



Together

Website: www.cwudaytonoh.org

Church Women United in Greater Dayton — April 2024

Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.
Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church
960 W. Dorothy Lane, Kettering

Speaker at April 23 meeting: **Bill Davis**
Single-Payer Action Network (SPAN)

Bill Davis became an activist devoted to seeing our healthcare system become more equitable and accessible for healing the sick, supporting the weak, and comforting the afflicted — no matter what a person’s circumstance.

Since 2009, Bill has attended the annual SPAN Conference in Columbus with others from inside and outside of Ohio. He attended two national Single Payer strategy conferences as well as multiple training seminars sponsored by Physicians for a National Health Program (PNHP). Although not a clinician, Bill is a member of PNHP and spent the last nine years of a career in information technology working for a health system and has first-hand knowledge of what goes on in hospitals and doctors’ offices. Since retiring in June 2016, he has spent much more time speaking to people, listening to their concerns about healthcare, and working on non-partisan issues aimed at fixing our faith in democracy. Bill is a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in downtown Dayton.



Speaker at February Board highlights EXCITING HOPE Letters information!



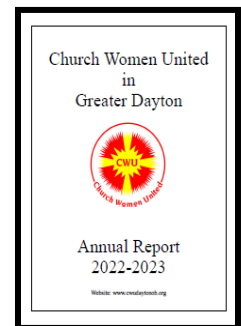
Roberta Longfellow presented information at our February meeting about HOPE Letters project at Grace United Methodist Church. The group writes letters to inmates, following certain guidelines that protect all involved. They welcome others to join them in this phenomenal project. Please contact Roberta for more information by emailing her at longfellowroberta@yahoo.com.

CWU members and friends are encouraged to learn more about this project!

Have you seen the past year’s Annual Report for CWU in Greater Dayton?

If you have not seen this, please ask your Key Woman to share this document with you! There is EVER so much information in this annual report about our CWU Unit.

If you are currently serving as an officer or chairperson in 2023—2024, please ensure that your report is sent to Martha Shields no later than July 1, 2024 so that it may be included in our 2023—2024 Annual Report. Please email your report as soon as possible to martha.shields@earthlink.net. Alternatively, you may mail a hard copy to her at 2882 Stone Mill Ct., Beavercreek, OH 45434-6277.



CWU Newsletter is published quarterly. This issue: April 2024. Address corrections should be sent to Membership Chairperson Donna Middlebrook, 6412 Hemingway Rd., Dayton, Ohio 45424. Contact Donna Middlebrook: middlebrookdonna@gmail.com.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Experiencing Spring

For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace and the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Isaiah 55:12



Spring is a time for us to delight in God's creation. Our spirits are lifted as the buds, pale green leaves, and then flowers appear. Try sharing with another—walking side by side wandering outdoors and feeling the warmth of the sun, the smell of the air, the touch of rough bark of an awakening tree, hearing the praise of returning birds as we experience the creation of our Father. All of our senses come alive in springtime.

We read in Proverbs 20:12 *“The hearing ear and the seeing eye, the Lord has made them both.”* We experience both sounds and sights.... I especially enjoy the beauty of daffodils, crocuses, tulips, budding trees with leaves and blossoms. The smells of lilacs and other spring bushes are a treat.

“The heavens tell the glory of God and the firmament proclaims His handiwork” Psalm:19:1.

As the earth is renewed we can renew our lives we “Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise from ends of the earth....give glory to the Lord” Isaiah 42:10.

My prayer is that you praise God for all the blessings we have each season of the year. As we experience spring, be filled with energy for service and compassion. May God give you a new zest for life, living and loving. May we in all we do remember to give glory to our creator.

In joy and peace,
Jerri Wood, President Dayton CWU

MEMBERSHIPS for this year (2023 - 2024) AND for next year (2024 - 2025):



Membership

Church/ Organizational Memberships, and Individual memberships for **2023-2024** 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 **Resources**. Scroll down to Membership. The red word ("**HERE**") will lead you to open the individual and /or the organizational forms. 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.

Memberships for NEXT year will be accepted AFTER July 1, 2024! The forms for NEXT year (**2024-2025**) are included in this newsletter. (Some churches use the summer months to collect the memberships!)

NOTE: Memberships in CWU in Greater Dayton support local non-profit mission organizations!

