



Together

Website: www.cwudaytonoh.org

Church Women United in Greater Dayton — August 2023

WE WANT YOU!

Join us for our first meeting of the Year! ALL are welcome!



Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.
Location: Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church,
960 W. Dorothy Lane, Dayton, Ohio 45409

Key Women:
Bring memberships
(forms and payment).
Pick up Annual Reports/
Mini-Directories
Pick up Individual and organizational
membership forms.



Speaker: Barbara Hudson-Banner, CEO of Mercy Manor
See page 5 for more details....

OPTIONAL, but REQUESTED:
Please help support Mercy Manor by
bringing along toiletries and/or other
items on the Mercy Manor Wish List:

<https://mercymanor.wixsite.com/mercymanor/wish-list-1>

MEMBERSHIPS (2023—2024):

Church/ Organizational Memberships, and Individual memberships
for 2023-2024 will be accepted from Key Women at Board meetings
in August, September, and October.



The individual membership form may be found on page 7 as well as
on our website. Go to 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.

Either way, please give your money and your completed form to your key
woman to take with her to the board meetings (August 22, September 26, or
October 24).

Questions? Call Donna Middlebrook (937-367-6654)

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?

Membership

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

One of my favorite songs is
“*Here I Am to Worship*” with the line,
“*Light of the world,*
you stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see.”

Isn't that our wish? Let us see!
We want to see where God wants us to be,
to serve, to be Christ's ambassadors.

What does it mean to be an ambassador for Christ?
In 2 Corinthians 5:20, we read, “*We are ambassa-
dors for Christ since God is making his appeal
through us*”. Ambassadors are to be reliable, have
positive attitudes, skilled in conversation. Can we
do that for Church Women United? Can we talk to
others about our organization, tell what we do and
share why others should join us in our journey?
1 Thessalonians 2:4 urges us to be enthusiastic
about the gospel.



Are you enthusiastic about Church Women United?

We are a movement agreed to differ, resolved to love and united to serve. We are to be ambassadors that share that motto with other women from all over the Dayton Metro area. Let us each reach out to women we know, help them to see the light of Christ through our work. Working together, we celebrate churches as friends, celebrate human rights and finally celebrate our world as a community. Invite others to join you in our celebrations. At each of our meetings we highlight one ministry in our community that is serving Christ. We have heard from Chaplain Templeton at Montgomery Co Jail, Peace Museum, Habitat for Humanity, Rebuilding Dayton Together, and Mercy Manor to name only a few. We bring items that will help groups achieve their needs such as collecting glasses for Lions groups and for the County jail, bringing canned goods for the Food Bank, paper products for Mercy Manor and Homefull.

Please be an ambassador and join us in our efforts. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 urges us to seek to do good, rejoice, and give thanks. I challenge you to see opportunities by being an ambassador for Church Women United.

2023-2024

WHAT IS NEW? Each month (except July) we have a board planning meeting (at 960 West Dorothy Lane at Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church) or a celebration. The new part is our board meetings will also be on Zoom...contact Cecelia Long so you get the code to log on. We plan to accommodate mothers by providing child care for our celebrations (contact the host Key woman for the event listed in our Dayton CWU Mini-Directory).

WHAT IS THE SAME? Our web site (cwudaytonoh.org) continues to be a fantastic resource with information and forms. Dues continue to be \$5 basic, \$20 supporting and \$25 for organization/church. Remember this is our only source of income. Membership forms are online at our website: cwudaytonoh.org. We strive to work on national priorities in areas of Health & Wellness, Climate Stewardship, Social Justice, and Hunger and Poverty.

Jerri Wood, President, Dayton CWU
jswood3gk@gmail.com

HIGHLIGHTS from MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY

On May 20, 2023 we celebrated May Friendship Day at Corinthian Baptist Church. Over 60 people attended this beautiful celebration.

The theme for this year was “Labor with Love -A Heart to Care” Matthew 25:37- 40. Our guest speaker was Helen Jones-Kelly, President of ADAMHS Board. We recognized two special women as our Valiant Women of the Year: Eleanor Jerman and Phyllis Caldwell.

Many thanks to the ladies at Corinthian Baptist Church for the lovely hosting job!



HIGHLIGHTS from HUMAN RIGHTS CELEBRATION

Our Human Rights Celebration took place on Saturday, June 10 at Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church. At this celebration, we awarded the Human Rights Award. This year’s recipient was Habitat for Humanity. We heard from Kermit Rowe about the many projects that are underway at Habitat for Humanity. Many thanks to the ladies at Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church for hosting our special day.

NOTE: Our Human Rights Celebration in 2024 will be moved from June 2024 to a date in fall 2024.



