



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN ATLANTA

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INTERCEPT THE TRAFFICKER



For the past ten years, the **National Organization of United Methodist Women** has sponsored an event to “**Intercept the Trafficker**,” in each city where the **Super Bowl** takes place. Inasmuch as **Super Bowl LIII** took place in **Atlanta, Georgia** (**February 3, 2019**), the event was hosted by the **North Georgia Conference of United Methodist Women**, under the theme, “**Running Out the Clock on Human Trafficking**.” The event was held January 25-26, 2019, at **Hoosier Memorial United Methodist Church, SW Atlanta**. Originally scheduled for **Central United Methodist Church**, located a stone’s throw from **Mercedes-Benz Stadium**, the group had to change locations because of protocol involving traffic re-direction/street closings in preparation for the **Super Bowl**. Approximately 275 persons attended the affair on Friday evening and over 200 on Saturday.



“Agreed to differ, resolved to love, and united to serve”

Church Women United is a racially, culturally, theologically inclusive, ecumenical Christian women’s movement, celebrating unity in diversity and working for a world of peace and justice.



Beginning at 5:00 P.M. on Friday evening on the front of the church lawn, the drumline of **Therrell High School** began the event by stopping “traffic” on **B.E. Mays Drive**, as attendees crossed the street from the parking lot to get to the church. With dance moves that invited some of the gathered community (N GA President, Former National President, District Superintendent, Zeta Phi Beta Sorors and others) to join, the celebrating began. Others watched from the sidelines using the steps leading up to the front of the church and the portico. Still others lined up for what is always part of a tailgating experience (delicious food that included hot dogs with chili and hot apple cider). Many persons from the various churches around the conference were in attendance from **Cummings, McDonough, Central, Bellview, Bethel** and several persons from the **South Georgia Conference**. The **Zeta Phi Beta Sorority** Sisters were also present. Many women and some men (especially men from the host church who assisted with logistics) sported the T-Shirts designed for the occasion.



After getting the food, individuals moved to the Fellowship Hall and sat at long tables as other individuals meandered in to join them. During this time, two individuals read poems written about human trafficking.



After the tailgating experience (both inside and outside), the gathered community (mainly laywomen, but some clergy women and men) moved upstairs to the sanctuary as the gathering music and lighting of the Christ Candles signaled the beginning of worship. In the absence of the pastor who was out of town, **Sherrie Wilson**, lay leader, **Hoosier**, and **CWU** member, brought words of welcome as she also recalled the names of many women who have fought injustices over the years.



The scripture (**Luke 4: 16-20**) was dramatically read and interpreted through movement by four women from **Ben Hill United Methodist Church**. **Dr. Bernice Kirkland**, District Superintendent, **Atlanta-College Park District**, in her remarks said that “**the clock must run out,**” after which, she gave the opening prayer to set the mood. The purpose was given by **Jessica Godfrey**, Social Action Coordinator, North Georgia Conference, who was also chair of local planning committee and worship leader. **Diana Nicole**, Warren UMC, gave an interpretative piece called “Spoken Word” that also involved the gathered community.



The following leaders shared collegially as they brought greetings:

- **Tryphenia Speed**, President, N. GA Conference, **United Methodist Women (UMW)**
- **Sue Raymond**, **UMW**, Board of Directors, part of Planning Team
- **Yvette Kim Richards**, Co-Chair, of Intercept the Trafficker Event (Former national president, **UMW-2012-2016**, Kansas City, MO)
- **Susie Johnson**, former staff, **United Methodist Washington Office of Public Policy**, Washington, DC, and initiator of the event ten years ago.

