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World Day of Prayer Celebration

(Co-Sponsored by Church Women United in Rochester and Vicinity, Inc.)



- Date:** Friday, March 5, 2010
- Theme:** “Let Everything That Has Breath Praise God”
- Time:** 9:30 am – 2:00 pm
- Place:** Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church
1200 Winton Road South, 14618
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- Bible Study Leaders:** Rev. Sue Forsyth, South Livonia UCC
Jane Lyth, Bethany Presbyterian Church
- Speakers:** Rose and Simon Mjuyumba
Summerville Presbyterian Church
- Registration Fee:** \$3.00 at door
- Lunch:** Brown Bag Lunch

World Day of Prayer (WDP) is a worldwide ecumenical movement of women of many faith traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March. Each year a different country serves as the writer of the World Day of Prayer worship service. This year’s service was written by the Women of Cameroon and the World Day of Prayer USA Committee.

The women from Cameroon developed the theme, “Let Everything That Has Breath Praise God.” They invite us to “Africa in miniature,” a country rich in diversity, where climate and culture are widely varied, but where people are bound together by love of music, family and faith. The worship service emphasizes the importance that people of Cameroon place on music and celebration in their praise to God.

Church Women United in Rochester’s central service this morning will begin with a Bible Study. This year’s leaders are: Rev. Sue Forsyth, (CWU in Rochester President) Pastor South Livonia UCC, and Jane Lyth, Assistant to the Pastor, Bethany Presbyterian Church. Following the Bible Study, there will be a brown bag lunch. After lunch, the day will conclude with the worship service featuring Rose and Simon Mjuyumba from Summerville Presbyterian Church as keynote speakers. For more information, please call the CWU in Rochester office at 342-2790.

About the Art

The art developed for WDP 2010 places music at the center, both visually, through the painting, and audibly, through worship song. The artist’s work is rich in vibrant colors. Please join us in worship, reflection and celebration!

Please Bring Bag Lunch; Dessert & Beverages Provided

From the President

God of past, God of present, God of years to come, may the light of your wisdom be with us as we face the challenges of being Church Women United. Amen.

2010... the Year of New Beginnings... the Year of Renewal!

How exciting to be part of Church Women United as we begin the re-visioning process! I look forward to working with the Executive Committee and the Board as we examine and redefine our mission in both the local church and the community. We are blessed with women who are willing to look at our mission statement and the Executive Committee and Board structures critically... BUT... we need your input, thoughts, and ideas in order to accomplish these goals. As we begin the re-visioning process, here are some questions to ponder:

What is Church Women United's mission?

What do you like about Church Women United?

What do you see as essential to our renewal?

How do you see CWU's mission playing out in the local church and the community?

As we move forward, more questions will surface. I can guarantee that it will be an exciting year as Church Women United "gears up" to meet the challenges of the new decade.

-Peace, Rev. Sue Forsyth

Highlights from Advent Celebration 2009

This year's Advent Celebration began with the Annual Meeting and election of officers on Friday, December 4, 2009 at The Baptist Temple in Brighton. Sixty-five people were in attendance during the various activities of the day including the CWU Bake Sale and Rochester Roots sale. Many gave to the Dollar\$ for Diaper\$ collection to be given to Sanctuary House, Catholic Family Center's emergency shelter for women and children.

"They Will Call Him Immanuel" was this year's Bible Study theme based on Old Testament prophecies (Isaiah 7,14) of a sign that was fulfilled through the birth of Jesus Christ. Immanuel means "God with us."

Our Bible Study facilitator was Brenda D. Lee, University of Rochester School of Medicine Assistant Dean for Medical Education and Student Affairs and Assistant Professor in the Division of the Medical Humanities. Using Powerpoint and group interaction, Brenda led us to a deeper understanding of Immanuel, the meaning of faith and to seeing God with us in the presence of the cross around us. We looked at the phrase "God is with us" – determining its impact depending on which word in the phrase we emphasized.

Following our bag lunches, we gathered in the sanctuary for the installation of officers and the Advent program of scriptures, thematic hymns and carols led by Linda Moore, Choir Director, and the CWU Choir.

Our Advent service ran smoothly thanks to our hostess, Beverly Letter, and the Advent Program Committee: Mary Ann Henry, Linda Moore and Sally Dodgson.

- Frances Garrett, 2009 Advent Celebration Chair

2009 ANNUAL MEETING – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Many, many thanks to all who have served and will continue to serve CWU

Newly Elected Officers

Rev. Sue Forsyth	President
Marie Barker	Secretary
Merilyn Israel	MFD/EIA (Insight) Chair
Sally Dodgson	Spiritual Resources, Day of Reflection Chair
Flo Braker	World Community Day
Mary Discher	World Day of Prayer
Ellen Kimbrough	Treasurer

Retiring Officers

Audrey Davidson	President
Lura Masters	Vice President
Diana DeBruycker	MFD/EIA Insight Chair
Rev. Sue Forsyth	Spiritual Resources, Day of Reflection Chair
Eloise Mulligan	World Community Day
Jean Murphy	Roman Catholic Denom. Co-Chair

Continuing Officers

Frances Garrett	Advent Chair
Odessa Lybrand	EIA (Education) Chair
Ellie Newell & Betty Allinger	EIA (Action) Co-Chairs

Nominating Committee

Eleanor Pope	Gloria Klink
Joan Palmer	Sharon Listman
Gail Mason	Mary Ann Henry



Thank You

We wish to thank all of our faithful contributors in 2009, without whom we could not continue to make a difference in this community.



