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# THE SUNDIAL



October 2011

# WORLD COMMUNITY DAY 2011



- Date:** Friday, November 4, 2011
- Theme:** “Living Our Faith, Unlocking Action”
- Time:** 9:30 am
- Place:** Greece Baptist Church  
1230 Long Pond Road, 14626
- Speaker:** Rev. Steve Gretz  
Pastor of Greece Baptist Church
- Registration:** \$3.00
- Lunch:** Brown Bag Lunch  
Beverages and desserts provided  
(RSVP’s to CWU Office kindly requested)

“Living Our Faith, Unlocking Action” theme will emphasize the task for religious leaders to remember those things that truly matter. Following the Bible’s readings from Micah 6: 1-8 and Matthew 23: 23-28, we will be reminded by Rev. Gretz that we need to pay attention to the need for action in order to follow what Jesus expects us to do as His disciples.

The Rev. Steven Gretz and his wife, Leslie Lee, will lead us in song and music that they and some of the members of their church have used to go out into the community to witness our faith through music. The Rev. Steven Gretz lived in Bloomfield, NY during his high school days and then has spent many years serving as pastor of the Avon Baptist Church of Boston, Mass. and was song leader at the American Baptist Convention in Puerto Rico. Here he wrote a song that he plans to share with us on the 4th of November. Rev. Steve graduated from Princeton Seminary and did his undergraduate studies at Stanford. He and Leslie have a warm and happy JOY which will make this year’s worship very meaningful for each of us!

Also on this day, attendees are invited to share in a collection of non-perishable food items to benefit The Community Food Cupboard of Rochester. Items especially in need are peanut butter, soup and canned fruit.

All are welcome. Please join us!

- Flo Braker, World Community Day Chair

**From the President**

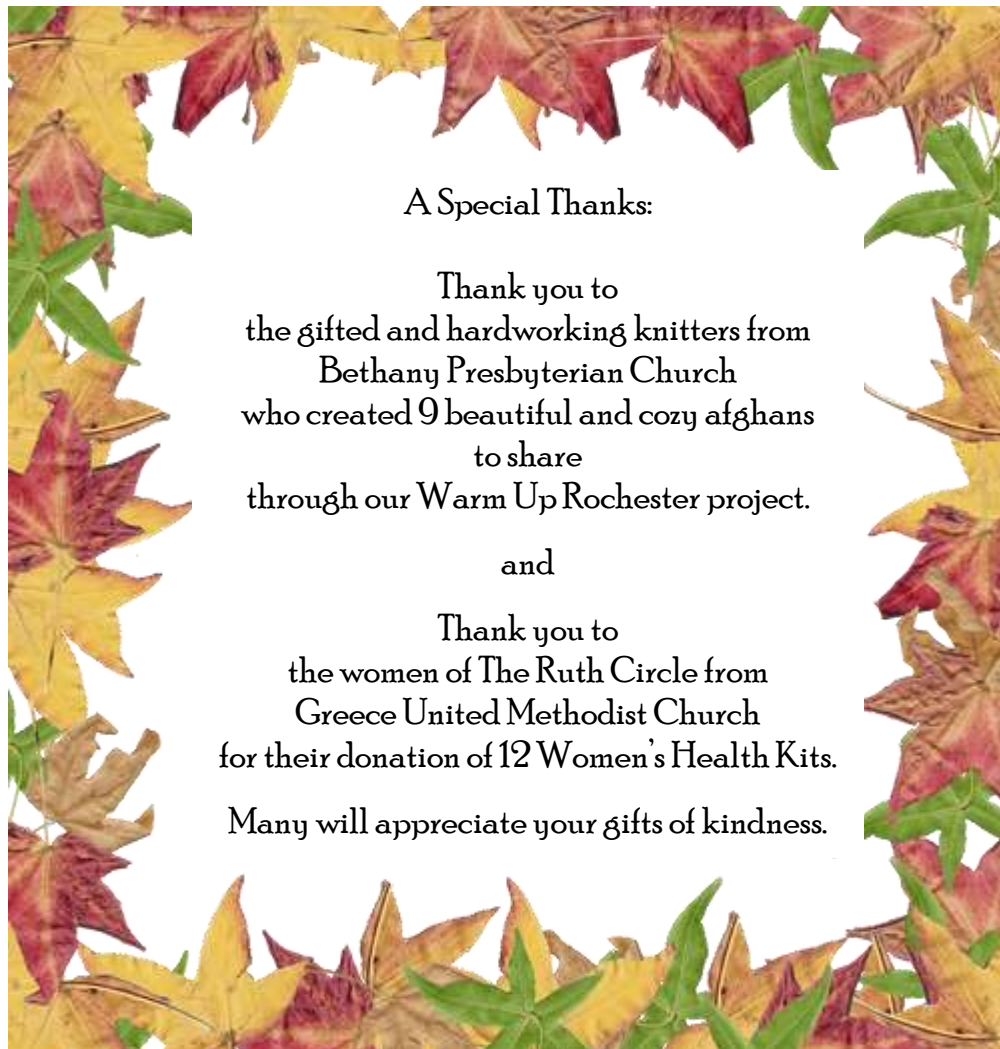
“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...”