For more information about Habitat for Humanity, please visit their website:

<https://daytonhabitat.org/>

Did you know that they have a store where you can donate or buy gently used items?

115 W. Riverview Ave., Dayton, 45405

Hours: Tuesday thru Saturday, 9:00 a.m.– noon and 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Closed for lunch.)



“Everyone has a right to peaceful coexistence, the basic personal freedoms, the alleviation of suffering, and the opportunity to lead a productive life.” — Jimmy Carter

Church Women United in Greater Dayton

Your CWU in Greater Dayton Officers / Chairpersons for 2023 – 2024:

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

National CWU Website:

www.churchwomenunited.net



CWU in Greater Dayton has a WEBSITE!

Find MANY resources at www.cwudaytonoh.org: Photo collages from our meetings; membership forms, CWS forms, programs and meeting information, officers, purpose, logo, bylaws, more!

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

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Questions? Contact Editor Donna Middlebrook: middlebrookdonna@gmail.com.

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

SNAPSHOTS OF OUR UPCOMING SPEAKERS

Our speaker for August will be Barbara Hudson-Banner, Chief Executive Officer of Mercy Manor. She will update us on the past year's progress and tell us a bit about the current ladies in the program. Please remember to bring paper products, cleaning supplies, or, if you wish, gift cards to Kroger or Walmart.



Our speaker for the September meeting will be Dr. Tom Lasley, CEO Emeritus of Learn to Earn Dayton and former Dean of the College of Education and Science at the University of Dayton.

Learn to Earn Dayton's mission is to "collaborate with cross-sector leaders to ensure all learners in the Dayton region have the resources and opportunities to earn a family sustaining income." They want to see "all learners and their families in our region thrive-regardless of race, gender, or zip code."

Come and hear these interesting speakers and support your local chapter of Church Women United. (These speakers are arranged by Ecumenical Action Chair, Linda Ginter-Brown.) See you soon!

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE KITS: 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! Remember to pay \$2.00 / kit online to help cover CWS's shipping / handling fees. Questions? Please contact Deb Dunlop.



Collection sites for this year include:

- **Wednesday, September 20, 2023 9:00—3:00 p.m. and Thursday, September 21, 2023 9:00—3:00 p.m.**
at Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church, 960 W. Dorothy Lane, Dayton, Ohio 45409
Contact: Jerri Wood, jswood3gk@gmail.com 937-279-4550
- **Friday, September 29, 2023 from 9:00—11:00 a.m.**
at Normandy United Methodist Church, 450 W. Alex Bell Rd., Dayton, OH 45459
Contact: Tara Keller contact@normandyumc.org 937-433-1636
- **Year-round Mondays through Fridays**
Jackson Area Ministries (JAM), 119 McKitterick Ave, Jackson, Ohio 45640
Phone: 740-286-1320 Mon– Fri. Please call ahead for an appointment to drop-off the kits.

The forms that you need to affix to the box and the forms that you need to mail locally and with the shipping payment are on our website. Go to <https://www.cwudaytonoh.org/resources.html> and scroll down to Church World Service Kits.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN GREATER DAYTON

Membership form for July 2023 — June 2024

(Please return this form with payment to your church's Key Woman.)

**Questions? Contact Communications / Membership Chair Donna Middlebrook
937-367-6654 or middlebrookdonna@gmail.com**

NOTE: Make checks payable to "Church Women United in Greater Dayton"

Please Print:

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Contact phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Church or Organization: _____

Denomination: _____ **Key Woman:** _____

Please complete one of these following payment options:

BASIC DUES: \$5.00 _____
(Newsletter printing/ mailing costs)

SUPPORTING DUES: \$20.00 _____
(\$5.00 Basic dues and \$15.00 donation to CWU's ministry)

OTHER: \$5.00 + donation = \$ _____
(\$5.00 Basic dues and donation to CWU's ministry)

For CWU / Officer Use Only:

Certified by Treasurer:

Date: _____

Total amount submitted: _____ **Check #** _____ **Cash** _____ **Other** _____

Were you a CWU member last year? Yes _____ **No** _____ **Not sure** _____
In years past? Yes _____ **No** _____ **Not sure** _____

KEY WOMEN: Please mail the membership form and payment to:

Judith S. Philpot, Treasurer CWU,
310 Burgess Ave., Dayton, OH 45415

Please include the church and individual membership forms as well as the membership list.
All forms are located on our website: <https://www.cwudaytonoh.org/resources.html>.

REMEMBER: Memberships in Church Women United in Greater Dayton are only \$5 which includes subscription to the Newsletter. If anyone wishes to make additional contributions to the projects supported by CWU in Greater Dayton, contributions are welcomed and can be sent anytime to the Treasurer.

