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From the President

As we anticipate the activities and celebrations for the year 2007, let us reflect on the fact that since 1922, Church Women United has been a visible, viable source as well as a dependable resource in this community for the past 85 years. **What a Testimony!** How miraculous for God to have impregnated our forebearers with such amazing visions of celebrating unity with other women while working for a world of peace and justice.

As we continue to move forward with our programs and celebrations, we must **Trust God**, for God is all powerful; we must have faith in God, because God is faithful to us; we must love God because God loves us unconditionally. If we abide in God's trustworthiness, God's mighty power, God's faithfulness and God's unconditional love for us, then we will have a sound recipe for success.

—Audrey T. Davidson

World Day of Prayer

“United Under God’s Tent”

Written by the Women of Paraguay

Aenon Baptist Church

175 Genesee Street

[map on back of flyer]

Friday, March 2, 2007 - 1:00 pm

The annual World Day of Prayer service is written each year by women of a different country. In 2007, the women of Paraguay have called us to join together under God's tent in worship. Paraguay is a country of industrious women who make *anduti* lace, a fabric which is like a spider web of different designs, in many separate parts which are joined together to form one whole. This lace symbolizes the community of Paraguay and of the world.

The service begins with this reflection: “It is wonderful to know that as we bow our heads in prayer, we will feel the presence of God over us as though it were an immense cloak which covers all. We know that we are united together under God's protection with all the people who accompany us in this celebration.” This International Day of Prayer continues to be the basis for the themes of our celebrations.

The offering taken at WDP services is sent to WDPUSA to support the WDP movement in our country and around the world.

Advent Summary

The 2006 Advent Celebration was held Friday, December 1, at the Church of the Assumption, Fairport, using the theme, "JOY." An Annual Meeting was held in which the following officers were elected:

Secretary Esther Hammer

Finance Chair Mary Ann Henry

EIA Education Chair Odessa Lybrand

EIA Insight Chair Diana DeBruycker

EIA Citizen Action Chair. Lura Masters

Nominating Committee Members: Frances Garrett and Gail Mason.

The Bible Study was led by Rosalie Muschal-Reinhardt, MDiv, in a prayerful, interactive presentation on how we can have "Joy in the Midst of the Chaos of Life." A bag lunch followed, with diners enjoying cookies, fruit and beverages. Welcoming everyone at lunch was Church of Assumption's visiting priest "from Kenya with Love," Rev. William Kamau.

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The Service of Installation of the Newly Elected Officers took place within the Worship Program with Scripture Readings: (Zeph 3:14-18); (Is 12:2-6) by Sandy Ciaccia, (Assumption) and (Phil 4:4-7) by Mary Ann Henry (CWU) followed by singing hymns: "I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord," and "Let Us with Joy Our Voices Raise." The CWU Choir sang anthems: "Angels All Around" (Miller) and "Christmas Canon" (Hopson) with the Director and accompanist, Linda S. Moore, playing on Assumption's very new baby grand piano. Carols sung by the congregation were: "Silent Night, Holy Night," and "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You." Colleen Vogt, Executive Director of CWU, gave the Benediction.

The committee consisted of CWU members: Sue Forsyth, Gloria Klink, Eleanor Newell, Joan Palmer, Eleanor Pope, Joan Rohlin and many more helpful hands of CWU attendees. The Church of Assumption women who also gave generously of their time are: Sandy Ciaccia, Judy DiPasquale, Peggy Linder, and Jean Lucas, and the women of Assumption's Monday Renew/Bible Group, who baked cookies.

Approximately 40 women were in attendance. \$129.75 was taken in for the bake sale including the sale of Betty Allinger's always sought after bread; \$67.50 for diapers, in addition to 412 diapers, baby dolls, baby clothes [donated to Catholic Family Center to help women and children in the homeless shelters] and \$109.00 for registration, and some canned goods for the Food Cupboard. The 2006 Advent Celebration indeed was a "Joyful and Blessed Event."

– Jean M. Murphy, '06 Advent Chair

Report on Human Rights Day

I was happy to represent CWU at the Human Rights Day celebration in Rochester. This is a new national CWU celebration and we were happy to honor it by collaborating with an effort that has been so long established in Rochester. A rally at the Crowne Plaza in support of the right of workers to organize was followed by a march to the Downtown United Presbyterian Church where we shared fellowship and a potluck meal. The program there featured a reading of the Declaration of Human Rights and a panel discussion by workers from the Crowne Plaza and another panel led by Sr. Beth LeValley (Interfaith Health Care Coalition) on the topic of Health Care. More info on the hotel workers' campaign below.

– Colleen Vogt, CWU Executive Director

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Hotel workers at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Rochester, NY, are currently joining together to form a union. With an average housekeeper salary of \$7.30, many workers with wages well below the federal poverty line, and many workers unable to afford health care, hotel employees are coming together to raise the wage and health care standards for hotel jobs in our community and to improve their own working conditions.

