



ADVENT CELEBRATION & ANNUAL MEETING



- Date:** Friday, December 2, 2011
- Theme:** *A Light to the Nations*
“Arise, shine, for your light has come...
nations shall come to your light.”
- Time:** 9:15 am - 1:30 pm
- Place:** St. John’s Meadows
Chestnut Court, 2nd Building
1 Johnsarbor Drive West, 14620
- Bible Study Leader:** Sally Dodgson
First Baptist Church of Rochester
- Registration:** \$3.00
- Lunch:** Brown Bag Lunch
Beverages and desserts provided
- Please Bring:** Your Bible

Along with our annual meeting and election of officers, there will be:

BIBLE STUDY

with Sally Dodgson, greatly admired for her inspired teaching.

BAKE SALE and CARDS BY SHIRLEY

If you wish to donate a baked good, please price your item.
Both support our many outreach programs.

DOLLARS FOR DIAPERS COLLECTION

Diapers and/or cash donations will be collected to purchase diapers to support the work of Sanctuary House, Catholic Family Center’s emergency shelter for women and children.
If you can not attend the Advent Celebration but wish to contribute, you may bring your donations to the CWU Office by Thursday, December 1st. Thank you.

COME JOIN US! ALL ARE WELCOME!

Esther Hammer – Advent Celebration Chair

From the President

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...
Ecclesiastes 3:1

As I sit at my computer looking out at the remnants of my garden, the white dahlias look like clumps of snow in the fallen leaves. They remind me of the changes that are coming this time of autumn... this mystical time of transformation, acceptance, and surrender. As the leaves continue to fall lazily this autumn morning and the burning bush is turning a glorious red, my thoughts turn to longings of the heart... longings for home, friends, family. I long for the source of my very being. These longings remind me that I need to nurture and care for my spirit in this season of harvest and transformation.

Reflecting on Church Women United, we too are in a state of transformation, acceptance, and surrender this time of autumn. As we remember who we have been for nearly 90 years, we need to embrace who we are now... and nurture the seeds that will take us into the future. Blessings this autumn time... this time of yearnings and transformation.

- Peace, Rev. Sue Forsyth

Highlights from Day of Reflection

Perhaps it was the warm, sunny day that led some 45 women to come to First Baptist Church of Rochester for our Day of Reflection on Friday, October 7. We were also warmed by the capable, well prepared and pleasant Rev. Peg Williams, of First Baptist, as she developed our theme: "For Just A Time As Now" through the biblical story of Esther and clips from the film "A Night with the King – The Story of Esther".

Peg had us break into small groups to discuss women of our day who make/made a difference "in times like now". Several women reported from their discussion group.

Rev. Williams culminated our time together by having us sit silently reflecting on readings she had selected from this purpose. This day designed for spiritual reflection and renewal was realized.

We thank the women of First Baptist Church for the excellent lunch that they hosted and served.

- Frances Garrett, Spiritual Resources Chair

AN INVITATION TO THE CWU CHRISTMAS TEA

Date: Saturday, December 10, 2011

Time: 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Location: Sue Forsyth's Home
81 Indian Spring Lane
Rochester, NY 14618

RSVP: CWU Office at 342-2790

Please Join Us!



Church World Service News

“If you can’t feed a hundred people, then just feed one.” Mother Teresa

BLANKETS+

Some of us have already turned on our heat once or twice! As you dig out your winter sweaters please consider holding a Blankets+ program at your church and help Church World Service care for those in need. To learn more about the Blankets+ program or to order materials visit www.churchworldservice.org/blankets.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT GIVING

Alternative gifts are an opportunity to celebrate those we love with a gift that contributes to the work of Church World Service instead of just buying more things. What a wonderful way to honor someone you love. Visit www.cwsbestgifts.org to learn more about this program, make a contribution or to order an Alternative Gift Fair Packet. Plan ahead and explore holding an Alternative Fair in your church to celebrate the holiday season.

CROP HUNGER WALKS

Please walk with us as we walk with those in need. CROP Hunger Walks play a critical role in raising funds and awareness to fight local and global hunger. Visit www.cropwalkonline.org to find a walk near you. If there isn’t a walk near you, contact us and we can help you get one started.

HAITI

A year and a half after the devastating January 2010 earthquake in Haiti, CWS continues to support Haitians in rebuilding their country. During the first phase of work ending in December 2011, and working through local organizations, CWS has successfully implemented programs to address the needs of some of the most vulnerable in the country, and has also developed reconstruction projects that are providing much-needed housing for hundreds of displaced families.

