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Church Women United in Greater Dayton – October 2022

Carol McDougale, Editor

Fall Opportunities for You!



"It's Up to You in 2022 – A Call to Pray"
November 5, 2022 – World Community Day at 1:30 p.m.

Celebration Theme Scripture – *Rise up: This matter is in your hands. We will support you so take courage and do it" Ezra 10:4 (NIV)*

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY began in 1943 from discussions at a meeting of denominational presidents and executive secretaries asking that a day be set aside in the fall for the study of peace by church women. This meeting would be one of unity strengthened by a united study.



This year we meet at Fairview United Methodist Church, 828 W. Fairview Ave., Dayton. Fairview is near Salem Avenue and off Fairview Ave. west of N. Main St. Martha Mundell, our Ecumenical Celebrations Chair will be leading the meeting. We will be hosted by the women from Fairview UMC with Key Woman, Cecelia Long assisting with the program.

The Rev. E. Neil Gaiser is the pastor of Fairview UMC.

Christmas celebration



Christmas Celebration Recognizing Priests, Pastors, & Spouses
December 10 at 2:00 p.m. at Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church



This event is one of joy and fellowship as we gather to celebrate Christ's birth and recognize our church leaders. Please invite your priest, pastor and his/her spouse to attend with you. Margaret Hunt is coordinating the celebration with help of Key Women: Sue Weber and Eleanor Jerman. Rev. Amy Ouiker is pastor. The church is located at 4417 Bigger Rd. in Kettering. It is reached by going south (or north) on Wilmington Pike to Bigger. We will be singing carols, hearing scripture, and a special program. This is a special event you will not want to miss!

A message from the National President



Church Women United, Inc

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August 11, 2022

Greetings,

In times like these we sometime struggle with our faith. Let us be quick to call upon the Almighty God in prayer to comfort, guide and protect our heart from the uncertainty, fear and darkness that sometimes disrupts our lives. The scripture reminds us "that we should **not** fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand" Isaiah 41:10.

Each day that we rise like the sun let us pray for the families that mourn, those who are desperately trying to cope with the horrors they have witnessed, and all of us who work diligently to restore wholeness to lives that are forever shattered by gun violence. And we pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire us to act in boldness to help rebuild our broken communities across the nation.

Beyond the call of prayer, many of you are asking how we can stop the endless parade of massacres. We are growing numb to a public crisis of violence even as the numbers of the victims continue to increase by the day, minute, and hour, it is too astronomical to comprehend. We continuously argue over the cause; we cry, express anger and protest and still do not find a resolution, then we do nothing. And by doing nothing, we become complicit when violence erupts yet again in our communities.

It is time we put our words into action and turn our tears into triumph. The Lord told us that there would be trouble in the world. "But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Corinthians 15:57.

Let us move beyond our pain and numbness and turn our frustration to a righteous cause. Now is the time to have difficult and honest conversation – even spirited debates that are grounded in love, kindness, and peace. We can model civility, honor, and respect even in the emotionally charged conversations related to gun laws. God called us to seek and share His love and welcome others as he does for each of us. We are all God's beloved children, and must learn to live in peace, harmony, and respect each other again. Yes! I stated **again**. America has truly gone mad. We do not respect

humanity like God calls us to do so. We are all God's beloved children, and we must learn to live together, honoring and respecting one another as human beings.

We must take back our children, neighborhoods, street corners and fight for CHANGE. This is the time to hold our political leaders accountable – indeed, for all of us – to stand together, united, to denounce the heinous acts of violence destroying the world. It is also time for us to take a position against the perpetrators who do not value their life or others. How do begin to advocate for stricter gun laws? How do we address the mental health crisis? We are morally responsibility to protect the broken, oppressed, and downtrodden.