Ecclesiastes 3:1

The leaves are starting to turn... soon the leaves of our Japanese maple will shimmer red in the autumn light. Even as it surrenders its leaves, our Japanese maple seems playful as the fallen leaves form a startling red ring around its base... like a red shroud fallen to the ground.

Autumn... as the trees lose their leaves, it allows us to see through the branches more clearly. As we in Church Women United wrestle with leadership models, fewer attendees at our programs and celebrations, our board structure and our presence in the greater community, let us remember and appreciate the fallen leaves of past memories and friends. Let us listen for the voices of wisdom as the leaves let go in this the time of change and transformation... in this time of recycling that which falls to the earth... in this time of taking stock and evaluating what needs to be released in order for us to see more clearly. May God's blessing be with us as we listen to autumn's voice of change and surrender.

*- Peace, Rev. Sue Forsyth*



A Special Thanks:

Thank you to  
the gifted and hardworking knitters from  
Bethany Presbyterian Church  
who created 9 beautiful and cozy afghans  
to share  
through our Warm Up Rochester project.

and

Thank you to  
the women of The Ruth Circle from  
Greece United Methodist Church  
for their donation of 12 Women's Health Kits.

Many will appreciate your gifts of kindness.

## Church World Service News

...let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. (I John 3:18)

### **Walk the talk and put your faith into action by participating in a CROP Hunger Walk.**

Fall CROP Hunger Walk planning is in process. Go to [www.churchworldservice.org/crop](http://www.churchworldservice.org/crop) and click on "Find a Walk" on the left. If you don't have a walk in your community, find a walk near you or consider starting a walk in your community. Please walk and help raise critical funds for those in need in the U.S. and around the world, especially as our brothers and sisters in Africa face such challenging times.

### **In the US...**

Church World Service has been busy responding to damage caused by Hurricane Irene. Hurricane Irene has left extensive flood and wind damage from Puerto Rico to Maine, as well as causing at least 40 deaths and sending more than 10,000 people to FEMA shelters.

#### CWS Response:

CWS has supported social service agencies and churches with numerous shipments of CWS Clean-up Buckets, Hygiene Kits, Baby Kits, School Kits and Blankets.

CWS member communions have also been working in impacted areas clearing debris, cleaning out homes, providing food in shelters, providing shower facilities, providing supplies of all kinds and meeting the needs of survivors.

CWS Emergency Response Specialists are working with FEMA Volunteer Liaison Officers, State VOADs (Voluntary Organization Active in Disaster), CWS Resource Development Personnel, CWS-member churches and others. The ERSs are assisting in getting material goods sent where most needed; providing more details about damages and needs; and will work with communities to develop plans for the development of long term recovery committees. These committees are essential to the rebuilding of the community, for putting families back into adequate housing and for leading the community to a "new normal." The ERSs will help train the committees, assisted by specialists in working for member communions.

CWS will also provide small start-up grants to help the long-term recovery groups get started. CWS Emergency Response Specialists are also receiving requests for assistance and providing advice on disaster recovery efforts.

