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**Church Women United in Greater Dayton — July 2021**

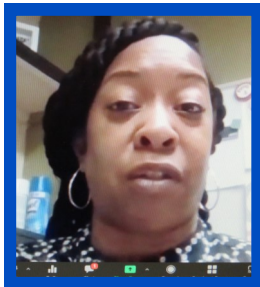
## **CWU Theme for 2021: Becoming One in 2021!**

The new quadrennial priorities for 2021—2024 are announced! The Priority area include: Health and Wellness, Climate Stewardship, Social Justice, and Hunger and Poverty. Each area has a scripture basis, description, and action steps. These are now posted on the national website: <https://www.churchwomenunited.net/priorities>.



### **HIGHLIGHTS from our June 7 celebrations!**

This celebration on June 7 was a special one! Although we were not able to meet in person, we were able to see many smiling faces *via* our Zoom meeting.



We combined our May Friendship Day with our Human Rights Celebration — praying and singing and smiling! Our speaker was Aisha Pitts, Program Director of The Baby Ready Program of the Wesley Center in Dayton.



Our new officers for 2021—2022 were installed and the winners of three awards were announced! Those awards were the two Valiant Women Awards and the Human Rights Awards. (Please see pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter for more information about these awardees.)

### **CHURCH WORLD SERVICE KITS FOR SEPTEMBER:**

Please remember to assemble your school kits and/or your hygiene kits and get them to the collection sites on time! Your help is sorely needed!

Collection sites for this year include:

- Wednesday, September 8, 2021 from 1:30—4:00 pm at Phillipsburg UMC, P.O. Box 35 S. State St., Phillipsburg Contact: Malia Henriquez: [malia.henry55@gmail.com](mailto:malia.henry55@gmail.com)
- Saturday, September 11, 2021 from 9:30—11:00 a.m. at Normandy United Methodist Church, 450 W. Alex Bell Rd., Dayton, OH 45459 Contact: [contact@normandyumc.org](mailto:contact@normandyumc.org) 937-433-1636
- Thursday, September 16, 2021 from 6:00—7:00 p.m. at Casstown UMC, 102 Center St., Casstown Contact: Linda Davidson [bethelcasstownhurch@gmail.com](mailto:bethelcasstownhurch@gmail.com)

The forms that you need to affix to the box and to mail to Claudia Chapman are on our website: [https://www.cwudaytonoh.org/uploads/9/4/7/6/94760430/2021.06\\_claudia\\_chapman\\_cws\\_tally\\_sheet\\_mns.pdf](https://www.cwudaytonoh.org/uploads/9/4/7/6/94760430/2021.06_claudia_chapman_cws_tally_sheet_mns.pdf)

Need a refresher on how to make the kits? Please see page 3 of our July 2020 newsletter (online) at [https://www.cwudaytonoh.org/uploads/9/4/7/6/94760430/2020.07\\_cwu\\_newsletter\\_for\\_july\\_2020\\_final.pdf](https://www.cwudaytonoh.org/uploads/9/4/7/6/94760430/2020.07_cwu_newsletter_for_july_2020_final.pdf).



# President's Message from Cecelia Long...



## Greetings Dear Friends!!

It is my honor and privilege to be elected to serve as President of Church Women United in Greater Dayton for another year. I have lifted up many prayers to God to hold all of us in strong and mighty hands and guide us to do what must be done to sustain Church Women United in the Dayton area. For truly in the months that have passed, some units of the Church Women United movement have ceased to exist.

In the Lord's Prayer, there is a line that says, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil!"

This is exactly what I am feeling as I write this letter to those who continue to walk on the path of Church Women United with me. Many of us have confronted obstacles of various kinds, sickness, good health, days on which we faced darkness, and other days when we faced joys of life. Yet, we have maintained our strength and courage to continue on the journey without fear of the evil we see around us.

As we start another year of working together in the Church Women United movement, we will do our very best to uphold these visions of Church Women that have undergirded the movement since 1941: "The Women of the Church Women movement have held a vision of Christian unity and prayerful action. CWU was founded as a racially, culturally, theologically, inclusive Christian women's movement to celebrate unity and diversity and work for peace in the world. We have been called to action for women of faith to gather for discussions of social issues and concerns to help redress the global and national problems that impact elderly, youth and families, and marginalized communities. These problems include: Mental and Physical Health, Education, Housing, Environment and more."

