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PLEASE JOIN US FOR THESE REMAINING 2009-2010 PROGRAM YEAR CELEBRATIONS:

<u>Celebration</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Location</u>
World Day of Prayer	March	Twelve Corners Presbyterian
E.I.A. (Education)	April	St. Paul Lutheran Church of Pittsford
May Friendship Day & E.I.A. (Initiative)	May	AME Baber
Picnic & E.I.A. (Action)	June	Brighton Town Park

Highlights from World Community Day Celebration 2009

“Piecing the World Together,” was the theme of this year’s World Community Day Celebration. Women across the nation observed this nationally recommended program, highlighting the threat to our world’s environment and ways in which we, as women, can aid in lessening the carbon footprint we are leaving for generations to come. The celebration was held, Friday, November 6, 2009 at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Forty women attended this celebration.

The worship program centered on the Genesis chapter one story, with prayers and litanies recounting the seven days of creation. A reading of James Weldon Johnson’s poem sermon, “The Creation,” from the volume *God’s Trombones*, added another interpretation. The worship centerpiece was a view from space of a broken world being stitched together, surrounded by commercial objects suggesting products that may be used to lessen energy requirements.

The speaker of the morning was Ms. Cheryl Frank, violist and organist, survivor of Hurricane Katrina, who is a member of the Green Brighton Task Force and Chair of that organization’s *ColorBrightonGreen.org*. Cheryl led our group in an overview of damage being done to our earth, including an emphasis on poorer regions of the world. She helpfully outlined ways we could bring change in the areas of transportation, food, and commerce. She led an interesting “give and take” from attendees. The presentation did not leave guilt feelings, but rather a positive view of what can actually be accomplished individually—not by each one doing it all, but by each one doing some things.

Following a closing litany of prayers, the group gathered with bag lunches and goodies prepared by the host church, over discussion placemats listing ways we might reduce damage to our earth.

Together we supported the Community Food Cupboard of Rochester by donating 121 cans of soup. Women admired a lovely display of lap robes prepared for CWU’s “Warm-up Rochester” Project.

Thanks are due to the day’s program committee and participants: Sue Forsyth, Esther Hammer, Ellen Kimbrough, Gloria Klink, Linda Moore, Eleanor Pope, Joan Rohlin, and Elmira Washington.

- Sally Dodgson, 2009 World Community Day Chair (*Pro Tempore*)

From the President

Four years ago, we embarked on an awesome Christian journey. A ministry filled with great expectations, embodying the noble history and heritage set forth by Church Women United many decades ago.

In accepting the Presidency position, my main focus was to strengthen the alliance of women to become more actively involved in creating new and fresh perspectives reflecting women and children's issues of today.

I am truly grateful to have been given this opportunity to be of service to you, and especially as CWU President. I am even more grateful and thankful to God for all of your prayers, support, encouragement, and your overwhelming trust and faith. Without your wisdom and guidance, we would not be able to stand on the shoulders of all the trailblazers who paved the way for this great organization.

May you always seek to reflect the glorious magnificent, glory of God, as you continue this awesome journey in HIS footsteps.

- Peace and Blessings, Audrey T. Davidson

CWU NATIONAL NEWS

Church Women United ACTION ALERT

“ENVIRONMENTAL CARE: Promote personal, communal and governmental decisions that express care for all God’s creation...Work for policies that address effectively the intensifying global crisis of climate change.” - CWU Quadrennial Priority 2008-2012

ACT NOW TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE.

SEND A LETTER OR EMAIL TO YOUR SENATORS ASKING FOR SWIFT PASSAGE OF EFFECTIVE CLIMATE CHANGE LEGISLATION.

A **SAMPLE LETTER** is available at the CWU Rochester office, please call 342-2790 to obtain a copy and be sure to include a reference to Church Women United (see above quote from our Quadrennial Priority).

BACKGROUND

In just a few weeks, representatives of 192 governments will gather in Copenhagen, Denmark, to craft a global response to one of the greatest challenges of our time - climate change.

Despite the severe consequences of failure facing all nations, the hopes for success are fading. Many blame the United States, in large part, for the conference's falling prospects, due to America's reluctance to commit to specific emissions reduction targets.

For their part, U.S. negotiators are beseeching Congress to pass effective climate change legislation that will strengthen their negotiating position by demonstrating that America is committed to serious action and to joining a new climate treaty.