**HOW TO HELP:** Contributions to support CWS emergency response efforts may be made online, sent to your denomination, or to Church World Service, P.O. Box 968, Elkhart, IN 46515.

### **Around the World...**

There are an endless number of stories to tell about this year's devastating drought in East Africa. Across much of Somalia, Kenya, Ethiopia and beyond, more than 12 million people are struggling to survive the failure of seasonal rains, the scarcity of water and the skyrocketing price of food. Visit [www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org) to learn more about our on-going work in Africa.

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## CWU Short Subjects

### Upcoming Meetings

#### Task Force on Courts

Thursday, October 13, 2011 at Noon  
Third Presbyterian Church, 4 Meigs Street, 14607

#### CWU Board of Directors

Friday, October 21 at 9:30 am at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.



#### Office Closing

The CWU Office will be closed on  
Monday, October 10, 2011  
in observance of Columbus Day.

#### Sundial Announcement

All submissions for the October Sundial  
must be received by **Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011**  
Please send to: [cwursundial@frontier.com](mailto:cwursundial@frontier.com)



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

- Canned green beans
- Baked beans
- Soup (both low sodium and regular)
- Peanut butter

### 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



# Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Please join Highland Breast Imaging, Breast Cancer Coalition of Rochester and the Cancer Services Program of Monroe County for a special day of screening!

Free mammograms are provided for women who are 40 or older with no health insurance.

- \* A Reiki Practitioner will be providing free 10-minute sessions
- \* Refreshments and music for a relaxing atmosphere

**Date:** Saturday, October 8, 2011

**Time:** 8:00am to 12:00 pm

**Location:** Highland Breast Imaging Center, 500 Red Creek Drive, 14623

**To schedule an appointment, please call 487-3304.**

### WOMEN'S INTERFAITH COALITION MEETING

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

10:00 am – 11:30 pm

Jewish Community Federation, 441 East Avenue, 14607

Our speakers will be Lynda Howland and Judy Bellow who will speak on Iran today from two American travelers' perspectives. Please join us!

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Sponsored by The Center for Compassion and Healing (A program of Lifetime Care)

- Open to bereaved men and women
- Free of charge
- Professionally facilitated
- Parking available near the facility
- No pre-registration is required

Meets at: St. Ann's Community in the Oak Room of Chapel Oaks  
1550 Portland Ave., Rochester

Meetings are held two mornings each month:

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, from 10:45 am to 12:15 pm

Beginning October 11

Participants may be grieving for loss of any type of relationship and death due to any cause. Support for challenging experiences will be shared; survival tips and grief education will be part of each discussion.

For more information, please call 475-8800.



**BON-TON's**  
**COMMUNITY DAY EVENT**  
**NOVEMBER 11 & 12, 2011**

**PLEASE SUPPORT**  
**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED**

**THE MONEY WE RAISE FROM THIS EVENT GOES DIRECTLY  
TO OUR LOCAL PROGRAM**

**COUPON BOOKLETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR \$5.00 EACH**

**THIS YEAR COMMUNITY DAY HAS BEEN EXPANDED  
TO A 2 DAY EVENT!**

**USE YOUR COUPON BOOK AT ANY OF THEIR STORES ON  
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> 9 AM TO 10 PM**

**&**

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> 6 AM TO 10 PM**

**TO PURCHASE, PLEASE CALL THE CWU OFFICE AT 342-2790  
THANK YOU!**



Church Women United in Rochester invites you to our

# WORLD COMMUNITY DAY



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9:30 am

**Greece Baptist Church**  
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[map on back of flyer]



\$3.00 Registration at the door  
Handicapped Accessible

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### Celebration Schedule

- 9:30 Registration
- 9:45 Welcome and Program with Rev. Steve and Leslie Gretz
- 10:15 Short Break
- 10:30 Program Continues
- 11:30 Short Break
- 11:45 Brown Bag Lunch and Continued Fellowship  
Beverages and desserts provided (RSVP's kindly requested)

*Celebration attendees are also invited to share in a collection of  
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The Community Food Cupboard of Rochester  
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