Some Rochester area clergy know that historically workers who try to organize their workplace are consistently harassed and threatened by their employers; and they do not believe that the current National Labor Relations Board procedures are fair to workers. They have formed Rochester Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (Rochester C.L.U.E.). The clergy have embarked on "The Isaiah Project", a project geared towards helping the Crowne Plaza Hotel Workers organize in an environment free from fear.

Rochester CLUE created the Community Organizing Standards designed to ensure a free and fair process for workers to organize in our community. Unfortunately, Dr. Tzong-Jer Wei and Paul Kremp, the owner and general manager of the hotel, have not only refused to agree to these organizing principles, but have consistently violated them.

As people of faith who support economic justice in the workplace, we support the Crowne Plaza Hotel workers. To learn how you and your organization can help with this campaign, endorse the standards, or to attend our next community briefing, please contact at 585-469-4217.

–Vanessa Mangan, UNITE HERE!

CWU Short Subjects

Thank You

Mary Ann Henry, Joan & Colleen
for assembling the
December/January *Sundial*

The next issue of the *Sundial* will be
April/May 2007 and the deadline for
articles is March 27, 2007

Women's Health Kits Still Needed

Please consider joining in our latest project to provide health kits to women. Perhaps a group at your church would like to collect items and assemble kits. Don't forget about the youth. You can bring completed kits to any CWU meeting or celebration or drop them off at the office.

The completed kits should be packed in a 1-gallon plastic bag and include:

Shampoo	Deodorant	Tooth Brush	Tooth Paste
Comb	Tissues	Wash Cloth	Socks

Items can be any size.----The kits are for women leaving the Monroe County facility.

Calendar Collections

Thank you for the many calendars. We have donated current year ones to several agencies, including St. Joseph Neighborhood Center and Catholic Family Center's Housing and Homelessness Services for their clients to keep appointments. Old calendars have been used for craft projects at Step by Step and to make peace cranes.

CWU Choir Notes

Church Women United Choir is recruiting new members. We are a dedicated group that provides music ministry for CWU programs, senior citizen groups, nursing homes, and assisted living residents. We meet for rehearsals on Mondays (October-June) 12:30– 2:00 at the Gates Presbyterian Church, 1049 Wegman Road. If you love to sing, love to minister, and to meet new and interesting people, come join us.

For more information, please call Music Director, Linda Moore, at 225-7027.

Task Force on Courts

We have a small but dedicated group of observers as we move into 2007. I will be taking more leadership of the group and am looking forward to the support of longtime coordinator Sue Soper who will stay on as advisor and newsletter editor. I will look to others in the group for their help in our work to monitor the courts in Monroe County. Please consider joining us in our work.

Contact us at 342-2790, check out the web www.cwurochester.org/tfoc.php and be alert for upcoming information sessions.

–Colleen Vogt, CWU Executive Director and TFOC Coordinator

An Invitation from your president of CWU in New York State, Carol Elaine Deyes
Asking for the Blessings of Your Attendant Grace
The Church Women United in New York State Assembly
"Spirit-filled–Under God's Wing"--A *Celebration of Hope*
1 pm Friday, April 20 to noon on Saturday, April 21, 2007
The Palmyra Inn, Palmyra New York

With CWU Choir with Lura Masters on autoharp Friday evening

Details, cost and registration forms available at the Rochester CWU office, 342-2790



<p>Church Women United Calendar for 2007</p> <p>March 2, 2007 - 1:00 pm World Day of Prayer Aenon Baptist Church 175 Genesee Street</p> <p>March 30, 2007-9:30 am EIA Initiative: Education St. Michael's Church 869 Clinton Ave. N</p>	<p>May 4, 2007 9:30 am EIA Initiative: Insight and Celebration of May Friendship Day Gates Presbyterian Church 1049 Wegman Road</p> <p>June 1, 2007 - 9:30 am EIA Initiative: Action and Annual Picnic Hilton Baptist Church 50 Lake Street</p>	<p>September 22, 2007 85th Anniversary Luncheon Country Club of Rochester 2935 East Avenue</p> <p>October 5, 2007 Day of Reflection</p> <p>November 2, 2007 World Community Day</p> <p>December 7, 2007 Advent Celebration</p>
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Church Women United--Who Are We?

We are an organization. We are a movement. We have no membership yet **all** church women are included who unite in their churches to serve a need. Some needs are so big they need more hands. Church Women United is a network of many women of different denominations who get together to plan activities with each other.

In unity there is strength.

A group of Rochester women united nearly 85 years ago around this idea. They put their ideas into action. They bonded around their shared faith in God as Christian women. They worked together on vital issues in their community and the world. They studied the Bible. They worked for peace. They worked for justice. This was the beginning of Church Women United. It continues today.