As we engage in our work from July 1, 2021 until June 30, 2022, I am asking you to share your concern and support with at least one organization outside your local or national church that focuses on the needs of the elderly, youth and families. This could mean that you will include your special organization in your daily prayer; that you make financial gifts to this organization; that you stay in touch with the organization so that they are aware that you are holding them close to your heart; and that you pray for all who live on the margins and struggle to survive day-by-day. Be a caring presence in the lives of others.

You will find that we plan to meet face-to-face whenever we are able. But, you may also find that some of our plans will change because health protocols may prohibit our gathering face-to-face. Indeed, we just received this ruling from CWU National Board *via* National President, Mira J. Washington: **"No in-person meetings or gatherings will occur in the name of or on the behalf of Church Women United, Inc effective now through December 31, 2021. Further, all national meetings, regional meetings, unit meetings, and social gatherings will continue virtually. Church Women United, Inc will resume all in-person gatherings January 1, 2022."** Please be **FLEXIBLE!**

We will attempt to keep our meetings and gatherings meaningful, educational, eye-opening, and inspirational and prayerful. We want to spend time laughing and crying as the Spirit moves us. We may need for you to help others in CWU as needs arise.

**Please be FLEXIBLE!** We are on a journey with winding paths. Get Ready for the year ahead! Pray for God's guidance.

May God continue to bless and keep you.  
You are unique and beloved children of God!

Questions?  
Contact Cecelia Long,  
CWU President  
cealong48@gmail.com  
937-972-7045

# Church Women United in Greater Dayton

Please...  
Save the Date!!  
Please watch  
for details  
in the October  
CWU newsletter!



## World Community Day CWU Theme: Becoming One in 2021

Saturday, November 6 at 1:00 p.m.

We will meet via Zoom.  
You will receive link info. from Cecelia.  
Hostess Cecelia Long: 937-972-7045

Celebration Theme:  
"New Places, New Faces at the Table"

**NOTE: CWU National Board  
declared that all 2021 CWU meetings will  
be via Zoom instead of in-person meetings!**

Questions? Please contact your Key Woman. (If you do not know the name of your Key Woman,  
please contact President Cecelia Long (cealong48@gmail.com).)

### Your CWU in Greater Dayton Officers / Chairpersons for 2021 – 2022:

President	Cecelia Long (cealong48@gmail.com)
Co-Vice Presidents:	Gail Penney (jngpenney@woh.rr.com) Pam Walker (pahamby@att.net)
Secretary:	Margaret Hunt (margaret.hunt1947@gmail.com)
Treasurer:	Judith Scretch Philpot (jaysax@aol.com)
Ecumenical Action:	Pam Walker (pahamby@att.net)
Ecumenical Celebrations:	To Be Announced
Ecumenical Development:	Martha Mundell (deloresjames1@aol.com)
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Communications Chairperson:	To Be Announced
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Enabling Services Chairperson:	Pam Walker (pahamby@att.net)
Fellowship of the Least Coin:	To be Announced.
UNICEF:	Dianna Brigham (dwb221@yahoo.com)
Historian:	Claudia Chapman (claudiahgp57@gmail.com)
Parliamentarian:	Marilyn Moritz



### Related Organizations / contacts:

Mercy Manor	Barbara Hudson-Banner
CWU Representative to Mercy Manor	Barbara Hayden
Greater Dayton Christian Connections (GDCC):	Dr. Crystal Walker
CWU Representative to GDCC:	Ina Green
Church Women United in Ohio (CWUO)	President Bennie J. Williams-Roper
Church Women United Regional* Coordinator:	Norma Borgmann
Church Women United National President:	Mira J. Washington

\*NOTE: Our region is East Central Region; it covers Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio

**National CWU Website:** [www.churchwomenunited.net](http://www.churchwomenunited.net)

**CWU in Greater Dayton has a WEBSITE!** Find MANY resources at [www.cwudaytonoh.org](http://www.cwudaytonoh.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, History, Newsletters and Membership Info!
- Other events in the local area that are related to CWU — and MORE!
- Questions? Contact Webmaster Martha Shields ([martha.shields@earthlink.net](mailto:martha.shields@earthlink.net)).