CROP Hunger Walk

Dayton's CROP Hunger Walk is waiting for YOUR support! Please 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 obtain the meals they need for today and the sustainable food security for tomorrow!

Local CROP Walk Website information: <https://events.crophetunited.org/2023/event/daytonoh>.

This event is scheduled for Sunday, October 8, 2023 with registration beginning at 1:00 p.m. Checks may be made out to: "CWS/CROP." Contact Deb Dunlop at (937) 890-2729 or email: debunlop@aol.com.



Church Women United: Motto, Mission, and More....

Motto: Agreed to differ, resolved to love, united to serve.

Mission: CWU is an inclusive ecumenical Christian women's movement celebrating unity in diversity and empowering women to work towards a world of peace and justice.

Vision: Women of faith cultivating Love, Hope, and Peace for all Creation.

Purpose: The purpose of Church Women United is to encourage church women to come together in a visible fellowship to witness to their faith in Jesus Christ and, enabled by the Holy Spirit, to go out together into every neighborhood and nation as instruments of God's reconciling love.

Core Values:

- Faith: We are visible witnesses to God's love and draw upon the power of the Spirit.
- Service: We serve our neighbors near and far for the common good.
- Education: We enlighten ourselves to grow and share with others through engagement across cultures.
- Advocacy: We act to empower women of all ages and to influence decision makers.
- Diversity: We welcome, respect and appreciate others and their God-given gifts.
- Social Justice: We work for a fuller implementation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

National Song: (Tune: The Church's One Foundation)

Louise Peterson, Heritage Album Samuel S. Wesley, 1864)

O Church Women United, we work and pray as one. With hearts and hands together, until our task is done. Our purpose, love unbounded, our aim to follow you. Our lives of living service, we dedicate anew.

We come with hearts united, our race and creed as one. Our friendship and our witness have only just begun. To spread across this nation in reconciling love. The peace that we are sharing comes only from above.

We celebrate together, we work for unity. We pray that all your people from hunger will be free. For justice for your people, for peace and harmony. O God bind us together in one community.

Quadrennial Priorities (2021—2025):

1. Health and Wellness
2. Climate Stewardship
3. Social Justice
4. Hunger and Poverty



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CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN GREATER DAYTON — 2023-2024 EVENTS:

August 22, 2023 (Tues.)	1:00 p.m.	BOARD MEETING at Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church <u>Bring toiletries for Mercy Manor!</u>
Sept. 30, 2023		AREA C MEETING Time and location TBD Contact Cecelia Long: (937) 972-7045 cealong48@gmail.com
Sept. 26, 2023 (Tues.)	1:00 p.m.	BOARD MEETING at Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church
Oct. 8, 2023 (Sun.)	1:00 p.m.	DAYTON AREA CROP Hunger Walk — Shiloh Church on Philadelphia 1:30 p.m. walk begins (or other options). Checks may be made out to “CWS/CROP” Contact Deb Dunlop: 937-890-2729 debdunlop@aol.com
Oct. 24, 2021 (Tues.)	1:00 p.m.	BOARD MEETING at Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church
Nov. 4, 2023 (Sat.)	1:00 p.m.	WORLD COMMUNITY DAY CELEBRATION — First Baptist Church, Dayton, 111 W. Monument Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45402. Key Woman: Linda Ginter-Brown.
Dec. 9, 2023 (Sat)	2:00 p.m.	CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION RECOGNIZING PRIESTS, PASTORS AND SPOUSES St. Paul AME Zion Church, 4544 Laurel Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45417 (Key Woman, Arlene Mason)
Date, Time, Location TBD		EMMA MURRAY PRAYER BREAKFAST (Reservations <i>via</i> your own Key Woman) Cost: \$10.00 at time of reservation.
April 26-27, 2024		98TH CWUO LEADERS COUNCIL & ANNUAL STATE ASSEMBLY Ohio Church Women Leaders Council Location TBD Contact: Cecelia Long (937) 972-7045
May, 2024 (Sat)		MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY TBD
June, 2024		ANNUAL MEETING time and location TBD
NOTE: HUMAN RIGHTS CELEBRATION WILL BE HELD IN THE FALL OF 2024		
JUNE 19-23, 2024		QUADRENNIAL ASSEMBLY Location: Doubletree by Hilton Chicago/Oakbrook, 1909 Spring Rd., Oak Brook, IL. Other details: TBD
DATE TBD in 2026		2026 REGIONAL ASSEMBLY East Central Regional Event: Theme/date/Location: TBD Regional Coordinator: Norma Borgmann, nborgmann1658@harter.net