

THE SUNDIAL

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World Day of Prayer

“Signs of the Times”

Written by the women of South Africa dealing with AIDS

Central Service

Friday, March 3, 2006 1:00 pm

Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church
549 Clarissa Street

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who welcome all people to observe a common day of prayer on the first Friday of March. It is an ecumenical movement that brings together women of various races, cultures and traditions in fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

The program for this year was compiled by the WDP Committee of South Africa. The churches of South Africa have called upon the Christian Community for understanding and support as they redress the consequences of the apartheid era. A part of our support for this cause will be our World Day of Prayer "Signs of the Times" program will be held on March 3, 2006, 1:00 p.m. at the Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, 549 Clarissa Street, Rochester, NY. The church is handicapped accessible. The Rev. Kenneth Q. James is the pastor.

The speaker is Evangelist NaNa Afua Essilfie, a native of Ghana and currently resides in Painted Post, New York. As chairman for this program I invite you, your family and friends to join us as we celebrate, through prayer and praise, the women of South Africa. Music will be provided by the CWU choir, under the direction of Linda S. Moore.

—Alberta Lattimer Hunt

From the President.....

As we embark on this new endeavor together, I wish to acknowledge our immediate past president, Rev. Sue Forsyth and the wonderful legacy she created for Church Women United in Rochester and vicinity. She is truly a woman of integrity, diverse interests and skills, intelligence, wit and humor. It is with deep gratitude and appreciation, we thank you for a job well done.

As we continue to move forward with our new initiatives E I A (Education, Insight and Action) through worship, prayer and study, we have so much to thank God for. First of all, we thank God for our new Executive Director, Ms. Colleen Vogt. Colleen is a bright young woman filled with vim, vigor, vitality, and vision. Welcome Colleen!

Betty Allinger and her committee have been working diligently in securing places and speakers for our E I A initiatives. Betty explains in detail the upcoming events on page 3.

— President, Audrey T. Davidson

The CWU Office will be closed on Monday, February
20,
in observance of Presidents' Day



Meet the New Executive Director, Colleen Vogt

Job Search guides counsel that few people find employment through newspaper ads. Yet I have found several past positions in this way and this is how I heard of the opening with Church Women United in Rochester. I have accepted the offer for the position as Executive Director of Church Women United and would like to introduce myself to you.

I have always been active in church activities and have a great desire for ecumenism and social justice. Raised a Catholic, I was exposed to other Christian denominations within my own family and in my small town (Caledonia, NY), attending services and retreats and activities at various churches. I even belonged to the Presbyterian Youth group as my church did not have one.

Following my graduation with a degree in Human Development and Family Studies from Cornell University, I worked for a few months in my hometown church and in several Rochester area social service agencies. This filled the time and helped confirm my call to ministry. After a year of volunteer service in which I taught and tutored high school students, including some teenage mothers, I began my seminary studies at Weston Jesuit School of Theology.

For me it was a gift to be, for the first time in my life, in a religious school, surrounded by students and faculty that took the Gospel seriously and struggled to live it out in their lives and work. I am also grateful for the opportunity I had as a Fellow with the Fund for Theological Education to attend conferences and engage in theological questions and fellowship with Christian seminary students from many denominations.

I also made several pilgrimages to Taizé, an ecumenical monastery in France which hosts groups of Christians (even as many as 6000 a week in the summer). After completing my Master of Divinity degree, I followed up on a call I had been discerning since college and entered the Benedictine Sisters of Erie. Entering into the monastic rhythm of the common life through prayer, meals, and manual labor, I also taught theology, led retreats, and volunteered in various social service agencies sponsored by the sisters.

After over 2 years in spiritual formation and discernment with the sisters, I have returned to Rochester, as I continue to seek God and grow in love. I am grateful for my experience in community and have many dear friends there, and yet I am glad to be home in Rochester as I continue to listen to God's call.