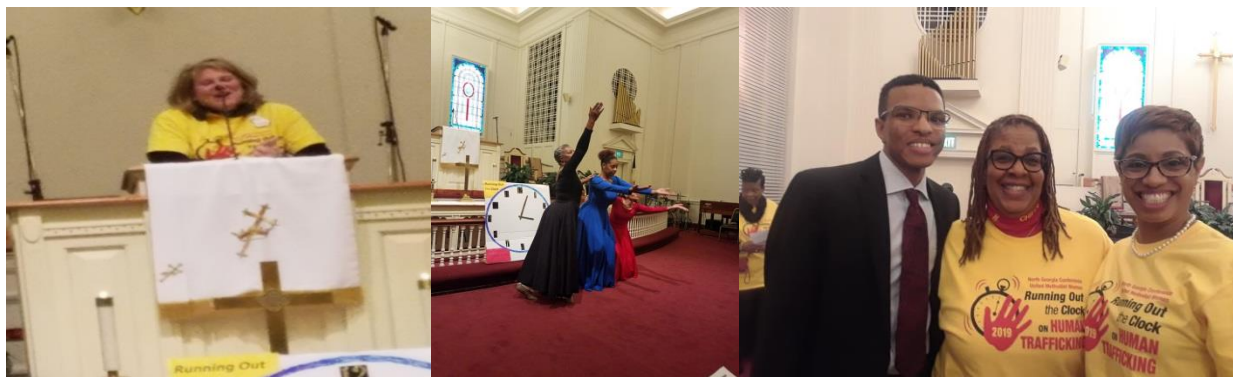


After Edith Hollis, Central UMW, introduced the speaker, Amarylis J. Sueing, Hoosier, wooed the community with her saxophone. The preacher for the service was Minister Sonja Natasha Brown, Esq. whose message was entitled, “# Surviving the Church.” “We have a moral obligation,” she stated. “Church,” she said, “is what we do to change the lives of others.”

Among the other nuggets that she shared are the following:

- Everyone has worth.
- Nobody chooses to be abused.
- We have an obligation to God.
- We need to be the church that they [those affected] need to see.
- You do not get the privilege to turn a blind eye.
- We do not have the right to be side-line Christians. We’ve got to get in the game — move from the sidelines to discipleship.
- Pray to get direction.
- It is not discipleship unless we take action.

Liturgical dancers from Central United Methodist Church reflected on the task before us through movement. The Vice President of the N GA Conference, Stephanie Dressler, gave closing remarks and reminded everyone that “we can’t stop the clock without you.”

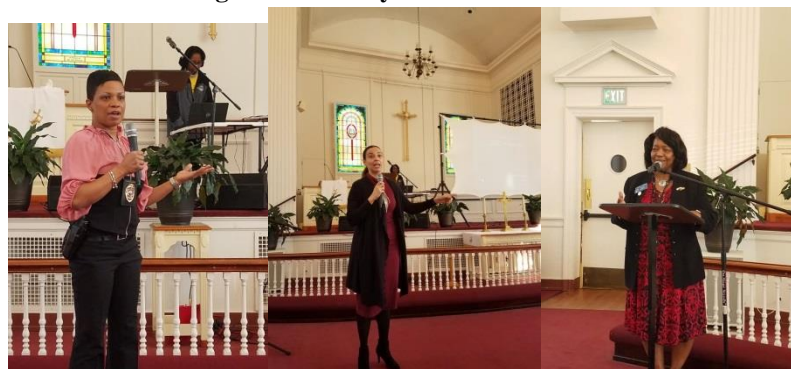


The Saturday morning session began with a continental breakfast at 10:00 a.m., courtesy of the **Metro Atlanta Chapters Zeta Phi Beta and Phi Beta Sigma**. Individuals were encouraged during this time to visit the **Partner Tables** to find out about the resources related to eliminating human trafficking. Such partners included **Murphy Harpst Children’s Center, Tapestri, 4Sarah, Paine College, Men Stopping Violence**, and others. Following breakfast, attendees moved to the sanctuary.



Music was provided by **Heather Petero**, vocalist, with others assisting. As individuals entered the sanctuary on Saturday morning, they were given a replica of a small football as a reminder of the work before them. Greetings were again brought by the four leaders. **Tryphenia Speed**, President of the **North Georgia Conference of United Methodist Women**, and a member of **Church Women United in Atlanta**, recognized **Church Women United** as one of the other groups that attended. Special recognition was given to the late **David Boone** (encourager) and received by **David Lester (CLAWS)** who spoke later in the program. Recognition was also given to **Susie Johnson**, originator of the idea a decade ago.. Other speakers included

- **State Senator Donzella James, who is working on related legislature.**
- **Dalia Racine, Esq, former Assistant District Attorney, Dekalb County**
- **Detective Rosalyn Byrd, Internet Crimes Against Children), Dekalb County**
- **David Lester (Civil Lawyers Against World Sex Slavery—CLAWS)**
- **Pamela Perkins-Carn—Human Trafficking 101/Advocacy and Action**



The community was reminded of the different kinds of exploitation, including labor, child, international sexual exploitation, etc.