In fact, lead U.S. negotiator Todd Stern said the most important help the United States can provide to international negotiations is to pass climate change legislation as soon as possible.

Time is running out! Help ensure success at the global climate change conference by urging your legislators to pass a climate bill without further delay.

ACT NOW - Go To: <http://capwiz.com/unausa/issues/alert/?alertid=14330066>

US negotiator for the conference testified that House passage of climate change legislation earlier this year “has had a major impact on the nature of our international discussions. It demonstrates vividly that the United States is serious about climate change...and it has strengthened our overall position.” We eagerly await similar progress...in the Senate.”

Help strengthen the U.S. negotiating position and the chances of a successful Copenhagen conference by urging your legislators to support swift enactment of comprehensive and ambitious climate change legislation. (Contact your Senators!)

As always, thank you for your time and attentiveness,

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CWU Short Subjects

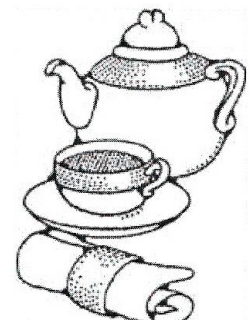
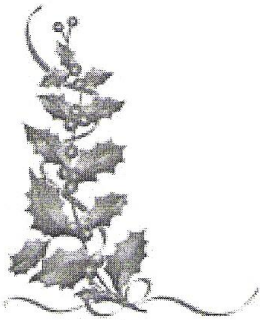
AN INVITATION TO THE CWU CHRISTMAS TEA:

Date: Saturday, December 12, 2009

Time: 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Location: Sue Forsyth's Home
81 Indian Spring Lane
Rochester, NY 14618
(Directions Available Upon Request)

RSVP: CWU Office at 342-2790



UPCOMING CWU CHOIR CONCERT DATES – PLEASE JOIN US!!

December 14, 2009

10:30 am

Wedgewood Nursing Home
5 Church St., Spencerport, 14559



January 5, 2010

12:30 pm

Spencerport Senior Center
160 Union Street, 14559



The CWUR Office will be closed on **Thursday December 24, 2009**
and will re-open on **Monday, January 4, 2010.**

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

NOTE: The CWUR Office will also be closed on
Monday, January 18, 2010
in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



Let's Get Cooking with CWU

Pumpkin Soup with Basil

From: Mothers Against Drunk Drivers Cookbook

Makes 6 servings

Note: This recipe was made for the luncheon without optional items.

1 large yellow onion, peeled and finely minced
 1/4 cup butter or margarine
 1/2 pound fresh tomatoes, peeled, seeded and coarsely chopped
 1/2 pound carrots, peeled and cut into large chunks
 3-3/4 cups chicken broth, divided
 1 can (16 ounces) solid-pack pumpkin
 Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
 Pinch of granulated sugar
 2 tablespoons minced fresh basil (or 1 tablespoon dried)
 3 tablespoons heavy cream (optional)
 Grated Swiss cheese, for garnish (optional)
 Toasted curried pumpkin seeds (see note) or croutons, for garnish (optional)

In a large soup pot, saute onion in butter for 4 to 5 minutes. Add tomatoes; simmer gently for 5 to 6 minutes, or until tomatoes become slightly mushy.

In another saucepan, simmer carrots in 2-1/2 cups chicken broth, until soft. Combine cooked carrots, hot broth and pumpkin in a blender or food processor; puree until smooth, adding the remaining 1-1/4 cups chicken stock as necessary to achieve a thin, creamy consistency.

Add pumpkin mixture to onions and tomatoes in soup pot. Season with salt, pepper, sugar and basil. Fold in heavy cream. Heat to serving temperature, but do not boil.

Pour soup into tureen. Top with grated Swiss cheese and toasted pumpkin seeds or croutons, if desired.

Note: To toast pumpkin seeds, rub a little vegetable oil on your hands, then rub 1 cup hulled pumpkin seeds in hands to coat seeds lightly with oil. Place seeds on a cookie sheet. Bake in a preheated 375-degree oven 15 minutes, shaking pan occasionally. Season seeds with salt and curry powder to taste; toss to mix well. Bake another 5 minutes, or until crisp and golden brown.

