

THE SUNDIAL

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FALL PROGRAMS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS

World Community Day

Friday, November 3
"Signs of Healing"
United Church of Pittsford
123 N. Main Street
See flyer

Advent Celebration

Friday, December 1
Church of the Assumption of Our Lady, Fairport
Annual Meeting/Election of New Board Members
"JOY, Jesus, Others and Yourself"
Bible Study led by Rosalie Muschal-Reinhardt, M.Div.
See flyer

From the President

Our first Board of Directors meeting was filled with exuberance and anticipation. Many were happy to see those whom they had not seen since our June meeting, while others were happy to see and meet our CWU State President Carol Deys, who spoke to us from her heart giving our Rochester Unit praise encouragement.

It was wonderful to have several of you interested in the RAAVS meetings which are to be held on Wednesdays every other month. We are hoping these meetings will be informative and helpful to our CWU Unit. A great deal of enthusiasm was also generated as we listened to presenter Patricia Braus from the Rochester Education Foundation. She encouraged us to bring new books the month of October to be given as resource books for Rochester City School students to promote and encourage success in reading.

We look forward to seeing you at upcoming board meetings and celebrations.

– Audrey Davidson

A Few Notes from the Vice President

Please share the following information with your churches and other groups you have contact with:

☛ The Board heard Pat Braus from the Rochester Education Foundation speak about the upcoming book drive. Please spread the word to your churches and see if they would like to participate at any level - Pat made many wonderful suggestions about hosting a drive for new books or for cash to purchase books or even "adopting" a school or class. See their website for more information: rochestereducation.org or call 585 271-5790.

☛ Church Women United will be hosting a collection at the October celebration. Bookstores have the list of books, and they will serve as a drop off site for books purchased there. All of the city library branches serve as a drop off site too.

☛ Information about the Action ideas from the new EIA initiative was in the last Sundial and will be posted on the web. We are looking for some new people to step forward to take action. So spread the word about the exciting things that Church Women United is doing in this upcoming year.

☛ Get your baking pans oiled up and your appetites ready! We will be having a bake sale at the November celebration.

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Alert on migrant legislation.....

August 25 there was a Congressional hearing on the bill to be proposed. Call your legislator. Ask for outcome and let him/her know your position.

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CFC Homeless & Housing Services

needs sheets and towels (new or used, all sizes)
Can be dropped off at CWU office

PLEASE ANNOUNCE AT YOUR CHURCH!

–Betty Allinger

From the Executive Director

It is wonderful to begin to see you all again after the summer break. I have enjoyed preparing for our fall programs and have attended several recent events including a rally for Peace held on Sept 21 at the Federal Building. I re-connected with others from the community as we witnessed to our desire for peace. I also attended the Sept Interfaith study “Words we live by” and learned about the Jewish prayer, Kol Nidre. It is a sung prayer that is deeply meaningful to the Jewish people, prayed annually as part of their High Holy Days services in seeking reconciliation with God and one another.

The Public Policy Committee of the Diocese of Rochester invites all parishioners and students to more in-depth education and reflection on Comprehensive Immigration Reform – October 19, 2006 from 4:00-6:00 pm at St. Bernard's School of Ministry, 120 French Road.

Farm Workers--At the last GRCC meeting, representatives from Harvesting Hope spoke. They are an ecumenical, multi-cultural, and charitable organization working to improve the housing and health of farm workers. They have several initiatives including helping babies and children of migrant workers, as well as offering healthy recreation to the children and especially the adults. However their most important goal is to provide short term emergency housing for farm workers.

If you have any ideas or even have funds or shelter to offer, please see their website: www.HorizonNine.com/HarvestingHope.htm or call Michael at 889-7067 or Rosario at 637-5319-x277.

–Colleen Vogt

CWU Short Subjects

Thank You

Sally Dodgson & Mary Ann Henry
for assembling the September
Sundial

Columbus Day

The CWU office will be
closed on Monday, October 9,
for the holiday.

Choir Notes

The CWU Choir will be beginning on Monday, October 16, from 12:30-2:30 pm at Gates Presbyterian Church, 1049 Wegman Road. We sing at nursing homes and for the CWU Christmas program.

Now is the time to join! Please call Lura Masters at 586-9449 or Linda S. Moore at 225-7027 for more information. See you there!–Lura Masters

Holiday Bake Sale

Betty Allinger's special homemade breads, along with other baked goods for your holiday enjoyment, will be featured at our Bake Sale at both World Community Day in November and the December 1 Advent Celebration.



From the Nominating Committee.....

The following women will be elected/re-elected at the CWU 2006 Annual Meeting on December 7:

Re-elected

Sally Dodgson . . . Day of Reflection/Spiritual
Jean Murphy Advent

Retiring

Shirley London . . . Secretary

Newly-elected

Esther Hammer . . . Secretary
Diana DeBruycker EIA May Insight Celebration
Frances Garrett . . . Nominating Committee member
Gail Mason Nominating Committee member
Lura Masters EIA Citizen Action

Thank you to everyone for serving on the Board of Directors and to those who agreed to serve in 2007.

Next Board of Directors' Meeting-Friday, 9:30 at Third Presbyterian Church.
NOTE: There is no Board of Directors' meeting in December 2006 or January 2007.
This year's Annual meeting will be included in the Advent Celebration on December 1.
The first 2007 board of director's meeting will be on February 16.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Do you have just a couple of hours that you could spare a week, or perhaps a month? Would you like to get involved in something that will both fill your time and give a hand to talks in need? The following two organizations are looking for assistance:

The Community Food Cupboard, a CWU-sponsored program, located on N. Clinton Avenue, is looking for volunteers on the 2nd Wednesday and/or the 2nd Friday of each month to pack bags for people enrolled in their *Senior Program*. If these days don't work with the time you have available, perhaps you'd be willing to answer the phone, perform general office functions, or even to stock shelves on another day. If you'd like to volunteer or to obtain additional information, call Ellen Kimbrough at 585-266-8462.

