



## A HUMAN RIGHTS CELEBRATION LIVING THE CHALLENGE



- Date:** Friday, April 1, 2011
- Theme:** "The Whole Village is Called to Bless God's Special Children"
- Time:** 9:15 am – 12:00 pm
- Place:** Brighton United Church of Christ  
1095 E. Henrietta Road, 14623  
[Across from Monroe Community College]
- Speaker:** Rev. Shirley Pudney-Eilers  
Pastor, Brighton United Church of Christ
- Registration:** \$3.00
- Lunch:** Brown Bag Lunch  
Dessert & Beverages Provided

This Church Women United program is celebrating all human rights. This year's celebration invites us to consider how the world today may be inaccessible to children and youth struggling with mental health concerns. Our speaker, Rev. Shirley Pudney-Eilers, will focus on mental health issues/challenges for children and youth.

Pastor Shirley worked in the mental health field for over 20 years before seeking ordination in the Baptist tradition. She worked as a mental health counselor at East House and directed the American Baptist Church's Spirit Builders, a drop-in center for people with mental health and spiritual issues. Pastor Shirley was ordained in 1990 and began her ministry as pastor of the Waring Baptist Church. Later pastorate and associate pastorate positions included Lincoln Baptist Church and Webster United Methodist Church, respectively. She also directed the United Ministries of Irondequoit seniors' ministry. For the past 12 years, Pastor Shirley has been serving as pastor of 3 locally combined United Church of Christ churches, the Brighton United Church of Christ.

All are welcome. Come worship with us, listen to our speaker and be a part of the village for God's special children.

**From the President**

“Bread, social justice, freedom... that’s what it’s about...”

I attended a ministerial colloquy this past week of United Church of Christ pastors. Our group gathers once a month for conversation, sharing, and learning. The discussion topic presented was titled, “Signs of Life in Our Churches” as related to today’s church and culture. It was a lively discussion that included ideas of inclusivity, transformation, stewardship, covenant, affirmation, storytelling, and community... to name but a few.

As I prepared for our February Board meeting, the words of the previous discussion kept running through my mind... and a question formed: How are we as Church Women United meeting today’s challenges and changes? Church Women United offers projects, programs, and celebrations that speak to the hearts and minds of women who care deeply. As I thought about stewardship, what project, program or celebration is dear to your heart... the Warm Up Rochester afghan project, the World Day of Prayer worship service, the Task Force on Courts? You get my drift... offering and supporting relevant programming is part of the reason we support CWU with our time and resources. As we continue our mission of inclusivity, of unity in our diversity, of promoting justice, peace, and caring in our society, of wisely using the resources that God has given us, may we grow and extend our vision of what it means to be Christian women in our world today... remembering that we are Church Women United... together... women of faith... women of action.

*-Peace, Rev. Sue Forsyth*



A Special Thanks to  
All the talented knitters  
who have been so busy this winter  
creating wonderful afghans to share  
through our Warm Up Rochester project.

Thank you to  
the women of Bethany Presbyterian Church  
for their gift of 9 beautiful afghans

and

Thank you to  
Webster Presbyterian Women  
for their gift of 7 gorgeous afghans.

Many will appreciate your gift of warmth and love.

**CWU in New York State Biennial Meeting - April 8th and 9th, 2011**

Foothills United Methodist Church, 17 Fremont Street, Gloversville, NY

Reverend Dr. Terrence O'Neill, Pastor

Lodging at Johnstown Microtel Inn

Hosted by Capital Region Area Chair - Rita Ogburn-McCall and  
Johnstown/Gloversville CWU Unit President, Patricia Bender

For more information and registration form, go to [cwu-in-nys.weebly.com](http://cwu-in-nys.weebly.com)



# THANK YOU

We wish to thank  
all of our faithful contributors in 2010,  
without whom we could not continue  
to make a difference in this community.



