



# Together

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Church Women United in Greater Dayton — October 2024



## Fall Opportunity for You! World Community Day and Human Rights Celebrations

October 26, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.  
Westminster Presbyterian Church  
125 N. Wilkinson St., Dayton, Ohio



This year we are combining the Human Rights Day Celebration with the World Community Day Celebration!

The church is located between N. Wilkinson St. and Perry St., and between First Street and the alley behind the church. Please enter the building using the entrance on Perry Street. There is a slight ramp inside, leading to Fellowship Hall.

Free parking for attendees is in the lot across First Street from the main entrance.  
(Entrance to the parking lot is on First Street.)

Key woman: Patricia Latham.  
**Please join us for this special event!**

### Celebration Themes:

**World Community Day:** *“Walk Humbly with God”*

**Human Rights Day:** *“Act Justly”*

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 Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 N. Wilkinson St., Dayton, Ohio. **Debbie DuBose, our Ecumenical Celebrations Chair, will be leading the meeting.**

We will be hosted by the women from Westminster Presbyterian Church with Key Woman, Patricia Latham, 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!



We have entered a new season — fall — or as some say, the season of giving. We are often called upon to support various groups or activities. These requests can be very trying — making us weary and so we often question what should we do. Then I am reminded of 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 “Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” (NIV).

We may hesitate to give generously to God if we worry about having enough money left to meet our own needs. Paul assures the Corinthians that God is able to meet their needs. The person who gives only a little will receive only a little in return. Don't let lack of faith keep you from giving freely and generously.

Our attitude when we give is more important than the amount we give.

We don't have to be embarrassed if we can only give a small amount.

God is concerned about how we give from the resources we have (cross reference Mark 12:41-44). Jesus tells of the widow giving a small amount — but all she had. As we give of our time, talent, and means, let us be cheerful and generous in our giving. Let God be glorified in our giving.



Yours in Christ  
Margaret Hunt  
President, CWU in Greater Dayton

## **CWU in Greater Dayton has a WEBSITE!**

Find MANY resources at [www.cwudaytonoh.org](http://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](mailto:martha.shields@earthlink.net)).

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Questions? Contact Editor Donna Middlebrook: [middlebrookdonna@gmail.com](mailto:middlebrookdonna@gmail.com).

The next CWU Newsletter will be mailed in January. Submission deadline: January 15, 2025.

# MISCELLANEOUS...

## Did you notice?

Should I go? Is this MY meeting? Am I supposed to go to this one?

These questions have been heard because there has been some confusion in the past about the term “Board Meeting” in reference to our gatherings. So, our board members changed the terminology from the former “Board Meetings” to “General Meetings.” Although the “business” of our organization takes place at these meetings, we also have very interesting speakers who come to educate ALL of us on the various organizations in our area. (Many thanks to Linda Ginter-Brown for arranging for all of these speakers!)



**Therefore, we currently have three types of gatherings for our group:**

- **Executive Committee Meetings** (for officers and chairpersons)  
In 2024-2025, these executive committee meetings are in August 2024, January 2025, and June 2025
- **General Meetings** (business meeting with speakers; all members and visitors are welcome.  
In 2024-2025, these general meetings are in September 2024, February 2025, and April 2025.
- **Celebrations and social meetings** (all members and visitors)  
In 2024—2025, these celebrations are in October 2024 (Human Rights and World Community Day), December 2024 (Christmas Celebration), March 2025 (Emma Murray Prayer Breakfast), and May 2025 (May Friendship Day).

**NOTE:** The Executive Committee Meetings and the General Meetings are located at First Baptist Church, 111 W. Monument, Dayton. The celebrations are located as listed in the newsletter and the flyers.

## MEMBERSHIP Reminder:

Please remember to submit your CWU membership form/fees IMMEDIATELY! Even if you received a newsletter in August and October, that does not mean that you are current with your membership fees! PLEASE check with your Key Woman and/or Donna Middlebrook (middlebrookdonna@gmail.com) to ensure that you are up-to-date with your membership. ONLY those who are current with their fees will receive future newsletters in February and April. Membership forms were in the August newsletter and are also on the website. Go to: <https://www.cwudaytonoh.org/resources.html> and then click on HERE after Individual Membership Form.



## Reminders for KEY WOMEN:



We are so very grateful for you and the important communication that you provide between CWU and your home-church members.