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Questions? Contact Editor Martha Shields: [martha.shields@earthlink.net](mailto:martha.shields@earthlink.net).

The next CWU Newsletter will be mailed Wed., Oct. 13, 2021. Submission deadline: September 15, 2021.



## Valiant Woman Award 2021: Mattie Watkins

Mattie Watkins was born in Cleveland, Ohio. She attended Catholic School through the 10th grade and graduated from John Adams High School in Cleveland. After graduating from school, she visited her father in Dayton at the VA Center and he was also the Assistant Pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church. Mattie moved to Dayton in 1951 and married her best friend, Robert E. Watkins, Sr. in 1952. Mattie and her husband were married for 62 years until his demise in 2014. They had a very good life together with their two children, 5 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Mattie remained very connected to her mother who remained in Cleveland.



Mattie attended Sinclair Community College where she majored in Administrative Secretary course. She has worked at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, DESI, NCR, DPS, and at the VA Medical Center. Mattie decided to become a Licensed Practical Nurse and attended the Dayton School of Practical Nursing. Later she attended College in Richmond, Indiana and became a Registered Nurse. She worked at Good Samaritan Hospital, several Nursing Homes, and retired from Pediatric Service of America.

Mattie became a member of Church Women United while at the Upshaw A.M.E. Church but became a full member of St. James A.M.E. Church in 1992. At St James, she served as the President of the Missionary Society, member of the Stewardess Board, member of the Gospel Choir, the Lay Society, & the current Clerk of the Church. Mattie is Key Woman for her church which has a new name: St. James New Vision A.M.E. Church pastor, Rev. Dr. Veronica R. Watkins. Mattie has all kinds of hobbies including sewing, crocheting, and reading. With declining health, she continues to read and loves to be on the computer. The computer is one of her connections to the world. Mattie volunteered at several places and was a volunteer at Hospice of Dayton for 15 years. She looks forward to returning to water aerobics.

Mattie was honored in 2019 by the National Council of Negro Women. She is glad that Church Women United is active in so many different ministry areas. She gives credit to Mary Taylor, former CWU President and Mary Wynn former member of Wayman AME Church for getting her involved in Church Women United. She is grateful for being named a Valiant Woman.

## Valiant Woman Award 2021: Joy Scoates

Joy Lee Scoates was born and raised as an only child in Richmond, Kentucky. Her father was a minister of a Christian Church and her mother also played an active role. Joy learned by their example to help others. After graduating high school, Joy married and gave birth to two sons. Sadly one passed away at six months of age. After moving to Ohio, Joy and her husband lost their second son at the age of four years. Joy was later blessed with a daughter and another son.

Joy decided to go back to school. She attended Sinclair Community College and received an Associate Degree in Applied Science, majoring in Mental Health. It was her desire to help others while she was raising her own family and participating in their activities, such as being a Campfire Girls' Leader and lending a hand where needed as a soccer parent.



Joy and husband Wes volunteer in many ways at their church, United Christian Church in Clayton. They are Co-Chairs of making peanut brittle and for many years they oversaw transportation for those who needed it. Joy has served as Sunday School teacher, Deacon, Elder, Secretary of the Women's Group, and President of the Women's Group. For the last few years, she has contacted members of Church Women United when it was time to prepare the news letter for mailing. This includes the tasks of calling the women to help label, seal, and sort the newsletters. Joy and Wes then deliver them to Dayton's main post office to be mailed. Even though Joy has spent her entire life in the church, one way or the other, she tries to avoid the limelight! She feels humbled and grateful on receiving the Valiant Woman Award.

# Human Rights Award — 2021



The Wesley Community Center Baby Ready/Infant Mortality Program is a program for expecting mothers and families with children under one year of age. The Program offers case management and home visits to the families to help them overcome any barriers they may be facing by providing wrap-around services with community resources. The goal is for all mothers to have a safe and healthy birth and for each baby born to reach their first birthday. The program advocates for families to ensure that moms receive adequate healthcare during and after pregnancy and provide educational support, emotional support, and doula services. The Baby Ready/Infant Mortality Program works with other community agencies throughout Montgomery County Ohio where the Wesley Center is location in Dayton, Ohio. These agencies help to ensure that the

family's needs are met. All the staff of Baby Ready/Infant Mortality Program are trained and have their certification as Safe Sleep Ambassadors.

