

# THE SUNDIAL

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## World Community Day

### “God’s Wisdom Sets Us Free”

Friday, November 7, 2008 9:30 am

First Congregational UCC Church  
26 E. Church St.  
Fairport, NY

Registration \$3.00  
Bring bag lunch

Speaker: Ann Abraham, Trainer, Step By Step  
Music: CWU Choir

Women will gather across the country in small communities to celebrate World Community Day, based on the theme “God’s Wisdom Sets Us Free.” Many churches and local CWU units have long histories of involvement in prison ministry. This service calls us to look at the struggles in our own lives as we reflect on how we are called to minister to others, especially those in prison.

“God’s Wisdom Sets Us Free” whether we are bound by our own human failings or by prison wall, all of us need to change and grow. This celebration explores how we can reach out with God’s wisdom and love to those behind bars, whether made of steel or of human limitations. As an act of reaching out, participants are asked to bring items for CWU’s Women’s Health Kit Project, distributed to women entering, as well as leaving the Monroe County Correctional Facility. [See page 3 for a list of items.]

**First Congregational Church is handicap accessible, however, this entrance is located on the opposite side of the church. Entrance into the church will be from the back where the parking lot is located.**



#### Ruth Morgan Remembered



Ruth M. Morgan, a faithful participant in Church Women United programs for many years, passed away on August 18, 2008. Ruth taught in the Irondequoit Public Schools for 37 years and was a member of the Greece Baptist Church.

After her retirement, Ruth served on the Board of CWU, and is best remembered as a member of CWU’s “Night Club,” an active group of women who were employed, but continued to meet monthly even after their working years. Ruth was among those who both met with the Night Club and participated in the daytime celebrations.

Her memorial service was held on Wednesday, August 27, 2008 at the Greece Baptist Church.

### **Church Women United Email Alert**

“Resolved, That Church Women United resolve to educate about the Convention on the Rights of the Child and advocate its ratification by the Senate of the United States;”--CWU Resolution: The Rights of the Child, approved 2008

**Why Hasn't the U.S. Ratified the CRC?** Ratification of this treaty (and other UN treaties) has become highly politicized and many false rumors and myths abound which cause confusion and further slow an already painstaking process.

**How Would Ratification Help?** The Convention on the Rights of the Child is a United Nations treaty which would: 1) help the U.S. focus on the rights of children as has happened in other countries. This results in the creation of new programs and improvement of old ones. 2) Ratification would also improve our image on the world stage since most of the countries of the world have ratified it.

**Myths and Facts:** Over 300 organizations representing the interests of the religious, education, health care, humanitarian, labor, legal, and social service communities have lent their support for ratification of the CRC. In addition, 13 state and local governments have issued public endorsements of the Convention.

Despite widespread support, a small number of political organizations have spearheaded efforts to oppose U.S. ratification. These organizations have sought to minimize the Convention's value by employing “scare tactics.” In general, the opposition largely bases their arguments on unsubstantiated claims regarding national sovereignty and interference in the parent-child relationship.

They allege that ratification of the CRC: - would engender national and state sovereignty, - would undermine parental authority by allowing the United Nations to dictate how parents raise and teach their children, and - would enable children the right to do as they please, including taking legal action against their parents, having abortions, joining gangs, etc.

These false claims are the result of misconceptions, erroneous information, and a lack of understanding about how international human rights treaties are implemented in the United States. For more detailed info on myths and facts go to: <http://www.churchwomen.org/RightsOfTheChild/myths-facts.asp>