**At this time, please remember to do these tasks:**

- Advertise CWU in your home churches;
- Collect CWU membership forms and fees from your members;  
Ensure that ALL the blanks are filled in with correct addresses, phone numbers, and emails;
- Fill out the Key Woman form (See <https://www.cwudaytonoh.org/resources.html>) and turn it in with the membership fees and individual forms to our CWU Treasurer—as soon as possible;
- Arrange for the Organization membership and fees from your church and submit them to the treasurer.
- At the next meeting, pick up a pink 2024-2025 Mini-Directory for each of your CWU members;
- At the next meeting, pick up one pink Annual Report (2023-2024) for you / your church;
- Continue to “shepherd” your members in CWU with love, caring, and compassion! 😊

**REMINDER!**

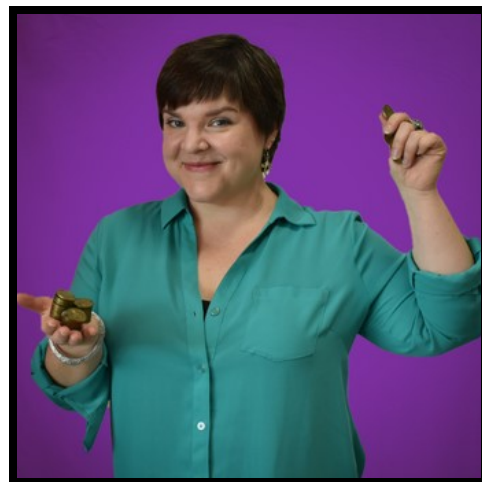
# SNAPSHOT OF OUR UPCOMING SPEAKER

Our speaker for September 24 will be the dynamic Diane Flick, Development Director for Crayons and Classrooms (C2C), a non-profit organization that helps overcome the school needs for children in Clark, Darke, Greene, Montgomery, Preble and Warren counties.

Their website is: <https://www.crayonstoclassrooms.org/>

Some of the most-needed items that C2C accepts include:

- Backpacks
- Colored pencils
- Crayons
- Facial tissue
- Folders
- Glue/glue sticks
- Markers
- 70ct spiral notebooks
- Index cards
- Filler paper
- Pencils
- Children's scissors
- Construction paper



Feel free to bring along any of these items to donate; you'll be helping children be successful in school!

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



**Join us for our General Board Meeting at First Baptist Church,  
111 W. Monument Ave., Dayton, Ohio.  
All are welcome!**

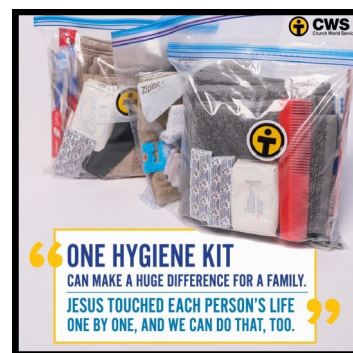
## CHURCH WORLD SERVICE KITS:

### ONGOING!



It is not too late to start planning for next year's CWS Kit drive! Some church groups start now to start collecting the items for the kits for next year!

Please remember to assemble your **school kits** and/or your **hygiene kits** and get them to the collection sites on time next fall! Your help is sorely needed! Remember to pay \$2.00/kit online to help cover CWS's shipping./handling fees.



Although the local collection sites are closed for the current collection year (as of the end of September 2024), there is a year-round collection site about 1 hour 45 minutes east of Dayton on U.S. Route 35 near the intersection with Ohio Route 93 in Jackson, Ohio. Here is the information:

Jackson Area Ministries (JAM), 119 McKitterick Ave., Jackson, Ohio 45640

Phone: 740-286-1320 Mondays through Fridays

Call ahead for an appointment to drop-off the kits.

Remember: 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 CWU website. Go to <https://www.cwudaytoonoh.org/resources.html> and scroll down to Church World Services Kits.

# CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!

## Christmas Celebration Recognizing Priests, Pastors & Spouses

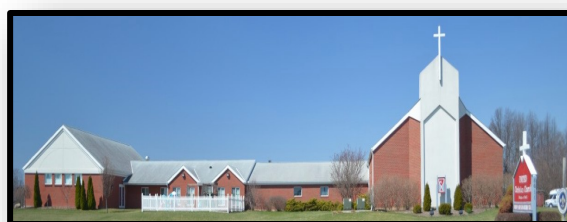
December 7, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

at United Christian Church

8611 Hoke Road, Clayton, OH



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. Patricia Latham is coordinating the celebration with help of Key Woman Gail Penney. The church is located at 8611 Hoke Rd., Clayton, Ohio. 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/>

- Join women across the country for Thursdays in Black.
- Join the Young Church Women United Virtual Event that will be held on December 7, 2024. For more information contact [nationalycwu@gmail.com](mailto:nationalycwu@gmail.com).
- Did you know that CWU members are not alone? We have many partners! (See below!)



## Our Partners

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# CROP Hunger Walk

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

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!

2024

CROP HUNGER WALKS

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

Local CROP Walk Website information: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/daytonoh>.