The Partners gave a brief synopsis work, and the group was sent forth by **Jessica Godfrey**, Social Action Coordinator, **North Georgia Conference, United Methodist Women** and **Chair of the Atlanta Working Group** that executed the entire activity.



Following the meeting, individuals were treated to a box lunch with “**Lunch and Go**” from **Jason’s Deli**.



Other pertinent information included the following:

- **Dorothy Edmonds** was recognized on Friday evening as one of the original planners ten years ago.
- Following the worship service on Friday evening, individuals were invited to go back to the Fellowship Hall and make clocks.
- Several persons from the **South Georgia Conference** attended the event.
- **Tonya Murphy, Headland Heights**, interviewed many persons live on Facebook, including **Bettie Durrah**.
- Many of the pictures in this article were taken by **Tonya Murphy and Yvette Richards** and shared through Facebook. Other pictures were taken by the writer this article.

- Members of **Church Women United in Atlanta** who attended were as follows:
- Members of the Host Church (**Sherrie Wilson, Annie Milner, Dorothy Edmond, Lola Parks, Janice Taylor (Ousley UMW), Shelia Louder, Claudette Rainey, Joyce Tillman, and Bettie J. Durrah**). There were perhaps others whom this writer did not see.



Thanks to Local Host Committee

**“Thanks for the Gifts
of
Hospitality, Movement, Proclamation, Persuation”
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THANKS FOR EVERYTHING!**



Mary Stamper-Murray, President of United Methodist Women, Hoosier



JANUARY 1, 1863 --- JANUARY 1, 2019

“ ...STILL WAITING FOR THE PROMISE “ OF JUBILEE



The Atlanta Chapter of the NAACP held its Jubilee Day Interfaith Program, January 1, 2019, at Friendship Baptist Church, SW Atlanta, with Congressman Hank Johnson as the keynote speaker. Host pastor, Dr. Richard Wills, Sr., gave the Prayer of Jubilee.

January 1, 1863, is the date when President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation that freed some of the slaves. African Americans, since that time have celebrated “Jubilee” on this date, and it was noted that 156 years have passed, and “we are still waiting for the promise.”



Representative Hank Johnson began his message with a reminder of the **“tyranny of slavery”** that was felt by the slaves in 1862, as they awaited their freedom one year away. He evoked some of history of the founding of **Friendship Baptist Church (1862)** by **Father Quarles**, during this time. He also mentioned the first Atlanta home of **Morehouse College** and the founding of **Spelman College** in the basement of the church, as a demonstration of the need to uplift the plight of the people.



Continuing, he stated that **“our democracy tethers on the banks of failure”** as he gave several examples of attempts of **“rolling back democracy.”** We tend toward authoritarian rule being played out right here in America, the speaker reminded the gathered community. **“Is history posed to repeat itself?”** he asked as he gave repeated examples of the roll back of freedom in a number of places around the world, including Hitler’s Germany, elections in Brazil, 1944 internment of Japanese Americans, the rejection of membership in the European Union by Great Britain, etc.

Today, he reiterated as he ended his message, we have a chance to start anew. We have the opportunity to look back at our history, and renew the bonds and keep renewing our bonds to one another.



Awards were given to four individuals who have assisted the NAACP in its mission:

- **Martha Ward Plowden, Ph.D.**
- **The Reverend Timothy McDonald, III**
- **Julius Mack Willis, Sr.**
- **Wayne B. Kendell, Esq.**

