at 1:00 p.m. (See page 3 for ID/Password).

Remember Mercy Manor, UNICEF, and FTLC!



ZOOM???! How do I get on ZOOM?



For your very first time in a Zoom meeting, I suggest that you watch this how-to video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQ0E>. It takes you through the steps and shows you how to download the APP; the presenter is very kind and explains the steps well—even for beginners.

There are several device options and log-on methods for you to participate in a Zoom meeting: by regular phone, smartphone, tablet, laptop, desktop, or other.

- **Devices with built-in cameras:** Most Smartphones, laptops, and tablets (iPads, Chrome tablets, etc.) already have a built-in camera and microphone.
NOTE: If you are using a phone that is not a Smartphone and if you **call** in on that phone, you likely will not have video options to see others in the meeting; you will likely not be seen; however, you will be likely to hear and be heard. If you have a Smartphone and use the LINK in your email and/or the Meeting ID and password, then you will likely be able to use the video to see others and be seen, as well as heard.
- **Computers that may not have built-in cameras or microphones:** Your desktop may or may not have a camera and a microphone. If not, to share your face, you will need to purchase a webcam of some variety. These come in a wide range of prices, depending upon attributes.
The one we bought is likely “overkill,” but we really use ours a great deal and it has some additional features. (It is a Logitech C930E, USB 2.0, 1920-1080 for \$129.99 + \$8 shipping + \$9.31 tax from Audio Visual Innovations, Inc., P.O. Box 844612 Boston, MA 02284-4612 Phone: 888-884-7168.) Many other models are available starting about \$40. (Go to YouTube and search for “webcam comparison.”
Most webcams have a built-in microphone, saving you the cost of a separate microphone; my webcam also has a cover which I can flip down easily if I need video privacy for some reason (someone walks behind me during the meeting, I need to stand up, *etc.*).

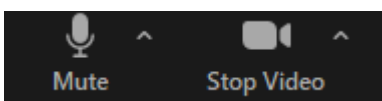
Test Run: Want to play around with Zoom first—to test out how it looks? **Go to www.zoom.com/test.**

Your environment:

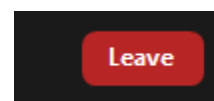
- Remember: We can SEE you! Please change out of your jammies **before** the meeting! Hahaha!
- Place the camera in a spot that is at or slightly above your eye-level, please. (We likely do NOT want to see up your nostrils or under other parts that will be distorted to a larger size due to closer proximity to your webcam or tablet device!)
- Try not to sit with a bright window or door behind you; that will brighten the space behind you—and your face will appear dark—if we can see your features at all. (Think of a dark cut-out appearing to us, instead of your smiling face!)
- If necessary, shine a light on your face so that your face is not covered in weird shadows.
- Once you get comfy with Zoom, you may wish to experiment with a drop behind you. If you do that, you might be able to Zoom yourself “from” all kinds of interesting places! But that is Part II!

Steps to know about how to log in to our Church Women United meetings:

- If this will be your first Zoom meeting, please download the app / Zoom client to your device ahead of time; it would be helpful if you create a Zoom account (free), but it is not necessary unless you are the Zoom “host.” (Martha or Cecelia will likely be the “host” for the Zoom meetings for 2020-21.)
- The host will set up a Zoom meeting and email the “invitation” to the Key Women. (Each meeting has its own specific log-on, so the October invitation will have a different link than the November one, *etc.*). Click the link in the email invitation a few minutes prior to the meeting. You may need to enter the Meeting ID and/or the password. (Don’t be concerned if you don’t have to enter these.) There is an option to test your speakers and microphone.
- Some other info:
 - We are not limited to the normal 40 minutes under the free Zoom options; we have Zoom Pro.
 - At the bottom left of your screen, you’ll see a microphone icon that toggles between Mute and Unmute; please make sure you are UNMUTED when you wish to talk. Next to that is a video camera icon; click Start Video to be seen and click Stop Video to not be seen by the participants.



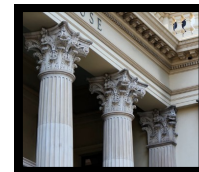
At the end of the meeting, click Leave (in the lower right of your screen).



