



## JUNE PROGRAM & PICNIC IN THE PARK



- Date:** Friday, June 3, 2011
- Theme:** We will be working on a project that will be donated to one of the youth groups in the Rochester area
- Time:** 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
- Place:** Brighton Town Park  
Carmen Clark Lodge  
777 Westfall Rd.  
[map on back of flyer]
- Registration:** \$3.00
- Picnic Lunch:** Prepared by CWU Board of Directors  
No reservations are needed

Please join us for a morning of fellowship and service as we work together on a small project to benefit an area youth group.

### Women's Health Kit Collection



At our celebration, we will also be collecting items to assemble Health Kits for incarcerated women at the Monroe County Jail. Donations of any of the following would be most greatly appreciated:

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

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.

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

All are welcome!

**From the President**

Jesus said to her [Mary Magdalene], "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" John 20: 17

Christ the Lord is Risen! Christ the Lord is Risen Indeed! These words rang out throughout Christendom Easter morning! As we celebrate Eastertide in our churches, I think of Mary Magdalene at the tomb. When Mary recognized the risen Jesus outside the tomb, she wanted to hold on to him... to welcome him back to the earthly fold of disciples and followers. This was not to be. The risen Jesus was no longer earth bound but heaven bound. Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor reflects on this want to keep Jesus here with us... "all in all, we would rather keep Jesus with us where we are rather than let him take us where he is going... to let him take us into the presence of God, who is not behind us but ahead of us." Brown Taylor's words resonate with the mission of Church Women United. As we go forth as resurrection women... may we continue to look ahead as we follow the living Christ into the world to bring righteousness, justice, mercy, and hope to our communities and the greater world.

*-Peace, Rev. Sue Forsyth*

**Highlights from the Human Rights Celebration:**

On April 1, 2011, Church Women United of Rochester and Vicinity held its second Human Rights Celebration at Brighton United Church of Christ, "**The Whole Village is Called to Bless God's Special Children**".

The program focused on the unfortunately increasing and ever present issues and challenges that permeate in our culture regarding mental health treatment options for children and youth. Rev. Shirley Pudney-Eilers, Pastor of Brighton United Church of Christ, challenged us to think about what our churches can do to help educate, eradicate stigma and challenge our churches to advocate for the myriad of needs faced by so many vulnerable children of God. The program was designed to raise awareness within a "worshipful work" format. All are encouraged to look online at NAMI and pathways to promise for tremendous resources to share with our faith communities. The month of May is Mental Health Awareness Month.

A special thanks to the Naomi Circle of Brighton United Church of Christ for offering morning snacks and plentiful desserts and beverages for our sharing at lunchtime. We also thank the all of the people in Brighton UCC that helped make this celebration possible.

*With Love, Peace, Justice, Hope and Mercy, for all God's Children,  
Rev. Shirley Louise Pudney Eilers, Celebration Chair*



## Special Thanks to

The gifted knitters from  
Pinegrove Senior Center  
for their donation of 6 gorgeous afghans  
to the Warm Up Rochester Project.

Your kindness will brighten many hearts.



## CWU Choir News



The CWU choir meets on Mondays at 12:30 at the Ogden Presbyterian Church.  
The CWU choir is pleased to welcome 6 new members.

Our upcoming concert dates are:

May 2nd, Hilton East @ 1:00, Hilton

May 16th, Granville @ 1:30, Greece

May 23rd, Wedgewood @ 1:00, Spencerport

The choir will adjourn rehearsals June through mid-September.

- Linda Moore, Music Director

## Church World Service News

### **BLANKETS+**

As the people in Japan face the loss of lives and their homes, please help us be able to respond to Japan and other emergencies by supporting the Blankets+ program.

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 –**

### **IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT DISASTER IN JAPAN, PLEASE HELP US RESTOCK OUR KIT SUPPLY!**

One of the first relief items Church World Service provides after a disaster is a CWS Kit. Made from basic household items available at your local store, a CWS Kit can provide someone in crisis a way to stay healthy. Make sure a kid can continue school. Or help a family clean up their home. Following Japan's crisis, Church World Service sent kits from its regional inventories in Asia for a quicker response to communities in need. Now we must replenish the stock of CWS kits --because we'll want to respond quickly next time, too.