## GROUP CONTRIBUTORS TO CWU IN 2010

Central Missionary Guild of Downtown Presbyterian Church  
Church of the Assumption  
Episcopal Diocese of Rochester  
Fairport United Methodist Women  
First Congregational Church Women's Guild  
Genesee Valley Association of the United Church of Christ  
Greece United Methodist Women  
Hilton Baptist Church  
Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Irondequoit United Church of Christ Women's Fellowship  
Lake Avenue Memorial Baptist Church and Society  
Mountain Rise United Church of Christ  
Mt. Olivet Baptist Church  
Penfield United Methodist Women  
Presbyterian Women at Bethany Presbyterian Church  
Presbyterian Women of Downtown United Presbyterian Church  
Presbyterian Women of Ogden Presbyterian Church  
Presbyterian Women of Webster Presbyterian Church  
Ruth Circle of Webster Presbyterian Church  
Sisters of Mercy - Parsells Community  
Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church  
United Church of Pittsford  
United Methodist Women of Covenant United Methodist Church  
United Methodist Women of Webster  
Webster Baptist Church  
Women of the ELCA of The Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word  
Women of Trinity Lutheran Church  
Women's Association of The First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford  
Women's Fellowship Henrietta United Church of Christ  
Women's Fellowship of Union Congregational Church of Christ

If your group contributed to CWU's financial appeal for 2010 and your name is not listed, please call the office at 342-2790, so we can update our records.

## **Church World Service News**

### **BLANKETS+**

As you snuggle up to try to beat the New York cold, consider making a donation to the Blankets+ program and give the gift of warmth and love. Consider holding a Mother's Day and/or Father's Day Blankets+ program. What a wonderful way to honor those who love and care for us.

As a reminder, we do not automatically send Blankets+ materials out.

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](http://www.churchworldservice.org/blankets).

## SPRING KIT DRIVE

Want to keep busy this winter? Put your hearts and hands into action and put together Church World Service Kits. Our truck will once again swing down the east coast in May.

For more information contact the Upstate NY Regional Office at 315-458-8535 or email [amanning@churchworldservice.org](mailto:amanning@churchworldservice.org). For detailed information about what goes into each Kit and how to pack them, go to [www.churchworldservice.org/kits](http://www.churchworldservice.org/kits).

The Kit response to Haiti last year was wonderful but please help us keep our warehouse stocked at all times so we can respond IMMEDIATELY when a disaster strikes.

## CROP HUNGER WALK

Do you have a CROP Hunger Walk in your community? Many communities have been holding CROP Hunger Walks for a long time. Has your walk been struggling? Is there a community event or gathering of churches in your area that a Church World Service presentation could be made at? Sometimes a simple reminder of the importance of CROP Hunger dollars and the difference that funds raised make helps bring life to struggling walks. Think ahead and let us know if there are opportunities throughout the year for us to visit your community.

## PRESENTATIONS

At the end of January I returned from a trip to Central America to visit Church World Service supported projects. I got to see funds in action. Funds are bringing water, health and brighter futures to people around the world! I look forward to opportunities to share this information.

## 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 Service Kits or at 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

Monday, March 14, 2011 at Noon  
Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,  
1000 Winton Road North, 14609  
Please note that the change from the usual  
second Thursday is for this month only.

### CWU Board of Directors

Friday, March 18, 2011 at 9:30 am  
Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,  
1000 Winton Road North, 14609

### Announcements

All submissions for the April Sundial  
must be received by

**Thursday, March 17.**

Please send to: [cwursundial@frontier.com](mailto:cwursundial@frontier.com)



Remember to  
"Spring Ahead"  
March 13<sup>th</sup>

As Daylight Savings Time  
Begins



### **This month, our special needs include:**

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

### **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!**

## **Community News**

### **ROCHESTER COMMITTEE ON LATIN AMERICA (ROCLA)**

ROCLA invites you to the Annual Rice & Beans Dinner and White Dove Awards honoring:

Bill Quigley, Legal Director at The Center for Constitutional Rights  
for his pioneer work in Latin America solidarity  
and

Nancy Sawyer Molina and Jose Molina of the Coffee Connection  
for promoting fair-traded Peruvian coffee and crafts and  
working with women in substance abuse recovery.

