



# Together

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**Church Women United in Greater Dayton — February, 2025**

## **IMPORTANT: CWU GENERAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.**  
First Baptist Church, 111 W. Monument Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45402  
See page 3 for information regarding our speaker!

Remember that ALL General meetings are OPEN to ALL CWU members! We welcome your attendance!  
Also save the dates for the remaining 2025. (See the list on page 8.)

### **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)*



## **COMING UP SOON: The Emma Murray Prayer Breakfast**



**Corinthian Baptist Church, 700 S. James H. McGee Blvd., Dayton**

(Near the intersection of U.S. 35 and James H. McGee Blvd.)

Celebrate with us from the inspiration that Emma Murray provided for a unifying prayer breakfast in Dayton!

**Saturday, March 15, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.**

- **Make your reservations** by contacting the Key Woman for your church no later than March 4. NOTE: You must make arrangements for the **\$10.00 advance payment** with your Key Woman. If paying by check, make it out to “Church Women United in Greater Dayton.”
- **Each Key Women will call in the reservations** from her own church to Ermaline Davis no later than March 5.
- CWU Vice-President Patricia Latham is in charge of this event. Our speaker will be announced soon!



**Pray First**

Proverbs 3:5-6

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.  
<sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

Happy New Year to everyone!!!!

We are at the start of a year that will have problems of its own. Too, we will often wonder "WHY? WHY me? WHY now?" We seldom think it is the right time when life happens. My mind takes me to Esther 4:14b "*Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as This.*" (NRSV) We are not spinning on the big wheel of life. There is a divine plan, designed by God (reference Jeremiah 29:11). So, no matter what may come or go this year, remember that you are here for just such a time as this.

We don't have to ask why; just remember it is part of God's plan.

Find your blessing, your challenge, your opportunity or purpose in each day and give God the glory.

Be Blessed,

Margaret Hunt  
(President, Church Women  
United in Dayton, Ohio.)



And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this? Esther 4:14

## **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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# SNAPSHOTS OF OUR UPCOMING SPEAKERS

Note: These general-meeting speakers are arranged by Ecumenical Action Chair, Linda Ginter-Brown.

The Reverend Vanessa Ward, President of the Omega, Community Development Corporation, partnered with the Northwest Dayton Community and organizations across the Dayton region to create the Hope Center for Families. She helped secure a \$29 million Promise Neighborhood grant to expand opportunities in the Hope Zone and transform lives from cradle to career.

Come and hear Rev. Vanessa Ward at our February General Meeting on **Tuesday, February 25 at 1:00 p.m.** We'll be meeting at First Baptist Church, 111. W. Monument Ave., Dayton.

We hope that you will join us; feel free to bring a friend!!



The Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. is a non-partisan, non-political, non-sectarian organization. It does not support any political candidate, nor does it endorse any religious organization. The military represents all aspects of America as does this organization. Links to their website do not represent an endorsement. It is a 501(c)3 Organization.

## Mission Statement of Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.

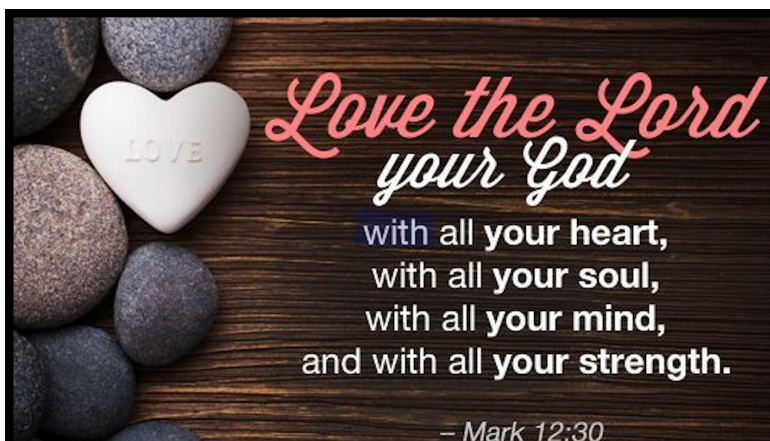
We are mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, foster mothers and female legal guardians who have children serving in the military, guard or reserves, or children who are veterans. We support each other and our children while promoting patriotism.

Our organization focuses on our mission every single day and will never, ever, forsake our troops, our veterans or the families of our Fallen Heroes.

We have nearly 6,000 members from over 200 Chapters throughout the nation.



A representative from Blue Star Mothers of America will speak to us at our General Meeting on **Tuesday, April 22 at 1:00 p.m.** at First Baptist



# CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN OHIO

## SAVE THE DATE

**99TH LEADERS COUNCIL & STATE ASSEMBLY  
SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025  
9:30 A.M.—3:30 P.M.**

**THEME: PRIORITIES OF THE HEART 2024-2028  
SCRIPTURE EPHESIANS 2:10**

**LOCATION: ST. JOHN A.M.E. CHURCH  
7700 CROSSWORDS DRIVE  
COLUMBUS, OHIO 45235**

**REGISTRATION FEE: \$20.00**

**(which includes \$5.00 for the host church (morning refreshments and lunch are included))**

**All Dayton Church Women United members and friends are invited and urged to attend the State Gathering. It's a great time to share in an inspirational Bible Study, meet and great other CWU members, learn the Quadrennial Priorities to help discern different ways we can help women and children be treated with compassion and justice wherever they live, and to be inspired to be strong members of Church Women United.**

**Please contact Cecelia Long at (937) 972-7045 or [cealong48@gmail.com](mailto:cealong48@gmail.com) to indicate your interest in attending. We will plan to car pool to Columbus. Let's get excited about CWU and do something to warm our Spirits!!!**

**REGISTRATION FORM:**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP CODE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TELEPHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Send this form with \$20.00 to  
Sally Buxton, Treasurer CWU Ohio  
588 Fox Lane  
Worthington, Ohio 43085**

# WORLD COMMUNITY DAY AND HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

OCTOBER 12, 2024  
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



# September 24, 2024 General Meeting



# CWU Officer Training!

So NOW — WHAT DO I DO???????