This event is scheduled for Sunday, October 13, 2024, at Shiloh Church, 5300 Philadelphia Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45415, with registration beginning at 1:00 p.m. Then, at 1:30 p.m. is the Grand Send-off and Walk Begins, ending at 3:30 p.m. Checks may be made out to: "CWS/CROP."

Contact Deb Dunlop at (937) 890-2729 or email: [dbdunlop@aol.com](mailto:dbdunlop@aol.com). or please contact the CWS On-site Coordinator, Sue Cox at (937) 836-4155.

**NOTE:**

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](mailto: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.

For additional information:

Phone: 937-268-0282; fax: 937-268-0297

Email: [mercymanordaytonoh@gmail.com](mailto:mercymanordaytonoh@gmail.com)

25 Grosvenor Ave., Dayton, OH 45417

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

**Mercy Manor's New Executive Director:**  
**Maya Dorsey** 937-271-7866  
([mayadorsey7@gmail.com](mailto:mayadorsey7@gmail.com))



### The wish list is as follows:

**Prayers:** Please pray for the participants, staff, volunteers, trustees, and supporters.

**Financial and/or In-Kind Support:** Financial donations and/or donations of gently-used clothing and household goods.

**Volunteers:** Join the board of trustees, and/or volunteer your time and skills at Mercy Manor.

**Mentors:** Positive role models are crucial.

**Share the Story:** Help Mercy Manor reach more people by inviting us to speak at your meeting or event.



### Specific suggestions might include the following:

- **Clothing & Shoes:** New and slightly used clothing items
- **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 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, rugs for kitchen or bathroom, bathmats, shower curtains, coffee makers, toaster ovens, pots, pans, dishes, glasses, flatware, televisions, DVD players, *etc.*



## SPEAKERS AVAILABLE FOR GROUP PRESENTATIONS

Contact Executive Director: Maya Dorsey,

937.268.0282

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

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**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN GREATER DAYTON — 2024-2025 UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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|------------------------|------------|---|
| Oct. 13, 2024 (Sun.)   | 1:00 p.m.  | <b>DAYTON AREA CROP Hunger Walk</b> — Shiloh Church on Philadelphia<br>1:30 p.m. walk begins (or other options). Checks may be made out to<br>“CWS/CROP” Contact Deb Dunlop: 937-890-2729 debdunlop@aol.com |
| Oct. 26, 2024 (Sat.)   | 10:00 a.m. | <b>WORLD COMMUNITY DAY and HUMAN RIGHTS CELEBRATIONS</b><br>Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 N. Wilkinson St., Dayton<br>(Key Woman: Patricia Latham)   |
| Dec. 7, 2024 (Sat)     | 1:00 p.m.  | <b>CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION RECOGNIZING PRIESTS, PASTORS AND<br/>SPOUSES</b> at United Christian Church, 8611 Hoke Rd., Clayton (Key Woman: Gail Penney)   |
| Jan. 28, 2025 (Tues.)  | 1:00 p.m.  | <b>EXEC. COMMITTEE MEETING</b> at First Baptist Church, 111 W. Monument Ave., Dayton  |
| Feb., 25, 2025 (Tues.) | 1:00 p.m.  | <b>GENERAL MEETING</b> at First Baptist Church, 111 W. Monument Ave., Dayton  |
| March 15, 2025 (Sat.)  | 9:30 a.m.  | <b>EMMA MURRAY PRAYER BREAKFAST</b> at Corinthian Baptist Church, 700 S. James<br>H. McGee Blvd, Dayton. (Reservations <i>via</i> your own Key Woman) Cost: \$10.00   |
| April 22, 2025 (Tues.) | 1:00 p.m.  | <b>GENERAL MEETING</b> at First Baptist Church of Dayton, 111 W. Monument St., Dayton   |
| April Date TBA         | TBA        | <b>99TH CWUO LEADERS COUNCIL &amp; ANNUAL STATE ASSEMBLY</b><br>Ohio Church Women Leaders Council in Columbus area; specific location TBD<br>Contact: Cecelia Long (937) 972-7045                           |
| May 31, 2025           | 1:00 p.m.  | <b>MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY</b> at St. Margaret’s Episcopal Church, 5301 Free Pike, Trotwood<br>(Key Woman: Patricia Dundy)   |
| June 24, 2025 (Tues.)  | 1:00 p.m.  | <b>EXEC. COMMITTEE MEETING</b> at First Baptist Church, 111 W. First St., Dayton  |
| Sept. / Oct. 2025      |            | <b>AREA C MEETING:</b> Watch for info TBA regarding this event.<br>Contact Cecelia Long: (937) 972-7045 cealong48@gmail.com   |

**NOTE: HUMAN RIGHTS CELEBRATION 2025 WILL BE HELD IN THE FALL OF 2025**  
**NOTE: The next Regional Gathering will be in 2026; the next Quadrennial Event will be in 2028.**