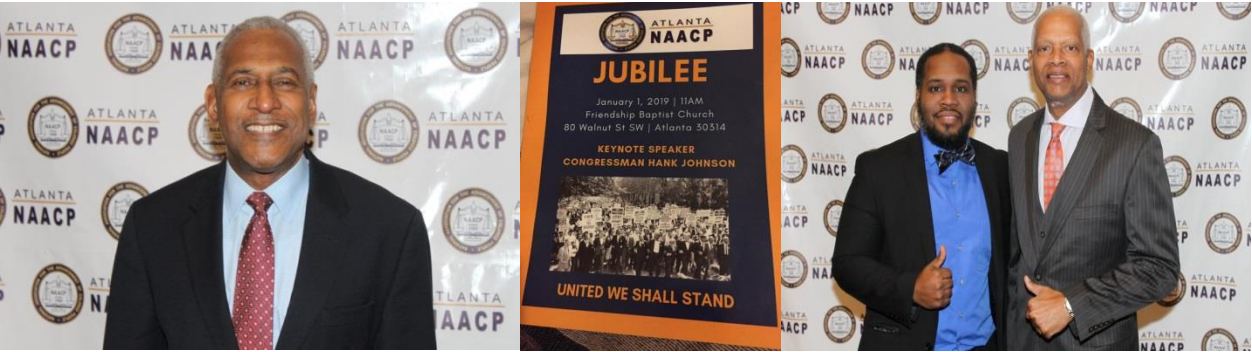
Before the service, the **NAACP Chapter** hosted a breakfast at which time the officers for the chapter for 2019 were installed. Music was also a vital part of the program, and a rabbi and Iman also brought greetings. A delegation from the **Church of Latter Day Saints** also attended.





Congressman **Hank Johnson** is a six-term U.S. House of Representative from the **Fourth Congressional District** which encompasses part of **Dekalb County, Gwinnett, and Newton Counties**, and all of **Rockdale County**.

Attending the service were **Claudette Rainey, Joyce Tillman, Lillie Hercules, Roberta Rhodes, and Bettie J. Durrah.**



Richard Rose, CPA, is president of the Atlanta Chapter.
Gerald Griggs, Esq. is First Vice President of the Atlanta Chapter

KUDOS TO...



One of the many luncheons hosted by **Veronica Ransom** during the 2018 Holiday Season was the one held annually on **New Years Eve**. She invites women from various areas within her sphere of influence—church, sorority, neighbors, work, etc. **Bettie J. Durrah** has been fortunate to be invited for several years. The invitees know to expect a five-course meal that will last several hours as Veronica shares from her overflowing desire to share good food and conversation.

PILLAR OF THE CHURCH ----Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

“Faithful witness can be demonstrated in myriad ways, one of which is supporting the mission and ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency in a very foundational fashion. The [Pillars of the Church](#) program provides a path for disciples to joyfully engage in God’s mission for the transformation of the world for generations to come”

Motivation to become a Pillar of the Church often comes from unlikely sources. **Sheila Louder**, ruling elder at [New Life Presbyterian Church](#) in College Park, Georgia, came to her decision after her participation in [the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women](#) in 2013 and 2014.



Sheila Louder, ruling elder at New Life Presbyterian Church in College Park, Georgia, supports advocacy programs in New York City and Washington, D.C.

“I was moved to become a Pillar of the Church because of my involvement with the Presbyterian Mission Agency, Ministry at the United Nations in New York City and [Ecumenical Advocacy Days](#) in Washington, D.C.,” she said. “Both the United Nations Ministry and Ecumenical Advocacy Days have been the most meaningful and educational experiences of my faith journey in the denomination.”

Giving through the Pillars Program builds a constituency of visible and tangible support. It recognizes generosity at every level, because every gift is important

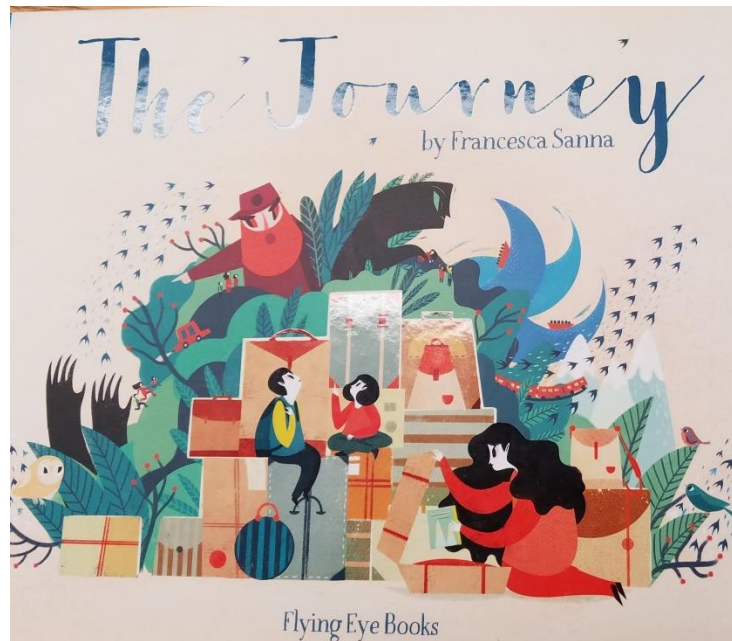
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--Adapted from article, Pillars of the Church program encourages a sustained, generous community of donors, December 20, 2018, by Melody K. Smith, Presbyterian News Service.