Key Women: Thank you! Please check to ensure that your church has remitted the church / organization fee and form. Please mail Individual and/or church membership forms and payment from your church to our treasurer (Judith Philpot, 310 Burgess Ave., Dayton OH 45415). Include the church and individual memberships and the membership list. All forms are located on our website's Resources page.

May Friendship Day: Saturday, May 18, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

United Christian Church
8611 Hoke Rd., Clayton, Ohio

Hostess: Gail Penney

Reservations are not required for this event.
Refreshments will be served,
but there will be no fee.

Two Valiant Woman Award(s)
will be presented at this meeting.
Please join us in the celebration
to honor this year's honorees:

Ashton McDaniel and Pam Hamby-Walker!

To read more about the history of this event, please go to our website:
<https://www.cwudaytonoh.org/2024---may-friendship-day.html>

To see the photos and biographies of last year's winners
(Phyllis Caldwell and Eleanor Jerman), please visit
<https://www.cwudaytonoh.org/2023-awards.html>.



Key Women:
Please bring with you
your church's donations
for the International
Fellowship of the Least Coin!

Leaders Council & 98th Annual State Assembly

MCL Restaurant and Bakery

3154 Kingsdale Center ~ Upper Arlington, Ohio 43221 (Columbus Suburb)
Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

THEME – Micah 6:8

“What Does the Lord Require of You, CWU?”



Fun and Fellowship
Inter-Active Bible Study
Donna Middlebrook (Dayton, Ohio)

Christian Leadership in the 21st Century
Dr. Gene Harris (Columbus, Ohio)

Mission Outreach: From “Farm to Fork”
Catholic Migrant Farm Workers Network, Jenny Dirksen (Toledo, Ohio)

ALL WOMEN ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.
Members and Non-Members—Young, Old and In-Between!
Registration—\$10.00 (Does not include lunch)

The registration form may be found in Resources tab of our website:
<https://www.cwudaytonoh.org/resources.html>.

Questions: (440) 213-0875



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN GREATER DAYTON

Membership form for July 2024 — June 2025

(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)

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.

For CWU / Officer Use Only:

Certified by Treasurer:

Date: _____

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN GREATER DAYTON

**Membership Form for July 2024 – June 2025
ORGANIZATIONAL FEE AND DONATIONS**

NAME OF CHURCH OR ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ZIP: _____ **PHONE:** _____

EMAIL: _____

KEY WOMAN (If applicable) _____

Contact Phone # _____ **Email** _____

FEE* PAID: \$25.00 **DONATION PAID** _____ **TOTAL** _____

* Annual membership for churches and organizations is \$25 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.

For CWU / Officer Use Only:

Certified by Treasurer:

Date: _____

Please make checks payable to:

"CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN GREATER DAYTON"

and mail with this form to:

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

Church World Service Kits

Church World Service Kits are small packages of practical supplies assembled by volunteers and shipped to people in need around the world. Dayton collection dates are in September, so begin gathering the specific items now. All data and assembly directions are easily obtained at the CWS website: <https://cwskits.org>. Click onto the website, choose your favorite kit(s) and get started. Follow directions carefully. Under the title, "Support Shipping Fund" find instructions for covering CWS processing fees. (No money should accompany the kits.) Be sure to print copies of your submission form. Save time and expense by delivering your boxed kits to the Dayton area pick up location at Normandy United Methodist Church, 450 W Alex Bell Road, Dayton, OH 45459. Phone 937-433-1636 or 937-470-7133 on September 24, 25 and 26, 2024 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. (Watch for other locations to be announced in the August newsletter.)



Mail or e-mail a copy of your submission form to CWS kit coordinator, Deb Dunlop, 1133 Woodland Meadows Drive, Vandalia, OH or debunlop@aol.com.

Keep a copy of the form for your records and as a reminder to pray for those who will eventually use your kits. Questions? Call Deb Dunlop at (937) 890-2729.

How did we do with last year's drive?

Claudia Chapman reported that in the fall of 2023, we collected numerous hygiene kits and school kits that were shipped to Church World Service. CWS sends them wherever needed in the world to aid in disaster relief. Many local churches participated. Thank you to all of you for your support.

School Kits

- One pair of blunt scissors removed from the package (rounded tip, only)
- Three 70-count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper)
- One 30-centimeter / 12" ruler
- One hand-held pencil sharpener removed from the package.
- One large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers, removed from the packing and use a rubber band to hold the pencils together.
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24)
- One 12"x14" to 14"x17" finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag with handles (solid color or kid-friendly fabric, no logos, reusable shopping bags, or backpacks)

All items must be packed inside of the cloth bag. To purchase an affordable bag, visit: www.myshopangel.com.