Even though I am young, I believe I bring a wealth of experience to this position and look forward to using my God given gifts in the service of this organization and God's people. I am committed to working with other Christians and other people of good will, to help God's dream of peace and justice be realized more fully on this earth.

Ellie Newell composed the following limerick, which she submitted to WXXI for their Mozart 250th birthday celebration. It was read on the radio last Wednesday morning. [January 25]

We Have a Poet!**A TRIBUTE IN FIVE LINES**

A prodigy he was, and so smart
 He got off to no slow start;
 Great music he'd compose
 As Köchel numbers rose;
 Let's stand, and cheer for MOZART!

Pay Close Attention to the Following Announcement.....

The Church Women United board has developed a new celebration plan to bring our services into the new millennium and to help us reach out to serve areas of great need in the community in 2006 and beyond. The April, May and June celebrations are yoked into an E - I - A plan. Education, Insight and Action defines the programs for those months.

The April [Education] celebration will take a look at the family in 2006 – how is family defined and what are the changing needs? A community leader will be asked to help us define specific needs in the forefront. Are they health, child care, housing or new areas being defined?

May [Insight] will be concentrated on specific programs addressing community needs. Then we will explore how we can help.

June will be a time of Action. Those attending will be actively working on projects related to identified needs.

These three months will be a catalyst for on-going commitments in later celebrations. They will also identify opportunities for churches, women’s groups and individuals to make ‘a difference.’ This will lay a foundation for following years with new directions.

Reserve these dates on your calendar now! April 7 May 5 June 2

Plan to follow the process as it moves through the spring. Invite others to join you! We will be introduced to new or rebuilding agencies and spend time discussing opportunities we are presented with to help in making decisions on action.

Each celebration will end with lunch and discussion. It will be an opportunity for sharing what we’ve learned, and ideas to reach out to help. Lunch will often be brown bag or catered. [announced in advance]

–Betty Allinger

April 7 at 9:30 am
\$3.00 registration fee
Covenant United Methodist Church
1124 Culver Road
Corner of Parsells Avenue
[not far from the E. Main Street/Winton Road area]

CWU Short Subjects

Thank You

Claire Crump for assembling the
November/December SUNDIAL

Marie Barker has returned to her old address:
744 Genesee Park Blvd., Rochester, NY
14619. Her phone number remains the same.



The next issue of the Sundial will be April/May 2006 and the deadline for articles is March 28, 2006

Task Force on Courts

Meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 12 noon to 2 pm

THANKS

We wish to thank all of our faithful contributors in 2005; we are thankful for the support of those groups, churches and denominations, without whom we could not continue to make a difference in this community.

Individual Contributors

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Groups/Churches

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| Brighton Reformed Church | Presby Women's Assn., 21 Church St., Pittsford |
| Brighton UCC | Presbyterian Women of DUPC |
| Brockport UMW | PWC Bethany |
| Central Missionary Guild | Rochester Korean UP Church |
| Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church | Ruth Circle, Webster Presbyterian Church |
| Covenant UMW | St. Ann' Guild-Christ Church-Pittsford |
| Fairport UMW | St. Paul's Lutheran Church Women |
| First Baptist Church, Rochester | Trinity Lutheran Church Women's Bible Study |
| First Unitarian Church | UMW of W. Webster UMC |
| Genesee Valley District, UMW | UMW-Webster UM Church (169 E. Main St) |
| Greece UMW | Union Congreg. Church of Christ-W F |
| Hilton Baptist Church | United Church of Pittsford |
| Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church/Webster | UPWA/Ogden Presbyterian Church |
| Irondequoit UCC WF | WA Dewey Ave. Presby Church |
| Lake Avenue Baptist Church | Webster Baptist Church |
| Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word | WELCA/Luth Ch of Resurrection WF |
| Mt. Olivet ABW Ministry | WELCA @ St. Paul's , Lincoln Ave, Pittsford |
| Mt. Rise UCC-Social Ministry Steering Committee | Wesley UMW |
| Naomi Circle, Brighton UCC | White Church Women's Guild |

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Task Force on Courts
 Felice Harris
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If you contributed to CWU's financial appeal for 2005 and your name is not listed, please call the office 342-2790 so we can update our records.

