

THE SUNDIAL

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World Day of Prayer

Co-(Sponsored by Church Women United in Rochester and Vicinity)

"In Christ There Are Many Members, Yet One Body"

Friday, March 6, 2009, 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Central Service

Bethany Presbyterian Church
3000 Dewey Ave.
[map on back of flyer]

Registration: \$3.00

Building accessible.

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of women of many faith traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March. Each year a different country serves as the writer of the World Day of Prayer worship service. This year's service was written by the Women of Papua New Guinea and World Day of Prayer USA Committee.

Church Women United in Rochester's central service this morning will begin with a Bible Study. This year's leaders are: Rev. Patrina D. Freeman, Executive Director, Church Women United in Rochester, Rev. Sue Forsyth, Pastor South Livonia UCC, and Jane Lyth, Assistant to the Pastor, Bethany Presbyterian Church.

Following the Bible Study, will be a brown bag lunch. After lunch will be the worship service, with Rev. Imani Dodley, Pastor, Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, as the keynote speaker.

For more information, please call the CWU office 342-2790.

About the Art

The art developed for WDP 2009 puts two symbols together: the cross and the *bilum*. The *bilum*, a string bag made by hand, is found nearly everywhere in Papua New Guinea. It is used for many things, including carrying heavy loads and carrying babies. The PNG committee placed the *bilum* on the cross to represent a diverse people's unity in Christ. Please join us in worship, reflection and celebration!

Bring Bag Lunch; Dessert & Beverages Provided

**Next CWU Board of Directors Meeting: Friday, February 20, 2009
at 9:30 am at Third Presbyterian Church**

ANNUAL MEETING - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Newly-Elected Officers

Rev. Sue Forsyth.....Spiritual Resources,
 Day of Reflection Chair
 Frances Garrett.....Advent Chair
 Diana DeBruycker.....MFD/EIA Insight Chair
 Secretary

Retiring Officers

Sally Dodgson.....Spiritual Resources
 Esther HammerSecretary

Continuing Officers

Ellen Kimbrough.....Treasurer

Nominating Committee

Eleanor PopeSally Dodgson
 Marie BarkerJoan Palmer
 Frances Garrett.....Gail Mason

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 Many, many thanks to everyone who has
 served & will continue to serve CWU

2008 Advent Report

The 2008 Advent Celebration, with the theme “Come, Lord, Jesus!” was held on Friday, December 5, hosted by Ogden Presbyterian Church in Spencerport. Forty-six women were in attendance, along with the members of the Church Women United Choir.

The CWU Annual Business Meeting was called to order by Audrey Davidson. It consisted of a brief devotional and prayer for the election of the new officers.

The Bible Study, led by Gail Ricciuti, Associate Professor of Homiletics at CRCDS, gave an awesome and inspiring presentation. She wove the selected readings of Scripture for the Advent event: Mark 1:1-8. “The Message,” with insights by Eugene Peterson, “turning your old life in for a kingdom life.”

The attendees gathered in the sanctuary for worship. Everyone joined in singing "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," which was led by the CWU Choir. Next, we turned our attention to the Installation of Newly-Elected Officers and the recognition of those who will continue to serve. Each installed person pledged to carry out their duties in the strength and power of God, with the encouragement, support and cooperation of all who were present.

The 2008 Advent Celebration was a great success due to the support of everyone and for the diligent work of the committee: Gloria Klink, Sharon Listman, Jean Murphy, chairperson, Joan Palmer and Eleanor Pope, the hospitality of the ladies of Ogden Presbyterian Church and their chairs Pat Everett and Pat Hutchison.

Your generous gifts of canned goods, diapers for Sanctuary House and the event’s monetary total of \$462.00 are gratefully acknowledged.

- Jean Murphy, Chair, Advent

Dollar\$ for Diaper\$ - 2008 Project Report

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in the 2008 Dollar\$ for Diaper\$ Drive, last month. Your faithfulness and generosity has gone a long way in sharing the love of God in Christ with the families of Sanctuary House.

With that said, it is with great humility that I now report that with your support, CWU in Rochester was able to donate the following items to Sanctuary House:

- ✂ 832 Disposable Diapers
- ✂ 6 Onesie’s
- ✂ 76 Pull-Ups - Training Pants
- ✂ 5 Cloth Diapers

Many thanks to you all and may God continue to bless the works of your hands!