I am an officer (or chairperson) for CWU,  
but I don't really know what my responsibilities are!

# HELP!!

You might be thinking or saying this ...

OR ... you might wish to help out next year with an office,

but you would like to know ahead of time about what such a commitment would entail.

Either way, don't let that stop you in your tracks! We have a solution for you!

Come to our officer training session on **Saturday, March 22 at 10:00 a.m.** for help with your job — what to do, how to do it, and when. Meet at United Christian Church to make your volunteer life MUCH easier!

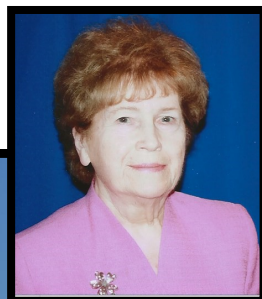
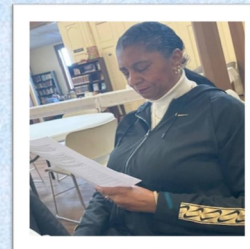
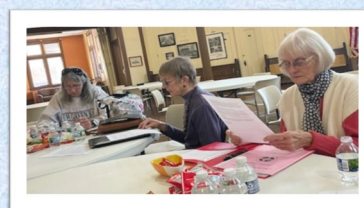
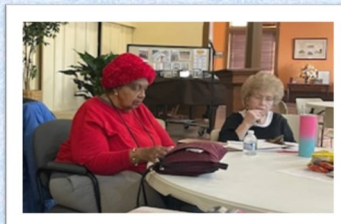
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Your Church Women United Executive Committee in Greater Dayton is hard at work!

They met on Tuesday, January 28 At First Baptist Church in Dayton to go over plans for the upcoming programs in our 2024—2025 year.

The Christmas Celebration — Recognizing priests, pastors, and their spouses was held on December 7 at United Christian Church on Hoke Rd in Clayton.

JANUARY 28, 2025  
CWU EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING



Many thanks to Gail Penney and her committee for a wonderful, inspirational program! We loved being your guests for this special celebration!



# MERCY MANOR



## Mercy Manor's Annual Founder's Day Luncheon — Summer 2025 Watch for details in CWU's April Newsletter!

Note: Mercy Manor, Inc. has a new leader (January 2025)!  
Welcome to the new Executive Director, Beverly Perry!  
She can be reached by phone at 937-268-0282 or 937-239-9599.  
Or, you mail email her: [b.perry621@aol.com](mailto:b.perry621@aol.com)  
Mercy Manor, 25 Grosvenor Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45417

To learn more about Mercy Manor, please visit the website or call:  
<https://mercymanor.wixsite.com/mercymanor> Phone: 937-268-0282 Fax: 937-268-0297

**The mission of Mercy Manor:** Mercy Manor provides a safe, spiritual residence for homeless women with histories of addiction, incarceration and abuse while they re-establish themselves into the local community.

# 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 this year is on Saturday, May 31, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Margaret Episcopal Church, 5301 Free Pike, Trotwood, Ohio.

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 on "least coin" of her currency as a tangible token toward her prayer being answered. These coins are sent regularly to her country's FLC collections 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 online what projects are globally funded: <https://www.fellowshipoftheleastcoin.org>.

The idea of 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 six folded hands in prayer that encircle a small plum flower. The hands are different colors 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.



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**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN GREATER DAYTON — UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Jan. 28, 2025 (Tues.)      1:00 p.m. **EXEC. COMMITTEE MEETING** at First Baptist Church, 111 W. Monument Ave., Dayton
- Feb. 25, 2025 (Tues.)      1:00 p.m. **GENERAL MEETING** at First Baptist Church, 111 W. Monument Ave., Dayton
- March 15, 2025 (Sat.)      9:30 a.m. **EMMA MURRAY PRAYER BREAKFAST** at Corinthian Baptist Church, 700 S. James  
H. McGee Blvd, Dayton. (Reservations *via* your own Key Woman) Cost: \$10.00
- April 22, 2025 (Tues.)      1:00 p.m. **GENERAL MEETING** at First Baptist Church of Dayton, 111 W. Monument St., Dayton
- April 26, 2025 (Sat)      9:30 a.m. **99TH CWUO LEADERS COUNCIL & ANNUAL STATE ASSEMBLY**  
St. John A.M.E. Church, 7700 Crosswords Drive, Columbus, Ohio 45235 Cost: \$20.00  
Contact: Cecelia Long (937) 972-7045
- May 31, 2025              1:00 p.m. **MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY** at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, 5301 Free Pike, Trotwood  
(Key Woman: Patricia Dungy)
- June 24, 2025 (Tues.)      1:00 p.m. **EXEC. COMMITTEE MEETING** at First Baptist Church, 111 W. First St., Dayton
- Sept. / Oct. 2025              **AREA C MEETING:** Watch for info TBA regarding this event.  
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.**