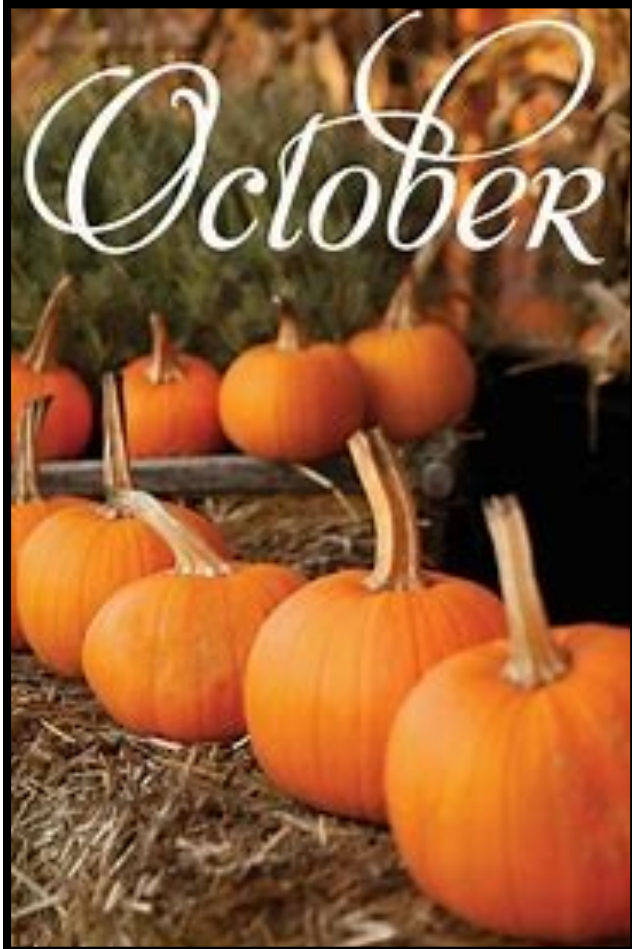




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Website: www.cwudaytonoh.org

Church Women United in Greater Dayton — October 2023



Fall Opportunity for You!

“Living A Legacy of Love: Hands to Help”

World Community Day

November 4, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church
111 W. Monument Ave.
Dayton, Ohio

Celebration Theme Scripture:

*“When he saw the crowds,
he had compassion on them,
because they were harassed and helpless,
like sheep without a shepherd.”*

Matthew 9:36 (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 will meet at First Baptist Church Dayton, 111 W. Monument Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45402. Debbie DuBose, our Ecumenical Celebrations Chair, will be leading the meeting.

We will be hosted by the women from First Baptist Church Dayton with Key Woman, Linda Ginter-Brown, assisting with the program.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

Turn Over a New Leaf

*Autumn to winter, winter to spring,
spring into summer, summer into fall -
So rolls the changing year and so we change
Motion so swift, we know not that we move.*

Dinah Mulock Crick

As a new season arrives, it is not the end
of a time as the leaves fall, but a time for
a beginning – time to turn over a new leaf!



Some verses to ponder as we prepare for a new season:

- * Yield fruit in its season – Psalm 1:3
- * A new heart I will give you – Ezekiel 36:26
- * Be fruitful and multiply – Genesis 1:22
- * Fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self control – Galatians 5:22
- * You shall know them by their fruit- Matthew 7:10
- * Sing to him a new song – Psalm 33:3
- * The word of God abides in you- I John 2:14
- * Let us abound in love – I Thessalonians 3:11

When we study, serve, and love, then we can abide in Christ and live in abundance.

Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong – I Corinthians 16:13

Let all that we do be done in love. This fall, we can begin a new ministry, connect to shut-ins by phone or notes, read in our Bibles daily, try something new in our churches, or volunteer to help where you are needed.

Abide in Christ and “Turn over a new leaf.”

Jerralyn Wood, Jswood3gk@gmail.com, 937-279-4550

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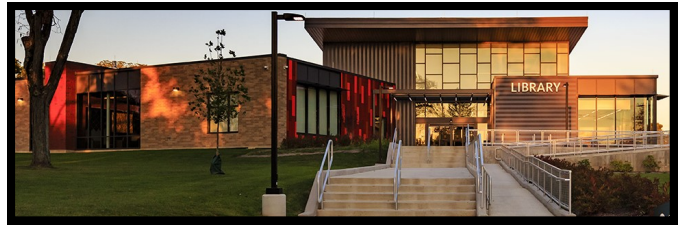
Questions? Contact Editor Donna Middlebrook: middlebrookdonna@gmail.com.