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).

### **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.

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**CWU Short Subjects****Upcoming Meetings****Task Force on Courts**

Thursday, May 12, 2011 at Noon  
 Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,  
 1000 Winton Road North, 14609

**CWU Board of Directors**

Friday, May 20, 2011 at 9:30 am  
 Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,  
 1000 Winton Road North, 14609

**Office Closing**

The CWU Office will be closed on  
 Monday, May 30, 2011  
 in observance of Memorial Day.

**Sundial Announcement**

All submissions for the May Sundial  
 must be received by **Thurs, May 19, 2011**  
 Please send to: [cwursundial@frontier.com](mailto: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:**

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

## **Community News**

### **WOMEN'S INTERFAITH COALITION PROGRAM**

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Jewish Community Federation, 441 East Avenue, 14607

Julia Day, Regional Director of the New York State Division of Human Rights Rochester/Syracuse, will speak on "Women and Human Rights". Please join us!

## **SCAPEGOATING MIGRANTS & MUSLIMS**



**WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2011, 7:00 – 8:30 PM  
DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
121 N. Fitzhugh Street, Rochester, 14614**

### **SCAPEGOATING MIGRANTS & MUSLIMS: CROSSING THE WALLS THAT DIVIDE US**

**A presentation by George Dardess, author of books on Muslim-Christian dialogue and active in immigrant-rights issues both in Rochester and in Tucson, Arizona. He is currently assigned to the Roman Catholic Diocese as Consultant for Migrant Ministry and for Interfaith Dialogue.**

**A discussion will follow.**

Undocumented migrants and Muslims would seem to have little in common. But especially since September 11, 2001, both communities have increasingly shared a bitter common identity as scapegoats. How has this happened? And further: Why does scapegoating continue to blight the human family? In this presentation we'll look at what the Christian and Muslim scriptures have to say about scapegoating. We'll talk about positive ways we can help ourselves and others overcome the temptations and consequences of scapegoating by "crossing the walls that divide us."

Sponsored by The Interfaith Forum of Rochester (IFF), The Interfaith Alliance of Rochester (TIAR), and the Downtown Presbyterian Church Justice Ministry.

Highland Breast Imaging, the Breast Cancer Coalition of Rochester and Cancer Services of Monroe County invite you to their:



### **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Mother's Day Screening**

Free mammograms for women 40 and older with no health insurance  
Do it for yourself, do it for your family!

Saturday May 14, 2011  
8:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Highland Breast Imaging Center  
500 Red Creek Drive, 14623



To schedule an appointment, please call 487-3304

### **JUDICIAL PROCESS COMMISSION**

The Judicial Process Commission (JPC) Community Adult Mentoring Program is in need of individuals who are concerned about the violence in our city and would like to help by becoming a mentor to someone who has been involved in the criminal justice system as a means of establishing their successful re-entry into the community. It has been well documented that they have a better probability of success if they have mentors. Just to let someone know that you care, and are available for encouragement and sound, practical advice means a lot when you're fighting to get your life straightened out.

The Judicial Process Commission (JPC) is a non-profit organization that has served our community for over 37 years. It offers mentoring, case management, job search assistance; resume writing, completion of Certificate of Relief of Disabilities applications, assistance with obtaining ID, food and clothing. JPC is a one-of-a-kind grass roots organization with a small staff and a dedicated corps of volunteers to provide this wide array of services. As a result, numerous individuals have become law abiding citizens again.

We hope that you will help us by becoming a volunteer mentor and communicating this need to your peers, friends and acquaintances.

Your assistance is needed to help men and women and their children, break the cycle and become successful citizens. **If you are able to serve as a mentor, please contact Valerie White-Whittick, JPC Mentor Coordinator, at your earliest convenience at 325-7727.**

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