As a faith-based organization we focus on welcoming everyone to sit at the table, conversations about the rights, responsibilities, and the consequences of guns on our streets. Most recently gun violence shook several communities the Tops Supermarket, Buffalo, New York and Robb Elementary School, Uvalde, Texas, and Independence Day Parade, Highland Park, Illinois to name a few. We know these are difficult conversations to have but we cannot be afraid to have them. If these conversations are to make any difference at all, they must lead to action. We have already waited too long to begin this work. The lives of innocent children, women and men have already been lost, and countless more lives are at stake.

As Christians we are called to embody love, compassion, and mercy amid these unprecedented times of gun violence. Let us saturate ourselves in prayer and a spirit of hospitality to spiritually cover and physically protect the wounded, brokenhearted and depressed.

Let us denounce all forms of violence, racism, and hate crimes to seek a model of love, peace, and respect that protects all creation. May we open our heart and mind to the movement of the Holy Spirit among us, showing us the path to end gun violence and address the root causes of all violence, bringing spiritual wholeness and peace to which we are called in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Matthew 5:9.

Here is how you can help.

Please call or start a letter campaign to your senators and representatives, and partner with local organizations in your area working on gun reform. Lastly, make sure you **VOTE**. Every vote counts. It is time to make some good trouble.

With hope,

Mira J. Washington

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National President



QUESTIONS

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Agreed to differ.....

Resolved to love.....

United to Serve

In autumn we enjoy the changes of the season and weather. Before we get busy with December activities and shopping we should take time for counting our blessings and practice an attitude of gratitude!

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed, when you are discouraged thinking all is lost, Count your many blessings name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done.

Count your blessings – name them one by one; Count your many blessings – see what God has done!

I count Dayton Church Women United as one of my blessings! Why? In our motto I see many opportunities which are blessings to me.

1 – **Agreed to differ...** “Then everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord shall be saved” - Acts 2:21. We are a diverse group of believers by age, race, interests, denominations yet it is a blessing to come together in that diversity to do meaningful work for Christ. I am touched each time we close our board meetings gathered in a circle holding hands singing or praying. I love to look at the faces gathered and realize what friends and sisters in Christ I am blessed to know.

2 – **Resolved to love...** “Let us love, not in word or speech but in truth and action” - I John 3:18. It is a blessing that we can show compassion to those in need. Our sisters complete hygiene and school kits for Church World Service, walk in CROP Walk (where one-fourth proceeds stay in Dayton for the Foodbank), support Mercy Manor, and endless projects in our home churches. All we do is out of our love for Christ as we show concern for others.

3 – **United to Serve...**”serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received” - I Peter 4:10. As we serve our community we are able to do much more in unity than on our own. We are able to support more ministry together than if we acted as individual church groups. We monthly hear about needs and challenges in our community. At our September 27, 2022, meeting we will hear about ReBuilding Dayton. On October 25, we will hear from Executive Director of Dayton Peace Museum.

As CWU we are blessed so we can be a blessing! Count your blessings and reflect an attitude of gratitude each day.

Peace and joy, Jerri Wood



Ministry Opportunities

Thanks to our new Ecumenical Action Coordinator, Linda Ginter-Brown, we will hear from two ministries that you may wish to support.



SEPTEMBER 27 BOARD MEETING Our guest speaker will be Amy Radachi, President/CEO of Rebuilding Together Dayton. Their mission is "Together we transform lives of low income homeowners by improving safety and health of their

homes and revitalizing their communities." The group began in 1996 as Preservation Dayton, Inc. by working on eight houses and having 105 volunteers. Since then 1,500 homeowners in 63 neighborhoods and 10 cities in Montgomery County have benefited. In 2019 their focus was Disaster Recovery. In 2022 they worked in Madden Hills, Miami Chapel, and Edgemont neighborhoods. Come hear about what they do and how your church can be involved.