Salem Nutrition Center is looking for volunteers to help on Mondays and Tuesdays when a hot meal is served from noon to 1 p.m. to the community of folks in the downtown inner loop area. On Mondays, a full meal is served, and on Tuesdays the guests receive a sandwich and as much soup as they can eat. Activities include food preparation, table set-up, dessert preparation, and clean-up afterwards. You can come for a few hours or spend the day. Food preparation begins around 9 am and usually wraps up around 2 pm. If you'd like to volunteer or obtain additional information, call Shirley London at 585-323-1598.

Women's Interfaith Coalition

Wednesday, October 18 Welcoming: 10 am; Program: 10:30 -11:30 am
 At the Jewish Community Federation, 441 East Avenue
 Speaker: Sister Janet Korn SSJ Topic: Migrants, Advocacy and Legislative Issues

Monday, November 20 (note change of day)-Visit Ahmadiyya Mosque at 10:30 am, 1609 East Main Street, Rochester. Light vegetarian lunch will be served. Reservation required. There will be a sign-up sheet for the mosque visit and no additional cost for members for that light lunch. Non-members: Call 225-2301 for details.

Wednesday, December 6 - Holiday Party 11:30 am - 2:00 pm at Asbury First United Methodist Church, East Avenue, Rochester. Reservations must be paid for by November 17. Cost \$10.00 per person. Program: Story Telling from our Traditions. Parking limited; car pooling recommended.

January 2007-There will be no meeting.

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 Hail Mary
 Wed, October 18
 Prof. Joe Kelly
 Nazareth College

Shema
 Wed, November 8
 Rabbi Alan Katz
 Temple Sinai

The Lord's Prayer
 Wed, February 14, 2007
 Reverend Paul Hammer, Retired
 Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School

47th Plain and Fancy Sale

Fairport Baptist Homes, 4646 Nine Mile Point Road, Fairport
 October 12...1-3 pm October 13...9-4 pm October...14 9-3 pm
 Choose from a variety of items:
 Crafts, Jewelry, Bakery, Games & Puzzles, Knits & Afghans, Books, Videos,
 CDs, Antiques & Collectibles, Treasures & Trinkets.
 Benefits the residents of the Fairport Baptist Home. Info: 586-7194

Support The Salvation Army! Be a Bell Ringer!

The money you raise by ringing a bell for The Salvation Army stays in the Rochester community and is used to help individuals and families with Christmas assistance and also throughout the year. Please help those who are less fortunate this Christmas season by ringing a Salvation Army bell.

Volunteers are needed Nov. 24-Dec. 24 at the malls in Greece, Henrietta and Victor, as well as other selected sites. Please call our Red Kettle Hotline at 987-9500 x2313 to volunteer. A staff person will return your call as soon as possible to schedule your time.

“Greetings Pastors and Church leaders.....In order to change the behaviors that negatively affect this city, we must promote healthy images for our youth and young adults.....Parents and guardians must **stay focused** primarily on these items for their children to begin to succeed in education. Please deliver this message:

Make sure:

- 1) your child is in the classroom;
 - 2) your child’s homework is being completed;
 - 3) you, as the parent, know the academic performance of your child and what you can do to help;
 - 4) you, as parents, go to the school board, always with questions and concerns relating to academic achievement.
- Sincerely, John F. Lightfoot, Councilmember-at-Large”

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Highland Hospital and Women’s Health Partnership offer FREE mammograms to women 40 or older who have little or no health insurance. Please join us for our annual Breast Cancer Awareness Screening Day on Saturday, October 14, from 8 am to 12 pm.

To schedule an appointment, please call: Highland Hospital Breast Care Center, 1000 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14620 585-341-6869



WORLD COMMUNITY DAY Lunch Reservation Form Friday, November 3, 2006

Name Phone

Address

..... Reservations at \$8.00 each Reservation & payment deadline: October 30.

..... Amount of check

Make check payable to: Church Women United
644 Titus Ave.

Please include names of all
people with reservation form.

Phone: 342-2790 Rochester, NY 14617-3939

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates

Women and men from different walks of life are needed to provide quality advocacy for children in Rochester/Monroe County who have been abused and/or neglected. If you are a mature responsible adult who would consider making a difference in the life of a child, we may have the volunteer opportunity for you.

CASA will be holding a 4-day training for prospective volunteers at the Hall of Justice. The dates and times are as follows: October 23, 30, November 6 10 am to 5 pm and November 14 from 2 to 8:30 pm. Pre-registration is required.

To learn more about CASA and begin the volunteer application process, please call 585-428-5297.

The Black Church and the Future of Theological Education

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Aidsand Wright-Riggins III

Executive Minister, National Ministries, American Baptist Churches USA

Tuesday, October 17, 2006 at 1 pm. at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School

1100 S. Goodman St., Samuel Colgate Memorial Chapel

Free and open to the public.

To reserve a seat call (585) 340-9643 or email Lbors@crcds.edu

Holiday

The CWU office will be closed
November 23 & 24 for
Thanksgiving.

Remember to Vote!

Church Women United's

World Community Day

"Signs of Healing"

Worship, Bible Study, Sharing by Women of World Religions

Friday, November 3, 2006

Registration: 9:15

Program: 9:30

Lunch Reservations: \$8.00

Please use tear-off or
call the CWU office at 342-2790

United Church of Pittsford
123 N. Main Street
(map on back)

Please bring items for the
Community Food Cupboard,
especially
soup tuna toilet paper soap

Free will offering at worship service will support National CWU.