- Visit your local library! The above exhibit was found at the Adamsville Public Library during the month of January.

I'VE BEEN READING...



Winner of the **2017 Ezra Jack Keats Book Award Honor** for Children, *The Journey*, tells the story of a mother and her two children, who set out on a journey because of war in their home country, but their journey is one filled with hope. Written by **Francesca Sanna**, an Italian writer, this book would make a nice gift for children to help them understand a migration. It is a **Flying Eye Book**, and it has been endorsed by **Amnesty International**.

According to the author, "*The Journey* is about many journeys." As the story ends, the girl says "*I hope, one day like these birds, we will find a new home. A home where we can be safe and begin our story again.*"



Calvin Peterson, one of CWU in Atlanta's **Human Rights** honorees several years ago, has a new book coming out in February, *Teaching and Caring*. Find the information on his webpage, Disabled in Action.



United Methodist Women of Headland Heights United Methodist Church opened their umbrellas in 2018, to protect those who could not protect themselves. This picture was included to show how individual church groups can bring attention to Human Trafficking.

SPIRITUALITY CORNER

Justice and Freedom

On January 15, 1929, a great man was born. His name was **Martin Luther King, Jr.** This man brought about change to American that has benefited us as a people. He believed in justice and freedom for all.

Justice involves others, but freedom begins within ourselves. Regardless of what others may say or think of you, you know that true freedom begins within ourselves. Remember, because of what we know, we can always say, ***"I am somebody."***

-----*The Reverend Josephine Alston*



CWU SUPPORTS LANDMINE CLEARANCE

For many years members of **Church Women United in Atlanta** have been committed to help rid the world of landmines and other explosive devices that kill or maim thousands of people -- the vast majority civilians --- in dozens of countries every year. **The Reverend Joyce Myers-Brown** has led the local effort. As a former missionary to Angola she has personally seen the horrors caused by these "hidden terrorists".

This year individual CWU members donated a total of \$170 which was sent to **Humanity and Inclusion**, formerly known as **Handicap International**, a **Nobel Peace Prize** winning organization.

Over the years CWU Atlanta members have raised thousands of dollars towards landmine clearance, and they are committed to continue until the day they are gone from all affected countries.

*“**Humanity and Inclusion** works with local authorities to clear landmines and other war debris and to prevent mine-related accidents through education. The **donors empower more than two million people in 63 countries. The teams act on the frontlines of the world’s most pressing emergencies, promote disability rights, provide rehabilitation, and ensure that people live safely after conflict.**”*

--- The Reverend Joyce Myers-Brown

ART AND MORE ART...



Amy Sherard's Newest Portraits on View at the Spelman College Museum of Fine Art

The **Spelman College Museum of Fine Art** presents “**Amy Sherard**,” an exhibition organized by the **Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis**, from Jan. 31 through May 18, 2019. Spelman is the final venue for this national touring exhibition and features two of Sherard’s most recent works, which she has completed since the exhibition opened at CAM in May 2018. For more than 15 years, Amy Sherard has been steadily building her career and earning critical acclaim for her distinctive portraits of African Americans. When she unveiled her portrait of former **First Lady Michelle Obama** at the **National Portrait Gallery** in February 2018, she instantly rose to international prominence. She is a Clark College (CAU) graduate who took her painting classes at Spelman College.



