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Day of Reflection

“The Anthony Ticket: From Wilderness to Promised Land”

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Summer is over. Church Women United Board members and women of area churches anticipate Fall programs held on traditional first Fridays of each month, beginning with the annual Day of Reflection on October 3rd.

An exciting opportunity presents itself in our election season. We shall be lead in biblical and political reflection, in this 88th year since women won the right to vote, by the Executive Director of the Susan B. Anthony House, Rev. Deborah L. Hughes. An additional offer will be the opportunity to tour the Susan B. Anthony House, viewing the progress that has been made on the refurbishing of this Rochester treasure.

Come celebrate with us and be renewed. Bring your friends and a brown bag lunch. We shall be welcomed by the women of Greece Baptist Church. There will be car pooling for those wishing to take the tour, at a special entrance fee of \$5.00.
—Sally Dodgson

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9:30 A.M.	Registration and coffee
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Noon	Lunch and conversation
1:30 P.M.	Tour of the Susan B. Anthony House

From the President

Between the hustle and bustle of the CWU Corn Hill Yard Sale, the Red Wing game, church activities, and family and friends, summer seems to have come to an end much too quickly. With Labor Day marking the end of summer, and the dip in the temperature recently, we are reminded of the twinge of fall and winter seasons.

As we look ahead, Vice President, Lura Masters and I met in early summer to discuss upcoming celebrations and events which have been planned to enrich and empower us through worship, prayer, and service.

From the President [continued]

This celebration season, we continue to strengthen and enlarge our Ecumenical Community, it is also our goal to provide more opportunities to empower younger women to participate in exploring issues of work and life balance, addressing violence against women and children, violence in our schools, and other issues of concern from a faith perspective.

Church Women United National quadrennial theme, "*Building a World Fit for All God's Children*" (2008-2012), is the theme the Rochester Unit will continue to utilize in upcoming celebrations.

Thanks to all for your faith, prayers, and involvement.

Audrey T. Davidson, President, September, 2008

CWU Action Alerts

Alert #1



FLY THE FLAG

Please join us in this FLY THE FLAG campaign and PLEASE ask everyone in your address book to FLY THE FLAG. We have a little less than one week and counting to get the word out all across this great land and into every community in the United States of America.

The Program:

On Thursday, September 11th, 2008, an American flag should be displayed outside every home, apartment, office, and store in the United States. Every individual should make it their duty to display an American flag on this 7th anniversary of one our country's worst tragedies. We do this honor of those who lost their lives on 9/11, their families, friends, and loved ones who continue to endure the pain, and those who today are fighting at home and abroad to preserve our cherished freedoms.

In the days, weeks and months following 9/11, our country was bathed in American flags as citizens mourned the incredible losses and stood shoulder-to-shoulder against terrorism. Sadly, those flags have all but disappeared. Our patriotism pulled us through some tough times and it shouldn't take another attack to galvanize us in solidarity. Our American flag is the fabric of our country and together we can prevail over terrorism of all kinds.

Action Plan: So, here's what we need you to do ..

(1) Tell everyone you know. Take a moment to think back to how you felt on 9/11 and let those sentiments guide you.

(2) Fly an American flag of any size on 9/11. Honestly, Americans should fly the flag year-round, but if you don't, then at least make it a priority on this day.

Thank you for your participation. God Bless You and God Bless America!

Alert #2 NYS Independent Public Defense Commission

The Legislative session ended and the Legislature and Governor failed to take advantage of an opportunity. They took no action on an Assembly bill to create a limited commission to study questions about the cost and best form of public defense reform.

On June 2, the *New York Times* editorialized in favor of the limited commission. *The Times* also called "sensible" the Kaye Commission's recommendation of full "state takeover of public defense services under the direction of an independent commission, which would enforce uniform standards from county to county."

Action Alert #2 [continued]

We ask your continued support as we push for creation of an Independent Public Defense Commission to head a statewide, fully and adequately state funded public defense system. We will continue alerts that keep you aware of developments.

What can you do right now? You can donate to the Justice Fund to keep the Campaign going. Visit www.newyorkjusticefund.org/Donate1.htm **to make a donation using PayPal today!**

For more information please contact the following:

Katie Blackburn, Upstate, Community Organizer, kblackburn@newyorkjusticefund.org (518) 465-0519

CWU Short Subjects

Thank You

— Esther Hammer

Betty Allinger

Lucille Kinsella

for assembling the June 2008 Sundial.

