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Website: www.cwudaytonoh.org

Church Women United in Greater Dayton — February 2023

IMPORTANT: CWU Board Meeting **Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.** **Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church**

Please join us for our February Board meeting. Linda Ginter-Brown has arranged for a ministry speaker. Ms. Trudy Elder from Homefull will be our speaker on the 28th. She will be sharing about the ministry of Homefull in the Dayton area. You are asked to bring paper supplies or cleaning supplies for Homefull.

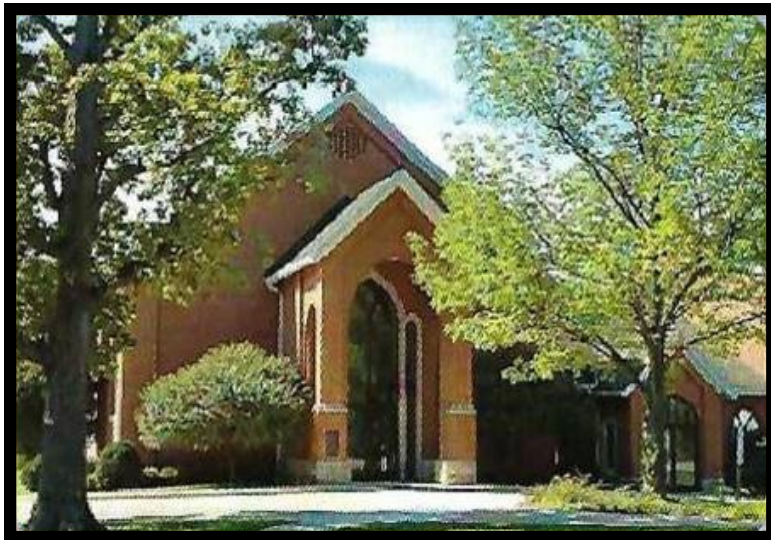
Remember that ALL board meetings are OPEN to ALL CWU members! We welcome your attendance! Please also save the dates for the remaining 2022-2023 CWU meetings: April 25 and May 23.



Mrs. Trudy Elder, Chief Strategic Officer, Homefull



Emma Murray Prayer Breakfast **Tuesday, March 14, 2023 - 9:30 a.m.**



Location:

Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church,
7505 Taylorsville Rd. in Huber Heights

Reservations needed:

Contact your Key Woman **prior to March 7.**

- **Cost is \$10.00**
- Payment may be paid at the breakfast on March 14.
Please provide cash or checks made out to "CWU in Greater Dayton.")

NOTE to Key Women: Please Contact our Enabling Services Chairperson, Ermaline Davis (937-263-7503) or erma1936@att.net by **March 7** with final numbers and any special food requests

Some program highlights:

Our CWU Vice President Margaret Hunt is arranging the program. The Theme is "It's Praying Time."



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RESOLUTIONS FOR 2023

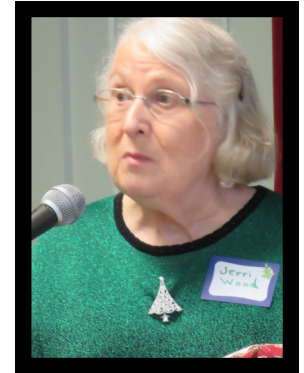
Are you one to begin each year by making new year resolutions? Things you want to achieve, but by February have been forgotten? I have a suggestion for lasting change: Choose a scripture verse to guide you this year. For example, to curb your eating, rely on John 6:51 "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever." Or, if you have trouble with money, "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil."

I have chosen as my 2023 guiding verse, Hebrews 10:24. "Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds." There are many ways I can reach out if I consider (or ponder) being loving. As in I John 3:18, "Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action." Or, James 1:19, "Be quick to listen and slow to anger."

I have asked some of my Church Women United friends to share their guiding verses:

- Cecelia Long: I Corinthians 14:33
"For God is a God not of disorder but of peace."
- Judy Philpot and Bennie Williams (Ohio CWU Pres.): Proverbs 3:5-6
"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."
- Mira Washington (National CWU President): Colossians 3:23-24
"Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord....you serve the Lord Christ."
- Martha Shields: John 3:16
"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life."
- Margaret Hunt: Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

My prayer for you in 2023 is to keep your focus on Christ and let Him guide you in all you do.



CWU in Greater Dayton,
President Jerri Wood

MEMBERSHIPS (2022 - 2023):



Church/ Organizational Memberships, and Individual memberships for 2022-2023 are still being 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." Please print the form and fill it out. Include your payment 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? Email Martha Shields at martha.shields@earthlnk.net. Martha is chairperson of Membership.