Prayer Breakfast, Trumpet Awards Foundation, Hyatt Regency Atlanta, January 20, 2019—Sherrie Wilson and Nephew, Jesse Milner



Sherrie Wilson volunteered at the Trumpet Awards at the Omni Hotel, January 19, 2019

CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF ML KING and MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE

The Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King was celebrated on Sunday January 20, 2019 at the 10 a.m. Service at Big Bethel AME Church, in Atlanta. Members of the congregation who knew Dr. King were also honored for their service to the community.

Drs. Stan and Sharon Pritchett were retiring from service to **Morris Brown College**, founded years ago in the basement of **Big Bethel Church**. Dr. Stan Pritchett served as President of Morris Brown for the past 12 troubling years during which time the college lost its accreditation and most of the student body. The Tribute Message was brought by **Dr. Charles Steele Jr.** (SCLC) from Matt. 18 about the beautiful fig tree which bore no fruit. He and his wife were recognized for their work with the S.C.L.C. In the congregation were Drs. **McDonald** and **Janie Williams**, both over 100 years old. He has served as a Professor at Morris Brown, and his wife has served in the hierarchy of the AME Church.

----- --*Claudette Rainey*



B'Fly Girls MLK Day Project



This gathering was a great success through sharing and getting to know the young girls from APS who were also members of the **B'Fly Girls Organization** led by Executive Director **Tonya Russell-Phillips**. The girls were with their mentors, and they approached their Vision Board Activity with enthusiasm. The donated toiletries were given out to the more than sixty girls present. CWU members in attendance were President **Claudette Rainey**, **Caroline Lee Hart**, **Odessa Huff**, **Barbara Leath** and **Emma Olds**.

-----*Claudette Rainey*



- **The Executive Committee of Church Women United** in Atlanta met Tuesday, January 22, 2019, at the **Wolf Creek Branch of the Atlanta Public Library**. All persons present are not shown in the picture.
- **Brenda Bennefield** is the new **Christian Education Programs Manager, Gammon Theological Seminary, Interdenominational Theological Center**.

Kusama—Infinity: The Life and Art of Yayoi Kusama



“**Yayoi Kusama**” **Infinity Mirrors**” is a great art exhibit by an 89-year old artist who lives in Japan. Tickets for the Atlanta exhibit at the **High Museum of Art** went on sale last Fall, and the exhibition sold out early. 100 tickets, however, were made available each day on a first-come, first-served basis through February 17, 2019. **Bettie J; Durrah** purchased her tickets online when they were first sold.

Six mirrored rooms were scattered throughout the exhibition area. Individuals had about 30 seconds to capture the image, and only about three persons were allowed to enter the room at a time. The exhibit was carefully staged to accommodate visitors at a given time. The exhibit is called a Japanese avant-garde art.. A brief look at each room conjures up the meaning of infinity. The artist is also obsessed with “dots,” and in the final portion of the exhibit, each visitor was given a card with dots. The dots could be placed anywhere in the room including the furniture (see the above picture that began with all white). Each visitor, as shown by **Lydia Walker** above, then added to the ambiance of the room.

Another exhibit, not widely publicized is based on **Tommie Smith and Glenn Kaino’s** protest at the Summer Olympics in 1968, Mexico. to give publicity to abuse of human rights around the world and in response to the struggle for civil rights in the United States. The exhibit is entitled “**With Drawn Arms.**”



REPORT FROM SAVANNAH STREET MISSION

Tapestry Church has signed a two year lease at the **Savannah Street Mission**. **Pastor Matt Stacy** says that the ministry has started to grow. They are now preparing backpack weekend meals for four Metro Atlanta Elementary Schools. Working with committed volunteers, they prepare over 200 nonperishable meal bags during the week and transport them to the schools on Friday. At the same time Matt and his family strive to keep the building in good shape.



A pleasant surprise came early in the New Year! We received the above photos of a completed sidewalk repair despite the unusual amount of rain storms this winter. God's Grace and Mercy is once again sustaining our efforts with this daunting task.

-----*Claudette Rainey Pres. Atlanta Unit*



Tonya Murphy, Headland Heights United Methodist Church, led a workshop on “**Social Media**” for **Church Women United in Atlanta**, February 1, 2019, as the group met at **St. Mark AME Church**. Details will follow in next newsletter.



CWU in Atlanta, February 1, 2019, St. Mark AME Church



Stand for Peace, May 25, 2018

Stand for Peace: Every Friday. (Join Us!)