Upcoming Meetings	<p><u>Task Force on Courts</u> Thursday, December 10, 2009 at Noon Irondequoit United Church of Christ, 644 Titus Ave., 14617</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE LOCATION CHANGE</p>	<p><u>CWU Board of Directors</u> There will be no Board of Directors Meetings in December 2009 or January 2010.</p> <p>The next Board meeting will be Friday, February 19, 2010 at 9:30 am at Third Presbyterian Church, 4 Meigs Street</p>
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HUMAN RIGHTS DAY EVENT

**To commemorate the 61st Anniversary of the
United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights**

Friday, December 10, 2009 at 5:30 pm

Theme: *“The First Anniversary of the Achievement of World Peace”*

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

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

Women’s Health Kits

The Health Kits for women leaving the Monroe County facility (as of February 7, 2009) consist of:

Shampoo	d	Tooth Paste	Sturdy Comb (without handle please)	a	Bar Soap
Wash Cloth		Deodorant	Tissues (small packs)		Socks

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

This is a good on-going project for a group to work on. Thanks.

- Betty Allinger 663-0862



Thank You

The CWU Office would like to thank the following Lifetime Assistance Volunteers:

Lynn Marie Grace

Mark Leary

Danny Medina

Karen Kryger

Kareen McDaniels

for assembling the November 2009 Sundial.

Church World Service News

MAY ARNETT IS RETIRING

After 25 years of service, May is retiring from Church World Service on December 18, 2009. May has played a key role in the success of the Upstate New York Office and has been an asset to the overall organization. May will be greatly missed although we wish her well! If you would like to send May best wishes, I am going to be collecting cards to be presented to her when she retires. Cards can be sent to my home address: Amy Bobbette Manning, 97 Midlake Circle, East Syracuse, NY 13057. Put a note on the outside of the card indicating it is for May’s retirement.

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO BE A PART OF THE BIG PICTURE

Our next bus trip to work in the New Windsor Service Center is from May 10-14, 2010. Kits from our Spring Kit Drive will have recently arrived in the warehouse so you might get the unique opportunity to

see kits you put together arrive and be prepared to be sent out to those in need. Trip participants get the opportunity to put hearts and hands in service by sorting and packing Church World Service Kits and/or by sorting and pricing SERRV International gifts. For more information, contact Amy Bobbette Manning.

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Community News

LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW AND LET RG&E HELP YOU MANAGE YOUR HEATING BILL:

Residential Energy Consumer Assistance Program (RECAP)

RECAP includes a reduction in your basic service charge, assistance in reducing overdue amounts and referrals to community-based programs and services. You may also qualify for home weatherization assistance.

To see if you are eligible for RECAP, call 1-877-266-3492.



ALL ARE WELCOME TO THESE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATIONS:

2010 GOSPEL SONGFEST

Date: Saturday, January 16, 2010

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Aenon Baptist Church
 175 Genesee Street, 14611

COMMUNITY-WIDE WORSHIP SERVICE

Date: Monday, January 18, 2010

Time: 9:00 am

Location: The Eastman Theater
 26 Gibbs Street, 14604

PAYCHEX, INC. – POSITION AVAILABLE:

Safety and Loss Representative; Location: Rochester, NY

Specific Responsibilities include: Developing safety and OSHA compliance programs for Paychex Premier Human Resource clients; Providing guidance to clients on safety management and accident prevention, inspection, and OSHA recordkeeping requirements; Acting as a management information resource regarding occupational safety and regulatory compliance issues; Providing telephonic and electronic employee trainings, materials, solutions, and premises exposure evaluation; Creating and assisting in the delivery of client management and supervisory safety training courses.

Position Requirements: Bachelor's degree is required with a minimum of 3 years in safety administration. An equivalent combination of education and experience will be considered. Workers Compensation Insurance Carrier or broker experience is a plus.

To apply for this opportunity, please visit our website at www.paychex.com/careers to create a profile and apply for reference code position 09011R4. EOE - Must be authorized to work in the U.S.

Kids' Korner News



Keep Safety *IN SIGHT*



An important reminder for Parents, Guardians and Children, provided by our friends at the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children:

If you allow your older children to go to the Mall and/or other activities without you, they need to **TAKE A FRIEND**. It is more fun and much safer.

Older children should check in with you on a regular basis while they are out.

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Sundial Announcement

All submissions for the February Sundial must be received by
Thursday, January 14, 2010
Please send to: cwursundial@frontier.com



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