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## **Kids' Korner News**

### **150 Ways to Show Kids You Care [fifth set of 25]**

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| <b>Let them act their age.</b>        | <b>Deal with problems and conflicts while they're still small.</b> |
| <b>Praise more; criticize less.</b>   | <b>Chaperone a dance.</b>  |
| <b>Be consistent.</b>                 | <b>Tell them stories in which they are the hero.</b>               |
| <b>Admit when you make a mistake.</b> | <b>Believe in them.</b>  |
| <b>Enjoy your time together.</b>      | <b>Nurture them with good food, good words, and good fun.</b>      |
| <b>Give them a special nickname.</b>  | <b>Be flexible.</b>  |
| <b>Marvel at what they can do.</b>    | <b>Delight in their uniqueness.</b>                                |
| <b>Pamper them.</b>                   | <b>Let them make mistakes.</b>                                     |
| <b>Unwind together.</b>               | <b>Notice when they grow.</b>                                      |
| <b>Be happy.</b>                      | <b>Wave and honk when you drive by them.</b>                       |
| <b>Ask them to help you.</b>          | <b>Give them immediate feedback.</b>                               |
| <b>Support them.</b>                  | <b>Tell them how proud you are of them.</b>                        |
| <b>Applaud their successes.</b>       |  |

## **CWU SHORT SUBJECTS**

The date for CWU's Advent Celebration was listed incorrectly in the September Sundial.

The correct date is Friday, December 5, 2008

### **Women's Health Kits** (Items for kits for women leaving the Monroe County facility)

Shampoo	Tooth Brush*	Sturdy Comb**	Wash Cloth
Deodorant	Tooth Paste	Tissues	Socks

Pack in a 1-gallon plastic bag. Please remove soap, toothpaste, toothbrush 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, though full size preferred. Please Note Change: \*Tooth brushes must have plain squared-off handles to meet jail requirements. \*Combs without handles. Thanks.

### **Wanted: a Volunteer Who Loves Working with Numbers and Calculations**

#### **Do you, or someone you know, fit this description?**

The Rochester Unit of Church Women United is seeking a person to serve as Treasurer of the organization. This is an opportunity for service in an area that requires a special love of figures and accounts. Computer savvy is desirable.

For more information, please contact Rev. Patrina Freeman, Executive Director or Sally Dodgson at (585) 342-2790.

### **Thank You**

Mary Discher and an anonymous helper for assembling the September 2008 SUNDIAL

### **Holiday**

The office will be closed on Monday, October 13, for Columbus Day.

### **Remember the Date:**

**Friday, December 5, Church Women United's 2008 Advent Celebration with its Theme: "Come, Lord, Jesus" Consisting Of:**

- \*Annual Business Meeting,
- \*Bible Study, Presented by Rev. Gail Ricciuti, Associate Professor of Homiletics at Colgate Rochester Crozier Divinity School;
- \*Installation of New Officers/Committee Members; and
- \*Worship at Ogden Presbyterian Church, 2400 South Union Street, Spencerport

Beginning with registration at 9:15 a.m. To conclude at 2:00.

*Please Come and Bring a Friend!*

### **Church World Service Kits Urgently Needed**

Humanitarian agency, Church World Service (CWS), has issued an urgent appeal for kits. The response to recent hurricanes has left the inventory level of all types of kits extremely low, with levels of some kits at zero.

“These past two weeks have seen us receiving an incredible number of urgent requests for kits and blankets. As such, our inventory is rapidly depleting and perilously low given that we anticipate many further requests over the coming weeks,” said Donna Derr, Director the CWS Emergency Response Program.

The CWS Upstate New York Regional Office has secured a truck to transport kits to the warehouse in New Windsor, Maryland in mid-October. Please help us fill the truck! Individuals, businesses, churches, and groups are urged to assemble kits and drop them off at the CWU office, 644 Titus Ave, during office hours or

### **Drop-off Location**

**10/13/2008 - 10/17/2008 - 9:00 - 1:00 PM**

The United Church, corner of N Main & Gibson St., Canandaigua, NY 14424

Contact: Mary Lou Havens 585-396-2037

### **CWS Hygiene Kit**

One hand towel (approx 16@ X 28@)

One washcloth

One wide-tooth comb

One nail clipper

One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)

One toothbrush (in original packaging)

Six Band-Aids

(Please do not add toothpaste.