OCTOBER 25 BOARD MEETING The International Peace Museum Executive Director Kevin Kelly will be at our meeting to share with you what they have been accomplishing. They recently moved into a new location on Courthouse Plaza at 10 N. Ludlow. The Dayton Peace Museum was founded in 2004 and its objective is to raise awareness of nonviolent strategies for achieving peace now and in the future.



UNICEF

Report by Dianna Brigham UNICEF Chairperson

UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) works in more than 190 countries and territories to reach the most disadvantaged children and adolescents – and to protect the rights of every child everywhere. UNICEF does whatever it takes to help children survive, thrive and fulfill their potential. The world's largest provider of vaccines, they support child health and nutrition and treatment for mothers and babies, and the protection of children and adolescents from violence and exploitation UNICEF is there bringing lifesaving help and hope to children and families. They are non-political and impartial, never neutral when it comes to defending children's rights, safeguarding their live and futures.

UNICEF works with the United Nations and its agencies to make sure that children are on the global agenda. It strikes a balance between thorough research and practical solutions. This includes climate change, gender equality, ending poverty. They work to secure a world where everyone can thrive in peace, dignity and equality on a healthy planet.



UKRAINE UPDATE UNICEF is in Ukraine providing essential services including health, education, protection, water and sanitation – as well as life-saving supplies. Since July, it has been reported that 260 Ukraine children have been killed as the war between Russia and Ukraine continues on. UNICEF is diligently working around the clock to scale up life-saving programs

for Ukraine's children by providing: (UNICEF Report continued on page 7 or read the complete report on our CWU Website.)

MERCY MANOR, INC.

Mercy Manor and the ladies of Mercy Manor are doing well. Currently we have eight women in the house. Since the last annual report, we have serviced 21 women with an overall success rate of 70%. The areas we ranked based on our findings were, being abstinence from illegal drugs or alcohol, a reduction in criminal justice involvement, social connectedness, increase in employment/education, stability in housing, and reduction in negative health/behavioral/ social consequences.

Our After-care program has been a success as we continue to support our residents who have transitioned on to their own place, but still need that sober support and fellowship with Mercy Manor, staff, and residents. This year we received a grant from the Dayton Catholic Women's Club (DCWC) for gardening tools and arts and crafts materials. The women will be partaking in a community garden with Edgemont Community Gardening on Miami Chapel Road. Both items will assist with dealing with the anxieties the ladies go through daily.

We have also been blessed with getting a grant from the Physician's Charitable Foundation and The Dayton Foundation Basic Human Needs grant to fix our front sidewalk, our back porch, and the surrounding concrete area's; and carpeting for our first-floor level, which all were so desperately needed. The front walkway, back porch, back park lot area and carpeting project are completed.

Mercy Manor's 1st Annual Charity Golf Tournament was held on Friday, July 29, 2022, at the Meadowbrook Golf Club, 6001 Salem Avenue, Clayton, OH 45315, at 9:00 A.M. A luncheon with a Golf Awards Ceremony and Raffle, took place immediately following the golf tournament. It was an enjoyable and successful event.

As we continue to seek new grants and other means of support, we are asking the churches/members of Church Women United (CWU), other congregations and organizations, if they would please consider making an annual financial contribution to help retain this worthy ministry for women.

Mercy Manor Wish List: 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. **Due to the coronavirus, we are continuing to eliminate accepting used items as donations** as we are aligning our processes with how our partners are managing donations during this time. We need paper goods (toilet tissue, paper towels, facial tissues, trash bags – tall kitchen and large); cleaning products (laundry detergent, body soap, Pine Sol, bleach, Windex, Lysol cleaner and spray); gift cards to Kroger and Walmart (\$10, \$20, and \$25); and hair products (hair spray, conditioner, hair gel, hair oil). The RTA has changed their process for bus passes to a "Tapp Pay". With Tapp Pay, you only pay for a trip taken – Tapp Pay is \$30 a month, and require you register on-line. With the new Tapp Pay process in place we would ask for donation for Tapp Pay Card.