Individual Contributors to CWU in 2009

Betty Allinger	Lois Davis	Merilyn Israel	Linda Norak
Jean Anderson	Diana DeBruycker	Ann Wilcox Jones	Joan Palmer
Marie Barker	Mary Discher	Dee Jones	Betty Pensgen
June Becker	Sally Dodgson	Ellen Kimbrough	Eleanor Pope
Betty Bierer	Mona Durgin	Lucille Kinsella	Vera Powley
Dayle Bird	Rev. Sue Forsyth	Gloria Klink	Helen Rice
Alma Blyth	Frances Garrett	Diana Kubick	Waltrine Richardson
Marguerite Bodane	Marie Gibson	Areta Lacy	Ruth Scott
Marva Boone	Christine Greene	Margery Leach	Vera Sharp
Dot Borden	Janice Gulick	Shirley London	Deanna Smisloff
Erna Bowman	Julia Guttman	Odessa Lybrand	Betty Smith
Flo Braker	Barbara Hackett	Duk Sun Lyu	Sue Soper
Pamela Trueheart Burch	Joan Hamb	Lura Masters	Marcia Spillane
Esther Cable	Esther Hammer	Rev. Susan Maybeck	Edith Thoburn
June Fay Carson	Mary Ann Henry	Marilyn Mould	Marjorie Wells
Ja Sook Choi	Barbara Hoffman	Eloise Mulligan	Alison Wilder
Joan Clark	Neva Hoffmeier	Jean Murphy	Violet Williams
Alison Clarke	Gretchen Hughes	Elizabeth Myers	Elizabeth Woolever
Eleanor Cook	Julianne Huse	Eleanor Newell	Kathryn Wroblewski
Audrey Davidson	Patricia Hutchison		

If you contributed to CWU's financial appeal for 2009 and your name is not listed, please call the office at 342-2790, so we can update our records. Group contributors will be published in the March 2010 Sundial.

Church World Service News

HAITI-EARTHQUAKE:

A 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti in January, shattering buildings and forever changing lives. While authorities still don't know the extent of the damage, it is estimated that 3 million people may be affected by Haiti's worst earthquake in 200 years. One survivor reports there are thousands of people roaming the streets, looking for shelter. Haiti is already the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, with 8 out of 10 people living in extreme poverty. It's a place where many in the world have turned their backs. *But not Church World Service.* CWS has an established presence in Haiti, with our partners Service Chretien d'Haiti, Christian Aid, SKDE and the Ecumenical Foundation for Peace and Justice. EFPJ's House of Hope is a day school CWS supports in Port au Prince. Preliminary information indicates the school is damaged, and staff is trying to determine the well-being of their colleagues and the children. We're working to help our partners in this time of urgent need--will you take a moment to make this work possible? You make it all happen. CWS is sending funds to local partners in Haiti as we continue to assess the situation. We stand ready to provide CWS Kits and CWS Blankets to people in need. Your support enables us to respond quickly in such critical situations and is greatly appreciated.

Contributions to support this emergency appeal may be sent to Church World Service, P.O. Box 968, Elkhart, IN 46515. Please designate: Haiti Earthquake, Appeal Number #6762.

You can help by making a monetary donation, providing Kits, participating in the Blankets+ program and by praying for those affected by the devastating earthquake.

KITS ARE NEEDED!

Please help us be prepared to respond to those in need! Kits can be shipped to Church World Service, Brethren Service Center Annex, 601 Main St, PO Box 188, New Windsor, MD 21776-0188. For more information about sending Kits directly to the warehouse, contact Church World Service or view and print the Kit brochure online at www.churchworldservice.org/kits. A brochure with drop-off locations for the New York Spring Kit Drive is now available. Call 315-458-8535 for information about Spring Drop-off locations or email amanning@churchworldservice.org.

BLANKETS+:

Many congregations hold Blankets+ programs for Valentine's Day, Mother's Day and Father's Day. Just a reminder that we do not automatically send out orders. You must contact us if you would like materials. You can order materials online, mail in an order form or place your order by phone. Please try to avoid last minute rush orders. Visit www.churchworldservice.org/blankets for more information or to place an order. To place an order by phone, call (800) 297-1516.