Deadline for October Sundial Articles

Monday, September 15.

Upcoming Meetings

CWU Board of Directors

Friday, September 19 at 9:30

@ Third Presbyterian Church, 4 Meigs Street

Task Force on Courts

Thursday, September 11, at

noon,

Third Presbyterian-4 Meigs Street

	CWU Office Hours Fall 2008	
M-Th 9:00 am - 12:30 pm		

Valiant Woman Awards for 2008

In the spring of 2008, the Valiant Woman Awards were presented to two of our most outstanding women who have served at CWU in many ways for many years. Congratulations to

Dee Jones

and

Marie Barker

for your many years of cheerful service!

Church Women United (CWU)

Fall Programs You Won't Want to Miss

World Community Day-Friday, November 7, First Congregational UCC, Fairport

Advent Celebration-Friday, December 4, Ogden Presbyterian Church

Women's Health Kits

Items for kits for women leaving the Monroe County facility (As of September 2007)

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| 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. Betty Allinger, 663-0862

Our Special Needs

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| Bar soap | Tea bags |
| Unsweetened cereal | Macaroni & cheese |
| Jam or jelly | Soup-low sodium & regular |
| Canned peas or carrots | Toilet paper |

We received a letter of appreciation from The Community Food Cupboard of Rochester, Inc. in June. Excerpts follow:“On behalf of the Community Food Cupboard of Rochester, we wish to express how grateful we are to receive your generous contribution of \$600 dollars. We assist several hundred hungry people each month. Your support helps to assure that we can continue to serve the community by providing much needed food and nutritional assistance.

The Cupboard is presently serving approximately 600 households each year in the Emergency Program. 140 senior households participate in our monthly Senior Program; a growing number of these senior households include young children.

One of our seniors speaks for many when she says, ‘The service The Community Food Cupboard performs every month to me and others on limited incomes is greatly appreciated. Without your donation of food, at times, I don’t know what I would do. If I had a thousand tongues, I couldn’t say thank you enough.’ This wouldn’t be possible without your generosity. Most sincerely, Maryagnes Moughan, Treasurer”

News from CWU National

Church Women United 2008-2012 QUADRENNIAL PRIORITY

Approved by Board of Directors May 2008 for submission to the Common Council in June 2008

Building a World Fit for All God's Children

Building Blocks:

1. **HEALTH**: Promote the health and well being of all peoples.
Action Goals:
 - a. Work to assure comprehensive health coverage for all children and adults.
 - b. Work for policies that provide accessible and affordable, quality health care.
 - c. Support programs that educate and encourage healthy lifestyles and promote prevention.

2. **ECONOMIC JUSTICE**: Promote the dignity, safety and economic opportunities of all peoples.
Action Goals:
 - a. Work for policies that affirm gender equality and responsible parenthood and protect against the exploitation of children and adults.
 - b. Work for policies that assure living wages and equitable market conditions in an increasing globalized marketplace.
 - c. Work for policies that end child poverty, provide for family economic security and end extreme global poverty.
 - d. Work to end extreme poverty by 2015 in the United States and worldwide by implementing the Millennium Development Goals, supported by all members of the United Nations. (www.un.org/millenniumgoals.)
 - e. Work towards full enforcement of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act and the formation of anti-trafficking task forces in each state, to end human trafficking and sexual exploitation of children.

3. **ENVIRONMENTAL CARE**: Promote personal, communal and governmental decisions that express care for all God's creation.
Action Goals:
 - a. Support programs that educate about personal responsibility in the care of creation.
 - b. Work for policies that address effectively the intensifying global crisis of climate change.

4. **PEACE**: Promote the ways that make for peace.
Action Goals:
 - a. Support programs that embody ethnic, racial and religious diversity and promote more inclusive communities.
 - b. Support programs and work for polices that reduce gun violence and violence in all forms in neighborhoods, schools and homes.
 - c. Work for policies that reduce the existence of nuclear arms and reverse the expansion of small and intermediate weapons worldwide.
 - d. Work for policies that increase respect for international humanitarian laws and, in non-military ways, diminish the threats of terrorism.
 - e. Work for the ratification and implementation of the United Nation's Convention on the Rights of the Child by the United States.
 - f. Hold training programs to promote shalom through understanding, education, forgiveness, reconciliation and non-violence.

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