The Wesley Community Center established the Baby Ready/Infant Mortality Program to reach out to expecting parents to reduce the infant mortality rates among African American babies in the most underserved zip codes in Montgomery County Ohio.

Church Women United in Greater Dayton feels very strongly that the Wesley Community Center Baby Ready/Infant Mortality Program is performing a valuable service in the African American community in Dayton, Ohio. The infant mortality rate is one of the highest rates in the state and in the country.

The work that Wesley has been doing has already seen a decrease in the number of deaths of children before the age of 1. We believe this organization is very deserving of receiving the Human Rights Award for 2021.



**Mercy Manor**

## **The CWU August Board Meeting speaker will be from Mercy Manor! Please bring unopened toiletries to donate to Mercy Manor.**

The Board meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Tues., Aug. 24, 2021 *via* Zoom. This meeting is for all CWU officers and the Key Women from all churches. Please mail your church's membership forms/payment; the new fiscal year began on July 1, so collections are welcome now. The speaker is from Mercy Manor. **NOTE:** Please collect shampoo, lotion, hair products, body wash, deodorant, and other toiletries for Mercy Manor residents. If you need someone to deliver the items to Mercy Manor, please contact Cecelia Long.

(For your information, check the complete wish list: <https://mercymanor.wixsite.com/mercymanor/wish-list>.)

## **GREEK FESTIVAL**

**Don't forget to attend the γρεεκ Festival!** September 10-12, 2021  
<https://www.facebook.com/daytongreekfestival> Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 500 Belmonte Park North, Dayton. Details are not confirmed at publication of this newsletter. Please check their Facebook page for details.



## **CROP Hunger Walk**

Sunday, October 3, 2021 Dayton. Contact Ina Green: [inagreen1946@woh.rr.com](mailto:inagreen1946@woh.rr.com).

Dayton's CROP Hunger Walk is waiting for YOUR support! Help continue the fight against the challenges of disease, disaster, displacement and other concerns that leave people hungry. Join with us as we raise funds to help neighbors near and far get the meals they need for today and sustainable food security for tomorrow!  
Website information: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/event/daytonoh>.

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN GREATER DAYTON**

**Membership form for 2021—2022**

**Please turn this form in (with payment) to your church’s Key Woman**

**Questions? Contact President Cecelia Long at cealong48@gmail.com or 937-972-7045.**

**Please Print:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Church:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Denomination:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Key Woman:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check/complete ONE of these three payment OPTIONS:**

**BASIC DUES ONLY: \$5.00** \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: The BASIC dues option goes toward printing/mailing costs.)

**SUPPORTING DUES ONLY: \$20.00** \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: Supporting dues option includes \$5.00 Basic dues and \$15.00 donation to our local CWU’s ministry.)

**OTHER: \$5.00 + donation of** \_\_\_\_\_ **= total of** \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: Your donation beyond the \$5.00 goes to our local CWU’s ministry.)

**For CWU Officer Use Only:**

Certified by Treasurer:

\_\_\_\_\_

Certified by Membership Chair:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount submitted:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check No.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cash** \_\_\_\_\_ **Other** \_\_\_\_\_

**Were you ever a CWU member in the past?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Were you a CWU member last year?** \_\_\_\_\_

# ORGANIZATIONAL FEES AND DONATIONS (2021-2022)

NAME OF CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

KEY WOMAN \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH FEE\* \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ DONATION \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

\*Annual membership for churches and organizations 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 mail with form to: Judith A. Philpot

617 Osmond Ave.  
Dayton, OH 45417

**\*Key Women!! Please ask your church to partner with us by contributing a minimum of \$25.00.**

## MEMBERSHIPS (2021—2022):

Church/ Organizational Memberships, and Individual memberships for 2021-2022 are now being accepted by the Treasurer from our Key Women.

The forms may be found on these two pages (6 and 7) as well as on our website. Go to [www.cwudaytonoh.org](http://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. You have two choices:

print the form and fill it out by hand or type on the form and then print it out. Give the form and payment to your key woman and she will submit it to the Treasurer prior to the Board meetings. Please pay your dues prior to October 1, 2021.