BUS TRIP:

Our next bus trip to work in the New Windsor Service Center is scheduled for May 10-14, 2010. Kits from our Spring Kit Drive will have recently arrived in the warehouse so you will get the unique opportunity to see Kits from our area arrive and be prepared to be sent out to those in need. Trip participants get the opportunity to put hearts and hands in service by sorting and packing Church World Service Kits and/or by sorting and pricing SERRV International gifts. Space is limited. **Registrations are due by March 1, 2010.** For more information contact Amy Bobbette Manning.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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CWU NATIONAL NEWS

Church Women United ACTION ALERT

“CWU is a movement that brings together women of diverse races, cultures and traditions in closer Christian fellowship, prayer, advocacy, and action for peace with justice in the world.”

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING (I Thessalonians 5:17)

The Church Women United National Board calls for us all to PRAY WITHOUT CEASING for our Sisters and Brothers in Haiti who are suffering terribly from the earthquake which hit on Tuesday, January 12, 2010.

Check your local radio and newspapers for other agencies you may desire to support.

Patricia Burkhardt, Church Women United Legislative Office
110 Maryland Ave NE RM 108, Washington DC 20002 Phone: (202) 481-6933, Fax: (202) 543-1927

CWU Short Subjects

MEETINGS RELOCATED

Because of the extensive renovations being done at Third Presbyterian Church, CWU Board of Directors meetings as well as Task Force on Court meetings will be held at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1000 North Winton Road, 14609 (between Empire Blvd. and Merchants Road).

All meetings are open to everyone; visitors are welcome.

Upcoming Meetings

Task Force on Courts

Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 1:00 pm
Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,
1000 Winton Road North, 14609

All are welcome – please RSVP to the
CWU Office at 342-2790

CWU Board of Directors

Friday, February 19, 2010 at 9:30 am
Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,
1000 Winton Road North, 14609



Office Closed

The CWU Office will be closed on
Monday, February 15, 2010
in observance of President's Day.

Sundial Announcement

All submissions for the March Sundial must be
received by **Thursday, February 18, 2010**
Please send to: cwursundial@frontier.com

CWU Choir Notes



Please add choir member Mary Lou Maynard to your prayers. She is at home recovering from knee surgery.

- Linda S. Moore, CWU Choir Director

Community Food Cupboard

This month, our special needs include:

Soup (both low sodium and regular)
Peanut butter

Baked beans
Toilet paper



DAILY HELLO PROJECT

The Daily Hello Program remains with two callees and one caller (myself).

-Marie Barker



Thank You

The CWU Office would like to thank the following Lifetime Assistance Volunteers:

Lynn Marie Grace Karen McDaniels David Wagner
Mark Leary Danny Medina

for assembling the December 2009 / January 2010 Sundial.

Campaign for An Independent Public Defense Commission News **(Co-Sponsored by CWU in Rochester)**

Dear Supporter:

The persistence of the Campaign -- your persistence -- has had an impact! In an Executive Budget full of cuts and pain, the Governor is proposing an investment in public defense. The proposal includes a new state office and an additional \$7 million in state funds for local public defense. The new state office would have limited duties and responsibilities regarding public defense. It would be overseen by a board that would include members representing the Executive Branch, the Judiciary, county government, and public defense. While operating under the administrative supervision of the Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), the office would report to the board, not DCJS, with regard to policies and standards. The office would recommend distribution to counties of state funds for public defense; the board would make the final decision about that distribution.

This is not the statewide, independent commission heading a fully state-funded public defense system that we have been working so hard for. Still, we should celebrate that the need for public defense reform is recognized, and that the need for oversight to be independent is recognized in the very first section of the bill. In this way, the proposal is an improvement over a bill proposed two years ago for an office directly answerable only to the Executive. We've made real progress!

We are examining the bill closely, and will have more to say about it soon. Meanwhile, pat yourself on the back for helping to link the word "independent" to public defense reform in the consciousness of State leaders!

The proposal is Part E of the Public Protection and General Government Article VII Legislation (Legislation Bill Drafting Commission 12670-01-0). It begins at page 246:
<http://publications.budget.state.ny.us/eBudget1011/fy1011artVIIbills/PPGGArticleVII.pdf>

Thank you for your continuing support.

Jonathan E. Gradess, Campaign Manager jgradess@newyorkjusticefund.org (518) 465-0519

Community News

WOMEN'S INTERFAITH COALITION MEETING:

The meeting on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 will be a trip to the Memorial Art Gallery to see the Japanese Kimono Exhibit. Cost will be approximately \$8. Time to meet will be available in February. For more information, please contact Alice Crawford at alicecrawford162@gmail.com. Please join us.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Rochester/Monroe County Domestic Violence Consortium's 11th Annual Legislative Breakfast
"Legislation: A Safety Net for Victims & Their Children"

Date: Friday, February 26, 2010, from 8:15am to 10:30am

Location: SUNY BROCKPORT METRO CENTER, 55 St. Paul St., Rochester, NY 14604

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Of Summerville Presbyterian Church

PLEASE JOIN US IN WORSHIP, REFLECTION AND CELEBRATION!

- + World Day of Prayer is a separate non-profit organization (501c3).
- + CWU in Rochester is a proud Co-Sponsor of this year's WDP Celebration.



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