NOTE: Memberships in CWU in Greater Dayton support Mercy Manor, Greater Dayton Christian Connections, Membership in State and National and other mission projects in the greater Dayton area.

Special offerings support UNICEF, Fellowship of the Least Coin, and Church World Service.

PLEASE send in YOUR membership today to help support these organizations.

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 and the membership list. All forms are located on our website: <https://www.cwudaytonoh.org/resources.html>.

CECELIA LONG'S REFLECTIONS....

EAST CENTRAL REGION 2022 CONFERENCE OF CWU



CWU officer in Greater Dayton,
Cecelia Long (Chair of Nominations and Finance)

Church Women United Inc. East Central Region 2022 Conference was held on October 20-22, 2022 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The theme was "It is Up to Us to Serve, Pray, and Act." CWU Indiana State Unit hosted the event with true hospitality and efficiency. Barbara McCoy, Registrar and President of CWU Indiana State reported that 119 women from Church Women United organizations in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, and Kentucky registered. The energy level was high from the moment the women arrived at the Drury Plaza Hotel in Carmel, Indiana until the moment the women departed!!



Norma Borgmann (right), East Central Regional Coordinator, and her team were the only CWU Regional Team that planned an in-person Regional Conference for 2022! Conference highlights include:

- Inspirational Bible Study (Many thanks to Margaret Hunt, VP CWU in Greater Dayton for serving as a Bible Study leader);
- Informative presentation about characteristics of young women and how to attract them to CWU;
- Hands-on Mission Project with Church World Service, in which a large group of women packed 430 Menstrual Hygiene Kits to be distributed in parts of the world where girls live in poverty and do not have access to feminine care supplies;
- Workshop on Health and Wellness that had the participants write an "I AM" Poem which produced some wonderful poems in only 30 minutes;
- Singing by CWU choir throughout the weekend;
- Opportunity for each state to meet in separate groups to share news and plans for state CWU;
- Hearing from the National CWU President Mira J. Washington; and
- Spirit-filled atmosphere and connecting with wonderful CWU regional members.

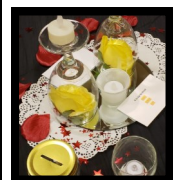
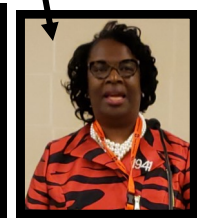
Ohio had eleven persons in attendance, and five of those were from the Dayton area. It is my prayer that more members of CWU in Greater Dayton will be able to attend in future years. The experience was uplifting and helped to connect me with the wonderful outreach that is being done by CWU in our region. Let us remember that "We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10 NIV

Ohio attendees

CWU Ohio President:
Bennie J. Williams-Roper (l.) and
Communications: Jody Stevens (r.)

CWU National President, Mira Washington

Our five Dayton attendees: Front:
Margaret Hunt, Pam Davis; Back:
Cecelia Long, Pam Walker, Jerri Wood



Church Women United in Ohio



Bennie J. Williams-Roper, President



"AGREED TO DIFFER – RESOLVED TO LOVE – UNITED TO SERVE "

In-Person Leaders Council & 97th Annual State Assembly

**ALL WOMEN ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.
Members and Non-members - Young, Old and In-between!**

Friday – Saturday

April 21 – 22, 2023



Exciting Workshops / Leadership Training

Christian Fellowship / Mission Outreach

SAVE THE DATES


Stay Tuned for More Information !!!!!

Assembly Chairperson: Jody Stevens - Vice President, CWUO

CWU: World Community Day Celebration

Saturday, November 5, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.
Fairview United Methodist Church

Speaker: Lisa Minor (daughter of Martha Mundell)
Chief Academic Officer and Principal,
Dayton Business Technology High School



CWU Christmas Tea

Sugar Creek
Presbyterian Church
Saturday, December 10, 2022



Mercy Manor Founders' Day Banquet/Fundraiser: Saturday, March 18 at noon, Presidential Banquet Center



To learn more about Mercy Manor, please visit the website:

<https://mercymanor.wixsite.com/mercymanor>

Mercy Manor will be holding its annual banquet at 12:00 noon on Saturday, March 18 at The Presidential Banquet Center, 4572 Presidential Way, Kettering.

The Theme is “2023: The Year of Revival and Renewal — Living a Brighter Future.”

The guest speaker will be Helen Jones-Kelley, Executive Director, Montgomery County ADAMHS Board, and the Master of Ceremonies will be Brandon McClain, Montgomery County Recorder.

The cost is \$65.00 or \$520 for a table of eight. Reservations are due by Friday, March 3, 2023. We will have reservation forms at our February 28 Board Meeting, or you may obtain the form at the link below.

<https://www.cwudaytonoh.org/resources.html>

(Four files are there: Information Letter, Reservation Form, Program Ad Form, and Support Level Form.)