CWU Programs Appreciated

Knitters' Efforts Brighten Lives

Two of our knitting groups received a letter of appreciation. Below are partial reprints:
 ".....Thank you so very much for the beautiful afghans donated for the RAIHN program. The support of the women at Pinegrove Senior Center is very much appreciated.

Below is a poem from a 12-year-old girl in the RAIHN program. It is typed just as it was received. This is what she wrote after arriving at the Day Center at 34 Meigs Street on September 29. The girl's mother is blind.

This morning I woke up
 I thote I be tearfiel
 I was about to break
 I was scard and tefeld
 When I walked in
 I was welcome by
 all nice people now
 I fell rite at home
 Now I'm gone in my dreams....

It is little acts of thankfulness that make my day. I hope you find this worth sharing with the Senior Center. Rev. Roderic P. Frohman"



".....We would like to thank you for your generous donation of afghans to Saint's Place. Our refugees are always in need of warm blankets, so your afghans are very welcomed. We wish you could see the happy faces of those receiving your beautifully hand-made afghans. The smiles would warm your hearts. Your continued support and concern for our ministry is greatly appreciated. Remember, your generosity is helping to improve lives.

".....May the beauty and joy of this season stay with you throughout the new Year and may God bless you and your families abundantly. Sincerely, Colleen T. Knauf"

Health Care Items & Calendars

Step By Step also received several bags of health care items and several calenders which were collected at the CWU office. The St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center appreciated the many calendars delivered to them which they have available, a few at a time, for the folks that they serve.

Daily Hello

We received a Christmas card and a check with the following message from one of our Daily Hello women who receive a call: "So grateful for Nancy ~ she is a real gem!"

Afghan Update

The following organizations received afghans during November, December and January: Bethany House-8; VOA Day Care-6; St. Louis Saints Place-6; ESL-15; Third Presbyterian Church-9; Step By Step-20 adult size, 10 crib size and Wilson Commencement Park: 10 crib size.

Many, many thanks to Margaret Adams of DUPC for delivering most of the afghans--2 carloads of afghans during November and December.

Women's Interfaith Coalition

Wednesday, February 15, 2006 - Welcoming: 10 am; Program: 10:30 -11:30 am

At the Jewish Community Federation, 441 East Avenue

Speaker: Kathleen Meredith

Topic: Lifeline Services for the Elderly

Wednesday, March 15, 2006 - B'rith Kodesh Temple Tea, 2131 Elmwood Avenue - 11:00 am

Bring non-meat sandwich; beverages and desert provides.

Questions? 585-334-3991

COMMUNITY NEWS

Communities in Conversation

Celebrating the Life Cycle : Jewish and Christian Practice

Texts provided at each session. Free and open to the community.

All Sessions: 12 noon to 1:00 pm Jewish Community Federation - 441 East Avenue

585-461-0912

| Date | Subject |Presenters..... | |
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| Feb. 8 2006 | <i>End of Life: Medical & Moral Issues</i> | Jonathan Tabachnikoff, Rabbi The Jewish Home | Ghislaine Cotnoir, Pastor Lutheran Church of Peace |
| March 8 | <i>Rituals of Death and Dying</i> | Rob Morais, Rabbi/Director Hillel of Rochester Area Colleges | John Wilkinson, Pastor Third Presbyterian Church |
| April 26 | <i>Pisover & Easter</i> | Larry Kotok, Rabbi Temple B'Rith Kodesh | Joe Kelly, Professor Religious Studies, Nazareth College |

May 2006 - Celebration of 10 years of Interfaith Bible Study.....Communities in Conversation Program and Date to be announced.

Java and Joy Coffee House
Music – Open Mike
Every Second and Fourth Friday
All are welcome.



Brighton United Church of Christ
1095 E. Henrietta Road
Across from MCC
475-1644

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Refreshments following the service.