**Questions?** Call Ina Green (937-344-6029)

**NOTE:** Church Women United supports numerous mission projects, such as Mercy Manor, Church World Service, Dayton International Peace Museum, UNICEF, YWCA, and numerous other missions.

Won't you please help by sending in your membership today?

NEW  
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Process!



# Membership

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**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN GREATER DAYTON — 2021-2022 EVENTS:**

August 10, 2021 (Tues.)	1:00 p.m.	<b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING</b> <i>via</i> Zoom
August 24, 2021 (Tues.)	1:00 p.m.	<b>BOARD MEETING</b> (including all Key Women/denominational secretaries) <i>via</i> Zoom <u>Collect and take toiletries to Mercy Manor!</u> (Contact Cecelia if you need help with delivery.)
Sept. 8, 2021 (Wed.)	1:30—4:00	<b>CWS Kits collected at Phillipsburg UMC</b> , 43 S. State St., Phillipsburg, OH
Sept. 11, 2021 (Sat.)	9:30—11:00	<b>CWS Kits collected at Normandy UMC</b> , 450 . Alex. Bell Td., Dayton, OH
Sept. 16, 2021 (Thurs.)	6:00—7:00	<b>CWS Kits collected at Casstown UMC</b> , 102 Center St., Casstown, OH
Sept. 28, 2021 (Tues.)	1:00 p.m.	<b>BOARD MEETING</b> <i>via</i> Zoom (including all Key Women/denom. secretaries)
Oct. 3, 2021 (Sun.)	1:00 p.m.	<b>CROP Walk</b> , Island MetroPark—Bandshell, 1010 E. Helena St., Dayton
Oct. 7—9 (Thurs.-Sat.)	Varies	<b>NATIONAL QUADRENNIAL ASSEMBLY</b> , <i>via</i> Zoom. Details to be announced.
Oct. 26, 2021 (Tues.)	1:00 p.m.	<b>BOARD MEETING</b> <i>via</i> Zoom (including all Key Women/denom. secretaries)
Nov. 6, 2021 (Sat.)	1:00 p.m.	<b>WORLD COMMUNITY DAY CELEBRATION</b> — Zoom event. All are invited! More information will be forthcoming.
Dec. 4, 2021 (Sat.)	1:00 p.m.	<b>CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION RECOGNIZING CHURCH STAFF</b> <i>via</i> Zoom.
Dec. 11, 2021 (Sat.)	2:00 p.m.	CWU's 80th Birthday! This will be a virtual celebration! More information to follow!
Jan. 25, 2021 (Tues.)	1:00 p.m.	<b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING</b> at Fairview UMC, 828 Fairview Ave, Dayton
Feb. 22, 2022 (Tues.)	1:00 p.m.	<b>BOARD MEETING</b> at Fairview UMC (including all Key Women/denom. secretaries)
Mar. 15, 2022 (Tues.)	9:30 a.m.	<b>EMMA MURRAY PRAYER BREAKFAST</b> —Hostess: Claudia Chapman (937-732-4939) Sulphur Grove UMC, 7505 Taylorsville Road, Huber Heights
Apr. Date TBA	Time TBA	<b>96th OCWU LEADERS COUNCIL and ANNUAL STATE ASSEMBLY</b>
Apr. 26, 2022 (Tues.)	1:00 p.m.	<b>BOARD MEETING</b> at Fairview UMC (including all Key Women/denom. secretaries)
May 7, 2022 (Sat.)	1:00 p.m.	<b>MAY FRIENDSHIP CELEBRATION</b> — Hostess: Gail Penney (937-836-0909) United Christian Church, 8611 Hoke Rd, Clayton
May 24, 2022 (Tues.)	1:00 p.m.	<b>BOARD MEETING</b> at Fairview UMC (including all Key Women/denom. secretaries)
June 6, 2022 (Mon.)	1:00 p.m.	<b>HUMAN RIGHTS CELEBRATION / ANNUAL MEETING</b> — Hostess: Judy Wilson (937-760-8425) St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, 5301 Free Pike, Trotwood
June (Date TBA) 2022	Time TBA	<b>2022 Regional Quadrennial Assembly</b> at location to be announced.
June 28, 2022 (Tues.)	1:00 p.m.	<b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING</b> at Fairview UMC, 828 Fairview Ave, Dayton