Did you know? Church Women United is very active at the state and national level?



We have two very devoted women as presidents at the state and national levels of Church Women United!

Far Left: Mira Washington

Near Left: Bennie J. Williams-Roper

Mira Washington, CWU's national president, frequently sends out newsletters which are forwarded to the state presidents. Our Ohio president is Bennie J. Williams-Roper; Bennie sends those national newsletters on to

Ohio's local presidents—and many other key people in CWU in Ohio. Some of the on-going programs at the national level include:

- Tuesday Trending
- Win Wednesdays (12:00 noon—1:00 p.m.)
- Super Saturdays

National is also busy setting up supportive training programs so that we can find the tools to make our jobs easier! These are all programs that are accessible by all of us through the national website.

Would you like to know more about what Church Women United does?

- Visit the CWU National website: <http://www.churchwomenunited.net>
- Visit the CWU National Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/churchwomenunited>

Fellowship of the Least Coin

One of our CWU projects each year is to collect coins for The Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC) Offering. FLC is a worldwide ecumenical movement of prayer and reconciliation. We collect our donations at the May Friendship Day Celebration, which for this year is on Saturday, May 20 at 1:00 p.m. at Corinthian Baptist Church, 700 South James H. McGee Blvd. in Dayton.

As Christian women around the world meet and pray with each other, they are reminded to live a forgiving life with others. “Least coins” are given with each prayer. The movement is focused on prayer and reconciliation rather than money. Anyone who wishes to do so, makes a commitment to spend time in prayer whenever she has a strained relationship with another person, and to uphold in prayer others who are victims of jealousy, hatred, violence and injustice.

Women world-wide set aside one “least coin” of her currency as a tangible token toward her prayer being answered. These coins are sent regularly to her country’s FLC collection point, where the collection is forwarded to the FLC Fund. The amount collected by each country is never publicized; only the total sum collected each year is announced. You can find on line what projects are globally funded. <https://www.fellowshipoftheleastcoin.org/>



The idea for the Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC) logo came from the late Rayann Ma from Hong Kong, the first Chairperson of the first assembly of the Asian Church Women’s Conference (ACWC). The actual design was gifted by her brother-in-law, James Ma, who was a commercial artist.

The logo includes 6 folded hands in prayer that encircle a small plum flower. The hands are different colours to represent people of all backgrounds. Together, these praying hands form the image of a lotus flower.

The lotus plant grows in muddy ponds but its flower rises above the murky water and opens beautifully, without blemish. In the same spirit, although women and girls all over the world face oppression and injustices of many kinds, with prayer and support they, too, can rise above these circumstances with dignity and grace.

PLEASE make note of the upcoming events for the last half of our 2022– 2023 program year; those dates are listed on the last page!
Please join us as you are able!



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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2022 - 2023 Future Events (and more):

What's NEXT?



- Feb. 28, 2023 (Tues.) 1:00 p.m. **BOARD MEETING** at Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church
- Mar. 7, 2023 N/A Deadline for **reservations** for Emma Murray Prayer Breakfast (via Key Woman)
- Mar. 14, 2023 (Tues.) 1:00 p.m. **EMMA MURRAY PRAYER BREAKFAST:** Sulphur Grove UMC,
7505 Taylorsville Rd. Reservations *via* Key Women by deadline of **March 7.**
- Mar. 3, 2023 (Fri.) N/A Deadline for **reservations** for Mercy Manor Founder’s Day Banquet
- Mar. 18, 2023 (Sat.) 12:00 noon **MERCY MANOR—Founder’s Day Banquet**
- Apr. 21-22 (Fri.-Sat.) Time TBA **In-Person LEADERS COUNCIL and Annual STATE ASSEMBLY**
- Apr. 25, 2023 (Tues.) 1:00 p.m. **BOARD MEETING** at Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church
- May 20, 2023 (Sat.) 1:00 p.m. **MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY** at Corinthian Baptist Church,
700 S. James H. McGee Blvd.
- May 23, 2023 (Tues.) 1:00 p.m. **BOARD MEETING** at Dorothy Lane Baptist Church
- June 10, 2023 (Sat.) 1:00 p.m. **HUMAN RIGHTS CELEBRATION / ANNUAL MEETING**
Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church
- June 29, 2023 (Thurs.) 1:00 p.m. **EXECUTIVE COMM. MEETING** at Dorothy Lane American Baptist
- July 28, 2023 (Fri.) TBA **MERCY MANOR GOLF TOURNAMENT**
- June 17-18, 19-23, 2024 TBA **2024 QUADRENNIAL ASSEMBLY**, Doubletree/Hilton Chicago, Oak Brook, IL

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