Every church woman who tackles a particular problem with energy and commitment is a part of the action. Join us at Church Women United meetings and Celebrations and hear what others are doing. Tell us what you are doing. We are inspired by others as we inspire others.

Realize the impact of what you do! –Lura Masters

Church Women United Celebrates 85 Years in Rochester & Vicinity

Let's celebrate! Let's celebrate in deed!

Women are catching the spirit to celebrate this anniversary in action. There have been several offerings: 85 prayers of intercession, 85 pieces of litter picked up, \$85 donation to the anniversary appeal, 85 calendars donated, over 85 diapers donated (412 + \$62.5), almost 85 books donated. Check the website www.cwurochester.org for more ideas or create your own. Let me know and I will add your ideas to our count!

Also sometimes people get ideas from our newsletter for projects or donations and carry these out locally. This is great. We are happy that people are being served regardless of the location. This is the true spirit of the CWU movement. Do tell us of this work so we may share it with other women.

– Colleen Vogt, CWU Executive Director

Time for Spring Cleaning?

Catholic Family Center relies on your generosity and caring spirit to provide many of the basics of daily living for the people we serve. We're wishing and hoping you'll be able to help us...



Homeless and Housing Services Needs:

- All sizes sheets, including crib sheets; blankets; wash cloths and bath towels (new or gently used)
- Food supplies for children to include: breakfast cereal, breakfast bars, snack items, such as apple sauce, dried fruit, puddings, juice boxes •Baby items: formula (Similac or Enfamil with Iron), baby cereals, sippy cups, plastic cups, bowls, baby bottles, diapers, baby wipes Call 262-7025

Healthy Sisters' Soup and Bean Works 10th Anniversary Wishes:

- A new (or "new to them") car to safely and reliably transport the ladies and their products •Holiday gifts for HSSBW employees •Volunteers to take on service projects •Packaging supplies including beans, spices, ribbon Call 546-2784

Liberty Manor's Wish List Includes:

- Pots and pans • Dishes • Coffee maker • Eating utensils • Curtains • Dish towels • Sponges • Infant formula
- Pillows • Bed linens (comforters, blankets, sheets, and pillow cases) • Toddler beds • Bassinets • Infant and children's toys • Bedroom furniture, primarily dressers • Washer • Dryer • Shower curtains • Bathroom rugs • Furniture for Chapel • Clothing for plus size women • Winter clothing • Shoes, boots, sneaker (various sizes) • Baby boy clothing Call 266-3080

St. Paul House Needs:

- Kitchen towels, dishcloths • Bedding for twin beds, sheets, blankets, pillows • Dressers • Bath towels, washcloths • Soap, body wash for the ladies • Eating utensils • Curtains for the bedrooms, living room, dining room • Dining room tables, chairs for 21 women • Living room furniture • Large TV for the living room • Large microwave • Two new refrigerators, plus another freezer • Two new vacuum cleaners • Blinds for all windows in the house • New carpet for staircase and upstairs hall. Call 262-7052

Freedom House Wish List Includes:

- Hats, gloves, coats, boots, scarves, hooded sweatshirts, sizes large and x- large Call 232-1840 x120

Women's Interfaith Coalition

Wednesday, February 21, 2007 Welcoming: 10 am; Program: 10:30 -11:30 am
At the Jewish Community Federation, 441 East Avenue
Topic: Favorite Heroines

Wednesday, March 28, 2007-B'rith Kodesh Temple Tea, 2131 Elmwood Ave. - 11:00 am
Bring a non-meat sandwich. Beverages and dessert will be provided.

Wednesday, April 18, 2007-10 am -Tour: School of The Holy Childhood, 100 Groton Parkway, Henrietta, NY. Directions available in February.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Words We Live By

All programs are from 12:00 noon to 1:15 pm at the Jewish Community Federation, 441 East Avenue.
Free and open to the public. (A total of 6 programs are scheduled.) JCF: 461-0490

The Lord's Prayer

Wed, February 14, 2007

Rev. Paul Hammer, Retired

Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School

Kaddish

Wed, March 14, 2007

Rabbi Alison Kobey

Temple B'rith Kodesh

The 23rd Psalm

Wed. April 11, 2007

Rev. Ghislaine Coitnoir

Lutheran Church of Peace

American Red Cross, Greater Rochester Chapter

Red Cross is looking for volunteer greeters that will welcome blood donors, register them and serve refreshments after they donate at blood drives in the Rochester area. Red Cross will provide 3 hours of training, and volunteers are expected to help at least once a month at a blood drive for a 4-8 hour period.

Call the Red Cross at 585-241-4490 to sign up for training or to get more information.

