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Summer 2011

WE HOPE THAT YOU CAN JOIN US:

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED'S FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT THE RED WINGS

Friday, August 12, 2011 at 7:05 pm

With the Columbus Clippers

Fireworks following the game

Tickets: \$6.50 each



To Get Tickets:

Because a final count is due in advance, all ticket purchases must be received by August 1st.

Please send a self-addressed stamped envelope with a check made payable to Church Women United and a note indicating how many tickets you are purchasing.

Mail to: Ellen Kimbrough, 264 Thornton Rd., Rochester, NY 14617

Your tickets will then be mailed to you.

DAY OF REFLECTION

Featuring speaker Rev. Peg Williams of First Baptist Church of Rochester

“For Just a Time as Now”

Friday, October 7, 2011

9:30 am

First Baptist Church of Rochester, 175 Allens Creek Road, 14618

All Are Welcome

Mark your calendar to be with us for an inspired message and fellowship

From the President

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

(Psalm 139:13-14)

Spring... As I was cleaning my kitchen cupboard earlier this spring, I found the blue hob-nail vase my mother gave me years ago. The memories came flooding back... my mother's spring flowers in the vase on the kitchen table. It was hardly a perfect vase... it had been broken and badly repaired but it still held water! When mom left her home, she gave the vase to me, and I kept it in my cupboard for many years. I smiled at the memories and took the vase down and filled it with daffodils, tulips, and hyacinths from my garden and set it on my table.

As Church Women United, we understand that life... that people... are not perfect. We are like the repaired vase with all of our cracks, chips, and bruises. Our imperfections help us to be compassionate and understanding of others. As we continue the work of Church Women United, let us remember that we are marked by life and by God's grace... and even though once broken, we too still “hold water” as we go forth to do the work of Christ in the world.

-Peace, Rev. Sue Forsyth

Highlights from May Friendship Day “Living Our Friendship, Passing On The Key”:

May Friendship Day was an attempt to bring an interfaith flair into our program as Dr. Estella Norwood Evens was chosen as our keynote speaker because of the long relationship her church, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, has with B'rith Kodesh a reformed Jewish temple here in Rochester.

As stated in the program in 2010, our sisters in CWU have continued to look at the wisdom of our founding mothers and moved forward into including interfaith relationships.

Dr. Norwood Evens used the buzzword “Bridge Building”. In our multicultural world, we must find tolerance and respect in our diversity. It is in our *ordinary occurrences* of everyday life (NOT extraordinary opportunities) that we will be able to Build this Bridge.

It is the ordinary experience we use to transform and Build Bridges when dealing with differences.

Effective Bridge Building will occur when we focus on commonality, basic trust, respect, openness and norms for dialog (effective communication in a smooth, consistent manner). True constructive dialog will be a **Key**.

1. Each side must eliminate previous prejudices about the other.
2. Look ahead, forward, *future to build*.
3. Each recognizes it takes two parties to have dialog.
It means speaking and hearing (listening: 100% attention, not multitasking)
4. Dialog or Trialog, etc.
To accept one another as we are and that we are equal.
5. There has to be understanding and sacrifice when necessary.
Jealously, greed and hurtful thoughts must not be entertained.

This is where the church can sow love, reconciliation and forgiveness in which we accept the equality God created in men.

This May Friendship Day may be the beginning of a new age here in Rochester as Church Women United (CWU) is moving into an interfaith arena. There is still much to do in the ecumenical areas.

I thank Evangelist Pastor Evelyn Marie Penn from St. Matthew’s Missionary Baptist Church, who was our keynote speaker last year, for being with us and also the two women from B'rith Kodesh who joined us at this program. I thank Dr. Estella Norwood Evens for her leadership in this new venture.

-Respectfully, Marilyn Israel, May Friendship Day Chair



Special Thanks to
The talented knitters from
Bethany Presbyterian Church
who have created and donated
8 beautiful afghans
for our Warm Up Rochester project.
Thank you for your generosity!



Church World Service News

The Upstate/Central NY area is made up mainly of small communities and people who work hard to get by. Most of the events we have aren't large in size but they are LARGE in HEART. Together we are making a difference. I send out a prayer of thanks for all the communities, churches and people who support Church World Service and help us help those in need.

THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL KIT DRIVE

Once again you put your hearts and hands in service. We collected almost 20,000 pounds of Kits. As we are responding to storms in the United States, Hygiene Kits and Clean-Up Buckets are in high demand. There are so many inspiring stories involving Kits including Lansing United Methodist Church continuing to turn out large quantities of Kits, a young man in Brewerton who used his birthday as an opportunity to gather supplies for Hygiene Kits, another fantastic Kit collection by UCC NY Women, and Skaneateles Community Youth in Action putting together a large number of Kits...there are so many wonderful stories of people putting their hearts and hands in service. **THANK YOU ALL!**

BLANKETS+

Thank you to all those that support our Blankets+ Program. One community I recently visited has been holding Blankets+ programs for 17 years! Your continued support allows Church World Service to respond when there is a need. To place an order by phone call 1-800-297-1516. For more information or to order materials online go to www.churchworldservice.org/blankets.