While the powers that be poison the air with nuclear production and testing, and threaten our lives with talk nuclear warfare, consider joining the small but mighty group of dedicated heroes who stand for peace every Friday in midtown.

Week after week, this longstanding peace vigil stays relevant, drawing attention to the oppressive and looming violence that overshadows our democracy and destroys our humanity. Whether across the world or on the block, state violence is all around us. Please join "Stand For Peace," which happens every Friday rain or shine. Stand against war, systemic violence, militarism, racism, gender injustices, environmental contamination, displacement, and all suffering caused by abuse of power and extreme levels of Pentagon spending. Everyone is welcome to come by and hang with the tried and true (and sometimes new!) individuals who've been standing for peace "on the corner" every Friday since August 2002 when the U.S. invaded Afghanistan.

Signs are provided but feel free to bring/make your own sign with a message important to you.

We'd love to see you there!

WHEN: Fridays, 12:00pm-1:00pm

WHERE: Peachtree at 15th, Midtown, Atlanta

DISABILITY TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS



A **Disability Awareness Training Session** for law enforcement officers in Atlanta, Fulton County, and colleges in the AUC center was held February 16, 2019, at **Friendship Baptist Church**, 12:30 p.m. to 1: 30 p.m. This training was an extension of the **Disability Ministry of Friendship Baptist Church**, led by **Vernitta Shannon**, member of the host church. Assisting her with presentations included the following persons:

- **Jylyan Jones (St. Jude’s Recovery Center)**
- **Calvin Peterson (Disabled in Action)**
- **Yvette Pollard (Fulton County Commission on Disability Affairs)**
- **Dr. Davine Sparks (Sense of Equity, Inc.)**

A major theme throughout the informal presentations was “**Everybody’s got their own path.**”

Suggestions were made concerning how police officers and others should approach individuals, especially those with disabilities such as mental illnesses, etc. “**Be intelligently informed,**” about your community was also stressed so that you know when public affairs forums are held, and when police are invited to a meeting of the Home Owners Association. A paper was shared with those present with examples that illustrated “**people first Language: A person with autism, a person that has a mobility disability, etc.**”

A small gathering of persons included only one person from any police force—**Fulton County**.

Other persons present included several persons from the host church and four persons from **Church Women United—Claudette Rainey, Lillie Hercules, Shelia Louder and Bettie J. Durrah.**

Assisting **Vernitia Shannon**, a lawyer by training, were her daughter **Jylyan Jones** (clinician); sister, **Dr. Davine Sparks**, and mother, **Avertt Shannon**, widow of the **Reverend Dr. David Shannon.**





Disabled in Action, Inc. (DIA) –32 YEARS AND COUNTING

Join **Disabled In Action, Inc. (DIA)** as we celebrate 32 plus years of serving, inspiring, and empowering people with disabilities, their families and caregivers. We will host our first **Facebook Live Forum** February 14, 2019 6:00 to 8:00pm at 6440 Old Hillendale Drive, Lithonia, Georgia 30058.

We must create an inclusive environment for the reported 1 out of 6 children who are born with a disability each year. Society has a historical tenancy to overlook this alarming reality. The poverty rate is on the rise. Unfortunately, poverty breeds disabilities. Too often, parents who have a child born with a disability are abandoned by the other parent causing them to raise the disabled child on their own. Mainly, it's the mother who is abandoned by the father. Society infringes and promotes a mindset of acceptance of guilt and shame which the parent who gives birth to a child who is differently abled must seize. The impoverished single parent is usually unaware of available services, solely, because of her or his zip code. This leaves the parent and the child who has the disability trapped in a web of hopelessness and exclusion. This exclusive web reaches devastating consequences such as drug addiction, alcoholism, and suicide. Sometimes it ends in suicide of the parent with murder of the child. We call this exclusion the silent killer, a killer of the body, mind and spirit. This silent killer has destroyed the lives and potential of generations of single parents and disabled children far too long. It is our prayer to eradicate the invisible, but deadly epidemic of exclusion with the public's help.