Step By Step

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about our new and exciting 30-Day Mentoring Program. With this new development, our goal is to guide and encourage self-sufficiency during the transition period of 30 days following release from incarceration. Mentors for the 30-day program will assist women with their immediate needs which may include the following: Picking up from the Monroe County Correctional Facility (MCF), DHHS appointments, clothing, food cupboard, medical.

The above paragraph explains a new mentoring program for newly-released women. Mentors will receive a brief training and on-going support from Step By Step staff.

If you are interested in providing this important support, please call Carlene at 585-224-0763, Ext. 208 or contact Betty Allinger at 663-0862.

Why Stem Cell Research in NY?

The Interfaith IMPACT of New York State presents 14th Annual Legislative Briefing Why Stem Cell Research in NY? from the medical, economic and religious ethical perspectives. Speakers are Dr. Howard Federoff, U of R Professor of Neurology, Rev. Peter Peters, Adjunct Faculty, Bexley Hall and Faculty Associate, Colgate Rochester Divinity School and Dean Ronald Hansen, Senior Associate Dean for Faculty and Research, U of R.

Sunday, March 18 at 1:30 pm - Temple B'rith Kodesh Chapel, 2131 Elmwood Avenue

Free and Open to the Public; For more information, call 585-442-5111

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Central Service

Friday, March 2, 2007 1:00 pm

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Music By

The CWU Choir
Directed by Linda S. Moore

Refreshments following the service.



Call 342-2790 for more information.
www.cwurochester.org

Church Women United's

EIA Initiative: Education

Housing in the Rochester Area

Friday, March 30, 2007 9:30 am

\$3.00 Registration Fee

St. Michael's Church
869 Clinton Ave. N
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Bring Bag Lunch
Beverages & Dessert Provided
Tour of Church

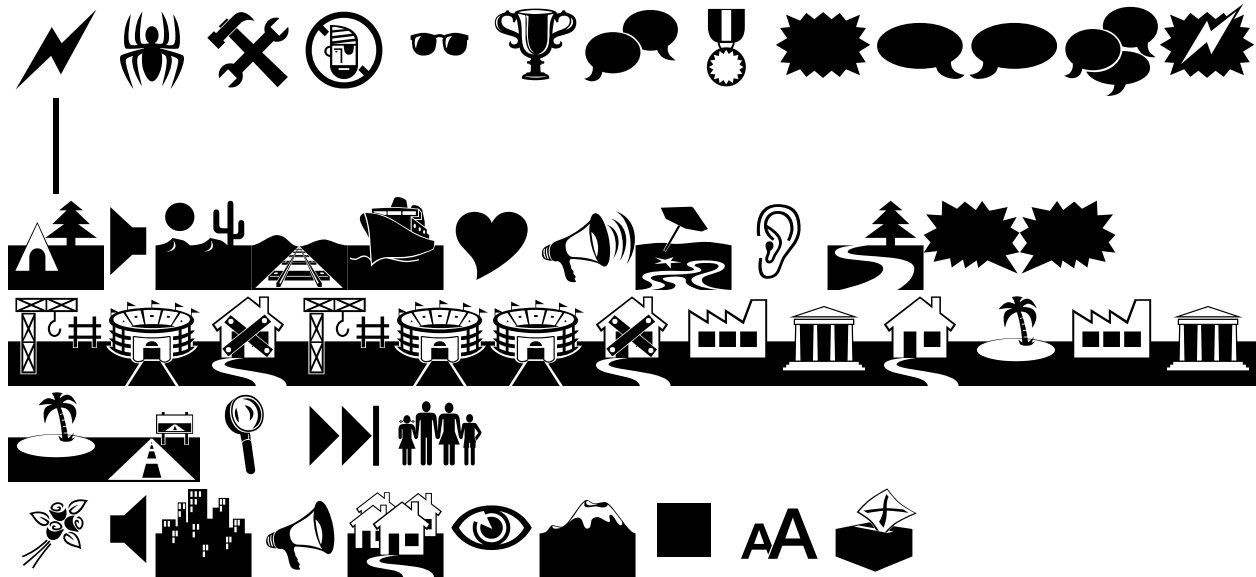
For more information, call 342-2790 or
www.cwurochester.org

Step back into the 50's and 60's with the Cloverleaf Squares.

Put on your Poodle Skirts and Saddle Shoes and join us for our first Sock Hop/Square Dance. Mike "The Wolfman" Callahan spinning the oldies for the evening! Let's see if you can still do the Twist and put the strut in your Stroll!!!
○When: Feb 23, 7-10 pm ○Where: Frederick Douglas School, 940 Fernwood Park ○Fee: \$5 at the door Squares are Class/Club and the dance is open to all, so bring a friend to "Twist and Shout" Contact rts2366@aol.com for more info

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Many Thanks

For the donations of calendars, sheets, diapers, canned food and afghans. We have made distributions of new 2007 calendars to St. Joseph Neighborhood Center, St Francis Place and Liberty Manor (of Catholic Family Center).