CROP WALK

Thank you to all our Spring CROP Hunger Walk coordinators and walkers - you are literally walking the talk! A special thanks and prayer goes out to Mayfield Presbyterian Church. Just days before the Mayfield walk was scheduled, lightning struck their church causing a devastating fire. Despite this, they moved forward with the Mayfield CROP Hunger Walk. That speaks to the heart that Upstate/Central New York has.

For those who have fall walks, it isn't too early to start planning. Invite us out to speak in your community to build support for your CROP Hunger Walk.

VOLUNTEER WORK TRIP

Our next trip to work in the New Windsor service center preparing Kits for shipment will be May 21-25, 2012. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn the next step in the Kit process. This trip offers a hands-on experience volunteering at the SERRV International Gift Shop Warehouse and the Service Center in New Windsor, where the Church World Service Blankets and Kits (Hygiene, School, Emergency Clean-up Buckets & Baby Care) are collected, packed, and shipped for use around the world, including the U.S. The Learn & Serve Trip was created to help people gain a better understanding of the CWS Kits and Blankets+ Programs. It is our hope that you will go back to your congregation and community and promote these programs.

SHARE YOUR CWS EXPERIENCES

Want to be a star? We would love to have pictures of you and your congregation in action. If you have photos of your Blankets+ program, putting together Kits, or your local CROP Hunger Walk, please share them! We are always looking for photos for our brochures, website and presentations!

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CWU Short Subjects

Upcoming Meetings

Task Force on Courts

Thursday, June 9, 2011 at Noon

Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1000 Winton Road North, 14609

CWU Board of Directors

A special meeting of the Board of Directors will be held Friday, June 17 at 9:30 am at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

The purpose of this meeting is to review the proposed job description for the new position of Director of Outreach/Community Relations and to conduct any other business as may be necessary.



CWU Office Summer Schedule

The CWU Office will close for the summer on Thursday, June 23, 2011 and will re-open on Monday, August 22, 2011.



Sundial Announcement

Submissions for the Sundial are welcome over the summer.

Please send all submissions to cwursundial@frontier.com



WOMEN'S HEALTH KITS PROJECT

Our project collects toiletries and other small items to assemble Health Kits for incarcerated women at the Monroe County Jail. The simple items in these kits provide a tremendous boost to their self-esteem as well as a tangible sign that someone still remembers them.

Each Health Kit Consists of:

- ❖ Shampoo
- ❖ Toothpaste
- ❖ Deodorant
- ❖ Bar soap
- ❖ Socks
- ❖ Washcloth
- ❖ Small pack tissues
- ❖ Combs (without handle please)



To Assemble a Health Kit:

Please pack in a 1-gallon plastic bag. Please remove soap, toothpaste, etc. from any cardboard boxes or hard plastic wrapping. Items can be any size, although full size is preferred. Please note that toothbrushes are no longer needed; they are supplied at the jail.

Please bring donations to our monthly Celebrations or to the CWU Office.

Thank you in advance for your help with this important ministry!



This month, our special needs include:

- Unsweetened Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Soup (both low sodium and regular)
- Tuna

Community News

WOMEN'S INTERFAITH COALITION MEETING

Wednesday, June 22, 2011

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Jewish Community Federation, 441 East Avenue, 14607

Jewelle-Gayle Jones, Professor Emeritus, MCC, Department of Human Services, will lead a review and discussion on the book, "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett. Please join us!

INTERFAITH ALLIANCE OF ROCHESTER'S ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Sunday, June 12, 2011

3:00 pm

Nazareth College, Shults Center

"Poverty and Public Policy" featuring guest speaker William A. Johnson, Jr., RIT Distinguished Professor in the Department of Urban and Community Studies and former mayor of Rochester.

EARTH SUNDAY

Sunday, June 12, 2011 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Jewish Federation and Third Presbyterian Church

REDUCE. REUSE. RECYCLE.

Gather the items listed below and bring them to the Jewish Federation's parking lot (441 East Avenue) and next door to the Third Presbyterian Church parking lot (4 Meigs Street) as indicated.

Volunteers will be waiting to unload your car.

Items Collected at the Jewish Federation, 441 East Avenue:

- **Pharmaceuticals:** Monroe County will be collecting outdated, unwanted and unusable prescription and non-prescription medications for proper disposal. Covanta Niagara incinerates all medications and containers.
- **Electronics:** Cell-phones, computer monitors and TVs all contain hazardous materials such as lead and cadmium and need to be recycled properly. Accepted equipment: computers, monitors, typewriters, printers, circuit boards, fax machines, audio/visual equipment, cell phones, video game systems, batteries, cables and wiring, computer accessories, televisions.
- **No. 5 Plastics:** They must be clean! Yogurt cups, hummus tubs, cottage cheese containers and other items like these, as well as medicine bottles and some microwave-safe take-out containers, are typically made from no.5 plastic or polypropylene and are not recycled locally at this time.

Items Collected at Third Presbyterian Church, 4 Meigs Street (Corner of East Avenue):

- **Clothing, Shoes, Boots:** Both children's and adult sizes will be collected for the benefit of St. Pauly Textiles.
- **Paper Shredding (residential only):** On-site shredding of confidential materials by Shred-Text Inc.

For more information, contact Rabbi Debbi Till, 461-0490 x 235 or dtill@jewishrochester.org