We like to remind everyone that we can now except financial donations using an electronic giving application, which is located on our website. Our website address is www.mercymanordayton.com and our secure donation application link is [MERCY MANOR Payment \(swipesimple.com\)](https://www.mercymanor.com/mercymanor-payment).

PLEASE SAVE THE DATES:

Saturday, March 18, 2023, 12:00pm For Our Annual Founder's Day Luncheon And Fundraiser
Friday, July 28, 2023, For Our 2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament
(Submitted by Barbara Hudson-Banner, Chief Executive Officer)

Regards,

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*"Judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy.
But Mercy Triumphs over Judgment." James 2:13*

HOUSE OF MERCY

I live in a beautiful house.
The colors are warm and strong.
The chill of cold is not allowed in,
I'm safe and well and loved.

I live in a friendly place.
I have friends who listen and care.
I'm allowed to talk and sing and be,
I can lift my heart in prayer.

I live in a working world
Where labor is honest and true,
An honest day's work for an honest day's pay
Brings sweetest returns to you.

I live in a magical state
Where touch and hugs abound,
Where smiling faces shine and glow
And peace and joy are found.

I thank you, God, for my beautiful home,
For placing me, carefully, here:
I thank you for this beautiful world,
For beautiful things to share.

I thank you for people who gather round
I run this challenging race.
Accept my thanks and praise, Dear Lord,
For this beautiful, wonderful place.

By Janet B. Mayo, Church Women United Volunteer
November 1993



UNICEF Report continued.

- Health and medical supplies for 3.9 million children and families
- Reached 420,000 individuals with multi-purpose cash assistance
- Helped more than 3.4 million people access safe water
- Helped more than 270,000 children through the provision of learning supplies
- Reached 1.4 million children and caregivers with mental health and psychological support
- Working with local governments in countries accepting Ukrainian refugees.
- Working with UNHCR (United Nations High Commission for Refugees) and partners to activate Blue Dot Hubs – one stop safe spaces for children and women

It takes a village to support people in crisis, and UNICEF has always “hit the ground running with work boots on.” Each country has its unique problems, whether in hills of Appalachia, the deserts of Sudan, the cities of Ethiopia, or the rural provinces of Cambodia – UNICEF is there still trying to reach as many as they can with humanitarian support.



UNICEF BOXES UNICEF

Donations are still needed. Dianna Brigham still has boxes for any church that would like to collect. Please contact Dianna Brigham, Key Woman, Bethel Missionary Baptist Church dwb221@yahoo.com or call Dianna at 937-238-3721 You can read the UNICEF Report on our CWU website at: <https://www.cwudaytonoh.org/other-projects.html> click on the red "HERE" on that page. Or go directly to the report by clicking on this web address https://www.cwudaytonoh.org/uploads/9/4/7/6/94760430/2022.08.23_unicef_report_to_cwu_board.pdf



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CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN GREATER DAYTON --- UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Tuesday, September 27 | Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m. Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church,
960 W. Dorothy Lane, Kettering |
| Sunday, October 9 | CROP WALK, 1:00 p.m. registration Shiloh Church, 5300 Philadelphia Dr. |
| Thur., Oct. 20-Sat. Oct. 22 | CWU'S East Central Regional Event – Indianapolis |
| Tuesday, October 25 | Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m. Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church,
900 W. Dorothy Lane |
| Saturday, November 5 | World Community Day, 1:30 p.m. Fairview UMC |
| Saturday, December 10 | Christmas Celebration for Priests, Pastors & Spouses,
2:00 p.m. Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church 4417 Bigger Rd., Kettering |
| Tuesday, February 28 | Board Meeting 1:00 p.m. Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church,
960 W. Dorothy Lane, Kettering |
| Tuesday, March 14 | Emma Murray Prayer Breakfast, 9:30 a.m. Sulphur Grove UMC,
7505 Taylorsville Rd., Reservations needed by March 7, cost - \$10.00 |