Roberto Resto is this year's recipient of the Local White Dove Award in memoriam for his tireless witness and work on immigration reform and the rights of migrant workers.

**Date & Time:** Saturday, March 19, 2011 at 5:30 pm  
**Location:** Downtown United Presbyterian Church, 121 N. Fitzhugh St., 14614  
**Suggested Donation:** \$15 - \$40  
**For Reservations:** Please call Marilyn Kaiser at (585) 293-3194 or RKaiser3@rochester.rr.com.

## **WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM / B'RITH KODESH SISTERHOOD** **50TH ANNUAL INTERFAITH EVENT**

### **Lunch with Daan Braveman and Dr. Muhammad Shafiq** ***Religious Education...Past, Present & Future***

Wednesday March 23, 2011 at 11:00 am  
Temple B'rith Kodesh, 2131 Elmwood Avenue, 14618

Women of Reform Judaism / B'rith Kodesh Sisterhood invite you to our annual Interfaith Event. In 1961 this event began as an educational luncheon and women from two local churches were invited. Last year more than 225 women (and a few men), representing fifty churches and synagogues, were in attendance along with a number who identified as "unaffiliated".

Join us as our esteemed speakers talk with us about interfaith education. Daan Braveman, President of Nazareth College and Dr. Muhammad Shafiq, Executive Director of The Center for Interfaith Studies and Dialogue and professor of Islamic and Religious Studies at Nazareth College, will share their past and present experiences. They will help us look toward the future, to what we might expect to see happen on college campuses, and what we can do to strengthen interfaith dialogue and cooperation.

The program begins at 11:00 am with a display area open from 9:30 - 10:45.

Please bring your own non-meat lunch; fruit, dessert and beverages will be provided. Your reservation will be helpful to our presentation. Please contact Sue Eckhaus in the WRJ/Sisterhood office, 244-7060 x233 or [seckhaus@tbk.org](mailto:seckhaus@tbk.org).

There is no charge for this event, but non-perishable food items for our local pantries would be most welcome.

## **VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA**

### **A new program--Mentoring Children of Promise** **Providing support for youth with incarcerated parents**

#### Mentoring helps kids:

- \*Improve self-esteem and social skills
- \*Expand their horizons
- \*Do better in school
- \*Resist negative peer pressure

#### You can be a mentor if you meet these Mentor Eligibility Requirements:

- \*Have a sincere desire to make a difference in the life of a child
- \*Are at least 18 years old
- \*Are able to spend at least two (2) hours each week with a youth
- \*Agree to a one (1) year commitment
- \*Submit to a thorough background check
- \*Complete all required training

To learn more, please contact Holly Leger, Program Manager  
(585) 402-7254, cell: (585) 329-2949, e-mail: [hleger@voawny.org](mailto:hleger@voawny.org)

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**\$3.00 Registration at the door  
Handicapped Accessible**

**The Church Women United 2008-2012 Quadrennial Priority "Building a World Fit for All God's Children" has four building blocks: Health, Economic Justice, Environmental Care, and Peace. This celebration will examine aspects of the first two. Come worship with us, listen to our speaker, Rev. Shirley Pudney-Eilers, a former mental health counselor, who will speak to mental health issues regarding children and youth, and to learn to be a more vital part of the village to God’s special children.**

**Speaker: Rev. Shirley Pudney-Eilers  
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## **Celebration Schedule**

**9:15 – 9:30 Registration**  
**9:30 – 9:45 Welcome**  
**9:45 – 11:30 Worship and Speaker**  
**11:30 Brown Bag Lunch – dessert and beverages provided**



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**Office Hours: Mondays – Thursdays  
9:00 am to 12:30 pm**