Yours in Christ Jesus,
 Rev. Patrina D. Freeman, CWU Executive Director

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED ACTION ALERT

Children's Health Alert Update

“Work to assure comprehensive health coverage for all children and adults.” CWU Quadrennial Priority Action Goal 2008-1012

With your help last week, the House overwhelmingly approved a bill that would renew and expand the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). This means that an additional 4 million uninsured children would have access to health care. All eyes are now on the Senate, which will be voting on children's health within days. It is crucial to both our children and our economy that this passes .

Your voice will make a difference. Dial 1-800-828-0498 and ask to speak to your Senators. Urge them to support re-authorizing the Children's Health Insurance Program so millions of uninsured children can get health coverage. [Tip: Call the toll-free number which will connect you to the Capitol Switchboard.

Ask for the office of your Senator and then proceed with your message.] My name is _____, and I live in [city]_____, [state]_____. I am a member of [name of your faith community]_____. The purpose of my call is to urge Senator _____ to support expanded health care for children. I believe that children are sacred gifts entrusted to our care, and it's immoral that in the richest country in the world millions of children can't get the health care they need. It will take all of us to ensure that our children are given the chance to live whole and healthy lives. Senate support will be an important step in that direction. I also urge the Senator to support the elimination of the 5 year waiting period for documented immigrant children. Five years is a life time for a child and can compromise a child's development into his/her fullest potential! While we work toward health care for all, we must make our children a national priority. Please vote YES for expanding health care for more children in our country. Thank you!

Patricia Burkhardt, Church Women United, Legislative Office, 100 Maryland Ave NE RM 100
Washington DC 20002, 202 544 8747, fax 202 544 9133

Home Energy Assistance Program

Get help from your high heating bill.

**The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is now accepting applications.
You do NOT need a shut-off notice to apply.**

**Call 241-3068 for list of required documentation and to schedule your
appointment.**

Shut-off Notice, over the age of 60, please call 753-6477.

Individual Contributors to CWU in 2008

*Thank
You*

We wish to thank all of our faithful contributors in 2008, without whom we could not continue to make a difference in this community.

Audrey Davidson	Lois Davis	Helen Johnson	Joan Palmer
Betty Allinger	Diana DeBruycker	Doris [Dee] Jones	Nancy Perryman
Ruth Andrews	Janet Detwiler	Ellen	Eleanor Pope
Mary Ann Henry	Carol Deys	Kimbrough	Vera Powley
Marie Barker	Mary Discher	Lucille Kinsella	Helen Rice
Jean Bartlett	Sally Dodgson	Gloria Klink	Waltrine Richardson
June Becker	Mona Durgin	Diana Kubick	Vera Sharp
Ann R. Bernhagen	Rev. Sue Forsyth	Areta Lacy	Deanna Smisloff
Betty Bierer	Frances Garrett	Margery Leach	Betty C. Smith
Alma Blyth	Marie Gibson	Jane Marenus	Susan Soper
Marguerite Bodane	Christine Greene	Lura Masters	Marcia Spillane
Dot Borden	Julia A. Guttman	Rev. Susan Maybeck	Marian Sweeting
Erna Bowman	Joan Hamb	Mary Lou Maynard	Doris VanVechten
Flo Braker	Esther Hammer	Christina L. McGovern	Colleen Vogt
Patricia Brotz	Barbara Hoffman	Ruth Morgan	Marjorie Wells
Dayle Byrd	Neva Hoffmeier	Gail Mott	Violet F. Williams
Alma Campbell	Ruth Howard	Jean Murphy	Elizabeth Woolever
Joan Clark	Julianne Huse	Eleanor Newell	
Alison Clarke	Patricia Hutchison	Linda Norak	
Eleanor Cook	Merilyn Israel	Catherine Olcott	

If you contributed to CWU's financial appeal for 2008 and your name is not listed, please call the office 342-2790, so we can update our records. Groups of contributors will be listed in the March 2008 Sundial.
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NOTE: Group contributors will be published in the March 2009 Sundial.

CWU Short Subjects

Thank You

Sally Dodgson, Eloise Mulligan & *Lifetime Assistance*: Margaret, Corrine McDaniel & Mary Ellen Lenderhouse for assembling the December, 2008/January 2009 SUNDIAL.

Presidents' Day

The CWU office will be closed on
Monday,
February 16, 2009.

Hail to the Chief!

Congratulations to Barack Obama, the 44th US President & Vice President Joe Biden.

Thanks You Note from Marie Gibson

Dec 2, 2008 - Please share with all the ladies at CWU that I'm getting better every day with the help of so many prayers and get well wishes. Marie

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE NEWS

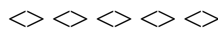
BLANKETS+

From something as simple as a blanket, amazing things can happen with your help. Your congregation or group can provide warmth and protection to victims of disaster, seeds and tools to struggling farmers, and water and health to impoverished communities by holding a Church World Service Blankets+ Offering.