Toothpaste will be added at time of shipping)

Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag.

For further information, please call the Church Women United office at 342-2790 or go to the Church World Service website at [www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org)

### **World Hunger Video with a Personal Connection (submitted by Alison Wilder, liaison TFOC)**

The website below is a very short video in a UN World Food Program contest. My nephew Tim Wilder and his family are the featured actors. They get credit in the contest for every time the video is viewed. Even children can relate to the message.

Tim is the son of Pakistan missionaries, now works for the State Dept. and his wife is an ordained Presbyterian minister, now working for a Lutheran group promoting fair treatment of Palestinians. Nice family. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AyK-oK8FbCk>

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Save the Dates**

### **NOW-NYS Headed to Seneca Falls!**

Join **NOW-NYS** November 7-9, 2008 in Seneca Falls, NY and celebrate the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Women=s Rights Convention with the **NOW-New York State** annual convention. Ellie Smeal, president of the Feminist Majority, will be the keynote speaker.

This is an election convention with **NOW-NYS** officers being elected. Rochester=s NOW present Alberta S. Roesser is running for Executive Vice President. Details: Call 585-234-7019 or go to [www.rochesternow.org](http://www.rochesternow.org)

**An Evening Lecture by Rev. John Dear S.J.**

November 11, 2008, 7 pm at Spiritus Christi Church, 121 N. Fitzhugh Street, Rochester, NY. This event is free and open to the public. Questions? 325-1180.

Rev. John Dear is an activist for Peace and Non-Violence in today's world. His newly released autobiography, "A Persistent Peace" will be available for purchase and signing after his presentation.

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 ..simply for girls  
 ..simply for a cause

**Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

Free mammogram screening day for women who are 40 or older with little or no health insurance.

Saturday, October 25, 2008 8 am to 12 noon

Highland Breast Imaging Center, 500 Red Creek Dr., Rochester, NY

To schedule an appointment, please call 487-3300.

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OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS  
 MONTH

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**A Conference Organized by the Rochester Chapter of the Social Welfare Action Alliance**

October 17, 2008 8:00 to 5:15 at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, 141 Adams St. Rochester, NY

**- Featuring Keynotes Diane Dujon and Ann Withorn "Poverty Thrives....How People Survive";**  
**- Lunch time address given by Elijah Anderson: AAgainst the Wall: Poor, Young, Black and Male@**

Workshops to be given both in the morning and in the afternoon:

\* **Workshop 1:** Human Service Work and Social Action \* **Workshop 2:** From the Ground Up: Tactics for Community Action \* **Workshop 3:** Violence: Is Zero Tolerance Enough? \* **Workshop 4:** School, Work, Home: Where Does Poverty Begin and End?

The day will end by: "Putting Poverty on Trial" A Truth Commission on Poverty and Violence Testimony from local individuals who have experienced or witnessed economic human rights violations will testify to Human Rights Commissioners who will then summarize their assessment of these abuses and what can be done in our area to address them.

To register, please visit our web site at [swaarocheater.org](http://swaarocheater.org): Every registration includes lunch. Low income scholarships and childcare are available.

**For more information Email: [info@swaarocheater.org](mailto:info@swaarocheater.org) or call 395-5509**

**Paychex, Inc.**

Two positions available:

\* Corporate Sales Supervisor - If you are interested in applying for this opportunity, please visit our website at [www.paychex.com/careers](http://www.paychex.com/careers) <<http://www.paychex.com/careers>> to create a profile and apply for reference code position 0801238.

\* Corporate Sales Coordinator B If you are interested in applying for this opportunity, please visit our website at [www.paychex.com/careers](http://www.paychex.com/careers) <<http://www.paychex.com/careers>> to create a profile and apply for reference code position 080122U. Both positions located in Rochester, NY.

CWU Office Hours Fall 2008  
Mon-Thur 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

**Happy Halloween!**

**Please drive carefully and watch out for  
little "Trick-or-Treaters!"**

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