As part of the second reconstruction phase, and the goal of “building back better,” projects will now have a disaster-risk reduction approach, to minimize future impacts of disasters.

CWS will continue to focus on the following initiatives:

- Reconstructing permanent housing
- Repairing institutional centers
- Supporting agricultural sustainability
- Addressing the needs (education, nutrition, counseling) of vulnerable children
- Supporting economic recovery within Haiti
- Empowering people with disabilities
- Implementing disaster risk reduction strategies
- Supporting local climate change initiatives
- Advocating for a more just Haiti both inside and outside the country
- Empowering Haitian accountability efforts

This expanded appeal summarizes CWS efforts described in earlier appeals, but is now for a period of 3½ years, ending in June 2013.

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CWU Short Subjects

Upcoming Meetings

Task Force on Courts

Thursday, November 10, 2011 at Noon
Third Presbyterian Church, 4 Meigs Street, 14607

CWU Board of Directors

Friday, November 18 at 9:30 am at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.



Office Closing

The CWU Office will be closed on
Thursday, November 24, 2011 &
Friday, November 25, 2011
for Thanksgiving.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



Sundial Announcements

All submissions for the December Sundial
must be received by **Thursday, Nov. 17, 2011.**

Please send to: cwursundial@frontier.com



REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK

Daylight Savings Time Ends
Sunday, November 6th

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:

- 1 pound bags of rice
- Macaroni and cheese
- Soup (both low sodium and regular)
- Peanut butter

Community News

WOMEN'S INTERFAITH COALITION MEETING

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

10:00 am – 11:30 pm

This meeting we will visit Ahmadiyya Mosque at 1609 East Main Street, 14609. Please call Evelyn at 271-1309 for more details. Please join us!



The Fistula Program

Presented by Temple B'rith Kodesh, Women of Reform Judaism Social Action Committee

Wednesday, November 30, 2011

7:30 p.m.

Temple B'rith Kodesh

2131 Elmwood Avenue

What is an obstetric fistula? Whom does it affect and how?

Speaker, Dr. Deborah Rib, a private OB/GYN with Rochester Gynecologic and Obstetric Associates, will address this serious issue and present a screening of "From Despair to Dignity"

All women are welcome and encouraged to attend this important and informative program.

Dessert, coffee and tea will be served.

Please **RSVP** by November 20th, 244-7060 x233.

Contact: Judy Schwartz 442-5111

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY EVENT (Co-Sponsored by CWU in Rochester)

Wednesday, November 30, 2011

at 5:30 pm

Saving Ourselves from Frankenstein: Human Rights in the Era of the Corporate Person

Downtown United Presbyterian Church, 121 N. Fitzhugh Street, 14614

This annual community gathering celebrates the anniversary of the signing of the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)**. The articles within the declaration describe the hopes of the peoples of the world for a successful and peaceful future for all.

Our speaker will be **David Cobb**, Green Party Candidate for President in 2004. David presently works with Move to Amend, a national action group seeking to amend the Constitution to outlaw corporate Personhood. David will briefly fill us in on the history of the corporation, focusing on how it was that the Supreme Court in the nineteenth century gave legal rights to the corporation before it granted full personhood to African-Americans, immigrants, native peoples and women. He'll bring the story up-to-date with the recent Citizens United decision. And then he'll help us define action steps by which we can regain control of the corporate Frankenstein we have created and reassert the "human" in human rights.

5:30pm Potluck Supper

7:00pm Program

For more details please call Downtown United Presbyterian Church at 325-4000

METRO JUSTICE'S 30TH ANNUAL

Alternative Fair



FAMILY HOLIDAY SHOPPING

*Hundreds of unique fair trade and locally made items, with prices the whole family can afford! **Music, food, free child care!***

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 5-9 pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 10 am-2 pm

First Unitarian Church, 220 Winton Rd. S.

*Handicap accessible *\$3 suggested donation (under 12 FREE)*

Questions?? Call Metro Justice, 325-2560

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**\$3 Registration
at the door**

- 9:15 Registration**
- 9:45 Welcome
Annual Meeting and Election of Officers**
- 10:30 Bible Study Led by Sally Dodgson, First Baptist Church
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- 11:30 Brown Bag Lunch (Beverages and dessert provided)
Bake Sale & Card Sale**
- 12:30 Installation of Officers
Advent Carol Service**

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