Blankets+, formerly called Tools & Blankets, helps families to recover from a disaster and resume the challenge of building self-sufficient, sustainable lives. But we can only be there with your support. You are the plus in Blankets+!

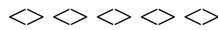
Valentine’s Day, Mother’s Day or any other appropriate occasion provide wonderful opportunities to hold a Blanket Sunday and get involved with the life-saving work of Church World Service. Make a gift of love that will keep on giving throughout the year. For more information and resources about the Blankets+ program click on the following link:

<http://www.churchworldservice.org/site/PageServer?pagename=blankets_main>



Blankets are among relief supplies ready to be delivered to assist with the current crisis in Gaza. For more information about our work in Gaza go to:

<http://www.churchworldservice.org/site/News2?page=NewsArticle&id=5780&news_iv_ctrl=1221>



SPRING PICK-UP

Our Spring Kit Pick-up is fast approaching. For information about collection sites and details contact our office. 1-888-297-2767

The Kit program offers a hands-on opportunity to make a difference in the lives of refugees, displaced people, and victims of natural disasters. People of all ages and abilities can work on this project together. For more information about our Kits program or for detailed information about what should be in each kit go to: <http://www.churchworldservice.org/site/PageServer?pagename=kits_main>

From there you can click on “Kit Project Stories” along the left-hand side to read about some of the examples of how people have come together in different ways to provide kits. There is even a story about a kit project in our area!

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Church World Service-200 C Gateway Park Dr-North Syracuse, NY 13212 315-458-8535 1-888-297-2767
Amy Bobbette: abobbette@churchworldservice.org <<mailto:abobbette@churchworldservice.org>>

Community Food Cupboard of Rochester, Inc

The Food Cupboard always needs:

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| Jam or Jelly | Soup |
| Unsweetened Cereal | Tea Bags |
| Baked Beans | Coffee |

Please put one or more of these items in your cart the next time you go grocery shopping and donate them to the Community Food Cupboard of Rochester, Inc.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Paychex, Inc. - Positions Available

#1 - Distribution Specialist; Location: Rochester, NY

If you are interested in applying for this opportunity, please visit our website at www.paychex.com/careers <<http://www.paychex.com/careers>> to create a profile and apply for reference code position 0801258. EOE-Must be authorized to work in the U.S.

#2 - Peer Risk Review Analyst; Location: Rochester, NY

If you are interested in applying for this opportunity, please visit our website at www.paychex.com/careers <<http://www.paychex.com/careers>> to create a profile and apply for reference code position 080128I. EOE-Must be authorized to work in the U.S.

Valentine's Day Screening!

Free mammograms for women 40 or older with little or no health insurance. Sat, Feb 14, 2009

- Raffle off an Overnight Stay at the Airport Marriott in Rochester 8 am to 12 noon
- A Reiki Practitioner will be providing free 10-minute Reiki sessions
- Refreshments and music for a relaxing atmosphere

**Highland Breast Imaging Center, 500 Red Creek Drive, Rochester, NY
To schedule an appointment, please call 487-3300.**

CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

African American Education Awareness Film Series

WXXI Studios, 280 State Street, Rochester

Every Saturday in February 1-4 p.m.

"Remember the past, but embrace the future."

Admission to this educational film series is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Shelley Figuerola 585-258-0278 or email sfiguerola@wxxi.org

February 28, 2009, AND SAVE!

**COUPON BOOKS Are Available
at the CWU Office, 342-2790**

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Schedule for the Day

- 9:30.....Registration
10:00Welcome
10:15Bible Study (Option 1)
11:00Bible Study (Option 2)
CHOICES:
Exodus 1:15-21 & 2:1-10,
 led by Rev. Sue Forsyth, Pastor, South Livonia United Church of Christ
Acts 4:32-37, led by Rev. Patrina Freeman, Executive Director, Church Women United
Romans 12:3-21, led by Jane Lyth, Assistant to Pastor, Bethany Presbyterian Church
12:00 Brown Bag Lunch
1:00 Worship Service
 Guest Speaker-Rev. Imani Dodley, Pastor, Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
 Church Women United Choir, led by Linda S. Moore

All women and men are welcome!

Questions? 342-2790

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- World Day of Prayer (WDP) continues to be a worldwide ecumenical movement of women of many faith traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March.
- CWU in Rochester is a proud co-sponsor of this year's World Day of Prayer Celebration.