DIA's Parents Support Group will address this issue and others on February 14, 2019. We are encouraging parents worldwide to join our non-profit organization. Become a member of our Parent Support Group as we change the traditional narratives from "children are our future" to "all children are our future"!!! Join us on Facebook for our 33rd Anniversary Forum of 2019. We are urging everyone to be a part of this long overdue discussion. We welcome your attendance at the Disabled In Action, Inc. office located at the old Burton Building, 6440 Old Hillendale, Drive, Lithonia, Georgia. **For further information contact us 678/358/1180 or e-mail us @ disabledinaction09@yahoo.com.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year! It gives me great pleasure to greet you once again in the name of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ. We have had our first Board meeting of 2019. It was stimulating. We discussed ideas which would make our Movement more effective. “A Woman’s Movement”-- that is what Church Women United is all about. According to records I perused recently and quoting from an undated article titled “CHURCH WOMEN UNITED: A MOVEMENT WITH A MISSION,” Church Women United is a national movement through which Christian women may express the ecumenical dimensions of their faith through celebration and action on behalf of justice and peace. We need to know from whence we came to know where we are going. The purpose of Church Women United, since its inception in 1941, has remained the same. To encourage Christian women to come together in a visible community to witness to their faith in Jesus Christ.

Churchwomen are encouraged to strengthen the ecumenical movement using some of the ideas below:

- Form an organized channel for setting goals and for speaking and acting together on common issues.
- Enable women to make their fullest contribution and to venture into new forms of witness,
- Develop relationships with other religious and secular organizations around common objectives.
- Celebrate together the reality and relevance of their faith on World Day of Prayer (no longer a CWU program although we celebrate it) May Friendship Day, World Community Day and Human Rights Celebration, which was added later than this article.

As Church Women United, we are committed to common goals. We intend to grow in our faith and to expand our vision of what it means to be a Christian Woman of Faith in society today. We intend to develop visible Ecumenical Communities (we had 11 units in Georgia, now 9 active). We intend to work for a just, peaceful and caring society. We find strength in our diversity. We offer opportunities to Explore, Experience and Grow. As Church Women United, we are celebrating our heritage as women of faith claiming the power of the Spirit of the Lord stirring into flame the gifts within us; committing ourselves to action on behalf of justice and peace in our world, as we move into the future holding fast to our Motto. **Agreed to Differ. Resolved to Love. United to Serve.**

OFFICERS OF CWU IN ATLANTA

President -----Claudette Rainey
Vice President----- Janice Taylor
Secretary-----Joyce Tillman
Assistant Secretary-----Alberta Bosell
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Nominations (to be determined)
Finance Chair=====Tryphenia Speed
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GET WELL WISHES

- [Margaret Koehler](#)
- [Shan Yohan \(CWU DeKalb Unit\)](#)
- **Gwen Cox, Savannah Unit of CWU**
- **Christopher Rainey, Texas, son of Claudette Rainey**
- Spouse of **Dorothy Edmunds**

MEMORIAL MOMENTS

Clyde Huff, spouse of Odessa Huff

The Reverend and Mrs. Cameron Alexander, Antioch Baptist Church

Mary Oliver, Poet, January 17, 2019

Bishop McKinley Young, AME Church, January 16, 2019

DATES TO REMEMBER

Summer 2020

Oberammergau, Passion Play, Germany

Other information will be found the March edition of this paper.

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NEWS, NEWS, NEWS AND NO NEWS

Are you missing any news? Did you share any news to be placed in this issue of the newspaper? Did you find news about your ministry in this newsletter? If you wonder why you don't find news in this newsletter, consider submitting that information to the editor. The deadline for the next issue is February 15, 2019. Send your information to the editor, Bettie J. Durrah, at the following address: bjdurrah@aol.com.



**Church Women United in Atlanta
Individual Membership
Please join or renew your membership
by January 31st**

We request \$25 annually for an individual membership contribution

Title: circle Mrs. Miss. Ms. The Reverend Dr. Esq.
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First Name: _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____

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Home telephone number: _____

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Birthday month/day _____ / _____

Church membership/Denomination _____

Name of Church Women's Association President and
Church Address: _____

Please indicate your special interest/ministry or activity:

- Peace Race Relations Women's Initiative
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Please give us additional information about yourself. Thank you.

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Church Positions Held:

Travels:

Additional Information:

Comments:

Suggestions:

Thank you!