The next CWU Newsletter will be mailed in January. Submission deadline: January 15, 2024.

AREA C PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

**Theme: Living a Legacy of Love: Doing God's Work
"JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS:
FOR THE SACRED EARTH"**

Church Women United in Ohio held its Area C meeting this year in Dayton; arrangements were made by Cecelia Long, Coordinator for Area C. The gathering was held on Saturday, September 30, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. at the Dayton Public Library's Northwest Branch on 2410 Philadelphia Drive. Refreshments were provided by Deb Dunlop, Jerri Wood and Cecelia Long.



Dr. Kathleen Farmer and Judy Gebhart



Ms. Lisa Williams and Pastor Donovan Larkins

Dr. Kathleen Farmer, Old Testament Scholar and Retired Professor from United Theological Seminary led us in a rich Bible Study about God making humankind to take care of the earth and the animals and plants of the earth. Humankind needs to understand that we were not created to have dominion over the plants and animals but that are to be in harmony with the creation to fulfill our role as caretakers.

Pastor Donovan Larkins and Lisa Williams led a discussion about the Shekinah Ranch and the Life School that they offer to equip youth and young adults to become skillful decision makers. Pastor Larkins is a farmer who has been producing hormone and chemical free produce and meat for many years. He encouraged Church Women United to purchase chemical-free produce and meat and to consider growing some of their own vegetables and herbs. Pastor Larkins challenged everyone to encourage young people to become entrepreneurs. It is wonderful to eat healthy products but it is also good to be able to run businesses that sell healthy products.

An offering was collected and given to the Spirit of Life Christian Center for the ongoing work of the Shekinah Ranch and the other ministries.

Pastor Larkins and Ms. Williams gave chemical and hormone free eggs to all who were present, and the remaining eggs were given to the food pantry at Fairview United Methodist Church. Pastor Larkins invited Church Women United in Dayton to come to Shekinah Ranch for a tour and a tea tasting of herbal teas grown on the farm. President Jerri Woods said CWU would have a discussion and get back with him.

The day was filled with powerful lessons for living as God has commanded. For "The Lord God has told us what is right and what is demanded of us. 'See that justice is done, let mercy be your first concern and humbly obey your God.'" Micah 6:8.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image according to our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." Genesis 1:26.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10-11 and Ephesians 2:10

Note: CWU in Ohio President Bennie Williams was unable to attend, but she sent warm greetings and thanked everyone who attended. Contact Cecelia Long for more information! Cecelia Long, Coordinator of AREA C of CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN OHIO. Email: cealong48@gmail.com or call: 937-972-7045.

SNAPSHOTS OF OUR UPCOMING SPEAKER

Angie Berghuis is a Park Ranger for the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park in Dayton, Ohio. She is also the Volunteer Manager for the local park that encompasses four locations: Wright Dunbar Interpretive Center, Paul Laurence Dunbar Home Historical Site, Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center, and Huffman Prairie Flying Field. She interprets the stories of the Wright Brothers and Paul Laurence Dunbar daily. She has a passion for Dayton history and telling the stories of its most famous and infamous.



Angie will present a program at our October 24 board meeting — giving an overview of the four National Park service sites located in the greater Dayton area: Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center, Paul Laurence Dunbar Home Historic Site in Dayton, Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center and Huffman Prairie Flying Field located on Wright Patterson Air Force Base.



Come and hear Angie and other 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: ONGOING!

We are hopeful that you remembered to assemble your school kits and/or your hygiene kits and that you got them to the collection sites on time!

Your help has been sorely needed! As a follow-up:

- Remember to pay \$2.00 / kit online to help cover CWS's shipping / handling fees.
- Remember to report your donations to Deb Dunlop!
- Questions? Please contact Deb Dunlop at 937-890-2729 or email: debmunlop@aol.com.

We were especially grateful for the local drop-off sites at Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church and Normandy United Methodist Church.

If you missed the collection drop-off sites, there is still one option left!

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 center is 1 hr. 45 min. east of downtown Dayton—at the intersection of US 35 and OH 93.

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



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!

Christmas Celebration Recognizing Priests, Pastors & Spouses

December 9, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

at St. Paul AME Zion Church

4544 Laurel Dr, Dayton, OH 4541



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 Woman Arlene Mason. The church is located at 4544 Laurel Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45417. We will be singing carols, hearing scripture, and will have a special program. This is a special event you will not want to miss!



Did you know?