Call Martha or Cecelia with questions.

Quadrennial Priorities Information

Theme: “Learning and Leading ...Using the Principles of God’s Word”
The Quadrennial Priorities for 2016 — 2020 focused upon these areas:



HUMAN RIGHTS

God’s Word: Know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; to receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and equity. Proverbs 1:2-3

HUNGER AND POVERTY

God’s Word: A brother or sister in Christ might need clothes or food. If you say to that person “God be with you. I hope you stay warm and get plenty to eat, but you do not give what that person needs, your words are worth nothing. James 2:15-16



HEALTH AND WELLNESS

God’s Word: A sound heart is life to the body. Proverbs 14:30



DIVERSITY and INCLUSIVENESS

God’s Word: In Christ’s family there can be no division... Among us you are equal, that is, we are in Common relationship with Jesus Christ. Galatians 3: 28



For a complete version of these with focus and action steps, go to this link: <https://www.churchwomenunited.net/priorities>; scroll to the large box at the bottom of the page: Read more about our Quadrennial Priorities.



Something to watch for: **New Quadrennial Priorities for 2021 — 2024?**

MEMBERSHIPS (2020 - 2021):

Church/ Organizational Memberships, and Individual memberships for 2020-2021 will be accepted from Key Women by mail to the treasurer now.

The forms may be found on our unit’s website: www.cwudaytonoh.org.

Click on **Who We Are**. Scroll down to Membership. The red word (“HERE”) will lead you to open the individual and /or the organizational forms.

OR ... click “Photos, Resources, Awards” and choose “Resources.”

You have two choices: print the form and fill it out by hand or type on the form and then print it out. Either way, please give your money and the form to your church’s key woman to mail to our treasurer, Judith Philpot, as soon as possible. Key Women: Please check to ensure that your church has remitted the church / organization fee and form. Thank you! **Questions?** Call Ina Green at 937-344-6029; Ina is chairperson of Member Care.

NOTE: Memberships in CWU in Greater Dayton support Mercy Manor, Greater Dayton Christian Connections, Dayton International Peace Museum, Membership in State and National and other mission projects. Special offerings support UNICEF, Fellowship of the Least Coin, and Church World Service. Please send in your membership today!

Membership
Process!



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<u>CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN GREATER DAYTON — 2020-2021 EVENTS:</u>		
Nov. 14, 2020 (Sat.)	1:00 p.m.	WORLD COMMUNITY DAY: Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church, 7505 Taylorsville Rd #6313, Dayton, OH 45424 Contact person: Claudia Chapman.
Dec. 9, 2020 (Wed.)	1:00 p.m.	CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION OF PASTORS AND CHURCH STAFF — via Zoom; watch for details in an email and a mailing to Key Women with Zoom link from Cecelia Long. Please contact Cecelia to get the connection information.
January 26, 2021 (Tues.)	1:00 p.m.	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: Fairview UMC, 828 Fairview Ave.
Feb. 23, 2021 (Tues.)	1:00 p.m.	BOARD MEETING: Location to be announced.
Mar. 16, 2021 (Tues.)	9:30 a.m.	EMMA MURRAY PRAYER BREAKFAST— Fairview UMC, 828 W. Fairview Ave.
Apr. Date TBA	Time TBA	94th OCWU LEADERS COUNCIL and ANNUAL STATE ASSEMBLY
Apr. 27, 2021 (Tues.)	1:00 p.m.	BOARD MEETING: Location to be announced.
May 8, 2021 (Sat.)	1:00 p.m.	MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY: United Christian Church, 8611 Hoke Rd., Clayton
May 25, 2021 (Tues.)	1:00 p.m.	BOARD MEETING: Location to be announced.
June 7, 2021 (Mon.)	1:00 p.m.	HUMAN RIGHTS CELEBRATION / ANNUAL MEETING St. Margaret’s Episcopal Church, 5301 Free Pike, Trotwood Contact person: Judy Wilson
Summer :Date TBA	Time TBA	2021 QUADRENNIAL ASSEMBLY Details to be announced.
June 22, 2021 (Tues.)	1:00 p.m.	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: Fairview U.M.C., 828 Fairview Ave.

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