Or, use the CWS school bag pattern and make your own! <https://cwskits.org/download/797/>

Drop off Kit Sites:

Ohio has two year-round drop-off sites that are each about a two-hour drive from Dayton. PLEASE call for an appointment for drop-off!

- **Camp Templed Hills**, 5734 Durbin Road, Bellville, OH 44813 419-741-4695
Andy Lacefield Year-round, Mon-Sat., 8 am to 6 pm
- **Jackson Area Ministries (JAM)**, 119 McKitterick Ave, Jackson, OH 45640 740-286-1320 Monday – Friday

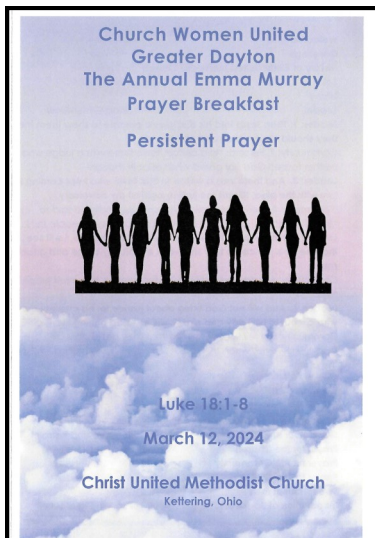
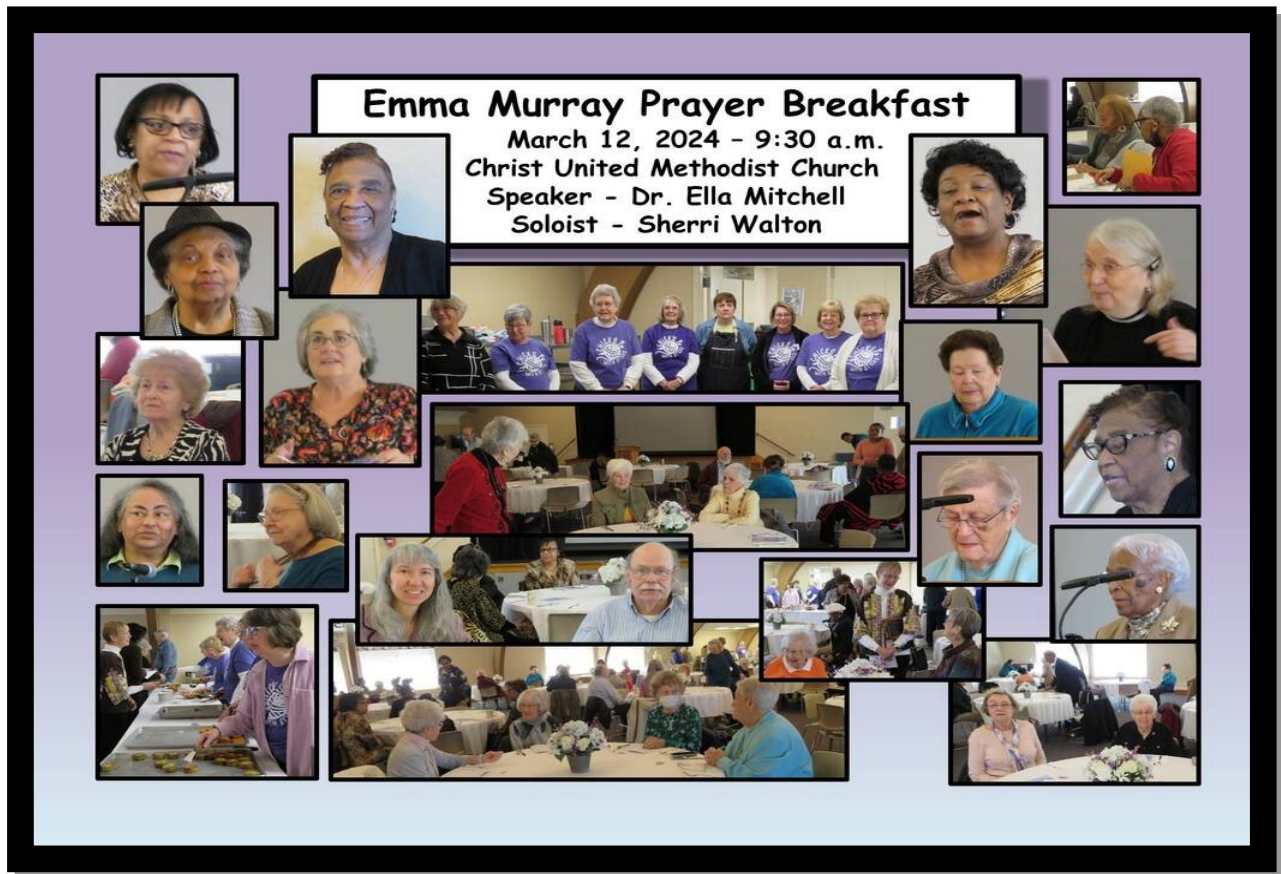
NOTE: The September dates and locations of the **LOCAL** depots have not yet been released. However, when available, they should be listed on our website, our mini-directory for 2024-2025, and our CWU August 2024 newsletter.