Church Women United has a magnificent website where you can find MUCH information? See some examples below and then visit the website: <https://www.churchwomenunited.net/>

- Registration for 2024 Quadrennial Assembly is now open online— with an Early Bird Discount?
- Join women across the country for Thursdays in Black.
- Join women across the country for CWU Noon Day Prayer (first Friday of each of these months: January, February, March, April, June, July September, October, and December).
- Did you know that CWU members are not alone? We have many partners! (See below!)



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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.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/daytonoh>.

This event is scheduled for Sunday, October 8, 2023, at Shiloh Church, 5300 Philadelphia Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45415, with registration beginning at 1:00 p.m. Checks may be made out to: "CWS/CROP." If you choose to donate, consider online giving: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/daytonoh>; scroll down to "Make a Donation."

Contact Deb Dunlop at (937) 890-2729 or email: debdunlop@aol.com. While 75% of our CROP donations go to CWS, 25% remain in Dayton and go to The Foodbank, Inc.

UNICEF

Contact our UNICEF chair, Arlene Mason
by phone (937-277-0310)
or email (amason7585@aol.com)



UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) works in more than 190 countries and territories to reach 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, safe water and sanitation. They also provide quality education and skill building. HIV prevention and treatment for mothers and babies; as well as 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 lives 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 for children. This includes climate change, gender equality, and ending poverty. During the 75th anniversary in 2020, they spoke of the opportunity to secure a world where everyone can thrive in peace, dignity, and equality on a healthy planet.

PLEASE HELP US DONATE ITEMS!

MERCY MANOR NEEDS OUR HELP!

Please call (937) 268-0282
to coordinate drop off time
with a House Manager
or Administrative Staff.

SPEAKERS AVAILABLE FOR GROUP PRESENTATIONS

For additional Information:
937.268.0282 or 937.554.2239
Barbara Hudson-Banner,
Chief Executive Officer



The wish list is as follows:

Financial Support: Financial donations

Clothing & Shoes: New and slightly used items, due to the COVID-19, ladies outfits, hats, gloves, neck scarfs, boots, umbrellas, pajamas, night gowns, robes, slippers, bras and under panties.

Household Supplies: tall kitchen trash bags, paper products (toilet tissue, paper towels, napkins, facial tissues), liquid hand soap, liquid dish detergent, automatic dishwasher detergent, furniture polish, laundry detergent, Lysol, Pine Sol or equivalent, window cleaner, Comet, Soft Scrub, etc.

Personal Hygiene Products: sanitary napkins (super maxi, regular), tampons, soap, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, body lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hair spray, etc.

Multi-purpose Products: Kroger Gift cards for food for new residents, Gift cards to Meijer, alarm clocks, clock radios, umbrellas, postage stamps for personal correspondence, coffee creamer, batteries of all sizes for personal CD players or cameras or radios, etc.

For the **Women Going to Independent Living Apartments:**

Floor and table lamps, light bulbs, mops, brooms, scrub buckets, trash cans for kitchen or bathroom, furniture (kitchen tables, dining room furniture, beds, dressers, coffee tables, desks chairs, sofas, washers and dryers, etc.) rugs for kitchen or bathroom, bathmats, shower curtains, coffee makers, toaster ovens, pots, pans, dishes, glasses, flatware, televisions, DVD players, etc.



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Oct. 8, 2023 (Sun.)	1:00 p.m.	DAYTON AREA CROP Hunger Walk — Shiloh Church, 5300 Philadelphia Dr., Dayton, Ohio 45415 at 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, 960 W. Dorothy Lane, Kettering, Ohio 45409
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)
Feb. 27, 2024 (Tues)	1:00 p.m.	BOARD MEETING at Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church, 960 W. Dorothy Lane
March 12, 2024 (Tues.)	9:30 a.m.	EMMA MURRAY PRAYER BREAKFAST (Reservations <i>via</i> your own Key Woman) Christ United Methodist Church, 2440 Shroyer Rd., Kettering, Ohio 45429 Key Woman: Kathy Fellows. Cost: \$10.00 at time of reservation.
April 23, 2024 (Tues.)	1:00 pm.	BOARD MEETING at Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church, 960 W. Dorothy Lane
April 26-27, 2024		98TH CWUO LEADERS COUNCIL & ANNUAL STATE ASSEMBLY Church Women United in Ohio’s Leaders Council Location TBD Contact: Cecelia Long (937) 972-7045
May 18, 2024 (Sat.)	1:00 p.m.	MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY United Christian Church, 8611 Hoke Rd, Clayton, Ohio 45315 (Key Woman, Gail Penney)
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: Barb McCoy (barb.mccoy@frontier.com).