Hygiene Kits

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb, removed from the package Sturdy, 6" or more of teeth, no pocket combs or picks. Rattail and combs without handles are OK.
- One fingernail or toenail clipper, removed from the package (either one is acceptable)
- One bath-size bar of soap in the original wrapper
- One toothbrush in the original package
- Ten standard size Band-Aids

All items need to fit inside a one-gallon plastic zipper closure bag. Remove the excess air from the bag and seal before boxing. Do NOT add any extra items or toothpaste. (NOTE: A tube of extended expiration date toothpaste will be added to each hygiene kit just prior to its final journey.)

Emma Murray Prayer Breakfast Highlights



Many thanks to hostess Kathy Fellows and the gracious team from Christ United Methodist Church! They did an outstanding job of hosting us at the Emma Murray Prayer Breakfast on March 12, 2024!

Enabling Services Chair Ermaline Davis and Cecelia Long attended the check-in desk. Kathy Fellows welcomed the group and gave a history of our host church. President Jerri Wood introduced the Emma Murray Family. The speaker was The Reverend Doctor Ella Mitchell, who inspired us to adopt the practice of “Persistent Prayer.” Sherri Walton sang a solo and Linda Ginter-Brown led us in the Litany. Prayers were led by Gail Penney, and additional prayers for the Church, Community, and Children were offered by Mary Beth Melville, Flo Smith-Heizer, and Martha Mundell. Songs included *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*, *Sweet Hour of Prayer*, and of course, *This Little Light of Mine* (a favorite of Emma Murray). The pianist was Danielle Neal and our Ecumenical Celebrations chair was Debbie DuBose. Thanks to all for such a lovely prayer breakfast!

PLEASE make note of the upcoming events for the final months of our 2023– 2024 program year; those dates are listed on the last page! Please join us as you are able! Then please watch for the summer newsletter that will have details of our 2024—2025 program year!



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)

www.cwudaytonoh.org



**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED
IN GREATER DAYTON**
6412 Hemingway Rd.
Dayton, Ohio 45424

**Non Profit
U.S. Postage
PAID
Dayton, OH
Permit No. 294**

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN GREATER DAYTON —

2024 Future Events (and more):

What's NEXT?



- | | | |
|------------------------|-----------|--|
| April 23, 2024 (Tues.) | 1:00 pm. | BOARD MEETING at Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church, 960 W. Dorothy Lane |
| April 27, 2024 | 10:00 am | 98TH CWUO LEADERS COUNCIL & ANNUAL STATE ASSEMBLY
Church Women United in Ohio's Leaders Council
MCL Restaurant and Bakery, 3154 Kingsdale Center, Upper Arlington, Ohio 43221
Contact: Cecelia Long (937) 972-7045 |
| May 18, 2024 (Sat.) | 1:00 p.m. | MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY—ANNUAL MEETING
United Christian Church, 8611 Hoke Rd, Clayton, Ohio 45315 (Key Woman, Gail Penney) |
| June 25, 2024 (Tues) | 1:00 p.m. | EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING at Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church, 960 W. Dorothy Lane |

NOTE: HUMAN RIGHTS CELEBRATION WILL BE HELD IN THE FALL OF 2024

- | | | |
|------------------|--|--|
| JUNE 19-22, 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). |

THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE MAILED in August 2024. Submission deadline: June 30, 2024.
***Together* newsletter is a quarterly publication of Church Women United in Greater Dayton: Editor Donna Middlebrook.**